



Representatives from Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains' office joined Shafter Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann, Shafter Lions Club's Gilbert Alvarado, County Supervisor David Couch and other dignitaries at the event.

# Shafter community gives to students by stuffing the bus

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Lions Club, partnering with Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains, held their annual Stuff the Bus event in Shafter on Saturday, helping the students of Richland School District to be properly prepared for the school year. "This event shows the outstanding support that the community of Shafter gives to its students," said Gilbert Alvarado, of the Shafter Lions Club. During the event, donations were accepted at the Dollar General store parking lot, with a large school bus ready to house the items. Items accepted included backpacks, notebooks, pencils, other supplies to prepare kids for

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the upcoming school year. Alvarado said that the donations will be distributed throughout the Richland School District, with all of the items staying in the local district. "This event is great for the community, and it really shows what a caring city we live in," said Rolando Hernandez, who donated four backpacks and some writing supplies to the cause. "When I was growing up, there were times that we didn't have enough paper or pencils for school. It was really hard. We didn't have events like this that helps the kids who may need it." The event was also attended by Acelerados Offroad, the off-roading club, which displayed a variety

of offroad vehicles. There were over a dozen all-terrain vehicles in the parking lot, giving the kids in attendance a thrill as they checked them out and sat in a few of them. The event has been helping the district for over five years, each year getting more supplies added to the generous haul enjoyed by the kids who might not have enough paper, pencils, or even a backpack without some help. "We want to thank the community, as well as the sponsors with us for the success of this event. The big winners are the kids, who will be able to begin the school year without worry." The distribution will take place before the school year begins and will include all five of the Richland schools.



Members of Acelerados Offroad pose with a couple of their all-terrain vehicles that were on display.



From left, City Manager Scott Hurlbert, Mayor Vincent Martinez and California HSR Authority CEO Brian P. Kelly.

# Cutting ribbon for city's new underpass

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

There was a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of the Poso Avenue High-Speed Rail underpass that is now open to traffic. **WASCO** The Poso Avenue underpass is located between Highway 43 and J Street. It has four lanes and pedestrian access, taking traffic and pedestrians under the BNSF freight railroad and future high-speed rail tracks. The Poso Avenue underpass is 1,084 feet long, 67 feet wide and 21 feet below grade. The underpass is the latest structure to be opened to traffic in Kern County, and the sixth structure to be completed in the Central Valley this year.

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# A General is heading to London

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Caleb Carrasco, a Shafter High senior, will ring in the new year in the United Kingdom, leading a band through downtown London as part of their New Year's Day Parade. Carrasco is excited about the opportunity and is looking forward to going overseas to continue his musical journey. Caleb began playing in the school band in the seventh grade and is proficient in the bass guitar, tuba and trombone. He is the head drum major at Shafter High, conducting the music and leading the team during their on-field performances.



Carrasco began his musical journey more than five years ago.

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# Wedels, VFW to be honored at Rose Festival

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

The Charles Wedel family will lead the 2023 Wasco Rose Festival as grand marshals, and Wasco VFW Post 6742 will be the honorary grand marshals, organizers announced last week. The Orange Heart Foundation and Wasco Rose Festival committee announced the selections late last month. "We are excited to honor the late Charles Wedel and his family, as well as the VFW for their years of service to our community," Orange Heart Foundation secretary/Wasco Rose Festival group member Orquidea Ocampo said. "Last year, we established the honorary grand marshal component to recognize the selflessness of groups and organizations in Wasco. Unfortunately, VFW is closing, but we are honored to highlight their contributions to Wasco from 1946 through 2023." Commander James Medrano shared, "We are honored and flattered by this hon-

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or. It has been a privilege to be supported by and give back to this community." He said it started in 1946. "We used to have VFW parades and rodeos at the ballpark," Medrano recalled. Over the years, they continued with their service by sponsoring Rose Queen candidates, Little League baseball teams, the Boy Scouts, the city's fireworks festival, the Relay for Life cancer walk, a youth Patriot's Pen essay contest, and honored the flag at high school athletic games. "We also visited soldier's wives for support when their loved ones were off to war," Medrano said. Similarly, the Wedel family has demonstrated a long tradition of public service in Wasco. "Our family has been involved in the community of Wasco in a variety of ways. Multiple family members have served on boards dating back to the '70s, which include Semitropic

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The Wedel family: Back row, from left, Nick, Jeremy, Chris, Jeff and Kyle. Middle row, from left, Braedon, Angie, Amanda, Valerie, Sonia and Madison. Front row, from left, Brody, Mickie, Braxton, Chuck and Charlie. Grandkids not pictured, Carson, RJ, Rose and Max.

# 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

**Waste collection** – Shafter-Wasco–Kern County Public Works is hosting a household hazardous waste collection event Saturday, Aug. 12, at 17621 Scofield Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Accepted materials include batteries, motor oil, paints, light bulbs, pool chemicals, automotive supplies, cleaning products and more.

**Recolección de Residuos** – Kern County Public Works evento de recolección de residuos peligrosos del hogar, Sábado 12 de Agosto, 17621 Scofield Ave, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Materiales aceptados-baterías, aceite de motor, pinturas, bombillas, objetos punzantes, productos de limpieza, ya mas!

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

**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.

## 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 non-perishable food. Drop off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

## MONDAY

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

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

## TUESDAY

**Shafter Recreation & Parks District**– Meetings are on the 2 nd Tuesdays of the month. Located at 505 Sunset Ave. Shafter Senior Center.

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

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

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

**Senior lunch program** – Meals offered the first and third Tuesday of the month at Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be

given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

**Free farmer's market** – Westside Family Fellowship hosts free senior food bank every fourth Tuesday of the month, 9-10 a.m., 65 or older (ID required). 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

## WEDNESDAY

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

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

**Shafter Woman's Club** – Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September

through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

**Bulky waste pickup** – American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? 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 residentes de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

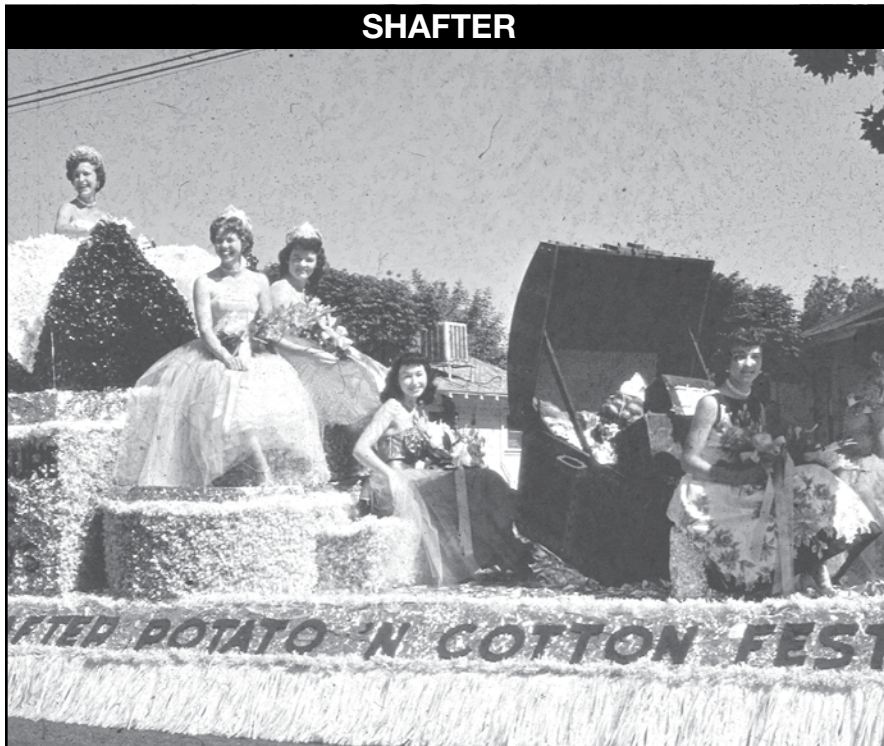
## SATURDAY

**Depot Museum** – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 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



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Lupe Arismendez in the 1940s Mexican Colony, now La Colonia.



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## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### JULY 29

Brandy Laray Smith, 28, was arrested in the 3000 block of Santa Fe Highway for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

#### AUG. 1

Sierra Ashley Cravette, 22, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

#### AUG. 2

Joan Baltazar Medrano, 22, of Shafter, was arrested for robbery in the first degree.

#### AUG. 5

Erik Solarzano, 43, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for disorderly conduct: intoxication, drug and alcohol.

### BUTTONWILLOW

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

#### AUG. 1

Alex Neri, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 31900 block of Famoso Road in McFarland for felony vandalism, battery on spouse and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### AUG. 3

Javier Bartolo, 52, of Van Nuys, was arrested in

the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a felony remand. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jeffery Cockrell, 57, of Buttonwillow, was arrested at the intersection of East Front Street and Main Street in Buttonwillow for battery on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

German Morales, 33, of Buttonwillow, was arrested at the intersection of East Front Street and Main Street in Buttonwillow on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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

#### JULY 31

Martha Alvarado, 62, of Wasco, was arrested near the 1000 block of Central Avenue for misdemeanor driving without a license. She was cited and released at the scene.

Ramiro Montez, 55, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of E Street on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

Raquel Lopez Perez, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of E Street for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. She was cited and released at the scene.

#### AUG. 1

Joel Betancourt, 35, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Maple Avenue and Highway 46 on felony and misdemeanor or bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jermain Maston, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Gaston Street for felony burglary and grand theft. He

was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### AUG. 2

Ryan Sims, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2100 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dontreon Smith, 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the

1000 block of Highway 46 for driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

#### AUG. 3

Angel Bernal, 23, of

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

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## CORRECTION

The Farmer's Market sponsored by Westside Church takes place every fourth Thursday of the month, with the next one occurring on Aug. 24. The date was wrong in a story in last week's paper.

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# A \$3.25M year seen for Measure X

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

At a special meeting of the Sales Tax Oversight Committee on Tuesday, city Finance Director Isarel Perez-Hernandez provided a Measure X sales tax update indicating that the projected revenues generated for fiscal 2023-24 are estimated at \$3.125 million

During the general election of November 2016, the citizens of Wasco approved Measure X, a local one-cent sales tax. As a result, sales taxes increased on April 1, 2017.

Historical Measure X revenue went from \$2,059,432 in 2017-18 and peaked in 2021-22 at \$3,333,089

For fiscal year 2023-24, there is a projected beginning balance in the Measure X fund of \$6,024,965 and expenditures of \$8,819,845, with an ending balance of \$333,111.

The fiscal year 2022-23 began with a balance of \$5,494,574, estimated revenues of \$2,858,398, estimated expenditures of \$2,328,016 and an estimated ending balance of \$6,024,956, with two months to go.

Perez-Hernandez said there will be a significant jump in expenditures in 2023-24, up from 2022-2023, because of the new Police Department start-up costs.

"Measure X funds are primarily for po-

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lice and public safety," City Manager Scott Hurlbert explained,

Perez-Hernandez said funds are used for public safety, including sheriff and fire contracts, flock safety cameras (license plate readers), a neighborhood camera rebate program and replacing the old courthouse with a new EOC (Emergency Operating Center/Community Facility).

Other funds will go toward street rehabilitation, including repairs for 16th Street, street lighting citywide, Palm Avenue rehabilitation, Palm Avenue shoulder paving, sidewalk rehabilitation, American Disability Act compliant ramps and a traffic calming measures study to determine alternatives to deter speeding within city limits.

Funds also will be used for park and animal control improvements, such as dog park amenities at Westside Park for \$200,000, park improvements at \$350,00 and the new animal shelter at \$996,911.

The committee's function is strictly oversight, with the City Council as the authoritative body responsible for allocating and appropriating Measure X funds.

The committee members are Carl Joe Hively, Marcos Torres and Chairman Florirene Olvera.

Torres joined in February of this year



Measure X committee members Marcos Torres, Chairman Florirene Olvera and Carl Joe Hively.

and said he wanted to get involved in the community and give back.

Hively has been with the committee since the Measure X tax was enacted in 2017.

"The progress so far has been very good with many improvements throughout

Wasco like the police, fire, improvements in the roads, cameras going up and lighting," he said,

"Covid slowed us down for a year, and we didn't meet, though we caught up with all the financials that have been paid and received for the benefit of Wasco."

# Minter Field receives dream donation

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Ronald Pierce, director of the Minter Field Air Museum, said that it is still hard to believe the museum's good fortune in the past few weeks, being awarded a \$40,000 donation to help them complete a repainting of the museum and other projects.

Pierce said that an article was published in the Bakersfield Californian a few weeks ago, regarding the need for volunteers and funds to help the museum.

A few days later, Pierce received a call from a gentleman that said he was with a foundation that wished to help the museum realize their dream. The donor, preferring to remain anonymous, said that he was with the Charles Johnson Foundation, named for a Vietnam War veteran who passed away in 2015. The namesake of the foundation was the inspiration for the foundation, and they mainly focus on mili-



Minter Field Air Museum's Director Ronald Pierce said that they are thrilled with the donation.

tary and veterans organizations, as well as first responders and their causes.

After the call, it took Pierce some time

to realize that it wasn't a hoax, and that it was a legitimate offer of help.

"I still can't believe our great fortune,"

said Pierce. "We are going to be able to paint the museum, as well as get a few other things done that we have had on the back burners."

Charlie Johnson served in Vietnam as an officer with the 2nd Ranger Battalion, 5th Cavalry, according to the family fund. In November 1965, he fought in the Ia Drang Valley, in a battle later documented in the movie, "We Were Soldiers."

During combat in February 1966, Johnson was wounded in action. He not only received the Purple Heart, he also was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

After returning home from Vietnam, Johnson married his college sweetheart, Katrin "Kathy" Brun. Charlie and Kathy lived in Mill Valley, while Charlie pursued his MBA in finance at Stanford University.

Charlie went on to a career in banking while residing briefly in Managua, Nicaragua, and Shanghai, China, prior to returning to San Francisco and ultimately southern California. He died in 2015.

# Wasco Is a pyramid of positivity for 6 years

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

Wasco Is, a popular social media platform on Facebook and Instagram whose mission is to promote all that is good in Wasco, celebrates six years online this month. Since its inception, it has grown to be a valuable resource for the community, providing news and sharing stories of success.

Community activist Sharon Sharp is the founder.

"I started Wasco Is because I wanted to have a place where we could share about all the good things that happen in Wasco."

Between both Facebook and Instagram, there are almost 10,000 followers.

Her audience is people that live in Wasco and those former Wasconians that like to stay in touch.

On the sites, one can find information

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on local events and about Wasco churches, schools, nonprofits, clubs and fundraisers, to name a few.

"It's a place where we celebrate, for example, the successes of youth athletics, a middle school concert, someone's business, City Council meetings – anything that is positive you can find here."

She said she is happy that people have embraced her vision and believes the convenience of accessing important information in one place as a starting point is helpful.

"Instead of visiting 15 social media pages, you can go to Wasco Is to get a full idea of what is taking place in Wasco and then follow those pages from there."

Sharp tries to keep Wasco Is fresh and useful to its followers.

"One thing I recently brought back from



Sharon Sharp believes Wasco Is provides a great arena for people to focus on the positive.

pre-covid is having a calendar of events. It has school board meetings, high school

football games, community meetings and pretty much anything I can find that is going on in Wasco I put on the calendar."

New this year is also posting op-ed articles written by Wasco High School seniors.

"Highlighting the student's stories on Wasco Is has been one of my favorite parts. Now you have students that can see their writing featured in a media outlet."

Sharp came up with the platform name after much thought and prayer.

"I decided to go with 'Wasco Is' because it's about what Wasco is. God put it in my ear. It was not a grandiose name, but so simple and perfect."

She is grateful for the last six years serving the community.

"Thank you to Wasco for supporting Wasco Is and all the people that follow, like or share. I am thrilled an audience finds it encouraging and informative."

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David Jonathan Rodriguez, 21, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and 6th Street for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He

was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jose Vibanco, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor obstructing an officer: resisting arrest, and on felony and misdemeanor bench war-

rants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Juan Francisco Castillo, 18, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Juan Vivanco, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1500 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor battery on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

AUG. 5

Hector Carmen More-

no, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Griffith Avenue on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Isaiah Reyes, 19, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of Broadway on

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

Pedro Talamantes, 24, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of Broadway on felony bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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# Golden Oak welcomes new teachers

Second in a series of articles introducing Richland's new teachers to the community.

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Veronica Garcia is one of two new teachers this year at Golden Oak Elementary School.

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Garcia was born in Bakersfield, but she grew up in Shafter, attending Richland School District Schools and graduating from Shafter High School. Garcia worked at Golden Oak Elementary for several years as an instructional aide. She graduated from Cal State Bakers-



Veronica Garcia has a passion for a unique creature, the sloth.

field with a degree in liberal studies. Garcia has been married to her husband, Danny, for 25 years and they have two children, Isabella, 20, and Ian, 15. They have two dogs and two cats. In her spare time, she enjoys true crime podcasts, reading and traveling. Garcia also has a real passion for sloths. She said that she



Leticia Orozco Torres will be a first grade teacher this year.

of Shafter. She attended Richland schools and she said that she is beyond thrilled to

is excited to begin her position as a kindergarten teacher with the Eagles this year. Leticia Orozco Torres will be teaching the first grade this school year at Golden Oak. She was born in Ensenada, Mexico, but was raised in the city of Shafter. She attended Richland schools and she said that she is beyond thrilled to

be teaching at Golden Oak. "I was the first person in our family to graduate from college. I graduated with a degree in liberal studies and a minor in criminal justice," Torres said, She had two daughters, Emma, 8, and Emeri, 7 months old. Torres said that she loves to take her daughters to the zoo in her spare time. She also likes to go out to dinner and to do puzzles. "I was raised by my parents, Irma and Juan, who were agricultural workers," she said, "They taught me the value of hard work and determination, making it possible for me to become the first college graduate in the family."

# Comida Travel helps plan dream vacations

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Comida Travel in Wasco provides personalized, boutique-style advisory service to ensure one makes the best of their trip with the help of a knowledgeable and seasoned travel professional.

Katie Moreno is the owner. By day she is a special assignment teacher at Wasco High School, assisting other teachers with classroom technology and state testing in the Spring.

She is also the advisor of the high school's Traveling Tigers Club. She has taken students to Spain, Italy and France in this capacity. Her students will visit Japan in the spring and Central Europe in 2025.

Moreno launched her business in July and services clients globally online. "I can take on clients from pretty much anywhere," she says.

She has always had a lifelong love of travel.

"I also love food and cooking, and I wanted to combine this into something that would be a fun side gig."

When she retires, she said, the business

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could provide supplementary income so she can continue to travel.

With Comida Travel, she can coordinate any travel, but her specialty is the food-centric adventure.

"If you really want to experience the local food wherever you are headed, I can help you find ways to do that."

She said if there's one thing you're sure to remember from a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, it's the new tastes you experienced.

"After all, that's what adventure is all about."

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"I'll curate the best hotels, restaurants, and activities, with options for all budgets."

Some of her services are at no cost – "like booking hotels, train rides, cruises and other tours and activities. Anyone can ask me for those things, and I wouldn't charge them."

She said that for other services, she charges nominal fees that are "very com-



Empanadas are everywhere in Spain.

petitive" as she is just starting out.

"If someone wanted me to book them plane tickets, I would do that for \$20 a ticket."

With that, should any problem arise, like changes or a missed flight, she can troubleshoot and be of support.

"I want to show people what it means to use a travel advisor. They don't realize how much support they get when they have someone helping them out with a big trip, so you find the best experience possible in any destination you would like to go to."

She said she wants to be the person people go to for travel ideas and recommendations.

"I have connections and resources."

Moreno said the community has been



Katie Moreno in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

very positive.

"They seem to be excited for me, and I hope they think of me next time they are planning something because I'm not just dreaming for myself; I'm dreaming for others."

To get more information, visit [comidatravel.com](http://comidatravel.com) or email [katie@comidatravel.com](mailto:katie@comidatravel.com).

# 'Wine and Roses' an evening of celebration

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Elk Ladies will host "Wine and Roses Under the Stars" on Friday, Sept. 8, as part of this year's Rose Festival activities. It will be an honored guest reception as a tribute to the 2023 Grand Marshals, the late Charles Wedel and his family.

Serving as Honorary Grand Marshals will be the Wasco VFW Post 6742. The Miss Wasco Rose Queen and featured artists also will be recognized.

Last year was the first time the Elk Ladies presented the Wine and Roses event and was also the first organization in the festival's history to be named Honorary Grand Marshals.

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Elk Ladies treasurer and organizing committee chair Liz Gerber said, "Last year, we had a fantastic event with 130 people attending. Everything just turned out really well, and it seemed like everybody was happy with it. We got a lot of nice compliments."

"This year will be just as special and very touching for our town. We are so glad to be involved in an event that has historically been an important part of the Rose Festival every year. Growing up the Rose Festivals were so memorable to all of us and to be a part of it now is very nice."

Last year's Grand Marshals were Tilo and Jeni Cortez, Roger and Deloris Harrison, and Tim and Karen Holtermann.

At the event, Mayor Gilberto Reyna awarded them a key to the city for their years of service.

This year will be no different in celebrating the contributions of the 2023 Grand Marshals for their significant impact on the



Mayor Gilberto Reyna introducing the 2022 Miss Wasco Rose Queen Ensley Mehlberg and her court.

community by sharing their talents, time and resources.

For the Rose Queen, it will be her first official public appearance.

Also, instead of one featured artist, several students from Wasco High School will be acknowledged for their artistic excellence.

Gerber said, "It's a good community event full of family and friends because

that is what we are to each other.

"It will be an opportunity to network and get to know your neighbors over a nice evening of camaraderie and pride."

The event will begin at the Wasco Elks Lodge from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and include appetizers and two drinks. Call Liz Gerber 661-472-3875 or Kathy Giesy at 661-378-7468 for ticket information.



Paintings by the 2022 featured artist, Helen Howard.



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# Pioneer Fern Dargatz Sanford turning 100

Fern Dargatz Sanford, a Shafter resident, is about ready to turn 100. Her daughter wrote of her life for The Shafter Press.



Fern Dargatz Sanford



Sanford at 18.

Bakersfield Californian reported the "students had defied death in the canal!"

In the early days, the Main Drain canal was patrolled by horseback, checking water levels, weirs and banks. When the community upgraded to a vehicle to patrol the drain, they gave the old unneeded "ditch horse" to Fern. She rode that horse many times to meet her girlfriend, Sybil Dunford. At the beginning of WWII, the family acquired two more horses from a Japanese family leaving for the Manzanar internment camp. Fern's horses were loved and ridden for many years. We learned to ride on Molly and Tommy, and rode for many more years (till the early '70s).

Fern graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1941. She then attended Springfield Bible College in Springfield, Mo. Later on, she spent a year at UC Berkeley in the Bay Area.

During WWII, Fern drove the farm equipment to help out. For many years after, Fern knew how to drive tractors. But her driving reputation was damaged when she drove the German POWs from their camp to the farm. Every day, the POWs worked as farm laborers. They rode to the farm in a cotton trailer towed behind the car. Fern was driving a little fast on the infamous Main Drain, and the POWs tumbled about in the trailer. They said, "Ach du lieber! That Fern is a crazy driver!" Oh, the many hidden dangers of war.

After the war, Fern decided to take a photography night class at Taft College. There was a fellow student there who was very handsome! He was a veteran, and now an oilfield worker. After class, Fern stopped by the local drive-in for a hot chocolate. She pulled in right next to the handsome guy! He rolled down his window and asked her to join him in his car. Fern was no dummy and asked "Are you married?" His

answer was "No." So she hopped in his car and a romance was begun with Robert Thomas Sanford, Jr. The first time Bob came to pick up Fern for a date, the peacocks roosting in the trees, called out their "watchdog" cry. Bob had never seen, or heard, peacocks and wondered what kind of banshees these people raised! What had he gotten himself into?!

Bob and Fern were married on Nov. 12, 1949, at the First Assembly of God Church at 17th and O in Bakersfield. Pastor C.M. Ward was the minister. They lived a short time in Taft, and then moved to Plainsburg, near Merced. They farmed, and raised cattle with Fern's brother Oliver. They raised tomatoes, almonds, wheat, bell peppers, and hay. Their first daughter Jennie was born. Then Carol was born. They lived in the "little house" – one of the first "tiny homes."

Eventually Fern and Bob built a new home on the ranch. Fern played the piano in their church, the Assembly of God in Merced. There were many adventures on the ranch and the summer range in the foothills. During the Merced River flood in the late '50s, they had to evacuate on Christmas Eve. At one time, the hay barn caught on fire. Cattle trucks got stuck in the mud on the range. Yosemite was their playground: camping, hiking and watching the famous "firefalls." Their son John was born in 1960.

In 1961, Fern and Bob sold the ranch and moved to Mt. Shasta. New adventures! Snow, and a lot of it! Bob worked in the International Paper plywood mill in Weed for a couple years. Raising their toddler, John, was an adventure in itself. Fern could only handle two years of snow. She says "driving with chains on the car for the entire winter was just too much!" They moved back to Buttonwillow in 1963.

Now Fern and Bob

were cotton farmers. They raised their three children here; they went to Buttonwillow Elementary and Shafter High schools, until 1968. When her parents passed away, Fern still held a portion of Leo and Genevieve's ranch in Whitmore, near Mt. Lassen. Many adventures, happy memories and sad, were had by all of Leo and Genevieve's children and grandchildren at their mountain hideaway.

Then Fern and Bob purchased a house from her brother Oliver, in Shafter. They still attended the Assembly of God Church at 17th and O. Bob worked at Oil Well Service. Bob was a volunteer at the Minter Field Air Museum and assisted at the Minter Field Airshows. He was also a member of the American Legion. And Fern belonged to the Women's Auxiliary. In their later years, they attended the "Jesus Saves" Church in Shafter. Her husband, Bob, passed away in 2004. Fern continued to live in their home on Fresno Avenue next to Maple School until 2018. She lived there for a total of 50 years! She currently resides at Carington Assisted Living in Shafter.

Fern loves gardening! All of her life she has cultivated beautiful flower gardens. She would enter her flower arrangements in the county fairs. And every year she grew a bountiful vegetable garden. And cared for her many fruit trees. She is an excellent gardener, always planting, weeding, fertilizing, watering, pruning, transplanting, trimming, etc. We finally had to take the chainsaw away from her in 2018.

Fern has a soft spot in her heart for animals! She always had horses and ponies. Over the years, she also had goats, sheep, cattle, chickens, geese, a crow, peacocks, doves, turkeys, parrots, canaries, dogs and cats. If there was a stray, starving or injured animal, Fern would nurse it back to health.

Fern's greatest passion in life is spreading the Word of God. She began in that traveling evangel boxcar with her family. She has always been active in church. She passed out tracts and still witnesses to people everywhere. She contributes to many of her favorite ministries, some distributing Bibles around the world, building orphanages and many other outreach programs. Fern has a huge loving heart for those in need. Fern would

give her family members Scriptures written on index cards for encouragement and guidance. Until her eyesight recently failed last, Fern faithfully read her Bible every single day.

Fern loves her family! She was devoted to her parents, who passed in the 1960's. She raised three children, Jennie, Carol and

John. She is now blessed with four grandchildren, Virginia, Vanessa, Jami and Shane, and five great grandchildren, Rachel, Maddie, Hannah, Megan and Walker. All continue to be raised under the watchful hand of God.

Fern's Christian influence will continue to affect future generations.

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# City of Wasco inaugurates underpass

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Many people attended the festive event, including leadership from the California High-Speed Rail Authority, Mayor Vincent Martinez, councilmembers, City Manager Scott Hurlbert and community members.

"It's long overdue," Mayor Martinez said at the event. "It's a good day for Wasco because now we have a railroad crossing, and traffic can flow freely from the west to the east side of town."

City Manager Hurlbert said that with the opening of the structure, he wants to thank everyone involved, though there were a lot of technical and legal hurdles with the project..

"The city is excited to have this important underpass open to traffic today," he said. "Poso Avenue is a vital connection between Wasco's industrial area and Highway 43 and also provides secondary access to Highway 46."

The Central Valley regional director of the HSR Authority, Garth Fernandez, said, "Completion of the Poso Avenue under-

pass brings us closer to the completion of this southernmost section of construction in the Central Valley and delivering electrified passenger service for the people of California,"

Public Works Director Luis Villa shared, "We're proud of what's been accomplished. It was not only a public works effort, but it involved every department in the city."

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said, "The completion of the Poso Ave four-lane underpass is a testament to our city staff's ability to successfully negotiate and collaborate with the HSR representatives to build a modern structure to connect the community with the industrial zone. It will serve Wasco for many decades. Congratulations to all."

Since the start of the HSR construction, more than 11,000 construction jobs have been created, a majority going to residents from the Central Valley. This includes more than 2,116 jobs for residents living in Kern County.

The HSR Authority has begun work



The Poso Avenue High-Speed Rail underpass will improve traffic and pedestrian mobility.

to extend the 119 miles under construction to 171 miles of future electrified high-speed rail from Merced to Bakersfield.

There are more than 30 active construction sites in the Valley for the rail project, expected to eventually extend 422 miles from the Bay Area to the Los Angeles Basin.

# Shafter General heading to London

**From Page 1**

He attended a drum major camp earlier in the summer and was selected as one of the top drum majors at the event, securing his invitation to the world-renowned parade.

"I was selected because of my performance at the camp," Caleb explained. "That pretty much cemented the chance to travel to London."

Caleb has a GoFundMe page online to help finance the trip. "The trip altogether will cost around \$7,500," said Carrasco. "We have to finance the trip ourselves, with no help from the organization. It is our responsibility to raise the money."

Caleb said that they will be busy fundraising over the next couple of months. Carrasco was recently at Shafter High School helping conduct the school band's Band Camp, which helps prepare the students for the upcoming competition and football season. "We travel to several com-



Caleb leads the group through their steps

petitions and perform at the home football games. So, we are really excited to get the season started."

Caleb's mother, Jamie Carrasco, said that she is excited for her son and opportunity. "Caleb has worked very hard at perfecting his conducting skills, so he can be the best drum major and leader this com-

ing school year. I am so happy to see that hard work pay off."

She will be accompanying Caleb to London, sharing in this wonderful experience. He said that he will arrive on Saturday, Dec. 26, and will spend the next five days in the city. "We will be working very hard, but we will still have some time to see London and

get to experience another country. I am so grateful for this opportunity."

Carrasco said that he encourages everyone to make sure to support the Shafter Generals Marching Band during the football season and said that they would appreciate any support that "this wonderful community provides every year."

# Wedels, VFW to be honored at Rose Festival

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School, Wasco Parks and Recreation, Wasco Little League, Wasco Babe Ruth, Wasco High Football Boosters and Wasco Youth Wrestling," Jeff Wedel said.

"Family members have also coached and/or are currently coaching youth and high school sports, including WHS cheer, golf, football, baseball and softball teams."

When asked how he felt about the rec-

ognition, Wedel said, "We're deeply humbled to be recognized as the 2023 grand marshals and are honored to represent my dad's legacy. He would be so proud, and I know he is smiling down on us."

Wedel said his family has carried out his father's legacy because they value the small town.

"And the opportunities it allows us to give back, whether in the classroom teach-

ing or on the playing field coaching."

He said his father left them a legacy of giving back.

"My dad led by example by instilling in us to always show others kindness and let your hard work speak for itself."

Wedel said Wasco is simply home.

"For three generations, farming laid the foundation for our family to become deep-rooted in Wasco. The next two generations

developed a deep love for education and returned to our alma mater to give back to our community."

The Charles Wedel family and Wasco VFW Post 6742 will be honored Friday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. "Wine and Roses Under the Stars" event, sponsored by the Wasco Elk Ladies.

They will participate in the parade, which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m.

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# Local farmer in the spotlight on TV's American Pickers

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Local farmer Marc McCaslin was featured on the television show **SHAFTER** American Pickers recently, showcasing his relics for the nation.

McCaslin, who has a hobby of collecting antiques and fixing up old vehicles and older mechanical items, contacted the History Channel over four years ago when he found out that the Pickers team, including hosts Mike Wolfe and "Jersey Jon" Szalay, would be on the West Coast. The channel contacted him and said that they wanted to come out and check out his property. "I waited for them to schedule it, and the first two times they scheduled, there ended up being scheduling conflicts, and they canceled and said that they would reschedule.

Fast forward to four years later, McCaslin had thought that the show would never happen. But, just a few months ago, they called and said that they would be out.

The team arrived in the morning and filmed for seven straight hours. "It was definitely a long day," said McCaslin.

Wolf, who is an avid sign collector, ended up buying a couple of vintage signs from McCaslin, as well as some gas cans and a few other items. "With the sign, I kind of threw a large number out there, thinking that this is what they do, usually offering a lower offer after the first asking price was



Marc McCaslin, in the middle, filmed with Mike Wolfe and Jersey Jon Szalay. (Photo courtesy of the History Channel)

put out there. But, Mike said that the number was too low and ended up offering more than my asking price for the sign."

The only limits McCaslin had was on the local relics that he has, involving the history of the city of Shafter. Wolf was interested in a couple of the Shafter signs, but McCaslin told him that those needed to stay in Shafter and they weren't for sale. "The signs he was looking at were the Graddy's sign and the old Shafter Motel sign. I couldn't let them go. They are part of Shafter's history. They are a part of our city's heritage."

McCaslin received the Graddy's sign when Basham and Lara bought the property for their funeral home. His family had been friends with

them for decades, allowing them to come pick up the sign before it was torn down. He also has the old Preston Tire Service sign, as well as the iconic spinning tires that were on top of the building.

"We had been doing business with the Prestons for over 30 years. Mrs. Preston wanted to know if I wanted to come get the sign, telling him that she trusted him to preserve this part of their history. "I thought that it was a great testament to the great kind of family that they are."

McCaslin, whose family homesteaded in Buttonwillow in the 1930s, ended up in Shafter over 50 years ago. "We just love this communit, and I think that it is a privilege to help keep the city's history rich and alive."



Monique Martinez



Aleena Lopez

# Rose Queen contestants to bring talent and passion to the stage

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

The Miss Wasco Rose Queen Pageant is set for Thursday, Sept. 7, with 15 young ladies gracing the stage for a chance to take home the title.

Aleena Lopez is one of the enthusiastic and vibrant contestants.

She has enjoyed the experience so far.

"I love spending time with all the lovely girls that are also running and enjoy learning new things from the amazing coordinators."

She said if she wins, she will feel blessed and honored to be the new queen of Wasco.

"And overwhelmed in a good way. Earning the role of queen would be amazing to know that I am able to take up participating and serving the beautiful community of Wasco."

Last month, the girls went on a group trip to Disneyland.

"The girls and I had such an amazing time together, enjoying the little things about one another and hanging out. We all loved going on rides together and hanging out by the pool."

She appreciates her coaches.

"My coaches are the most genuine and beautiful women there are. I truly admire them."

Aleena is grateful for the friendships she has made.

## WASCO

"I wish nothing but the best to all the rest of my Barbie girls; I love you girls always."

Another eager contestant who is giving it her all is Monique Martinez.

She, too, has lived her whole life in Wasco.

"I attended Palm Avenue Elementary before it turned into a middle school. I also graduated from Thomas Jefferson Middle School."

Monique said the experience has been great.

"I love getting to know all the other girls and finding out a lot of us have common interests."

She was thrilled with the group trip to Disneyland.

"It was wonderful getting to know the girls outside of practice and having time to bond with one another."

Monique has learned many things.

"Something I've learned about myself is that no matter how hard something is, I'm not going to stop until I get it right."

She is developing close bonds with the other girls.

"I'm building lifelong friendships because we will all have this experience to look back at as one of our many moments of high school."

She thinks highly of the other contestants.

"I'm loving getting to know the other

contestants. They're all very sweet and very down-to-earth people to talk to."

Amaia Marquez is another accomplished and prepared contestant.

A proud Wasconian, she was born and raised here.

"I have attended John L. Prueitt Elementary, Thomas Jefferson and Palm Avenue Middle School. I am currently attending Wasco High as a senior."

She said she is running for Rose Queen to get more involved in the community.

"I feel that this pageant is the best way – winning or not."

She has always looked up to the past Rose Queens.

"I always thought they were beautiful princesses, and I always aspired to be just like them."

Amaia said all of the other contestants are amazing young ladies.

"Our bond is like no other. It's very easy to connect to one another and get along."

Her family and friends support her.

"By always being there no matter the circumstances. They have also been emotionally supportive."

If she wins, she said she will represent the town of Wasco by being a positive representative.

"Showing young ladies the importance of being a great scholar while staying active in sports and helping the community,

motivating others to stay focused to accomplish their goals. There are no ceilings to success."

Contestant Jasmine Barbosa is passionate about Wasco and wants to win because she would love to put the community first, taking on all of the responsibilities that come with it.

"I work well with others and would love to be a role model for young women. I am also a very responsible person and a very hard worker when it comes to things I enjoy doing."

If she wins, she said it would feel like a dream, and all of her hard work, putting time into practicing, and all those hot days in the auditorium would be paid off.

"I would be very grateful."

She likes spending time with the other girls.

"They are so sweet, funny and amazing. I have made a very special bond with many of them, if not all. I enjoy dancing with them and being vulnerable with them."

Jasmine said she loves her coaches.

"They make me feel very comfortable, and I could go to them for anything. They are also a big part of why I enjoy going to practice. They are so positive and always try to make us feel good."

Tickets to the event on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m., are \$20 and can be purchased from any contestant, and \$25 at the door on the night of the event if any are left.



Jasmine Barbosa



Amaia Marquez

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# Tennis camp teaching love of the sport

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Recreation and Parks District's annual Summer Tennis Camp has attracted a full roster of campers eager to learn the love of the sport.

Headed up by director Nelson Salinas, the camp is teaching the kids the basics of the sport, including the different strokes, as well as the other components of the game that are often overlooked.

Before the campers even hit a ball on the Shafter High courts, Salinas taught them the importance of proper footwork, as well as fitness for the game. The kids spent the first half of each session working on exercises, such as jumping jacks, wind sprints, and drills intent on teaching them proper technique when it comes to how and where to approach the ball.

The campers spent several drills practicing how to shuffle sideways, enabling them to correctly be in the proper position to approach the ball. This phase of the game is often overlooked, with eager players wanting to get out there and hit the ball immediately. "A lot of the kids we have haven't played the game before," Sa-



The campers learn proper footwork.

lina said. "So, we want to teach them how to play the correct way, while also having a lot of fun."

Salinas and his staff taught the kids proper stroke technique, including the forehand, backhand, serve, as well as the volley and the return. The majority of

the kids were beginners, eager to learn how to play the game. They also will benefit from the fitness that the game brings when played properly, lending them positive experience in other sports as well.

The camp will go until Thursday, Aug.

24, with the players being able to play a full match by the end of the sessions. This teaching of proper technique also will help those kids who wish to pursue tennis in junior play, as well as when they get into high school and can be a part of a competitive team, Salinas explained.

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Marlene Joyce Lovett**, 71, of Bakersfield, passed away July 26, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Richard Garcia**, 37, of Wasco, passed away Aug. 2, in Fresno. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Jamie Andriano Campos**, 81, of

Bakersfield, passed away July 27, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Irene A. Perales**, 84, of Shafter, passed away Aug. 2, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Louanna Grace Mejia**, 68, of Shafter, passed away July 27,

in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Perry Enos Peacock**, 85, of Wasco, passed away Aug. 4, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Yvonne Adeline Medina**, 88, of Shafter, passed away Aug. 5, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**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: 8/24/2023 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.  
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: Kurt Van Sciver, Esq. 5500 Ming Avenue, Suite 362 Bakersfield, CA 93309 661-412-7729  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement**  
**Neveria Los Vega**  
837 7th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business: 837 7th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Silvestre Vega  
12047 Benner Ave  
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Business was conducted by: Individual  
/s/Silvestre Vega, Owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B0129  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 01/06/2022  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 07/25/2023  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/P Del Villar  
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**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.  
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10. Attorney for petitioner: Philip M. Flanigan 4082 N. Cedar Ave., Ste. 104 Fresno, CA 93726 559-435-0455  
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Gilberto Sanchez Jr  
824 Fletcher Street  
McFarland, CA 93250  
Jessica Nunez  
824 Fletcher Street  
McFarland, CA 93250  
The business is conducted by: Co-Partners  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Gilberto Sanchez Jr  
Date Statement Filed: 07/18/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 07/18/2028  
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/s/Victor Salmeron Alcaraz  
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The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2013  
/s/Miguel Calderon  
Date Statement Filed: 07/26/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 07/26/2028  
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**2023-B4856**  
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Wasco, CA 93280  
Silvestre Vega  
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The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Silvestre Vega  
Date Statement Filed: 07/25/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 07/25/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
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OBITUARIES

**Richard Garcia**  
May 24, 1986 –  
Aug. 2, 2023

Richard Garcia, 37, peacefully went home to be with his Lord and Savior surrounded by his loving family on Aug. 2, 2023, at Fresno Heart & Surgical Hospital in Fresno. Richard was born on May 24, 1986, in Wasco. As a youth, he played Little League baseball. He graduated from Wasco High School. He was an avid bas-



ketball and football player, and his passion for the sports led him in becoming a loyal fan of the Raiders

and Lakers teams all his life. In 2008, he met the love of his life, his queen, Jaleesa. Soon thereafter, they married and started a family of their own. They welcomed their first son, Noah, in 2010, and Messiah in 2018. His wife and sons were the joy of his life. Richard worked as a truck driver for Producers, delivering milk to the schools. He was also a self-taught barber. He often enjoyed volunteering his time giving haircuts to anyone he knew, the kids

in his neighborhood, and all his family and friends in Wasco. Richard attended Family Life Worship Center in McFarland. His unwavering faith was the cornerstone of his character. His passion for sharing God's love and grace was evident. He recently graduated from Teen Challenge Ministry Institute on June 18, 2023, and was named valedictorian of his class. His plans were to continue his education to receive his

pastoral license. Richard was preceded in death by his father, Robert Espinoza, and brother, Miguel Soto. He is survived by his wife, Jaleesa; his sons, Noah and Messiah Garcia; his Mother, Petra "Baby" Hiracheta; brothers Robert "RJ" Espinoza (Tracy), Gustavo "Gus" Soto, Christian Soto and Jeremy Mitchell; sisters Salina Beltran and Brittany Mitchell; and many nieces and nephews. A viewing will take

place on Thursday, Aug. 17, at Peters Funeral Home in Wasco. from 4 to 8 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, Aug. 18, at New Generation Church. 1017 Central Ave., in Wasco at 10 a.m. We invite all those whose lives he touched to join us in paying tribute to the incredible man he was. Rest in eternal peace, dear Richard. You will be deeply missed, but your love and light will forever shine brightly in our hearts.

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For the last month, parents have been bombarded with ads with back-to-school must-haves. Each one encourages us to start their school year off right by purchasing everything from clothes and school supplies to electronics. But getting kids off to a good start in life, as well as in school, is something that cannot be purchased and which needs to be addressed long before that panicked, last-minute trip to the store. Many have the idea that our schools are totally responsible for the education of our kids, not just for imparting knowledge of reading, math and science, etc., but also for

teaching them manners, values and other key life lessons. But the Scriptures place the responsibility for children's success on parents! Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The word "train" here doesn't so much imply setting rules, as setting a good example. As parents, we need to show, more than tell, our kids how to act. Psalm 127:3-4 also says it well, "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth." First, it reminds us that children are a blessing, not a burden! Raising kids is not easy, but our children are the most important legacy any of us will leave behind.

Then, it compares our children to arrows soaring into the air with purpose and direction. But the successful trajectory of an arrow depends on the ability and focus of the one who shoots it. That's why it says they are like "arrows in the hands of a warrior." By ability, I mean it will require the discipline, strength and training of a seasoned warrior to get kids off to the right start. Preparing your kids for life means you are at war. That is not to say at war with your kids. Instead, you are battling for your kids against a world of influences that do not have their best interests at heart. It also will require a very clear focus, both on your kids and on the dreams and goals you have for them. Pay attention –

listen to not only their words, but their hearts. Remember, true success isn't about money, fame or power. It's about a healthy heart and mind and a life of purpose that they will only find as they connect with the God who gave them life. Dream big and aim high for your kids! God does! God spoke clearly to His people in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." God has great plans for your kids, and He wants them to have an amazing future. So while you are dreaming big for your kids, be sure and hear from the God who knows what the future holds for them and who can help you guide them to true success.

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# Vross country teams off to a good start

VERONICA JACUINDE  
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The Wasco High School varsity and junior varsity cross country teams are poised for another successful season. With practice underway, they are working hard to win the South Sequoia League and make it into the Valley Championship.

Omar Garcia is one of three head coaches, along with Rafael Gonzalez and Leo Sanchez. He has coached both the varsity and junior varsity teams since 2015. "We're building," Garcia said. "The boys are getting stronger every year, as more and more boys come out. Our girl's program has been staying consistent and competing at a high level."

The girls have won the SSL title five times since 2016. The boys have won it twice, in 2016 and 2017.

He's looking to take home the titles again.

"With both programs, I want to keep grounded and remain close as a family. Everything else will follow."

Regarding the Valley Championship, he said, "With the girls, the goal is to have the opportunity to get there and demonstrate their ability to perform well and be competitive."

"So far, the young ladies have done an excellent job in making that goal a reality in that they are always prepared and strong."

Of the boys, he said they have done amazingly well.

"We went from being not ranked in the



Coaches with the WHS 2022 cross country team.

top 10 to now being ranked 10th and 12th going into Valley. They have been progressing and are a very coachable set of kids."

Garcia said there is a special dynamic among the teams.

"That is what I want them to take away from it. I don't want them to see each other as competitors but instead more like a family, and that makes for a better team."

The season runs from June to November, and their first race is on Friday, Aug. 25, in Fresno for the Highlander Invitational.

They practice Monday through Friday, where they run, do workouts, lift weights and focus on strength and conditioning, with some yoga and flexibility exercises.

Garcia said the runners develop self-confidence and leadership while working on their mental well-being and coming together as a team. He says they are very tenacious, goal-orientated, self-driven and have clear visions of what success means to them as a team.

Garcia believes cross country is the most grueling and unforgiving sport.

"It's not easy to feel loved doing this be-

cause most of the time, no one sees what the kids are going through. The community will only see if they won or lost, but these kids do a lot of hard work behind the scenes."

He said every group is unique.

"I can tell you, as a coach, I've had groups run over 900 miles and others over 600 miles in a season. But for me, I want quality over quantity, so the coaches and I will design a workout that suits our current teams."

The athletes are creating special memories.

"By just being there for each other and supporting each other. I like to take them to races we were never allowed before."

"We go to Morro Bay. Some have never seen the beach, so we take them to the beach, and we'll go to Mt. San Antonio College in Los Angeles, one of the biggest cross country races where recruiters are there to look at the kids run."

Priscella Raya, a senior on the varsity team, said of Garcia, "He is an incredible coach. One of the best I've ever had. He knows how to push us in the right direction

and helps us love the sport even more."

She said what she enjoys most is that it makes her feel better knowing she can go out there and do something that is very difficult for most people.

Giselle Acevedo is a junior on the varsity team and hopes to make it to Valley.

"If we continue to put our passion into it, we have a great shot at it."

She said she has learned a lot about herself, "I can go beyond the limits someone places on me and become good at something I never thought I could do."

Nicholas Contreras is a junior on the varsity team.

He said pushing himself and having his team around him to help take him to greater heights is the best part of the sport.

He hopes to break his records this season, "And do much better than my previous season. It's always about improving myself and helping others improve themselves."

Garcia said they all live by their motto. "Run as one, work as a team and finish as a family."

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Leave It Here**  
**2023-B5097**

6339 Superior Rd  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
6339 Superior Rd  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Sandra Wright Billingsley  
6339 Superior Rd  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Sandra Wright Billingsley  
Date Statement Filed: 08/03/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 08/03/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Name Statement**  
**G & M Farm Labor**  
**2023-B4781**

3339 Olson Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
3339 Olson Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Gabriel Arreola Arreola  
3339 Olson Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Gabriel Arreola Arreola  
Date Statement Filed: 07/21/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 07/21/2028  
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**Name Statement**  
**Niche Beauty Lounge**  
**2023-B4958**

5393 Truxtun Ext  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
County: Kern  
5393 Truxtun Ext  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Shaddy Leasing Corp.  
9004 Five Burroughs Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Vanessa Shaddy, President  
Date Statement Filed: 07/28/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 07/28/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
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By: M De La Rosa  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Gonzalez Brothers Farm**  
**Services, Inc.**  
**2023-B4679**

809 Lawrence St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
809 Lawrence St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Gonzalez Brothers Farm Services, Inc.  
809 Lawrence St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: 08/02/2013  
/s/Filemon Gonzalez  
Date Statement Filed: 07/18/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 07/18/2028  
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
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17, 24, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Name Statement**  
**Rolling Rigs Road Service**  
**2023-B4678**

22601 Baker Rd  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
22601 Baker Rd  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Alberto Ceja  
22601 Baker Rd  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Alberto Ceja  
Date Statement Filed: 07/18/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 07/18/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: G Sanchez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name**  
**Abandonment Statement**  
**MC Honey Bees**

28598 W. Tulare Ave.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
28598 W. Tulare Ave.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Maria De Jesus Fraire  
28598 W. Tulare Ave.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Business was conducted by: Individual  
/s/Maria De Jesus Fraire, Owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B5542  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 08/26/2019  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 07/17/2023  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M De La Rosa  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**MAV Pump and Well Service**  
**2023-B4534**

3415 Shauna Marie St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
3415 Shauna Marie St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
MAV Energy Solutions, Inc  
3415 Shauna Marie St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: 07/11/2023  
/s/Marcos Valdez, President  
Date Statement Filed: 07/12/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 07/12/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-23-956800-NJ Order No.: FIN-23002060 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/18/2017. 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 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 duly appointed trustee. 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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): James Cole, unmarried and Rebecca Morales, unmarried, as joint tenants with right of survivorship Recorded: 11/30/2017 as Instrument No. 217161746 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of KERN County, California; Date of Sale: 9/11/2023 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Front Entrance to the City Hall, 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$93,814.90 The purported property address is: 215 CALIFORNIA AVENUE, SHAFTER, CA 93263 Assessor's Parcel No.: 027-142-06-00-8 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 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-956800-NJ. 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: 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'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. A-4792181 08/03/2023, 08/10/2023, 08/17/2023 Publish Shafter Press

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 800-280-2832, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-956800-NJ to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION . TS No.: CA-23-956800-NJ IDSPub #0187377 8/10/2023 8/17/2023 8/24/2023 Publish Shafter Press

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 164978 Title No. DEF-523032 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/25/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08/28/2023 at 10:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/02/2007, as Instrument No. 0207201338, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County, State of California, executed by Paul D. Baldwin and Lowell G. Baldwin and Naomi L. Baldwin, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/

CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), At the front entrance to the City Hall, 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST AND ATTACHED EXHIBIT A. APN 090-070-35-00-0 EXHIBIT A THE LAND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE AREA OF SHAFTER, COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL 1: THE NORTH 74 FEET OF THE EAST 2/5THS OF THE S1/2 OF THE S1/2 OF LOT 32 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, M.D.B.M., IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER THE SALES MAP OF THE LANDS OF KERN LAND COMPANY, RECORDED FEBRUARY 11, 1913 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE WEST 100 FEET THEREOF. ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL OIL AND GAS IN, ON AND UNDER SAID LAND, AS RESERVED IN PREVIOUS DEEDS OF RECORD. PARCEL 2: THE NORTH 173 FEET OF THE EAST 50 FEET OF THE WEST 100 FEET OF THE EAST 2/5THS OF THE S1/2 OF THE S1/2 OF LOT 32 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, M.D.B.M., IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER THE SALES MAP OF THE LANDS OF THE KERN COUNTY LAND COMPANY, RECORDED FEBRUARY 11, 1913 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL OIL AND GAS RIGHTS IN AND UNDER SAID LAND, AS RESERVED IN DEEDS OF RECORD. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 30793 Elliot St, Shafter, CA 93263 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, 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 obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$250,683.45 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 07/28/2023 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27368 Via Industria, STE. 201, Temecula, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may

be used for that purpose. 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) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 164978. 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 (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) or <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079/> for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: Ts# 164978 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. A-4792181 08/03/2023, 08/10/2023, 08/17/2023 Publish Shafter Press