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62% rate hike set for solid waste 110% for commercial users

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The City Council approved a 5-year solid waste rate adjustment schedule for property owners and tenants totalling 62%. The monthly increases for services for both residential and commercial will become effective on July 1.

"No one looks forward to increasing costs to our residents. The increases are attributable to rising costs [equipment, labor, fuel], flat rates for over five years, and primarily the effects of legislation from Sacra-

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mento," said City Manager Scott Hurlbert.

"The other members of the City Council, the staff and I do not want the sanitation rates increased. Still, the city needs increases to continue providing this essential service uninterrupted," said Mayor Gilberto Reyna.

Rates have not been increased in the past five years, and costs over that time have increased significantly, Hurlbert said.. In addition, SB 1383 (short-lived

climate pollutants) requires the city to implement new residential and commercial services at a considerable expense.

SB 1383 mandates major changes to solid waste handling without additional funding sources.

Rate increases are necessary to provide for the ongoing viability of current operations and fund the additional SB 1383 residential and commercial services, the mayor said.

"The new sanitation rates will allow the city to comply with SB 1383 by providing



Mayor Gilberto Reyna

mandated waste collection services," said Mayor Reyna.

The current monthly fee for solid waste services for an individual home is \$28.12. With the new 5-year solid waste rates, the costs will increase to \$33.74 on July 1, \$39.48 on July 1, 2023, \$43.43 on July 1, 2024, \$47.77 on July 1, 2025, and \$50.16 on July 1, 2026.

This works out to annual 20%, 17%, 10%, 10% and 5% increases, respectively,

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The Cinco de Mayo celebration has become one of the biggest events of the year in Shafter.

Cinco de Mayo: A celebration of freedom

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Cinco de Mayo Festival is making its return to the streets of Shafter this Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. with a downtown parade. The celebration has grown every year, with festivities happening all

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over the country, with parades, reenactments and food and music.

The origins of the special day goes back to the year 1862. In an clear example of an underdog, the outnumbered forces under Ignacio

Zaragoz took on and defeated the mighty French forces on May 5 of that year. The French Army was attempting to overtake and capture Puebla de Los Angeles, a small town in east central Mexico. The Battle of Puebla lasted from day-

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State Street Barber a cut above the rest

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Johnny Sisneros has been on State Street for a few years now, serving the residents of Shafter, as well as a big customer base scattered over Kern County. Sisneros opened his shop a few years after making his start at the Phat Boys Barber Shop in Wasco.

Johnny was toiling at a 9-5 job in the sun, working hard and not really liking what he was doing. He then decided to take his talent of cutting people's hair and see if he could make a living doing it.

Sisneros said that he grew up as the oldest of five boys. With money tight, Sisneros was recruited by his mom to cut his younger brothers' hair. She bought him a clipper set, and he learned to make a really good cut for his siblings. This grew into cutting hair for other family members and friends. Sisneros said that he really enjoyed cutting hair, but didn't even consider making it a profession at the time.

He then decided to take the chance and he went to

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Johnny Sisneros takes appointments and also does walk-ins.

Spay, neuter bus comes to Wasco

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The SNIP Bus visited Wasco and treated 51 dogs and cats at no cost to residents.

"This was amazing for those in the community of Wasco that have pets," said Griselda Gomez. "Everywhere else is very expensive to spay and neuter, and I appreciate that the service was free."

SNIP is a 501(c)(3) low or no-fee mobile spay and neuter clinic. The organization works to actively prevent the suffering and death of unwanted animals due to overpopulation and the extreme capacity of shelters.

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If you call an animal shelter, they will likely tell you they are full.

"Many dogs and cats are living in the streets and in shelters. We all want them to have a loving home," said Laura Fernandez.

The Spay Neuter Imperative Project has saved hundreds of thousands of unwanted animals from being born, and has spayed and neutered over 20,000 dogs and cats since it began.

The impact SNIP makes can be profound, with one female dog or cat and her off-

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SNIP assistant Sylvia Johnson

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ONGOING

Wasco Branch Library is in partnership with NO Kid Hungry and the Kern County Superintendent of Schools in offering free meals and space to do homework. Mondays and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 661-758-2114 for information.

Free Bookkeeping Training Program at MAOF, the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation. 2130 Chester Ave., Suite 200, in Bakersfield. Related occupations include accounts payable/accounts receivable clerks and payroll clerks. Entry requirements: At least 18 years old, must complete a reading and math assessment, have a high school diploma or GED. Call (661) 336-6821 for information.

All residential households are able to order four free at-home covid-19 tests. These tests ship for free. Visit covidtests.gov

MONDAY

Richland School Board of Education meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall Street.

TUESDAY

Shafter City Council meetings are held at City Hall on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Wasco Woman's Club meetings are at the Clubhouse at 1601 7th on the second Tuesday of the month. \$15 fee for the lunch.

Senior Lunch Program – Every first and

third Tuesday of the month: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., provides sack lunch for seniors beginning at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary meets at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Kiwanis meets Wednesdays at noon at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

THURSDAY

Wasco Union High School board meetings are held at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or at the library in Room 1101 at 6 p.m. The meetings are on the second Thursday of every month. The agenda can be found at wascouhsd.org.

Wasco Recreation and Parks board meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park in Wasco.

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., Shafter.

FRIDAY

Food giveaway — The Impact Program is a weekly giveaway provided to anyone in need Beginning at 7 a.m. First come, first serve. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

SATURDAY

The Shafter Depot Museum is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum is at 150 Central Valley Highway.

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. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** A float in the Potato Festival parade, late '40s, with SHS students Doris Loewen (Rempel), Bonnie Bender (Haux), Patsymae Kelly (Fuller) and Mary Ohanesson (Anderson).



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

APRIL 18

Jose Reyes Soto, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway for obstruction of a public officer and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

APRIL 22

Chelsea Pena, 27, Shafter, was arrested on Central Valley Highway for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, trespassing; railroad and possession of a blank check/etc. to defraud. Martin Prieto Serna, 30, of Shafter, was arrested on East Lerdo Highway for DUI: alcohol.

APRIL 24

Dagoberto Rodriguez Jr., 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Grace Court for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Manuel Aguilar, 42, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Golden West Avenue for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and for being un-

der the influence of a controlled substance.

Adan Barrios, 40, of Shafter, was arrested on East Lerdo Highway and Cherry Avenue for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and on an outside felony warrant.

David Aguillon Salivar, 18, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway for carrying a concealed dirk/dagger and possession of a controlled substance.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

APRIL 11

Francisco Javier Badillo, 37, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 4200 block of Gatson Road in Bakersfield for being in possession of a stolen vehicle and on eight misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 13

Louis Pacheco Castellon, 33, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 100 block of East 1st Street in Buttonwillow on a felony

warrant and a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 19

Eduardo Orozco, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30500 block of Orange Street in Shafter for spousal abuse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Mahmood Idais, 40, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 1100 block of Enos Lane in Bakersfield for possession of drug paraphernalia and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 24

Sara Martinez, 25, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14000 block of Power Street in Lost Hills for disorderly conduct. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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

APRIL 18

Mario Macias, 54, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of F Street for felony attempted 2nd

degree burglary, misdemeanor possession of burglary tools, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 20

Juana Raya, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Poso Drive on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released on a promise to appear.

Anna Marie Valadez, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Poplar Avenue for misdemeanor

public intoxication. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 21

Ryan Shamik Sims, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2300 block of Highway 46 on active felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 22

Jesus Miranda, 31, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Palm Avenue for misdemeanor driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released

on a promise to appear.

Maria Gloria Rodriguez, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1600 block of Primrose Court for felony possession of a stolen vehicle. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 23

Martin Torres, 41, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of 9th Place and Adams Street on an active felony warrant and misdemeanor possession of burglary tools. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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5-year waste hike set for solid waste

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from 2022 to 2026.
Commercial rates will increase 85% on July 1, 17% on July 2023, 10% on July 1, 2024, 10% on July 1, 2025 and an additional 5% on July 1, 2026.
The rate increases are needed to maintain the current level of service for all solid-waste customers, pay for needed repairs and replacement, and fund ongoing operating and maintenance costs for the collection and reporting as mandated by the state. Without these rate increases, the sanitation fund will go bankrupt by 2024, as operational costs continue to increase coupled with the added state mandates, further fueling the erosion of sanitation services, city officials said.

Consequently, the public would see reduced service levels these next two years if rates were not increased. For example, reduced service levels could mean the city laying off sanitation personnel, collecting solid waste biweekly, selling sanitation trucks to pay for operations or outsourcing sanitation services.

If the services were outsourced, the city would no longer control how much customers are charged or the level of service provided.
With the rate increase, it is not possible to offer discounted rates to fixed-income residents, mostly seniors, without making up the discount from some other source, and state law prohibits any property owner from being charged more than their proportional cost of service.
The increased rates will remain for five years or until new rates are proposed, and

another Proposition 218 protest hearing is held. The hearings are intended to provide greater public involvement in the rate-setting process.
"None of us residents of Wasco want to pay more for sanitation services. We are all affected, and I understand; however, the sanitation fund would soon run out of money without the increase, and the city would be incapable of continuing to provide high-quality waste collection services. I am sure none of us want that," said Mayor Reyna.

Compost giveaway a hit for Earth Day

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press
Lynnda Martin, of American Refuse in Wasco, said that the firm decided to try a giveaway event for Earth Day, not knowing what kind of response they would receive. Well, she got her answer with a steady flow of vehicles loading up buckets, barrels and trailers with free compost. "We decided to try it to celebrate Earth Day, and the response was great," Martin said.
The compost came from the Mount Vernon recycling plant. Martin said that the majority of the organic waste collected at the Shafter Landfill goes to the plant in Bakersfield. They brought a large trailer full of the compost, not sure if they would need much of it, with it being the first attempt at the event. "There were people coming back two or more times with buckets, barrels and trailers for the compost," said Martin.

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Compost is a mixture of ingredients used to fertilize and improve the soil. It is commonly prepared by decomposing plant and food waste, and recycling organic materials. The resulting mixture is rich in plant nutrients and beneficial organisms, such as worms and fungal mycelium. Compost improves soil fertility in gardens, landscaping, horticulture, urban agriculture, and organic farming.
When asked, one resident, Richard Garza, said at the event, "I use compost for my wife's garden. She loves to plant flowers in one section, and has another section that she grows peppers, cilantro and some other good stuff."
Garza said that events like this are great. "That stuff isn't cheap, and is a lot of work to make yourself. This was really nice."



This resident and his two grandsons made a couple of trips to get compost.

Eatery cooks up vibrant Mexican flavors

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune
A family-owned business, Nayarit Restaurant has been serving up mouthwatering Mexican cuisine since 2020.
"We have been operating now for two years and have enjoyed getting to know the Wasco community," says owner Oscar Cejas. "It is our pleasure to provide a comfortable and delicious dining experience."
Cejas' wife and daughter are part of the management team. Before Nayarit, they owned a Mexican restaurant in Delano for several years.
"We have tremendous know-how in the industry," said Cejas.
Nayarit Restaurant is recognized for serving authentic dishes made with fresh ingredients, such as its famous fajitas. Their molcajetes, which come with chicken, beef, seafood, cactus and vegetables, are quite popular, with a serving size large enough for three people.
"We prepare all of our food in the mo-

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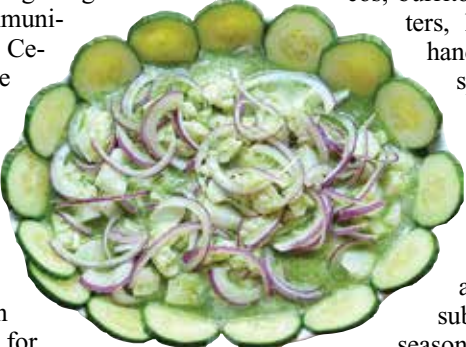
ment. Nothing is pre-prepared," said Cejas. "I believe that detail keeps our customers coming back."
Their diverse menu items include tacos, burritos, chile rellenos, oysters, homemade salsa and handmade tortillas. They specialize in seafood, and dishes come with refried beans and Spanish rice.
Unique to other Mexican restaurants are their agua chiles, a dish made of shrimp submerged in a broth seasoned with chili peppers, lime juice, salt, cilantro, slices of cucumber and onion.
The restaurant sells Mexican imported beer and traditional beverages, such as their agua de jamaica, horchata and tamarindo.
"Customers come first, and we cherish the feedback we

get from them. Our flavor is unmatched, and they tell us that we are the best."
Cejas says his ingredients are sourced locally to provide the most quality and healthy food.
"These are recipes handed down from generations before us. Everything we prepare is made with love. We are passionate about cooking, and we pride ourselves on this."
This summer, to satisfy customer demand, hours of operation will be expanded, he says. They plan to offer catering soon.
The restaurant has room for birthday, anniversary, baptism and other celebrations.
"We can accommodate up to 40 people and have exceptional practice hosting big events."
Cejas looked long and hard for the perfect location in Wasco.
"We were happy to find a convenient spot downtown. We plan to call Wasco home for many years to come."
"As long as our customers keep praising us, we will continue to provide



Owner Oscar Cejas

them with outstanding, tasty and carefully prepared meals," said Cejas.
For those that haven't visited the restaurant, Cejas encourages them to give Nayarit a try.
"I am confident you will not be disappointed."
Nayarit Restaurant, 834 5th St., is open Tuesday thru Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information or reservations, call 661-759-2021.



Barker Park rose garden beautifies Wasco

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune
A rose garden was planted in Barker Park to beautify the City of Wasco. It was the hard work of many.
Sharon Nicol led the team in creating an enchanting space for the community to enjoy, with generous donations and volunteers bringing the rose garden project to life.
The Wasco High Future Farmers of America, the local Boy Scouts troop and the Wonderful Academy, to name a few, lent a helpful hand.
"We began work on the rose garden in October. Nancy Waterhouse played an essential role in the design and execution. We also received tremendous assistance from [the city's] Parks & Recreation [department] as they facilitated the space," Nicol said.
"With over 50 volunteers on our first day of planting, an excellent turnout of Wasco citizens brought the rose garden to fruition."
Mayor Gilberto Reyna also attended to show the city's support of the initiative.
The rose garden was made possible through the generosity of Week's Nursery and Neuhouse Farms. Almost \$4,000 in

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monetary gifts were raised by individual Wasco residents to fund the project.
"This proves that the people of Wasco are good-hearted," Nicol said.
Laying the bark completed the final stage of the rose garden. The Boy Scouts will be building benches alongside the garden for visitors to sit and appreciate the view.
It will be a test run to determine the project's next phase, which is to build another rose garden adjacent to the area.
"Parks & Recreation played an integral part in the process. They have agreed to maintain the garden, and we are excited about the possibility of planting another," said Nicol.
Volunteers, young and old, brought their gardening tools and rolled up their sleeves as they worked diligently.
"It was great for local kids to improve their home. They can return in years to say I did that," said Wasco High School Ag teacher Tony Farao.
Students said it was something different to do.
"It seemed like a good way for me to get



Volunteers planted roses together.

out of the house and participate in an activity that will make a difference. As teenagers, we don't really go outside anymore," said Amber Newby.
Those that contributed their time made friends while being of service.
"I thought today was important because it brought everyone together, and I met new people," said Lauren Lee.
"It was delightful being here with a lovely group. I also love gardening, and it was special to collaborate with others I had never met before," said Esmeralda Rodriguez.

Others relished in the garden's beauty and shared their thoughts on the impact.
"The best part is the smell of the wood chips and the pretty colors it will bring. Once the roses grow, they will look very nice for many generations in the future," said Gerard Garza.
"I think this will bring more greenery to the town. We want to have more than just sidewalks. It was a chance to be a part of an effort to improve Wasco and make it an incredible experience for all in years to come," said Vicki Newman.

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Cinco de Mayo Festival returns to Shafter

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The City of Shafter will celebrate this Cinco de Mayo holiday with its traditional festival, which returns after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic virus. Deanna Rodriguez-Root and her committee has put together a festival that promises to be bigger and better than anything they have put together before. This year, the Grand Marshal for the festivities is Shafter native Manuel Garcia. The day will begin with a colorful and

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entertaining parade through downtown Shafter. The parade will include dancing horses, antique cars and trucks, and the dance group "Brinco del Chinelo" from Morales, Mexico, with their brightly colored feathered costumes. The Bakersfield Young Marines will be marching in the parade as well. Their program focuses on leadership, values, teamwork and community service. There also will be several school and student entries,



Mariachi Oro y Plata will open the festivities at Mannel Park.



Ballet Folklorico "Huestecalli" will perform on Saturday afternoon at Mannel Park.

including bands from local schools, as well as groups of students from Redwood, Richland, Sequoia and Golden Oak. along with the Shafter High School Marching Band. Los Vaqueros of Kern County, a local bike club, will be on hand, along with the most popular vehicles from the Minter Field Air Museum collection. After the parade, the fun will continue at Mannel Park. Opening the celebration at the park will be the mariachi group "Oro y Plata." According to Rodriguez-Root, there will be 18 food booths with many kinds of food, savory to sweet. There also will be over 20 booths with interesting and unique handmade items, toys, information and various products. The Shafter Woman's Club

will have a raffle booth to raise funds for scholarships. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day. Ballet Folklorico, dance groups and the Moonlighters Band are all in the lineup. A full roster of performers will be on stage all day. The committee wishes to thank all of their volunteers and the City of Shafter. They also say a special thank you to the supportive sponsors for making this event possible. Sponsor donations will help the Shafter Cinco de Mayo Committee award annual scholarships to Shafter High School students, and will support school organizations. The parade kicks off Saturday, April 30, at 10 a.m. down Central Avenue, ending at the park.

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break to early evening, and when the French retreated, they had lost nearly 500 soldiers, compared to less than 100 lost on the Mexican side. Victory at the Battle of Puebla represented a great moral victory for the young soldiers and the Mexican government, symbolizing the country's ability to defeat its sovereignty against threat by a powerful foreign nation. Today, Mexicans and Americans alike celebrate the anniversary of the battle. At the time, President Abraham Lincoln supported the victory of the Mexicans. Lincoln sent arms to the Mexicans and would have sent more assistance and arms, but the United States was in the middle of the Civil War at the

time. Lincoln supported the victory because it kept Napoleon from supplying the Confederate rebels for another year, allowing the United States to build up its army. They defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Gettysburg just 14 months after the Battle of Puebla, essentially ending the Civil War.

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VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

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tors," Robledo said. "Anything that has to do with radiators, we can handle."

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"I was first hired to help with customer service because we have so many clients that are Spanish speakers," said Robledo.

H & A Automotive has a strong team of mechanics, with a combined total of 40 years of experience. Robledo has 23 years working in the automotive world.

Bradley Hoover has been with the company since 2010.

"What I love most about working here are our customers. I enjoy being able to help people and provide them with quality work. This, I believe, makes us stand out from the rest," he said.

"I know we are the best because our clients tell us so," said Hoover. "We have a friendly environment and provide superior service at a very reasonable price compared to others."

Robledo said of his team, "That is why we are great. I wouldn't be here without them."



Owner Jose Robledo

"I can trust them, and that makes the business run smoothly. Being a business owner can be tough, but life is easier when you have a solid team."

H & A Automotive values the Wasco community.

"I consider Wasco my home, and it is important to treat the community with respect and support."

The shop has for many years sponsored local sports, such as Wasco High School baseball, football and cheer teams.

"I do this to help Wasco thrive. It gives me great pleasure knowing that I am giving back to the community that has allowed me to stay in business all these years," said Robledo. "Building stronger youth, I believe, will help the city in the long run. If they succeed, that benefits all of us."

H & A Automotive, 2001 Highway 46, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 661-758-5155. Walk-ins also are welcomed.



Mechanic Bradley Hoover

PET OF THE WEEK

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Jeff has passed all of his Safer Dog Evaluation tests and is waiting for his family to show up and take him home. If you think Jeff might be the missing piece of your family, he would love to meet you. Come out to the Shafter Animal Shelter to meet him in person.

—Jamie Stewart



Jeff is an adorable guy who wants that special home.

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SHS loses ‘an institution’ in Rekosh

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

It was a sad day recently when the city of Shafter, especially the community at Shafter High, saw the passing of Charles Rekosh. Rekosh was an invaluable part of the history of Shafter High, contributing to the rich tradition of the school.

EDITOR'S NOTE
Jamie Stewart

Rekosh began his career at SHS in 1974. Charlie and his wife decided that they would like to raise their kids in a small-town environment, so he transferred to Shafter High. Rekosh taught, coached, counseled. He eventually would serve as dean of students, assistant principal and principal. He retired from Shafter High in 2001, but that didn't end his love affair with the school. Rekosh would always have time for former students, current students and parents whose lives he had touched in such a special way.

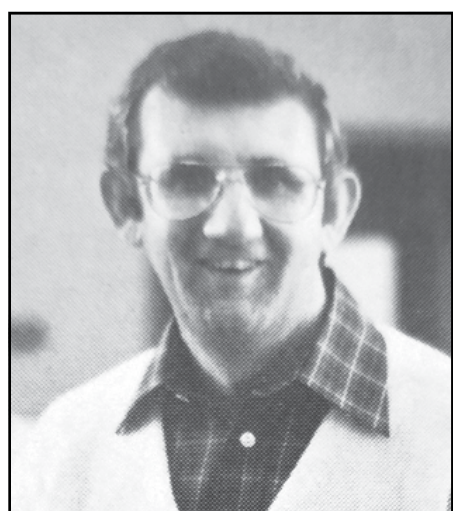
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well known and led to many fruitful relationships on and off the courts.

He would go on to serve on the coaching staff at Cal State Bakersfield, giving him a new set of students and institution. Arturo Hernandez, who attended Cal State Bakersfield, as well as two years at Shafter High, said, "He was the first person at Shafter High that I knew, and he made me laugh every day. I was so nervous when I first started, but he was the guy who helped me get to know more teachers and students. He made me feel like a General right away."

Rekosh will be missed by many here in Shafter. There are generations of students at Shafter High who went to Shafter High with him as a dean or coach, and had kids that had the chance to have him as a principal.

This special man made sure he had the experience of serving at every facet of the school, from teaching, counseling and coaching, before he took on the post of



Charles Rekosh was an invaluable part of the history of Shafter High.

principal.

Current Principal Russell Shipley remembered Rekosh fondly.

"Charlie was a true institution, a leg-

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end of Shafter High leadership and history, and truly left a legacy to never be forgotten. Charlie was the principal that hired me when I first started teaching, and even after he retired, he stayed in touch and visited when I returned to serve as principal. He had countless stories and always had words of wisdom and advice to share.

"There are parts of every mentor and leader that inspire future generations, and the number one thing I always admired about Charlie is he was direct, to the point, and you always knew where you stood with him. Nowadays we call that 'transparency,' but it was just good, down-to-earth and honest direction sprinkled with a great sense of humor."

Charles Rekosh left behind a legacy that will continue to touch lives, be they former students, friends, or Shafter Generals who will tell their kids about the special man he was.

Six Salas bills move forward

REGIONAL

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune and The Shafter Press

Assemblymember Rudy Salas is encouraged as six of his bills gained support in Assembly committees last week. Salas' bills cover a wide range of issues and are aimed at improving the lives and safety of working families throughout the Central Valley and California.

The bills are focused on enhancing public safety, increasing the healthcare workforce, strengthening protections for domestic violence survivors and improving educational systems.

"I am pleased that my bills have passed with strong and overwhelming support," said Assemblymember Salas.

The bills that passed their committees last week are:

- Biosecurity (AB 1963) – This bill promotes biosecurity and makes educational

institutions more responsible by leading the way in bio-safety.

- School Cybersecurity (AB 2355) – This bill requires schools to report any cyber attacks to California Cybersecurity Integration Center to understand cyber threats better and protect student information.
- Neighborhood Police (AB 2062) – This bill provides \$50 million in grants to hire police officers who agree to live and work in local, underserved communities.
- Mental Health Workforce (AB 2666) – This bill will help increase the number of behavioral health professionals in California while also making the workforce more reflective of the state's population by providing stipends to cover the costs of unpaid internships and license requirements.
- Domestic Violence (AB 2369) – This

bill strengthens California's public policy of not requiring domestic violence survivors to fund their abusers, supporting survivors' legal aid and ending domestic abuse.

- Independent Redistricting (AB 2494) – This bill prioritizes voters' interests in Kern County by establishing a Kern County Citizens Redistricting Commission to remove the role of politicians in redrawing Board of Supervisor district boundaries.

"I am excited about all of these bills passing because that means we are moving forward with a lot of these policies that will help many Californians. In particular, we need more mental health workers, and AB 2666 will help make sure we make it easier to get more," said Salas.

The passage of these bills will help Wasco, he said.

"The city of Wasco is going to benefit greatly, especially as it relates to mental



Assemblymember Rudy Salas

health, domestic violence, neighborhood police and cyber security. It will help local schools and citizens. I am happy it will make a difference in people's lives."

These bills will next be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SNIP Bus comes to Wasco again

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spring able to produce more than 60,000 animals in 6 years.

"Each animal can have a litter of about

10; today, roughly 500 animals were saved," said SNIP assistant Sylvia Johnson. "The only true way to address animal overpopulation is to spay and neuter them."

"The reality is that people don't do this because it is costly. The community takes advantage of the opportunity when we hold events like this," said Public Works Director Luis Villa.

The clinic was especially beneficial for those Wasconians living on low incomes.

"I have been looking for one of these clinics for quite a while because I just can't afford to pay out of pocket," said Martha Cordova. "It is wonderful for our small town and a way to prevent unwanted dogs and cats."

"We got lucky that we didn't have to pay anything. Not only does it help us economically, but now our dog can play outside without the worry of getting pregnant," said Efrain Rios.

Other services

offered include microchipping, available for \$25, and vaccines for \$15 each. Nail trims, e-collars and pain medicine are \$5.

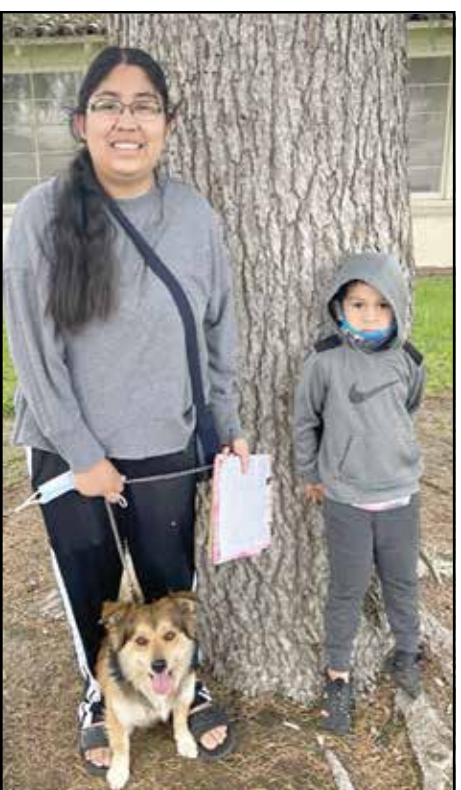
It was easy and convenient for animal owners. There was a short questionnaire and a quick physical to check the animal's vital signs before surgery. Owners were then provided with after-care instructions for their treated pets.

"They were very informative and walked us through the whole process," said Dayda Rodriguez.

Spanish translators also were on hand to ensure the services were inclusive for everyone.

There are many benefits for dogs and cats that are neutered and spayed. Animals who get fixed have a healthier and longer life. They are also less prone to disease.

"I want Trixie to be with me for many years to come," said Marisol Lopez. "I love my cat so much, and I came because I want to care for her in the best possible



Martha Cordova with her dog Chim and son Mateo Cordova.



Certified vet technician Daniela Torres and dog owner Griselda Gomez.



Marisol Lopez and cat Trixie.

way."

The bus is independently funded by sponsors.

"Today's clinic was coordinated through the City of Wasco with a grant from Walmart," said Villa.

"We had a good turnout, and if we secure more funding, we will continue to host these events because we know it is making a positive difference."

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A Public Hearing for Kern COG's proposed 2022 long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and its environmental impact report as well as the Draft 2023 short-range Federal Transportation Improvement Program and air quality analysis is being conducted on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in the City of Shafter. Adoption by the Kern COG Board is scheduled for July 21, 2022. These documents provide an outline of major transportation expenditures over the next 24 years. Review a copy at Kern COG's office, or online at <http://www.kerncog.org/category/docs/rtp/>. For info call 661.635.2910

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Last Blast prom brings students together

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School's Last Blast prom brought students together for a night of music, dance, fashion, decorations and positive energy.

It was their first prom after covid.

"We missed the last two years of prom because of the pandemic. It was nice to return and adapt back to some normalcy," said WHS Activities Coordinator Hailey Coyle.

Guests brought their best fashion.

There was lots of sparkle and color, and



Bianna Moreno and Angelica Ramirez



Andrew Uribe and Leslie Lara

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students expressed themselves uniquely with their individual styles.

"Everyone looked amazing. It was fun to dress up," said Angelica Ramirez.

"My date and I spent a lot of time into our outfits to match one another," said Jackie Hernandez.

"I decided to wear my bow tie and celebrate our last dance of the year," said Ender's Montano. "Plus, I was also nominated for Last Blast king, and I wanted to look my finest."

The dance floor was alive with activity.

"It was cool to let our hair down and party with my friends. I danced all night," said Damian Alvarado.

"The best part was dancing and spending quality time with my boyfriend," said Betzaida Radillo.

There was a conga line for even the shyest to participate.

"I had so much fun dancing with people I didn't expect to dance. It was a good time for everyone," Roxanne Dominguez.

The music was diverse, with DJ Yannis Mallory playing a combination of musical genres. There were Spanish and English songs, and the crowd showed their best moves on the dance floor.

The decorations were aligned with the electric theme with lots of neon, disco lights, streamers and balloons. Light refreshments, cookies and candy were also a part of the evening.

From their comments, students seemed

to enjoy themselves.

"I had a blast, and there was a good vibe throughout the night," said Cassandra Dominguez.

"The energy in the room was incredible. It was my first prom, and I was really hyped about it," said Roberto Rodriguez.

"The prom was a nice break from school and a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Percayis Harrison.

Memories were made, too.

"I was excited to dance with my friends and take memorable pictures on which I can look back," said Kalani Castillo.

"Tonight was special, and I will always remember this as one of my high school highlights," said Miranda Cortez.

"I wish I could do it all over again," said Zena Gutierrez.

Much effort went into organizing the event.

The Associated Student Body and Stu-



Erik Castillo, Kalani Castillo and Ender's Montano

dent Council began planning in the summer before the school year began.

"We spent a lot of time figuring out the decorations, selecting the music and lining up the venue to make sure everyone had a good time," said ASB member Johnny Saldana.

"It was a team effort," said Jasmine Gutierrez, of the ASB. "We worked really hard to get everything right for our classmates."

Gabi Hunter was named Last Blast prom queen, and Sean Sharp was chosen king.

"It was unexpected, and I appreciate those that voted for me," said Hunter.

"I felt awesome winning. There was a lot of competition, and I was so happy to have the support of my fellow students," said Sharp.



Jackie Hernandez and Robert Barraza



Last Blast Queen Gabi Hunter and King Sean Sharp.



Boys night out.



Briseida Cuevas and Marisol Hernandez

Color Guard team takes 1st place

The Wasco Union Elementary School District Color Guard is a combination of Thomas Jefferson and Palm Avenue Middle School students. The group competed in the Pep & Pageantry Arts Association of Central California competition in Bakersfield. After the first few competitions, the judges moved them up to compete in the high school regional novice division. They competed against several high school groups from the surrounding Kern County areas.

At the PPAACC finals, the WUESD Color Guard beat out all of the other high school teams and earned first place gold medals. "They have worked so hard this entire school year and have shown tremendous dedication and commitment to the

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sport. We are all very proud of them," said Color Guard coach Brianna Patterson.

The girls were excited about their win and their opportunity to represent their hometown of Wasco. They dedicated their performances and accomplishments to all of their loved ones, especially to the ones they lost in recent years.

"It has been an inspiring season, and the girls' hard work has paid off," Patterson said.

The proud recipients of the first place title were Alessandra Garcia, Stephani Ruiz, Sheyla Marquez, Delilah Torres, Dalia Garcia, Camila Garcia, Andrea Miranda, Samantha Castillo, Melany Garcia and Yarixa Reyes.



The WUESD Color Guard.

COUCH'S CORNER

Putting the homeless to work

DAVID COUCH
Kern County Supervisor 4th District

Several times recently we've dedicated Couch's Corner to programs designed to help the homeless and disadvantaged in our community. This week, I thought we'd provide an update on one of those programs, Laborers of the Harvest. In the past few months, LOTH has been awarded three grants and is implementing a first of its kind program that I hope we can replicate throughout the county.

The key grant, as far as I'm concerned, is the one that uses state job skills training funds as funneled through one of our county departments, Employer Training Resource, to put the homeless to work at the LOTH Food Pantry in Taft. Shari Rightmer, executive director of LOTH, has been working with Taft's homeless population for years, but this is the first chance she's had to actually pay her people. And the beauty of solving homelessness through paid work experience is that when our homeless population get paid, they can then find and pay for their own housing. We spend millions putting the homeless into housing; finding

a way to put them to work gets them into housing at a fraction of the cost.

Rightmer's program is special in that she builds her people up, which is critical for people whose past has some kind of trauma, sometimes self-inflicted. The pain inside often is what drives them to make unhealthy choices. Shari doesn't just put people to work, she helps them work on what's ailing them on the inside. To see some of her folks, some of whom have never been able to work, some of whom have lived under the bridge their whole lives, excited at the prospect that they are finally digging out of that place they've been trapped in and becoming contributing members of society, now that's special.



Supervisor David Couch

But LOTH's workers aren't in some kind of make-work program. LOTH also received a grant from CalRecycle, California's agency for waste and recycling, to help the county with its SB 1383 implementation. SB 1383 is that new law that says we must recycle 75% of our organic waste. It also says we must recover 20% of our discarded food.

LOTH has received funds to help build a regional food bank and fresh food giveaway, or "Open Harvest", as she calls it. In Taft, Tuesdays and Thursdays, the hungry get free, fresh food that's been gleaned from some area grocery stores and from a centralized food warehouse. Those homeless people who now will receive wages – they are the ones feeding the hungry. With those

CalRecycle funds and some additional funding and coordination in our county, I'm hoping we can make LOTH's Taft model a countywide program.

I'm in. I just dispatched my district director, Sal Moretti, to go work at ETR to help build this program again and again until we can get as much food as possible gleaned and as many training programs as possible developed throughout the county. Thank you to Teresa Hitchcock, ETR director, and to all of you at ETR who have been helping Shari build a program that I hope can be a solution to homelessness and food insecurity countywide.

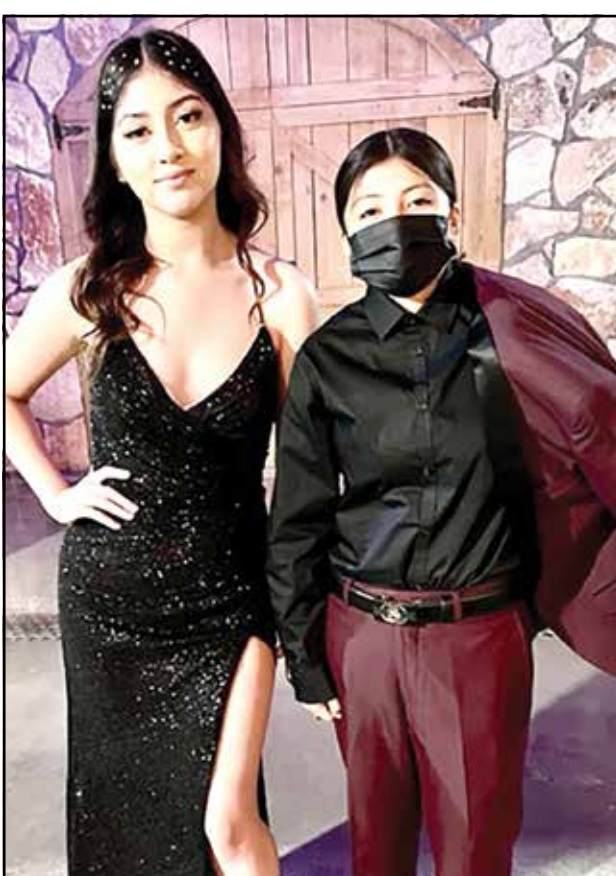
On Monday, May 2, 15 homeless and otherwise disadvantaged workers will start getting paid job skills work experience. A few months later, another 15 will get the chance. And I hope, as additional funding comes in from the state, we find a way to keep on building this program in other communities and keep on getting these people paid.

If you have any questions about this or any District 4 matter, don't hesitate to call 661-868-3680 or email us at district4@kerncounty.com. Have a safe week.

A picture perfect night to remember



Percayis Harrison and Kassandra Dominguez



Valerie Lizarraras and Alicia Vidal



ABOVE: Johnny Saldana and Ensley Mehlberg.
BELOW: Caydence Sparks and Matthew Ante



Congo line at the Last Blast.



State Street Barber a cut above the rest

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barber college. After putting in his 1,400 hours, which was the standard at the time, he ventured out and joined the Wasco shop. Sisneros built up a clientele, with his work creating word of mouth that Sisneros says is the best advertising in the world. “You give some great cuts, and people will tell other people, and the word is out, letting you grow your customer base,” Sisneros said.

Asked how he kept up with the current trends, he said that the internet is a great source for what is hot, as well as the customers that come in wanting a certain cut.

With a lot of shops going to appointment-only, Sisneros said that a good amount

of his business is scheduled in advance, but he will never turn a walk-in away if he is available. “You never know when that walk-in will turn into a steady, loyal customer,” commented Sisneros.

The shop is very clean and cool, and has a modern feel that gives the customers a chance to relax. Sisneros also has some rave reviews online when it comes to children. Several reviewers have said that they wouldn’t have anyone else cut their children’s hair. “He is great with our kids; they just love getting their hair cut there,” said one reviewer online.

The sentiment is a common one as the shop has a steady number of regular customers and first-time walk-ins.



The service at the shop is razor-sharp.

A chance to see the Green Hotel

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Green Hotel in Shafter will be offering tours on Saturday, April 30, giving residents a chance to see this iconic building inside and out.

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The Green Hotel, a registered Historic Landmark, has been available for select events and special festivities, but it has not offered tours in recent years. The building has undergone many restoration projects that have beautified the site, restoring it to its former glory. The Green Hotel was constructed in 1913 by the Kern County Land Company as housing for prospective property buyers in the new Shafter Townsite.

It was the first building constructed for the Shafter Townsite and is the oldest commercial building in the City of Shafter.

In December 1919, W. Herndon Hitchcock purchased the Green Hotel from the Kern County Land Company. Herndon and his sister Marion operated the hotel until his death in 1951, when the property became Marion’s. In 1982, the hotel, with its many period furnishings and decorative pieces, was donated to the Shafter Historical Society. In May of 1986, the Green Hotel Restoration Committee was formed.



Tours of the Green Hotel will be available on April 30.

At the onset of the restoration, this volunteer committee was solely responsible for generating funds and developing and directing the restoration of the hotel and its grounds. A volunteer force,

which became known as the Green Hotel Cooks, continues to support the maintenance of the landmark with their contributions of time, creativity and resources. The project began with a substantial grant

from the State of California Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation. Other significant grants came from the Ben H. and Gladys Arkelian Foundation, the Harry and Ethel West Foundation, the City of Shafter and the Bakersfield Californian Foundation.

They also have a long list of generous donors and have had the invaluable assistance of Teen Challenge and the local community organizations. The City of Shafter designated the Green Hotel and grounds as an historic site. The hotel is a Kern County Point of Interest and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The city has completed a downtown redevelopment using the landmark as its focal point. The Green Hotel is the geographic and architectural hub of downtown Shafter.

There have been challenges the past few months, as the landmark has been the victim of vandalism, with windows being broken, and some furnishings damaged. In one case, a man was found outside the hotel, leaving after having broken into the building and spending the night there.

The hotel was repaired and is ready for residents to get a peek of the rich history of Shafter. The tours will be held on the 30th from 12 to 3 p.m.

Super Students at Karl Clemens

Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students. Criteria for selection includes significant improvement in math, showing kindness to all friends, respect, hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts, and improving learning English.

Front row, from left: Adam Barboza (kindergarden), Brandon Garcia (1st grade), Emily Pelayo (2nd), Jayden Valdez (3rd), Nicholas Raya (4th), Carolina Pacheco (5th)
Back row, from left: Principal Mr. Torres and Mrs. Hummel



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PASTOR STEVE DOBBS
Community Circle Church

Has anybody noticed the price of gas lately? I realized that I am now paying close to double what I used to pay to fill my gas tank. Have you been to the grocery store lately? Have you seen the price of bacon? I know we are all feeling the pinch of higher prices on everything we need to survive. As far as I know, we are not being chargeD to breathe the air, but I hear plans may be in the works to change that (just kidding, kind of).

Regardless of how you and I are being affected, this is by no way anything new. This kind of thing used to happen all the way in the days of the Bible. As we read through Scripture, we see they referred to

similar events as we are experiencing as famine. This was a time where the need exceeded the supply, commodities such as grain became expensive, and many went without.

It is important that we all understand that God was not taken by surprise by anything that has happened to humanity the past couple of years. I hope we all real-



The Dobbs family.

ize God has not forgotten about us, either. We read in Psalms 37:25: *"I was young, and now I am old, but I have never seen good people left helpless or their children begging for food."* That encourages me to know the God of the

Universe cares enough about me to make sure I'm taken care of.

God never told us life would be easy. He

did, however, command us to endure.

My friends, no matter what happens here on earth, God is still on the throne. He is still the all-powerful and all-knowing God. My trust and faith will always be in Him. I appreciate our government leaders and their attempts to soften the financial pains we now experience. However, they are not God, and I will trust Him no matter what.

If you don't have a home church and are looking for a place to gather, we would love for you to join us. At Community Circle Church, you can belong before you believe. We meet Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. at the Shafter High School Auditorium. We can't wait to see you.

The best is yet to come.

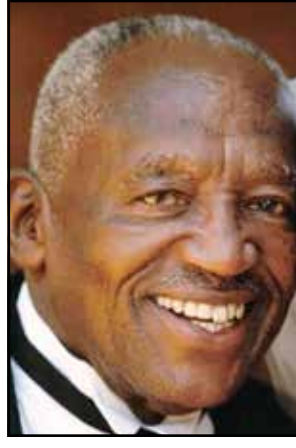
OBITUARIES

Melvin Rogers
Nov. 6, 1933 –
April 5, 2022

Melvin Rogers was born to Charles and Anna Ruth Rogers on Nov. 6, 1933 in Bakersfield. Melvin passed away at the age of 88, peacefully, on April 5, 2022, in Bakersfield.

He attended elementary, middle and high school in Wasco. He was a star track athlete, running the high hurdles for Wasco High School.

Melvin started his family with his first wife, Earline Johnson, in 1951. In 1961, he married his life-long partner, Aljewel Ellison. He supported his family by working as a truck driver for the Knudsen Co. for over 30 years with his best friend and brother, Wil-



lie Rogers.

After a long career, he retired from driving in 1995 to permanently move to daylight hours to spend time with his family. He was known for loading the car early in the morning to find the best fishing spot and

teaching anyone that was willing how to fish.

On his days off, Melvin could be found at a canal, lake, river or anywhere that had water and fish that would bite. A frequent traveler, he was no stranger to jumping in a car with his family and traveling throughout California, Mexico, Washington, and his personal favorite, Las Vegas.

A true family man, Melvin grew his family beyond bloodlines; the word "step" was not in his vocabulary, as all members of his extended family were treated and cared for as his own.

He was a man that had the capability to build, tinker or fix anything. He spent countless hours repairing vehicles for his family to

avoid the cost of the local mechanic. As a teacher and mentor, he ensured every member of his family learned how to change their own oil.

His love for God turned him into an expert recruiter for assistance during retirement as he repaired, fixed, upgraded and restored every inch of the church he

had called home during his life.

He was above all a giving man and would help anyone who needed it.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Anna Ruth; sister Maxine Randall; brothers Willie Rogers, Edmund Rogers and Wayne Rogers; and son Jerome

Rogers. He is survived by his wife, Aljewel Rogers; brother Richard Rogers; sister Barbara Stinson; and his children, Melvina Rogers, Albert Rogers, Stanley Dickerson and Johnnie Harrison. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICES

Guadalupe Sedano Fonseca, 69, of Lamont, passed away April 16, in Lamont. Peters Funeral Home, Arvin.

Luis Aguilar, 53, of Wasco, passed away April 15, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Adrian Reyna, 47, of Wasco, passed away April 17, in San Luis Obispo. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Arcadia Catherine Rodriguez, 82, of Shafter, passed away April 20, in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Jose de Jesus Chavez Valenzuela, 74, of Wasco passed away April 16, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Tammy Mayo, 62, of Taft, passed away April 16, in Taft. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

TS No: CA07000894-20-1 APN: 030-392-18-00 TO No: 200248109-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 7, 2006. 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 June 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM, On the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained therein that certain Deed of Trust recorded on September 13, 2006 as Instrument No. 20206226357, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Kern County, California, executed by RAYMOND GALLARDO AND MARY ELLEN GALLARDO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST 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: 944 E STREET, WASCO, CA 93280 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 made without covenant or warranty, express 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. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$190,075.58 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do busi-

ness in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. 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. 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 of the California Civil Code. 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 Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000894-20-1. 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 Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you

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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-22-000007

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Ernest Tene Holmes, Jr. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name Ernest Tene Holmes, Jr.
Proposed Name Junior Ernest Morgan
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 6-10-2022 Time: 8:30AM Dept: B

b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT NORTH DIVISION, Shafter-Wasco Branch, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263.

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
Date: 4/5/22
/s/Marcos R. Camacho
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish Wasco Tribune April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Kali Tint 2022-B2413

2218 Milano Ct.
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
2218 Milano Ct.
Delano, CA 93215
Ruben Guerrero Garcia
2218 Milano Ct.
Delano, CA 93215

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Ruben Guerrero Garcia
Date Statement Filed: 04/01/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/01/2027
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Fisher
Publish Wasco Tribune April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Las Pabitas Boutique 2022-B2435

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County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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McFarland, CA 93250
Maria Adelina Perezchica
609 3rd St
McFarland, CA 93250

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
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/s/Mariel Yanez, President/CEO
Date Statement Filed: 03/29/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Agape Communications 2022-B2333

900 7th Street Unit A
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
900 7th Street Unit A
Wasco, CA 93280
Agape Communications
900 7th Street Unit A
Wasco, CA 93280

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 11/21/2021
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/s/Mariel Yanez, President/CEO
Date Statement Filed: 03/29/2022

Date Statement Expires: 03/29/2027
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Rozi's Liquor 2022-B2759

1200 High Street
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
1200 High Street
Delano, CA 93215
Nareh Parnar
1200 High Street
Delano, CA 93215

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 03/01/1994
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/s/Nareh Parnar
Date Statement Filed: 04/18/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/18/2027
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Fisher
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement J.E.Y. Logistics 2022-B2834

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McFarland, CA 93250
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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McFarland, CA 93250
Jesus Antonio Gomez Jr
365 Fernwood St
McFarland, CA 93250

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 09/14/2021
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Jesus Antonio Gomez Jr
Date Statement Filed: 04/21/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/21/2027
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By: T Fisher
Publish Wasco Tribune April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2022

OBITUARIES

Charles David Rekosh Dec. 8, 1937 – April 28, 2022

Charles David Rekosh was born to Ruth and Nate Rekosh. He was their only child, born and raised in Milford, Conn., then Florida, and finally California and the China Lake Naval Base located in Ridgecrest. While growing up on the base, he grew his love for playing all sports, but especially basketball and tennis. He also played saxophone in the band, and was a drum major until he lost that spot after tossing his marching baton backwards over the goal post and hitting the trombone player.

After high school, Charlie set off for Bakersfield College, where he played



basketball as well as tennis. This all went well until his father received his grades, which led to Nate showing up and marching Charlie down to the local U.S. Army recruiter. He served two years in the army between World War II and the Korean War and became one of the first to join the U.S. Army Reserves. He was

stationed at Ft. Ord for boot camp and Ft. Lewis, Washington.

After his Army days, he attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and played basketball there while working on his teaching credential. He came back to Bakersfield, teaching at Longfellow Elementary, then Curran Junior High and South High School, where he taught in the classroom and physical education, and coached basketball at both the junior varsity and varsity levels.

In 1974, when Tammy was 4 and Ty was 2, he and Jerine felt it would be best to raise their kids in a small town environment. So, Charlie transferred to Shafter High School, where he was a counselor, coach,

dean of students, athletic and activities director, assistant principal and then retired as the principal in 2001. For Tammy and Ty, growing up within the umbrella of Shafter High, they both relied on their dad always having the key to the student store.

It was very important for Charlie to experience each level of leadership at the school and the importance of the school's role within the Shafter community. He supported all the events of the school at home and away, including the Shafter Junior Miss Pageant and even a train derailment, where the school housed and fed those affected by it. More than anything, the students at the school were

most important to him, as well as their paths to success. He was constantly walking around the hallways and chatting or teasing kids.

Charlie's love of teasing and joking or making people laugh was a strong trait that was passed down. His love for humor was infectious. During his administrative life, he still yearned to coach, so he gained even more friends during his short time on the coaching staff at Cal State Bakersfield.

In 2001, Charlie retired from his final duty at Shafter High, and then he and Jerine traveled to see family and play many golf courses. He loved being a grandfather and making

the kids laugh and be goofy with them.

We all know that family and the school were most important in his life. He definitely served as a teacher his whole life, even to strangers.

The Rekosh family would like to thank the Shafter community, the Congregational Church family, Peters Funeral Home and Hoffman Hospice for their love and support always.

You may view some of Charlie's tribute pictures and add your own comments and photos to the Peters Funeral Home website.

Donations may be sent in Charlie's memory to the Shafter High School Scholarship Fund.

Hector Moreno Sr. 1964 – 2021

Due to the amount of overwhelming grief, we have taken some time to ourselves as a family. We apologize for not announcing the passing of Hector Mario Moreno Sr.

Hector Mario Navarro Moreno Sr. had just turned 57 when he took his last breath and went peacefully to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Dec. 24, 2021, at home surrounded by the love of his



life and children. Maribel and Hector shared 32 years of marriage.

Hector was born in

Hualahuises, Linares, Nuevo Leon on Dec. 21, 1964, to Maria de La Luz and Jose Moreno. Growing up with a big family, Hector was one of 11 siblings. During his early years, the family came to California and settled in Porterville. He graduated from Monache High School in 1982.

After high school, Hector worked as a forest fire rescue, and then went on to field work to provide for his wife and children. Shortly after he began his very suc-

cessful business, Moreno Ag Service, and this was one of his proudest moments.

Hector found Jesus and received his salvation in 1996 at Westside Family Fellowship. He belonged to the Delano Elks Organization, where he enjoyed going bowling and golfing with his fellow members.

For those that knew Hector, he was a man who loved and put his family first. He enjoyed family cookouts,

and let's not forget how much he enjoyed his five-minute naps.

He is survived by his wife, Maribel Juarez Moreno; sons Anthony, Hector Jr. and Rocky Moreno; daughters Mindy and Alyze Moreno; daughter-in-law Erika Alvarez; two grandsons, Elias and Hector Moreno III; granddaughters Kimberly and Kaitlyn Moreno; and his nine siblings, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Josefina

Pedraza, and his mother, Maria De la Luz Navarro Moreno, whom he adored.

We, the Moreno family, would like to personally thank Arnoldo and Consuelo Juarez, Mario and Lupita Garcia, Miguel and Maricela Marquez, Mario Jr. and Juanita Garcia, Michael and Gabriela Garza, Cesar and Marcela Garcia, Benito and Thelma Garza, Christian Soto, Rudy Brilloet, Art Romero and Mike Cardenas for financially helping lay him to rest.

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Date the business commenced: 03/24/2022
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/s/Heriberto Ramirez, CEO
Date Statement Expires: 03/30/2022
Date Statement Filed: 03/30/2027
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: R Roberts-Martin
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Gypsy Rebel
2022-B2449
212 Coffee Rd, Suite 206, #120
Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
15226 Kingsbury Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Lisa Marie Raper
15226 Kingsbury Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Lisa Marie Raper
Date Statement Filed: 04/04/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/04/2027
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Statement of Abandonment Of
Use Of Fictitious Business Name
Vargas Motor Group
2022-B2449
205 California Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
205 California Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Vargas Motor Group Incorporated
205 California Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
Business was conducted by: Corporation
/s/Elizabeth Vargas, CEO
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B1194
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 02/14/2022
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 03/28/2022
Mary B. Bedard, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/T Fisher, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Munchies? Ven Y Come
2022-B2551
4020 Rosedale Hwy #D #2038
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
4020 Rosedale Hwy #D #2038
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Rothan Malhi
4020 Rosedale Hwy #D #2038
Bakersfield, CA 93308
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Rothan Malhi
Date Statement Filed: 04/08/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/08/2027
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Fisher
Publish *Shafter* Press April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Maduena Transportation
2022-B2320
429 Loewen St
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
429 Loewen St
Shafter, CA 93263
Felipe Maduena Garnica
429 Loewen St
Shafter, CA 93263
Reynalda Maduena
429 Loewen St
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Married Couple
Date the business commenced: 10/15/2021
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Felipe G. Maduena
Date Statement Filed: 03/29/2022
Date Statement Expires: 03/29/2027
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Statement of Abandonment Of
Use Of Fictitious Business Name
G&G Truck Repair
2022-B2320
3301 Henry Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
414 Santa Maria Way
Shafter, CA 93263
Gilberto R Pina
414 Santa Maria Way
Shafter, CA 93263
Gerardo R Salas
4753 Judd St
Bakersfield, CA 93314
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
Business was conducted by: General Partnership
/s/Gilberto R Pina, Owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2020-B4315
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/01/2020
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/06/2022
Mary B. Bedard, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/T Fisher, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
West Kern Supply
2022-B2627
12700 Rosedale Hwy Ste. A
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
P.O. Box 22318
Bakersfield, CA 93390
Gary Grijalva
17854 Byford Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Gary Grijalva
Date Statement Filed: 04/12/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/12/2027
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By: M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Stow Away Storage
2022-B2484
6403 Frazier Mountain Park Rd
Frazier Park, CA 93225
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 247
Frazier Park, CA 93225
Santana Molina
25537 Chisom Lane
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381
Norma Molina

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
K & A Transportation LLC
2022-B2370
435 Loewen St
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
435 Loewen St
Shafter, CA 93263
K & A Transportation LLC
435 Loewen St
Shafter, CA 93263
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

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Name Statement
K & A Transportation LLC
2022-B2370
435 Loewen St
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County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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K & A Transportation LLC
435 Loewen St
Shafter, CA 93263
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25537 Chisom Lane
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381
The business is conducted by: Married Couple
Date the business commenced: 05/25/2017
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Santana Molina, President
Date Statement Filed: 04/06/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/06/2027
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By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE
DECLARATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following: Conditional Use Permit No. 20-113: Peters Funeral Home is requesting approval of a conditional use permit for an existing non-conforming funeral home as well as for the addition and operation of a cremation retort. The project is also proposed to include the construction of an 8-foot-tall masonry wall on a portion of the east and north property boundaries, a chain link fence between the parking lot and the alley, and the construction of a 1,080 square foot canopy on the north side of the building located at 844 E. Lerdo Highway.
NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held at the same time and place by the Shafter Planning Commission to receive input from the public on the potential effect of this project on the environment. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study has been prepared, describing the degree of possible environmental impact of the proposed project. The study has shown that the proposal would not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, a Negative Declaration is proposed for the project. The public review period for the Negative Declaration began on January 5, 2022, and ended on January 24, 2022. 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 shafterman@shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing.
Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public is permitted. You are strongly encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meetings 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, May 10, 2022 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com or by mail to the City Clerk at 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Planning Commission meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Planning Commission meeting.
Dated: April 19, 2022
Yázmina Pallares, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Kern Golden Girls
2022-B2771
6409 Rio De Janeiro Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
6409 Rio De Janeiro Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313
Vonda Kay Peralez
6409 Rio De Janeiro Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93313
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 04/01/2022
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Vonda Kay Peralez
Date Statement Filed: 04/19/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/19/2027
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Fisher
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Construction Inspection Services
2022-B2749
5955 South Granite Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
5955 South Granite Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Havilah Properties, Inc.
5955 South Granite Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308

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Bakersfield, CA 93308
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5955 South Granite Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 07/07/2004
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Ty Grimes, President
Date Statement Filed: 04/18/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/18/2027
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
www fasteasytrafficschool com
2022-B2546
1412 17th St Ste 257
Bakersfield, CA 93301
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 20816
Bakersfield, CA 93390
Gottaticket.com Traffic School Inc.
211 S. Montclair St
Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 04/05/2022
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Derick G. Maynard, President
Date Statement Filed: 04/08/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/08/2027
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
www veryeasytrafficschool com
2022-B2549
5016 California Ave Ste 4
Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 20816
Bakersfield, CA 93390
Approved Traffic School LLC:
211 S. Montclair St
Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: 04/05/2022
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Derick G. Maynard, Managing Member
Date Statement Filed: 04/08/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/08/2027
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. The City of Shafter adopted Negative Declarations for Tentative Tracts 6613 (Resolution No. 07-1935), 6704 (Resolution No. 06-1823), 6783 (Resolution No. 08-1994), 6910 (Resolution No. 06-1895), 7052 (Resolution No. 07-1946), 7207 (Resolution No. 07-1936) and 7207 (Resolution No. 09-2056). As residential projects, Tentative Tracts 6614 and 7007 are exempt from the California Environmental Quality, i.e., exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code, pursuant to California Government Code §65457. The projects are within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact report (EIR) that was certified for the 2005 City of Shafter General Plan Update and related action (SCH No. 2004101029) and the Addendum to the Certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report per Resolution No. 06-1889. The certified Program EIR adequately describes the activity of the residential development proposed in Tentative Tract Nos. 6614 and 7007 as adopted in the Orchard Park Specific Plan per Ordinance 06-583. Copies of the projects 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 Suzanne Forrest, Senior Planner ((661) 746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at sforrest@shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing.
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Dated: April 21, 2022
Yázmina Pallares, City Clerk
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Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. The City of Shafter adopted Negative Declarations for Tentative Tracts 6613 (Resolution No. 07-1935), 6704 (Resolution No. 06-1823), 6783 (Resolution No. 08-1994), 6910 (Resolution No. 06-1895), 7052 (Resolution No. 07-1946), 7207 (Resolution No. 07-1936) and 7207 (Resolution No. 09-2056). As residential projects, Tentative Tracts 6614 and 7007 are exempt from the California Environmental Quality, i.e., exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code, pursuant to California Government Code §65457. The projects are within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact report (EIR) that was certified for the 2005 City of Shafter General Plan Update and related action (SCH No. 2004101029) and the Addendum to the Certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report per Resolution No. 06-1889. The certified Program EIR adequately describes the activity of the residential development proposed in Tentative Tract Nos. 6614 and 7007 as adopted in the Orchard Park Specific Plan per Ordinance 06-583. Copies of the projects 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 Suzanne Forrest, Senior Planner ((661) 746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at sforrest@shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing.
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