

# Public Works having a busy summer

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Shafter's Public Works Department has been having a very busy summer, evident by the number of construction sites around town. Public Works Director Michael James gave the City Council an update recently on the numerous projects that the department is doing and on the

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planning board.

The Santa Fe Highway improvement project is continuing and has a stretch of Santa Fe closed from Los Angeles to Galpin. The road will be closed until approximately mid-August. Paved shoulders will be constructed, improving the safety of the drivers as well as bicyclists.

There is also a project ongoing at Lerdo Highway, including a full road construction plus replacing all concrete improvements such as curbs and gutters, sidewalks and drive approaches. The work is expected to last 6-8 weeks. The project is at Lerdo Highway between Valley Street and Shafter Avenue.

The city is currently accepting bids for the first phase of the Shafter Aquatic Cen-

ter project. This will result in the resurfacing of the pool and deck, repairing equipment and getting the pool operational. The estimated date for reopening of the pool is the summer of 2024.

In other city news, First Friday events are being highlighted. The next event will take place downtown by the gazebo area on Aug. 4, from 5 to 10 p.m. There will be food vendors, music, and activity booths



The Shafter Animal Shelter serves the four-legged citizens of the city.

# Animals have friends at city shelter

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Shafter's Animal Control Department has been serving the community for decades, making sure four-legged residents are taken care of with dedication and compassion.

Animal Control Officer Nick Riddick is in charge of the department, beginning his post in 2013. Riddick was raised in Fresno and attended college at UC Riverside. He made his way back to the Central Valley and became an animal control officer for Kern County in 2009.

Riddick accepted the position of animal control manager for Shafter, bringing with him the experience and understanding of community involvement and participation. This has resulted in an increase in adoption levels and rescue release rates of animals, while steadily maintaining increased animal intake numbers and calls for service.

The shelter does not limit itself to the over 500 dogs and cats it cared for over the last year. In the past, they have handled reptiles, birds and other exotic animals.

Riddick has a team of professionals and volunteers who are vigilant in impounding stray and marauding animals, but also dedicated to working toward lowering the annual euthanasia rate. This multipronged approach is accompanied partially with increased

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Thor was adopted after being featured as a Pet of the Week in The Shafter Press. BELOW: This little guy is waiting for a home.



## FOCUS ON FARMING | Vernon Crawford

# 'Vern from Kern' still working family operation

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

Vernon S. Crawford, "Vern from Kern," owner of VSC Farms, Inc., has been farming since he was 10. Now retired, he continues to cultivate his passion for the agriculture industry.

The farm he manages and lives on was established in 1916 when his wife's grandfather came to Wasco from Canada.

"It's the second oldest farm in Kern County," Crawford said.

He took over the operation in 1968 and has continued with the family tradition.

Crawford grows cotton, wheat, alfalfa and dry beans. He used to farm cherries, but he sold that part off. Cotton was his specialty in the past.

He said 2022 was the best year on record for alfalfa. "Prices were in the neighborhood of \$400 a ton. We did very well last year."

Though he added that the price of water was "astronomical" because of the drought. "Prior to the local service irrigation district, everything was well water. We had to pump it, but then we brought in the federal water, which was reasonable at \$6.50 an acre-foot. Now the price is from \$95 to \$135 an acre-foot."

He said he is going to tear out his alfalfa "because the price is so poor. We're not above cost anymore once you take water processing into account."

Crawford said he has a small farm and shared that it was different in the 1940s. "During the war, it was a big ranch," he said.

Everything changed because the Kern County Land Company had special leases for bare deserts, so a young soldier could come to them to rent that land.

"They had development leases so the person would take the raw desert and level it, put in a well and a pipeline. There was no fee for the first five years, and they could develop the bare land."

"This was the boom in farming post-war. It was a really fair deal."

Crawford is 86 and still involved in agriculture with his farm. His love for the industry dates back to when he was a young boy on his father's farm.

"We primarily grew cotton and pota-



Vernon S. Crawford with a painting of a crop duster by Jack Dehaney.

toes, wheat, barley dry beans and black-eyed peas."

He partnered with his father in 1960 and continued to farm even after he went to work for Wilbur Ellis. He retired from there at 74. "I worked with them for around 50 years," he said.

Crawford attended Wasco Elementary, Thomas Jefferson Middle School and graduated from Wasco High School in 1955.

"I've been a Tiger all the way."

He was ag president at Bakersfield College and Fresno State, where he earned his degree as a Field Agronomist.

"That education helped me be successful as a farmer as it helped me with all the laws, regulations and science involved. Without my degree, it would have been tough."

Crawford has three children with his daughter, Lori, working with him for 20 years, handling the finances. His other daughter, Jennifer, works for Nutrient Ag Chem in seed sales.

Regarding the next generation managing the farm, he said, "My three kids can probably continue to operate it like I have. Though they may want to sell it."

"The business is in a family trust. It's really up to the trust members (my three kids) to make the decision after I'm gone."

# Dutch Bros to serve up drinks and treats

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

Dutch Bros, a popular coffee chain, is coming to Wasco and will open in the fall.

There are over 700 locations across the country. Morgan Rapp, an operator for Dutch Bros, oversees all the locations in North Bakersfield and now Wasco.

"We are thrilled to be serving Wasco," he said this week.

The company was established in 1992 with corporate headquarters in Grants Pass, Ore.

Dane and Travis Boersma are the original co-founders. When they first opened, they operated out of a pushcart by the railroad tracks in downtown Grants Pass, offering a variety of coffee, smoothies, teas, lemonade and a Dutch Bros Rebel, their version of an energy drink.

They also have nitrogen-infused cold brew coffee, granola and lemon poppy seed bars, and chocolate chip and orange cranberry muffin tops.

The company is known for its countless

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amount of customizable drink options.

"We always want our customers to feel empowered to be creative when coming through our lines and fine-tune their drinks until they have it perfected."

"All of our drinks are handcrafted and guaranteed to satisfy," he promised.

He added that offering makes them unique and stand out from the rest.

In addition to their customization, they live by their three core values: speed, quality and service.

"Our baristas have a loving way about them, and they are really interested in getting to know their community on a deep level."

Dutch Bros stands by this goal of connecting with the community and being of service. They have various initiatives to do so through volunteering and daily customer interactions.

"We get close to our community and very personal with them," he said. "We have a heart behind what we are doing."



Davey Rehana and Breza Dounelis are two of Dutch Bros' friendly leaders.

He added that they plan to get connected to Wasco by participating in local events and through sponsorships of vari-

ous organizations and causes. "There will be many collaborations with the City of Wasco in the future," he added.

When asked why they are coming to Wasco, he said, "There are a lot of different factors, but the main one is how welcoming the community has been."

"Each time I've gone out there to check on the construction of the site, I've gotten the opportunity to check out a few of the surrounding businesses."

"While talking to some employees, they all have been extremely nice. We are so excited to work with a community as special as Wasco."

Dutch Bros will be located at 1500 Highway 46. Construction is currently underway, and they have plans to hire 40 individuals. "We look forward to hiring local," Rapp said.

Hours of operation are planned for Sunday through Thursday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.

More information and job opportunities are at [dutchbros.com](https://dutchbros.com).

# 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

Cooling center – 2023 Kern County Cooling Center (Centros De Enfriamiento Condado De Kern 2023) at 505 Sunset Ave. at the Walker Senior Center in Shafter, 1-8 p.m. Sponsored by Kern County Aging & Adult Services.

First Friday – City of Shafter Downtown Summer Concert Series with music, food, vendors, fun. Friday, Aug. 4, at downtown center, 4-9 p.m. Sponsorships available by contacting Rachel Zermeno at [rzermeno@shafter.com](mailto:rzermeno@shafter.com).

Live entertainment – Shafter Free Will Baptist Church welcomes Aaron and Matt from Listener 88.3 Life FM Tuesday, Aug. 8, 3-5 p.m.

50-year reunion – Wasco High class of 1973 is looking for classmates for their 50-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 7. Contact Marta Rodriguez-Poe at [mapoe1982@gmail.com](mailto:mapoe1982@gmail.com) or 661-303-3770.

Summer youth program – Shafter Youth Center free summer program. Registration at [www.cpak.org](http://www.cpak.org) or call 661-746-8235. Runs to Friday, Aug. 4. Sports, arts and crafts, computer lab, STEM activities and field trips.

## ONGOING

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

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

## MONDAY

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

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

## TUESDAY

Shafter City Council – Meetings 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.

## 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.

Summer Events–Shafter Library & Learning Center Wednesdays July 19th & 26th Books in Motion 12 p.m.

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

Summer Events– Shafter Library & Learning Center July 27 th Life of a Butterfly presented by Insect Lore at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

## FRIDAY

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

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

## SATURDAY

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

Green Hotel tours – Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 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.

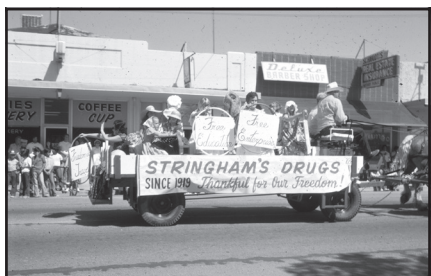
Minter Field Air Museum – Open Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

# Mystery history

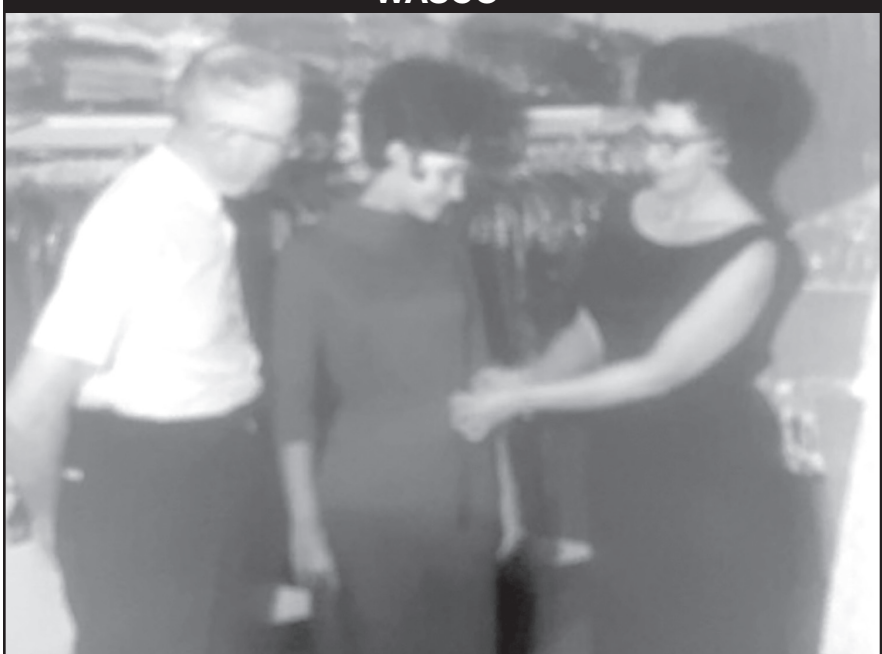
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## ARREST REPORT

### SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### JULY 21

Tony Aguilar, 54, of Shafter, was arrested in the 5200 block of Minter Field for inflicting corporal injury onto a spouse/cohabitant.

#### JULY 23

Florycel Magaly Garcia, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18200 block of Thomas Lane for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse/cohabitant, child abuse and on a warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

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#### JULY 24

Pedro Moreno Garza, 56, of Shafter, was arrested on Central Valley Highway

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

Alfredo Bojorquez Jimenez, 47, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and on an outside agency warrant.

Jared Dale Hanson, 40, of Shafter, was arrested on Rose Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

#### JULY 25

Alejandra Yasenias Astorga, 28, of Shafter, was arrested at Atkinson and Hillman for disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Luis Alberto Rosette Jr., 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of Shafter Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Jeremy Edwin Johnston, 43, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on an outside agency warrant.

### BUTTONWILLOW

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

#### JULY 19

Sara Dodd, 35, of Jensen Beach, Fla., was arrested in the 27700 block of Lagoon Drive in Buttonwillow for domestic violence and cruelty to animals. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JULY 20

Adan Sandoval, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18600 block of Shafter Avenue in Shafter for assault

with a deadly weapon, not firearm. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Wasco substation: July 17

Adriana Carolina Flores, 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2300 block of Krista Street for misdemeanor battery on spouse. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sostenos Ramirez, 28, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Palm Avenue and 9th Place for misdemeanor DUI and driving

with a suspended license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JULY 18

Abel Rocha, 43, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Poso Drive on a felony probable cause warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JULY 19

Bernardita Hernandez, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Hawthorne Street for misdemeanor battery on spouse and battery on person. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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## CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, last week's story on a grant for the new Wasco police station noted that the construction would be on the site of the current sheriff's Wasco substation. In actuality, the site is yet to be determined.

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# High-Speed Rail to reach milestone in Wasco

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Wasco Tribune

The development of the High-Speed Rail is progressing with the current status of the portion of the project inside the city limits largely completed by this summer.

“In this case the term ‘completed’ refers to the bridges, underpasses, fencing and other infrastructure, including the large viaduct structure at the south end of town. What will not be complete is the installation of the actual train rails and electrification systems.” City Manager Scott Hurlbert said. “That work will come later.”

“The HSR has been working with the county, Shafter and Bakersfield about what next steps will be to the south. The same types of discussions are being held all along the route in each different jurisdiction.”

There have been some obstacles the city has faced regarding the high-speed rail.

“Every kind of challenge you can imagine, from changes to our traffic patterns, road closures, the heavy equipment moving around town and the staff time required to review, approve and inspect the work that is being done” have all added up



The large viaduct structure at the south end of the town will be completed later this summer.



A construction worker busy putting the finishing touches on the Poso Avenue underpass.

to big commitment, Hurlbert said.

In addition, abandoning the former labor camp complex has created problems with crime, graffiti and vagrants.

Many agreements over a large number of years have been made between the city and the HSR.

“From land transactions, street abandonment, cost recovery, memorandums of understanding about what will happen and agreements about when certain things need to be completed,” Hurlbert added.

He said a big agreement was made on the cost of cleaning up the labor camp. “HSR secured grants for the city to do that.”

“We are currently in the final stages of getting environmental clearance for the clean-up, and the city will be reimbursed for the clean-up.”

There have been benefits that the construction of the HSR has brought to Wasco.

“Some jobs have been filled by Wasco

residents during this phase of construction, and going forward we believe more local hires will be needed for the project.”

Hurlbert continued, “There has been some increased business to the city because of the workers frequenting our restaurants and other stores.”

The HSR will not make a stop in Wasco. Currently, there is Amtrak service in Wasco, and there are plans to continue that service for now. However, in years to come, that may change.

A ribbon cutting event on Thursday, Aug. 3, at 10 a.m. at the corner of Highway 43 and Poso Avenue will celebrate the completion of that segment of the underpass built.

Hurlbert said that it could be decades until the entire planned HSR route is completed.

“From our point of view, we are just very happy that the portion of work in Wasco will be done, and they can move on to other segments.”

# HIRE Act hopes to address Valley labor shortage

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

Congressman David G. Valadao recently joined Rep. Tony Gonzales of Texas to introduce the H-2 Improvement to Relieve Employers Act. The proposed HIRE Act improves H-2A and H-2B visa programs to make them more responsive to employer needs and makes it easier for them to address workforce shortages.

In particular, the act aims to reduce what Valadao calls the bureaucratic red tape often associated with the temporary work visa programs.

This directly impacts workers in the agricultural, construction and trucking industries, where there are the biggest labor shortages. The act will make it easier for employers to hire temporary workers and help fill some of the 9.5 million job openings currently in the country.

“Improving our temporary work visa programs will ensure employers can fill these essential roles to strengthen our economy,” Valadao said.

Regarding agriculture and the visa application process, he explained, “The biggest complaint we get from farmers is that they don’t have the time to do a lot of the

paperwork.”

“Many times, farmers must hire someone to process that, and a cost is associated. It is about \$3,000 for each worker in fees, time and labor that goes into getting the paper work done.”

He said the labor shortages in agriculture cause problems for farmers and their crops.

“There have been years that 20% [of the harvest] is left behind because they don’t have labor to harvest it.”

Valadao points to the cost of labor shortages for consumers.

“One impact is that these labor shortages affect the economy in that food prices go up.”

He said it also results in being less competitive as farmers and as a country.

Valadao added that improving the temporary work visa program will help reform our broken immigration system.

“If you make the process easier and more affordable, it will allow more people to use it. For immigrant workers, it will bring them out of the shadows.”

“Being an illegal employee, these people are often afraid to speak up if being abused by coworkers or employers.”

Valadao said this legislation aims to make



Congressman David G. Valadao tours the McFarland High School crop science field lab for with FFA students.

these workers more confident to share their voices without fear of deportation.

The HIRE Act expands the labor certification period from 1 year to 3 years to minimize application hurdles for employers by reducing the number of times a seasonal job needs to be certified. It would permanently authorize waiving the in-person interview requirement for trusted, returning workers who were previously thoroughly vetted to speed up the

application process. And it would improve job transparency for American workers by requiring the Department of Labor to publish information related to the use of seasonal employment.

When asked if he foresees any pushback in trying to get this legislation to pass, he said, “There is always going to be pushback. It’s a small fix to an overall existing program. It’s a reasonable approach to how we can get it done.”

# FEMA extends storm help deadline

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Homeowners and renters in Kern County, as well as 13 other counties in California, will have more time to apply for assistance from FEMA. The deadline has been extended to Friday, Sept. 1.

The assistance is for people who have been negatively impacted by the storms and flooding in March. The extended deadline will provide more time for survivors living in remote areas as well as for residents in counties recently designated

for federal disaster assistance.

President Biden declared the federal disaster on April 3. It covers damage caused by severe winter storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides between Feb. 21 and July 10.

FEMA’s individuals and household program may provide disaster assistance

for eligible costs of home repairs, rental assistance for temporary housing, essential personal property, funeral expenses, transportation and childcare.

Apply for FEMA by going online at DisasterAssistance.gov, the FEMA mobile app, or by calling FEMA at 800-621-3362.

## ARREST REPORT

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**JULY 19**

Lori Marie Ramirez, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. She

was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**JULY 20**

Liza Meza, 24, of Bakersfield, was arrested near the intersection of Poso Drive and D Street for mis-

demeanor possession of controlled substance and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**JULY 22**

Miguel Alvarez, 48, of

Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Broadway Street and 12th Street for misdemeanor driving without a license, possession of a controlled substance, possession of

controlled substance paraphernalia, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**JULY 23**

John Parker, 48, of

Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Birch Avenue for felony assault with a deadly weapon: not a firearm. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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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 for adoption.

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For additional information please contact: Richland Nutritional Services Department at (661) 746-8628 Mailing Address: 331 N. Shafter Ave. Shafter, CA 93263. Email: [kramirez@rsdshafter.org](mailto:kramirez@rsdshafter.org)

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adoptions and releases to rescuers, carefully vetted rescue partners and a thriving volunteer program. These programs include regular adoption events at Petsmart in Bakersfield, as well as working with several rescue partners who deliver animals to different facilities and foster homes throughout the Valley and the State.

The current program at Petsmart sees several animals being adopted each month, easing the load at the shelter. They have also dealt with several rescue organizations in Northern California and out of state.

Currently, Riddick said, the dogs most often seen at the shelter are huskies. "People think that it would be pitbulls, but our main concern recently has been the influx of huskies," he said.

Riddick said that the



The shelter takes care of over 500 animals a year.

dogs are very active, which requires a very active family to keep the animal engaged, and they are adept escape artists, a lot of them running off when given the

chance.

Another program that is helping is the food giveaways that the shelter holds. They currently hold dog food and cat food give-

aways for residents who may need food for their pets. The next one is Thursday, Aug. 3, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the shelter, 1849 S. Shafter Ave.

PASTOR'S CORNER

First move

PASTOR PAT COYLE

Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church

On July 17-21 we had our 14th annual SMBC Wrestling Camp, with 28 campers in attendance! Each year we pick a theme, and this year it was "First Move," based on Matthew 6:33, "...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" Besides learning the sport of wrestling, we took time each day to dis-

cuss the theme by using an acrostic of the word "First". Let me share the key ideas that we discussed:

**F - follow.** The beginning of a first move towards Jesus and his kingdom is to follow Him.

**I - imitate.** As we follow Jesus, we are called to imitate him as his followers.

**R - release.** Learning to release our concerns to Jesus keeps worry from becoming god-like in our lives.

**S - share.** Looking for ways to share with others both in word and deed is a great way to express the love of Jesus.

**T - teach.** As we learn to make our "first move" toward Jesus, we can teach others to do the same.

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# Museum hosts Boys and Girls Club

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The Minter Field Air Museum hosted a large group of kids from the Boys and Girls Club of Bakersfield recently, giving them a glimpse at the history of the museum and the part they played in the US military history.

Janice Meek, of the Armstrong Center Boys and Girls Club of Bakersfield, said, "The children had a great time seeing all of the vehicles and listening to the history of the museum."

Museum head Ronald Pierce gave the kids a tour of the interior, showing them the many artifacts that the museum has, and also told the kids some of the history of the museum. "We told the kids about the role that the Minter Air Field played in the war efforts as well as the many pilots that were trained at the site."

They not only learned a great deal about the Air Field and Kern County's impact on the military's efforts, the also had an opportunity to see historic documents and vehicles on display to the public. "The kids had a lot of fun looking at the vehicles and airplanes. We even let them sit in the cockpit of some of them and in the driver's seat of the Follow Me Jeep," said Pierce. "It is a lot of fun to see the



Kids had a chance to get behind the wheel of the museum's yellow Follow Me Jeep.

excitement on the kids faces as they check out all of the stuff that we have here at the museum."

The Armstrong Center of the Boys and Girls Club plays a big part in a lot of childrens' lives. They have after-school programs, homework assistance programs, different sports programs and a host of other programs

and services that work to make the county's youth reach their full potential and become caring and responsible citizens.

Clubs, schools and organizations can arrange a tour of the museum by calling 661-393-0291. The museum is open on Friday, Saturday and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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From the archives of The Shafter Press

**10 years ago:** July 31, 2013

The murals on Central Valley Highway and Central Avenue walls were in the first stages. These pieces on display on La Fonda and the 99 Cent Store east walls. Chuck Capliger was the artist.

**20 years ago:** July 16, 2003

1989 SHS graduate Michael L. Komin M.D. joined Dr. Robert Hagen Aviation Street Medical. Today, Dr. Komin has his own practice at 1150 E. Lerdo Hwy.

—Compiled by Erica Soriano

The front page, July 13, 2013

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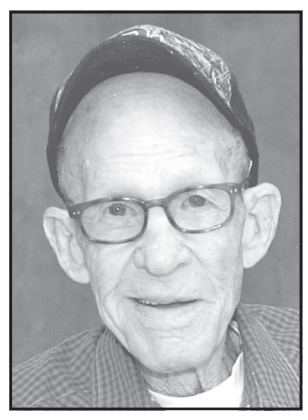


OBITUARIES

**Royce H. Hawthorne**  
May 1, 1935 –  
July 22, 2023

Royce Harvey Hawthorne, 88, was born in Sobol, Okla., on May 1, 1935, and passed away peacefully, while surrounded by family, on July 22, 2023. Royce was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle, as well as an Army veteran, retired vacuum truck

driver (most notably for M.P. Vacuum), retired diesel mechanic, farmer,



friend, and de facto "Mayor of Zingos."

Royce was a one-of-

a-kind man with unforgettable charisma and a profound sense of kindness and work-ethic. He impressed people with his liveliness and vitality, which included being able to jump over chain-link fences into his 70s and being able to do the twist "all the way down" into his 80s. But most of all, he was known for his big heart and giving spirit.

He was the first to drop everything to fix his loved ones' (or random strangers')

flat tires, broken swamp coolers or anything in-between. He would transport disabled friends to and from doctors' appointments; he would donate blood; he generally did anything he could to help others.

However, he was not one to be taken advantage of. He had a reputation as a no-nonsense cowboy and seeker of justice. Royce loved his family deeply and fiercely, especially his wife, Lydia, and their beloved

daughter, Connie, and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Royce was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Enever Hawthorne, and his grandson, Johnny Money. He is survived by his wife of nearly 66 years, Lydia Hawthorne; daughter Connie and her husband, John Money; granddaughter Denise and her husband, Paul Fahey; grandson James Money and his wife, Shaena; and his great-grandchildren,

Macy, Braden, Juliane, Reese, Millie, Elijah, Parker and Colton. Royce is also survived by his brother, Bud, and his wife, Daisy Hawthorne, of Oklahoma, and various nieces, nephews and people who loved him.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Friday, July 28 at 10 a.m. at Home Fellowship Church, 520 California Ave., Shafter. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. at Shafter Cemetery, 18662 Santa Fe Way, Shafter.

DEATH NOTICES

**Pamela Carol Sutton**, 73, of Wasco, passed away July 19, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Larry Stripling**, 73, of Wasco, passed away July 22, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Horacio Perez Garza**, 74, of Wasco, passed away July 23, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Josefina Mendoza De Duran**, 81, of Wasco, passed away July 22, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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# Tournament back for a second year

VERONICA JACUINDE

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The youth and men's basketball club, 2nd to None, will host a five-on-five men's tournament on Saturday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept. 10, at Palm Avenue Middle School starting at 8 a.m.

The organization has been around for almost 20 years.

Founder and coach Eddie Velasquez said the mission is, "To have fun, enjoy ourselves, keep kids out of trouble and teach them the game."

"I love coaching and playing. I also get to coach my kids playing on the team."

He said the tournament will be special because many kids will be watching.

"They get excited to see how the men play and learn something."

The event is a fundraiser, and money raised will be used to support Wasco youth in the sport of basketball.

The tournament is in conjunction with the Wasco Rose Festival and Orange Heart Foundation.

"This is our second year doing this tournament with them. We are happy to give

them a chance to play while expanding their horizons."

"Some kids have never seen the beach, and when we travel, we like taking them to different places and restaurants. It's a way for them to get out of Wasco and have fun."

Velasquez encourages the community to come out to either play in the tournament or be a spectator. "By doing so, you can help support our program."

Registration is \$350 a team and is due by Friday, Aug. 18.

To sign up or for more information, call Eddie Velasquez at 661-742-5871 or contact him on his Instagram page at 2ndtoNoneBasketball.

"We had a good turnout last year. Many people came out to watch and wanted to play once more next year. We have a big fan base. At our games, we draw large crowds."

"We often travel with the team, so with this tournament, it's great to have one at home."

Velasquez runs the organization with his three brothers and with the help of his wife, Erica, the team mom.

"She packs lunch and drinks and is always ready with a first aid kit in case of an injury. She's a big part of the program. Whenever I do a tournament, she is always there to help me run it."

It is family-run, and they all have a big heart for empowering youth.

"We support many kids that travel out of town with us, those that don't have the funds. We pay for their hotel and food to help them out."

"We do this because we know many kids that can't afford it. We want to give



Assistant coaches Adan Arredondo and Brent Harrison with coach Eddie Velasquez and the K-1st league champions.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Gertrude Mullins

Case Number: BPB-22-003211

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Gertrude Mullins

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Angela Mullins in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Angela Mullins be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: 10/26/2023 Time: 8:30AM  
Dept.: J-1

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305. Probate Court

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. Attorney for petitioner: Philip M. Flanigan  
4082 N. Cedar Ave., Ste. 104  
Fresno, CA 93726  
559-435-0455

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Raymon Allen Reaves, Jr.

Case Number: BPB-23-002768

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Raymon Allen Reaves, Jr.

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Christine Reaves in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Christine Reaves be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: 08/11/2023 Time: 8:30a.m.  
Dept.: J-1

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305, Juvenile Justice Center

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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10. Attorney for petitioner: Kurt Van Sciver, Esq.  
5500 Ming Avenue, Suite 362  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
661-412-7729

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Dicksey G. Clark, aka Dicksey Geraldine Clark, Dicksey Clark, and Dicksey Walpole Clark

Case Number: BPB-23-002732

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Dicksey G. Clark, aka Dicksey Geraldine Clark, Dicksey Clark, and Dicksey Walpole Clark

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Richard G. Walpole in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Richard G. Walpole be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

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Dept.: J-1

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10. Attorney for petitioner: Vincent J. Oddo, Esq.  
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Bakersfield, CA 93311  
(661) 395-1000

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

T.S. No. 20-61011 APN: 029-272-02-00-8 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/25/2017. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JOSE MARTINEZ, A SINGLE MAN AND ROCIO SANCHEZ PEREZ, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 8/31/2017, as Instrument No. 217117879, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Kern County, California, Date of Sale: 8/16/2023 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale At the front entrance to the City Hall, 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$198,251.56 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 909 CEDAR AVE WASCO, CA 93280 Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust A.P.N #: 029-272-02-00-8 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 (800) 683-2438 or visit this Internet Web site [www.Xome.com](http://www.Xome.com), using the file number assigned to this case 20-61011. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 1-916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 6970746 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. 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Deed of Trust executed by Pablo Vargas and Josie Martinez, husband and wife, and recorded March 25, 2022 as Instrument No. 222046816, of Official Records of Kern County, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded March 30, 2023 as Instrument No. 223036016, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee 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, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, on the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301, all that 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: Lots 195,196,197 and 198 of Lewiston Tract no. 1, according to the map thereof recorded October 15, 1937 in book 4 pages 93, 94, 95 and 96 of maps, Kern County records, being a portion of the south half of the southwest quarter of section 7, township 27 south, range 24 east, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, according to the official plat thereof. Excepting therefrom all oil, gas, minerals and other hydrocarbon substances, including geothermal rights below a depth of 500 feet, without the rights of surface access, by deed recorded April 22, 2008, doc. No. 0208061796. (X) The street address or other common designation of said property: Vacant land (X)Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: Manston and Copple, PO Box 343, Claremont, CA 91711 Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed of Trust, plus estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: \$27,609.52 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED MARCH 2, 2022 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. 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. 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Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed of Trust, plus estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: \$27,609.52 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED MARCH 2, 2022 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. 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. 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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 (800) 683-2438 or visit this Internet Web site [www.Xome.com](http://www.Xome.com), using the file number assigned to this case 20-61011. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 1-916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 6970746 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary declares that the mortgagee or beneficiary has satisfied the requirements of California Civil Code 2923.5. DATED: 06/30/2023 MID VALLEY TITLE AND ESCROW COMPANY Address: 601 Main St., Chico, CA 95928 Phone: (530) 893-5644 BY: Greg Wood, Foreclosure Officer NPP0437198 To: WASCO TRIBUNE 07/13/2023, 07/20/2023, 07/27/2023 Publish Wasco Tribune

Deed of Trust executed by Pablo Vargas and Josie Martinez, husband and wife, and recorded March 25, 2022 as Instrument No. 222046816, of Official Records of Kern County, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded March 30, 2023 as Instrument No. 223036016, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee 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, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, on the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301, all that 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: Lots 195,196,197 and 198 of Lewiston Tract no. 1, according to the map thereof recorded October 15, 1937 in book 4 pages 93, 94, 95 and 96 of maps, Kern County records, being a portion of the south half of the southwest quarter of section 7, township 27 south, range 24 east, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, according to the official plat thereof. Excepting therefrom all oil, gas