

Residential development on upswing

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council received a residential tract status report at a special meeting on Tuesday night, getting updated on the progress of residential projects in the city.

Santorini Estates, which is a housing development that has a total of 136 lots, is under construction, with 36 lots in the building phase. The project is in two phases.

According to the city Planning Director Steve Esselman, the main problem that the developers have run into is the supply

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of materials not being available in a timely manner because of the covid pandemic. "During this period, it was very difficult to get materials and equipment to get these tracts built," he said.

Shafter has 1,076 lots in different stages of readiness. The majority of the lots are in the development phase, with designing and planning in process.

The Santorini development, on West Tulare Avenue, vary in price, from the mid-\$200,000s, and have a variety of floor plans.

Additionally, Public Works Director

Michael James gave the council an update on capital improvement projects underway in the city. "One of the projects that is almost complete is the lighting improvement project at Mannel Park. The cost of this project came in under budget at \$149,000," he said.

Also ongoing are the park projects at Kirschenmann Park and Veterans Park. "We are building parking lot improvements and shade structures at Kirschenmann Park that will give the park a better draining system in the lot, as well as providing shaded areas that are needed at the park."

At Veterans Park, the city is adding two

basketball courts and lighting. This project includes a lighted basketball court. "This project is moving forward quickly and should be completed in the near future," James said.

This project is funded by Clean California, at a cost of approximately \$300,000.

Another project that is grant-funded is the Shafter Aquatic Center improvements. This project includes the resurfacing of the pool and rebuilding of the deck, as well as improvements to the restrooms and changing area. This project is valued at about \$3 million, and is expected to be completed by next summer.



Jenny and Tim Holtermann with their daughter Hazel and son Henry.

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A long family tradition for the Holtermann's

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

H&H Family Farms in Wasco is owned by Tim and Jenny Holtermann, selling the brand they created, Almond Girl. They are fourth-generation almost farmers.

Tim also farms with his father and brother for Holtermann Farms. The Holtermann family started farming in Wasco in 1919. They farmed over 40 different crops, finally transitioning into almonds.

Jenny's family came from Italy to Chico in the early 1900s. She grew up there helping to do whatever needed to be done, from checking irrigation pipes, painting walnut trees to prevent sunburn, rodent management, and odds and ends around the family farm.

Her mother and sister now run that farm, A&J Family Farms.

"Our family has been farming in California for over 100 years. Agriculture is our legacy, and it is our

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Tim Holtermann and his son Henry working in the fruit orchard.

Yasenchak brings passion to WIHS

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Thomas Yasenchak has a passion for education and a desire to make a positive impact in the lives of his students. Becoming the new principal of Wasco Independence High School happened naturally, as he climbed through the ranks of administration.

Yasenchak has been in education for 24 years and most recently worked at Cesar E. Chavez High School as a learning director. Before that, he was an English teacher at Wasco High for 10 years.

Apart from his experience in education, he has a master's degree in administration from Fresno Pacific University.

He said he was inspired to serve students after having an incredible experience as a United Way volunteer Big Brother.

"After attending my 'little' brother's high school events, it motivated me to pursue a career in education."

Being a part of the Wasco team at both WIHS and the entire district excites him.

"The students, staff and community are amazing. I just love being a part of this town."

He said he has the skills necessary to excel.



Thomas Yasenchak

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Shafter schools in uphill battle vs. absenteeism

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The Shafter Press

With the Covid-19 epidemic seemingly in the past, the challenge of getting students performing in pre-covid form is a difficult one that is going to take some time to accomplish. This is particularly a challenge with the schools, with most studies showing a majority of California schools having a problem with student absenteeism.

During the pandemic, there was online learning and classes, which was tough enough. With the requirements of getting material taught and ensuring students would regularly attend classes, it was a tough job.

With schools back to "normal," there are still challenges that schools face to get their students back in shape, educationally.

Shafter schools are no different. On average, the Richland School District's schools have 54% of students with

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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 or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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 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 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, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** A view of Cawelo in 1942.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

AUG. 14

Pedro Alejandro Soria Huerta, 50, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Klassen Street for disorderly conduct: intoxication of a drug with alcohol and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

AUG. 15

Joshua Oros, 29, of Shafter, was arrested at Lerdo Highway and Central Avenue for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Vincent Lopez, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Ash for possession of a controlled substance, obstruction and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

AUG. 18

Martin Zamora, 27, of Shafter, was arrested at Orange Street and South Shafter Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Omar Torres, 40, of Shafter, was arrested on Trevino Terrace for battery on a spouse.

Felipe Contreras, 52, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of East Euclid for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

AUG. 19

Raul Zamora Cabrera, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Pacific Avenue for battery: spouse and on an outside agency warrant.

AUG. 20

Treicy Lara Sanchez, 27, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of Hitchcock Avenue for battery on a spouse.

Joseph Anthony Saenz, 32, of Shafter, was arrested at North Shafter Avenue and Poso Avenue for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and on an outside felony warrant.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

AUG. 8

Martin Torres, 30, of San Bernardino, was arrested in the 17000 block of Highway 46 in Lost Hills for grand theft, conspiracy, vandalism, showing a false ID to a peace officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Cesar Islas, 33, of Highland, was arrested in the 17000 block of Highway 46 in Lost Hills for grand theft, conspiracy and vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Fernando Ferreyra, 22,

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

AUG. 11

Victor Saul Aldaco, 48, of Lost Hills, was arrested at the intersection of Fresno and Martin streets in Lost Hills on two two felony warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

AUG. 12

Rodrigo Reyes Garza, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30800 block of

Orange Street in Shafter on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

AUG. 13

Millisa Leffingwell, 33, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Tracy Avenue and Highway 58 in Buttonwillow for obstructing, resisting and delaying a peace officer, possession of stolen property, shoplifting, and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

AUG. 20

Juan Humberto Loza,

26, of Buttonwillow, was arrested at the intersection of Corn Camp Road and Highway 58 in Buttonwillow for vehicle theft and obstructing, resisting and delaying a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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The arrest report for last week was delayed by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Wasco substation. Incidents will be listed in next week's paper and online at WascoTrib.com when they are made available.

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"Because life is worth seeing"

Gossamer Grove in final building phase

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The Shafter Press

Lennar Homes is building its final phase of construction, with the 416 homes going up in the high \$300,000 range. The development has a variety of floor plans, from 3- to 5-bedroom homes available. This is also near the site of the newest park, Community Park, that opened recently in the development.

This phase of the 3,280-unit development is also the first batch of homes that will be in the Richland School District. In size, Gossamer Grove compares with 5,280 houses in the core city of Shafter as of Jan. 1.

Previous homes had been in the Norris Elementary School District.

High school students still will be going to North High School, with none of the homes in the boundary area for Shafter High.

Currently, there are 486 children attending Norris schools – Norris Middle School, Norris Elementary. Olive Drive Elementary and William Bimat Elementary

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tary School – from the development, with 216 attending North High. Eight high school students are going to Bakersfield Christian High School.

When the homes first started being built back about 10 years ago, families originally were destined to attend Frontier High School or Shafter High School. But, with the redrawing of district boundary lines, the only option for the students are North High School. At the time, this caused some concern for some residents. “When we first moved here, we were under the impression that our son would be going to Frontier High School. We then found out that it would be North High. This really wasn’t what we signed up for when we bought out here,” said Richard Hayworth, whose family bought their home over eight years ago. “But, North was a really good experience and we don’t regret the move at all.”

According to the developers, the homes at Gossamer Grove have been very popular for residents who wanted to move into an



One of the parks at Gossamer Grove has a train theme.

attractive neighborhood, but still wanted the resemblance of a small-town feel. “This has been the best move we have made,” said Ramona Garza, who moved with her

family to Gossamer Grove three years ago. “We just love it out here. Also, with the building of retail that has been promised out here, we couldn’t be happier.”

Shafter General heading to London

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Caleb Privett, 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.

Caleb is excited about the opportunity and is looking forward to going overseas to continue his musical journey.



Caleb Privett began his musical journey more than five years ago.



One of the parks at Gossamer Grove has a train theme.

He 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.

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,” he said. “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. He recently was at Shafter High helping conduct the school band’s Band Camp, which helps prepare the students for the upcoming competition and football season. “We travel to several competitions and perform at the home football games. So, we are really excited to get the season started.”

Caleb’s mother, Jami Kirschenmann, 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 coming school year. I am so happy to see

that hard work pay off.”

She will be accompanying Caleb to London, sharing in the 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.”

Caelb 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.”

Editor’s note: A previous version of this story in the Aug. 10 edition erroneously stated the last names of Caleb and his mother.

A long family tradition for the Holtermann’s

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hope the future generations have a farm to take over someday,” Jenny said.

Both Tim and Jenny studied at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Both specialized in agriculture business.

During college, they worked at the university farm together.

“I worked with the farmer’s market selling produce they grew on the farm, and he helped to grow it, similar to the roles we have today.”

Upon graduating, they came to Wasco and married in 2010 to start a farm and family of their own.

“After meeting my husband in college, I made the decision to not move home after graduation as planned and to follow my heart to the Central Valley.”

Ten years ago, they launched the Almond Girl brand, which started as a blog.

“It was back when blogging was bigger than social media,” she explained.

She said there was a lot of misinformation about agriculture at the time.

“I started it as a way to share about everyday life on our farm. When I had children, I blogged about raising them on the farm. I also shared recipes.”

In 2020, they started marketing their farm fresh almonds under the brand.



Henry with a basket of fresh eggs from their chicken coop.

“We found that there was a need for people looking at how to better connect with their food and more people looking to buy food directly from farmers.”

There is an e-commerce website where they sell locally within the community, including at Tin Cup Coffee and Sun Country Flowers. They also sell in Bakersfield at bakeries and small boutique shops.

“We ship all over the nation to over 30

different states in the U.S. just from our house. We have a partnership with a local processor to bag our almonds for us.”

They also have different branded Almond Girl merchandise such as t-shirts and hats with farm themes.

They open up their 2-acre homestead to the community, mainly schools, who come to see their pumpkin patch and fruit orchard and learn about farming almonds.

They do almond taste-testing and explore bees, harvesting and how things grow.

“It’s a fun program, and the kids seem to like it. They are always super engaged and ask lots of questions.”

Jenny worked in agriculture sales for five years before expanding into freelance writing and dedicating a career to advocacy, where she has been very active at the local, state and country levels of Farm Bureau.

She serves on committees of the Almond Board of California, and is “devoted” to a career in Kern County Water.”

She said there have been many changes in agriculture and hopes to inform local elected officials about the importance of agriculture with her advocacy work.

“Farming is very regulated now. Farmers now spend more time on government fees and documents than farming. The government fees have gone up 500% in the last five years.”

Even so, she and her family plan to continue the tradition.

“We are working on the fifth generation.”

She encourages schools or other organizations interested in learning more about farming and touring their farm to contact her at jenny@almondgirljenny.com.



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The volunteer cheer team sprayed the runners with colorful powder at the 2022 fun run.



The color run last year was fun for the little ones.

Wasco Rec's Color Blast event for all ages

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Recreation and Parks District will present its “Reach for the Sky Color Blast Fun Run” to add more excitement and community engagement to this year’s Wasco Rose Festival activities lineup.

The event will occur on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Barker Park Little League Shelter #5.

“The Color Blast Fun Run is a friendly race that involves a 3K Fun Walk and 5K Fun Run with participants taking part for enjoyment rather than competition,” WRPD Manager Chris Serna said.

“It is an untimed event where at each mark, runners/walkers are doused with different colored powder. It blends the

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color throwing with running to promote happiness and health.”

All proceeds for this event help support the WRPD’s annual July fireworks display.

The first 50 registrants will receive a race kit with a t-shirt and glasses. Runners begin with a white t-shirt and pass through different color stations; each station is associated with different colors.

“WRPD partnered last year with the Wasco Rose Festival committee to bring back the traditional Fun Run from years past. WRPD added a unique fun twist to the traditional Fun Run by changing it to a Color Blast Fun Run.”

Serna said that one of their biggest goals is to promote a healthy and happy lifestyle to participants beyond just the Color Blast

Fun Run.

She added that the Color Blast Fun Run is special because it is an event where everyone feels comfortable getting active, regardless of age or ability level.

“This is a fun event that entire families can participate in. Bring the little ones and push them in a stroller. It is a family-friendly fun run/walk. Be prepared to dance, twirl, run, skip, walk and stroll through!”

It’s not about winning.

“With no winners or official times, the Color Blast Fun Run caters to first-time runners/walkers and seasoned athletes/walkers.”

It will be a fun family event.

“The Color Blast Fun Run is a place where you can enjoy camaraderie with friends, family and other participants as you partake in photo ops, music, dancing

and, of course, a fun run or walk.”

Registration runs through Friday, Sept. 8. The fee is \$40.

Register online at wascoparks.recdesk.com or the WRPD office at 1280 Poplar Avenue.

Registration the day of the event is available at 7 a.m. (cash only).

Another community event coming up is a free “Labor Day Fun Ride” on Saturday, Sept. 2, at Barker Park, sponsored by the WRPD, the City of Wasco and Bike Bakersfield.

It will be a bicycle safety and awareness event with safety demonstrations and refreshments.

Registration is at 9 a.m., with the ride from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Helmets are required for participants under 18. Visit the WRPD website for the bike route.

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Martha Samarin, Sukie Martinez (vice president of membership), Jill Drescher (club president), Ruth Ramos, Amor Regis and Marta Poe (club member).

Woman's Club extends warm invitation to new members

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Woman's Club held its annual meet and greet event Tuesday morning to recruit new members.

Sukie Martinez is the second vice president in charge of membership.

"We invited fellow women in the community to come and get to know who we are, what we do and what we stand for," she said.

The Wasco Woman's Club is a service organization that will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year.

The club supports many charitable efforts, including providing scholarships, sponsoring a Miss Wasco Rose Queen, hosting a high school art show and candidate forum, and put-

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ting on a Christmas party and prom for special education youth, to name a few.

Martinez has been a member for two years.

"The best part of the meet and greet was giving the guests a taste of our fellowship and insight into the many service projects we carry out."

Ruth Ramos, owner of K&R Banquet Halls and State Farm Insurance in Wasco, and a potential new member, said of the event, "I loved it. It seems like they all know each other very well."

"All have the same commitment to helping others and the community. I'm definitely going to join. I want to be a part of what they do."

"I look forward to being a member of such a wonderful organization," she said.

Another prospect that attended was Amor Regis, owner of the recently opened Grocery Outlet.

"I felt very welcomed, and I know that I belong here because I see we have the same mission to be an advocate for women and children."

"As someone new to the Wasco community, I think it's important to be involved and show my support, and joining the Wasco Woman's Club will help me realize this goal."

Martinez said, "We invite you to be a part of a unique organization that will impact your life and the lives of others."

For more information on joining, call Sukie Martinez at 661-978-2712.

Murder charges rejected in deadly shooting of Wasco man

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Prosecutors on Tuesday declined to file charges against Cesar Zarate-Hernandez, 20, for the shooting death of Jose Eduardo Lopez Delgadillo, 29, in Wasco, citing insufficient

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evidence, a District Attorney's Office spokesperson said.

The case has been returned to the Kern County Sheriff's Office for more investigation.

Officials said Delgadillo was

shot around midnight on June 26 on Bay Meadow Drive. He died at the scene.

According to sheriff's officials, Hernandez was arrested on Aug. 18 for the shooting. As of Wednesday morning, booking records show, he was not longer in custody.

HEADLINES IN HISTORY

From the archives of The Shafter Press
20 years ago: Sept. 3, 2003
Shafter High School welcomed Daniel Garza and Soledad Sakamoto to the teaching staff.

40 years ago: Aug. 31, 1983
The Shafter Police Department promoted Officer Paul Peterson to sergeant.

—Compiled by Erica Soriano



The front page, Aug. 31, 1983

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Miss Wasco Rose Queen Pageant to bring out the best

Third in a series of articles highlighting the candidates for Miss Wasco Rose Queen. Prior stories may be read on WascoTrib.com.

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

It's that time of year when 15 young ladies will compete for the coveted title of Miss Wasco Rose Queen. The pageant will take place at the historic Wasco High School Auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m.

It promises to be a vibrant show where the contestants will bring the best of their talents to the competition.

Madison Martinez is one of them.

"I was born and raised in the close-knit community of Wasco."

She attended all local schools, including John L. Prueitt Elementary and Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

"I've made so many great memories and friendships from these schools."

She said she is running because growing up, she was always inspired by the past Rose Queens.

"And how much of a great impact they've had on the community. Now I'm hoping to have that same positive effect on the kids of this town and the community altogether."

So far, the experience for her has been exciting.

"I've wanted to run for Rose Queen since I was a little girl, and running with this group of girls makes it ten times better. They make every practice fun, and I know

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it will always be a good time around them."

She said she loves and appreciates her coaches very much.

"They work hard every day and make sure us girls are going to look and feel good on the day of the pageant."

Her family and friends, she said, have always supported this dream of hers to run for Miss Wasco.

"They are just as excited as I am for the pageant, which makes it so much better. They have only shown me unconditional love and support, and I can't thank them enough."

She added, "One thing I will remember the most about the pageant is the memories I've made with this group of girls, the coaches and loved ones who've constantly supported me."

Alyse Biggs is another of the contestants who can not wait for the pageant putting in long hours of preparation for the big day.

She said the best part of the practices is spending time and talking with her fellow contestants.

"Also getting to make lifelong friends."

She said the team trip they took to Disneyland allowed her to form better friendships.

"And realizing how alike I am to some girls as well. Especially making memories that I will never forget with some of my favorite people."

She thinks the other contestants are amazing people.

"Always trying to put their very best in

everything they put their minds to. Especially when it comes to what we must do in the pageant, it inspires me to put my all into everything I do."

She has enjoyed the journey so far.

"Participating in this pageant has made me realize I can do much more. It has also helped me develop different qualities that are important for one to possess."

She said she is running for Rose Queen because she heard the experience was like no other.

She was born and raised in Wasco.

"I have been a resident of Wasco for all of my life. While living in Wasco all these years, I have come to appreciate living in a small town. Being in such a tight-knit community has allowed me to grow and given me support and encouragement in helping me succeed in all areas of my life."

Silvia Inzunza is another young lady that is working hard while having a fun time.

She said she is running to be a positive influence for little girls so that they could do it too.

"I've already made that influence with my younger cousins and hope to spread more. I'm the first in my family to run for Miss Wasco Rose Queen."

Of the pageant, she said, so she loves it.

"I am building a relationship with these girls and getting opportunities to meet new people."

She also loved the group trip and had a great time.

"We all got the opportunity to bond with each other. My favorite part about the trip was talking all night and making memories with my roommates."

Silvia thinks the other contestants have been very supportive of each other.

"They are kind and are special in their own ways. Every day of practice, I come out tired from laughing. I would be happy for whoever will win, and I know they will too. They are truly sisters to me, and I love spending time with them."

If she wins, she will be honored to represent the Wasco community.

"I would be representing the city I grew up in and love, the town my family grew up

in."

She appreciates her coaches.

"I love the coaches. They are amazing women who bring out the best of us. They take time out of their days to help us and make sure we look our best for pageant night. I am so grateful to have a wonderful relationship with these women."

Xitlalic Trujillo has lived in Wasco her whole life. Her parents are Jose and Martha Trujillo.

"Throughout my 17 years in this community, I have attended the preschool next to the old labor camp, Karl F. Clemens, Thomas Jefferson Middle School and now approaching my last year at Wasco High School."

She said the experience is truly once in a lifetime.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to participate in this year's pageant. This experience up to this point has taught me how to improve my public speaking skills, determination, self-confidence and how to take care of our well-being."

She added that she has learned to work as a team and be a leader when given the opportunity to do so.

Other things that she has learned so far are that she can do things she doubted herself, such as learning poise, presenting herself in front of a wide range of people and also personal interviews.

She hopes to show her personality and natural character at the pageant.

If she were to win, she said, "I would feel very blessed and grateful for the opportunity to have the ability to run. I would be proud of myself for embracing my skills and talents to win the title."

She added that being Miss Wasco for 12 months is a grand accomplishment and duty.

"With the things I have been taught through this experience, I can assure myself and the lovely people that make the town of Wasco that I would make a great leader and role model."

Tickets for the pageant are \$20 and can be purchased from any contestant. If any are left, they will be \$25 at the door the night of the event.

History museum open for Rose Festival

MARLENE SWAN

Wasco Historical Society Museum

The Wasco Historical Society Museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, as part of the many Rose Festival activities.

Take time to visit this building at 918 6th St. that was not built there but moved onto the lot. Come visit and find out where it came from.

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You will see pictures showing the town's beginnings at "G" Street and 7th Street What if "G" Street had become our Main Street?

There are the early years of Wasco High

Annuals you can look through to find pictures of your families.

Did you know Indians traveled through here to camp at Goose Lake before going

onto the coast? They left behind mortars and pestles, beads and arrowheads that you can see, thanks to a local farmer, Paul Spollsdoiff, Jr.

All the published Rose Queen booklets are on display. Adults who grew up in Wasco from birth or got here during the Depression have written their stories for you to read.

Former newspaperman Wally Shafer left his "Talking 'Things Up" articles for

us to read. He'd get people talking about themselves, where they came from, why they came to Wasco, etc.

This is history. This is the past. What was, can be very interesting. It can help in the future.

The museum has a ramp entrance for wheelchairs and walkers. There are still lovely Wasco afghans for sale; use them as a graduation gift, birthday or thank you gift.

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The tennis players learned proper stroke techniques.



The Dominators are in first place in the standings.

Volleyball season in full swing at Shafter Rec

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

SHAFTER

Shafter Recreation and Parks District has their volleyball season in full swing, having completed three weeks of the season. There are 15 teams in the different divisions, with some very competitive play across the board. In the 11U Division, the Dominators are currently in first place, with only one loss on their record, going 4-1 so far this season. They are tied with the Blue Jays at the top, with identical records. Close behind at 3-2 is the Red Dragons. The Dominators are coached by Alissa Ybarra and the Blue Jays are led by Rosamaria Villagomez. Darien Munoz coaches the second place team the Red Dragons.

Luz Pelayo and her Bumblebees have a 3-3 record.

In the 14U division, the Bluey's, coached by Rose Vellagomez are at the top of the standings with a 5-1 record. A half game behind is the Tigers, coached by Bobbi Evans. Isabel Gonzalez is the coach of the Red Aces, who are currently in third place with a 4-2 record.

The Minions, coached by Angel Acosta are in fourth place with a 2-3 record. The talent on the teams are very even and the games are exciting to watch.

They also have been coached well in the

fundamentals of the game, giving the players a great opportunity to improve their skills on the court.

The Shafter Rec also has just closed the registrations for the Fall Baseball and Softball Leagues, as well as the Shafter Striders Cross Country team. The Striders compete in several events throughout the valley, competing on a variety of courses, from relatively flat to very hilly courses.

The sport gives its participants an opportunity to improved their endurance, fitness level, and speed as they train on courses in and around Shafter.

The Summer Tennis Camp put on by the Shafter Recreation is entering its third week, with the players getting valuable training in proper technique in each stroke, led by former Valley Tennis Champion Nelson Salinas. Salinas has taught the kids conditioning, proper footwork, as well as proper stroke technique. Salinas said, "The majority of the players are beginners and it is important in teaching them proper technique so they will not pick up any bad habits as they learn how to play."

The camp will run through August 23. Each participant was provided with a racquet, racquet cover and tennis balls, thanks to their generous sponsor N&L Farm Labor Services.



The volleyball season is in full swing.

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The business is conducted by: Co-Partners
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Gilberto Sanchez Jr
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Victor Salmeron Alcaraz
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/s/Victor Salmeron Alcaraz
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Wasco, CA 93280
Silvestre Vega
1300 7th St
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Silvestre Vega
Date Statement Filed: 07/25/2023
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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
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
CITY OF WASCO DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS

SB1 POPLAR AVE. REHABILITATION - Filburn Ave. to Hwy 46
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the City of Wasco (Agency) at its office, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA, 93280, until 2:00 p.m. on September 07, 2023, for furnishing the work described in the contract documents. Bids will then and there be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids received after the time announced for the opening will not be considered and will be returned, unopened, to the bidder. Said bids shall conform to and be responsive to the Specifications and Contract Documents for the work as heretofore approved by the Agency. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at WASCO, Public Works Dept. Yard, located at 801 8th Street, WASCO, CA 93280. Bidder's attendance at this meeting will not be mandatory.
General work description:
The work to be done consists in general of but is not limited to cold-plane 3 inches of existing roadway surface, proof roll subgrade, installation of hot mix asphalt; reconstruction of x-gutters, curb and gutters, sidewalks and ADA curb ramps; installing traffic stripes, pavement markings, and roadside signs. Other items or details, not mentioned above, that are required by the typical sections, Standard Specifications or these special provisions shall be performed, placed, constructed or installed. Perform Roadway Finishing as specified in Section 22 of the Standard Specifications.
All work must be completed within forty (40) working days after the commencement date stated in the Notice to Proceed. Bids are required for the entire work described herein. Bids must be submitted on the Bid Proposal form provided by the City of WASCO. Each bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the bid amount:

(1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the City of WASCO; (3) a certified check made payable to the City of WASCO; or (4) a bidder's bond signed by a surety insurer who is licensed in California, made payable to the City of WASCO. Each bidder must be a licensed contractor as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. In addition, the successful bidder must furnish: (1) a faithful performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price; and (2) a payment bond (also referred to as a labor and material bond) in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. All bonds must be in a form approved by the City of WASCO and must conform to California law (see Code of Civil Procedure section 995.010 et seq.). All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopyable. The City hereby invokes its protest right under California Code of Civil Procedure 995.660 for any proposed surety bond submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of this agreement if the submitted bond is not issued by an admitted surety rated A-, VII or better by Best's Rating Service.
Bids shall be sealed in an envelope marked City of Wasco - SB1 POPLAR AVE. REHABILITATION - Filburn Ave. to Hwy 46, addressed to the City of Wasco Public Works Department attention City Clerk, and be delivered thereto on or before the day and hour set for the opening of bids in the notice inviting sealed bids, and shall bear the name of the bidder. It is the SOLE responsibility of the bidder to see that his bid is delivered and received in proper time. Any bid received after that scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened. The contractor must have a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded. This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.
Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry in writing before 12 Noon (PST) on Thursday, August 31, 2023. Any such inquiries or questions submitted after the bid opening will not be treated as a bid protest.
Technical questions or requests for information (RFI's) should be emailed to BHT Engineering, Inc., Contact:

Juan M. Pantoja, juan@bhtengineering.com, (661) 558-4641. Responses to RFI, regardless of the source, will be emailed to all bidders.

All contract documents, plans, and specifications must be obtained from the City Clerk (661) 758-7214. A PDF copy of the plans and specifications can be requested from the City Clerk free of charge by emailing CITYCLERK@CITYOFWASCO.ORG. Upon written request for the electronic bid documents, the contractor will be added to the Registered Plan Holders List.

The City of WASCO affirms that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation. Pursuant to California Labor Code Sections 1770, 1773, 1773.1, 1773.6, and 1773.7, as amended, the applicable prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>. Future effective general prevailing wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free "hotline" service to report bid rigging activities. Bid rigging activities can be reported Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, telephone No. 1-800-424-9071. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report these activities. The "hotline" is part of the DOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially, and caller anonymity will be respected.

CITY OF WASCO, CITY CLERK
/s/ Maria O. Martinez
DATED: 8/10/2023
Publish Wasco Tribune August 17, 24, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
ELFREDA McDOWELL
Case No. BPB-23-002852

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELFREDA McDOWELL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Mary Hooper in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Mary Hooper be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 14, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. J-1 located at 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305. 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.

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.

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. Attorney for petitioner: RANDY D GRUEN ESQ SBN 105729 THE WERNER LAW FIRM 27433 TOURNEY RD STE 200 SANTA CLARITA CA 91355 CN999157 MCDOWELL Aug 17,24,31, 2023 Publish Wasco Tribune



Marylon Sloan jumps up to grab an interception.



Jesus Figueroa catches a pass for a touchdown.

Generals rout Vikings in season opener

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

SHAFTER

The Shafter High Generals opened their season with a convincing win over the West High Vikings on Thursday night, 55-7.

The Shafter squad is still a young one, with the majority of the team being in their sophomore year, including quarterback Ezekiel Osborn. Osborn lit up the Vikings in the game for 7 touchdowns, three of them to Marylon Sloan. Sloan ended the game with five catches. Jesus Figueroa had an amazing game, gathering in six receptions for a total of 217 yards, including a 62 yard touchdown reception in the first quarter.

The Generals opened the game with a few miscues on offense, including three false start penalties in their second drive of the game.

But, the Vikings were unable to stop the arm of Osborn and the speed of Figueroa and Sloan. The score was 19-7 in the first quarter and by halftime the score was 41-7.

Osborn ended the game with 16-22 passing, with over 400 yards in the air and seven touchdowns.

The Shafter defense had one lapse on the night, but otherwise they stopped the Vikings at every turn. They even contributed to the scoring, with Sloan picking off a Viking pass and running the ball the other way for a 58 yard pick-six.

An efficient addition to the Generals offense is their speedy running back JJ Vasquez. Vasquez was not needed too much on the night, but was very efficient when called upon, gaining over 50 yards on seven carries, averaging over seven yards a carry.

The defending Central Section Division IV champions will have a target on their backs for everyone they face, but they showed on Thursday night that they welcome that challenge.

Coach Jerald Pierucci said that he was happy with the win, but did say that there is plenty that the team can improve on and



JJ Vasquez is a speedy addition to the squad.

small mistakes to correct upon.

The Generals will travel to Arvin on Friday night, facing their former SSL opponent the Bears. Arvin is coming off a 48-

32 loss to Chavez.

Unless adjusted because of the heat, the games are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. for the junior varsity and 7:30 p.m. for the varsity.

Yasenchak 'comes home' to WIHS

From Page 1

“My focus is always to support our students and staff. I always try to work on the skill of servitude. My experience in education and my background in leadership make me a good candidate.”

“This, coupled with my love for the Wasco community, helps me feel confident that I can succeed in the principal role,” he said.

He believes that Wasco students are unique for many reasons.

“Students here have a strong sense of community and family. The students have

tremendous pride in their schools and great respect for their teachers and staff.”

Yasenchak is passionate about helping them succeed.

“Because I know these students can achieve their goals and make a difference in others’ lives. You see it amongst the teaching staff in this district. Wasco alumni are teaching in so many classrooms and paying it forward.”

He said his main goal with his new role is to continue the success of the school and provide its student body and staff with the support needed for that continued success.

Yasenchak added that his new team at WIHS includes a group of talented teachers and staff.

“Everyone here is committed to the success of our students. The people here truly function as a team and genuinely care for one another. I couldn’t be more blessed.”

Yasenchak comes from a small town in Pennsylvania named Frackville.

“Wasco reminds me so much of home, and I am so grateful and blessed to have been led to Wasco in 2008. I consider Wasco my home.”

He said there is no place like Wasco.

“The people, local traditions like Rose Queen, the Friday night football games, and the local businesses and restaurants are like no other. My family and I love this town.”

Yasenchak said he has a long-term vision for his new role.

“I see myself as the WIHS principal many years down the road, but I try to enjoy and live in the moment. When it comes to thinking about the future, I trust that God will plant me in a place where I am needed.”

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement El Toro Seat Covers 2023-B5434

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Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
700 James St
Shafter, CA 93263
Daniel Del Toro
700 James St
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced:
05/18/2012
/s/Daniel Del Toro
Date Statement Filed: 08/18/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/18/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M De La Rosa
Publish Shafter Press August 24, 31,
September 7, 14, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE- CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-23-000023

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Elena Barraza Soto filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name
Elena Barraza Soto
Proposed Name
Luz Elena Lujan
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 10/13/2023 Time: 8:30 AM
Dept: B
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation:
(for resident of this county) printed in this county: The Shafter Press
Date: 8/14/23
/s/Marcos R. Camacho

Kern County Superior Court-Shafter
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation:
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Date: 8/14/23
/s/Marcos R. Camacho
Judge of the Superior Court
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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE- CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-23-000024

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Raul Zamora III & Veronica Zamora filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name
Gazelle Ariel Zamora
Proposed Name
Gizelle Ariel Zamora
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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Bakersfield, CA 93307
TMP Corporation
3100 Niles St
Bakersfield, CA 93306
State of incorp or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced:
07/07/2008
/s/Tejwant Singh Bal, President
Date Statement Filed: 08/02/2023
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08/02/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Notary On The Run 2023-B5260

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P.O. Box 20935
Bakersfield, CA 93390
Michelle Stevens
11220 Bright Water Way
Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced:
10/25/03
/s/Michelle Stevens
Date Statement Filed: 08/10/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/10/2028
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By: P Del Villar
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County: Kern
4201 Columbus St Apt I
Bakersfield, CA 93306
Luminous Glo LLC
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Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Monica Nino, Member
Date Statement Filed: 08/04/2023
Date Statement Expires:
08/04/2028
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1401 S. St #108
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Tania Marie Garcia
1401 S. St Apt 108
Bakersfield, CA 93301
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Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Tania Marie Garcia
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Date Statement Expires:
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Delano, CA 93215
Stephanie Raelene Manning
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Bakersfield, CA 93308
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Stephanie Raelene Manning
Date Statement Filed: 08/11/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/11/2028
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By: M Hernandez
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6339 Superior Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Sandra Wright Billingsley
6339 Superior Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314
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Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Sandra Wright Billingsley
Date Statement Filed: 08/03/2023
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Gabriel Arreola Arreola
339 Olson Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
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Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Gabriel Arreola Arreola

Date Statement Filed: 07/21/2023
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/s/Vanessa Shaddy, President
Date Statement Filed: 07/28/2023
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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
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The Lord stood with me

PASTOR JIM GLASCO
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In life, we all face times of abandonment and loneliness. Sometimes it may feel like the whole world is against you. In 2nd Timothy 4:17, Paul said, *"The Lord stood with me, and he strengthened me."* Paul had been done much evil by a man known as Alexander the coppersmith. Alexan-

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God's Word, but the Lord will stand with you, and he will strengthen you.

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hand of Jesus. He will never leave you or forsake you. He will stand with you.

DEATH NOTICE

Ruby Violet Haworth, 91, of Shafter passed away August 16, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

OBITUARIES

Robert Harold Merz
Nov. 21, 1933 –
Aug. 18, 2023

Robert Harold Merz was born to Eula Wilson Merz and Martin Robert Merz on Nov. 21, 1933, in McFarland. Robert went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on Aug. 18, 2023, at the age of 89.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Frederick, grandson Stephen Matthew



Merz, first wife Caroline, second wife Donna Dalke Lynch Merz and third wife

Vivian Handel Baze Merz. He is survived by his brother Martin Daniel Merz (Joan), son Stephen Merz (Marcia), Rebecca and Kathleen, daughter Janet Merz (James Bruce), Chase and Gabrielle, and son Eric Merz (Gaylene) Martina, Aaron (Leandra) and children Ava, Jabari, Jasmine, Marianne and Suzanne (Shane Reno), totalling eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Robert graduated from

Richland Elementary, Shafter High School and Stanford University. After serving four years in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant, he farmed the remainder of his career, growing cotton, alfalfa, sugar beets, potatoes, wheat and almonds.

Robert served on the following boards of directors: Wasco Potato Growers, Growers' Cooperative Gin, Wasco Union High School, North Kern Vocational, Poso Park Associa-

tion, and as elder of Ebenezer Reformed Church. He was a member of the 20/30 Club, and the Exchange Club, and served as a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts. He also enjoyed playing cribbage with friends and fishing.

Robert will be remembered for his loyalty, integrity, quick wittedness and serving spirit. He cared for three ailing wives up until the time his body would not let him do what his

head and heart desired so strongly. He feared and loved the Lord. Robert always strived to do things the right way. He will be missed dearly.

Services will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Ebenezer Reformed Church, 235 James St., Shafter.

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Shafter schools facing uphill absenteeism battle

From Page 1

chronic absenteeism. These are students who are absent 10 or more days during the year. This is also resulting in challenges in performance in the classroom.

According to the California Dashboard, based on mandatory reporting to the state from the district, the Shafter schools are behind the state average when it comes to English and math progress. Thirteen percent of Richland students are meeting the state standard when it comes to English. In math, the situation looks a little brighter, with 34% of students meeting the standard.

The state provided schools with covid-19 funds that are to be used to help in their drive to get their students back on track academically. Richland School District received \$11.4 million in funds, with about \$4.3 million of it spent so far. These funds are good until the end of 2024. They are to be used, for example, on extra teachers or additional tutoring for students, in a variety of programs that are aimed at allowing students to recover from the pandemic and get them on a higher level of learning.

“I really like the teachers and hope that the district does something to get the kids

back on the right track,” commented Maria Alonzo Uribe, who has two grandchildren who go to Richland schools. “It seems that it is taking a long time for the kids to get caught back up. I think that they can do something to help the kids out.”

Wasco schools are in a similar situation, with a high percentage of absenteeism and below state standards in both English and math. They are faring better in the percentages, but are still below the standard. They have shown an improvement over previous years in performance.

In Shafter, there is a school that has seen

its numbers stabilize in their work toward meeting state standards. GROW Academy has a relatively low 29% absenteeism rate, with over 52% of their students meeting standards in math. In English, they are at a 43% mark.

Richland leaders he previously said they have plans this year to implement other programs that are aimed at improving their students’ progress and get them on the right track after the challenge of the past couple of years, though several attempts to contact the Richland School District for comment have gone unanswered.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Snoball needs a home

This adorable guy is looking for a forever home that will allow him to love them and will get some great love back. Snoball is an adult male husky, with white and cream colors on his coat. He is very friendly, affectionate, Loyal, Gentle, Playful, Smart, Athletic, Funny, Curious, Brave, and

he loves kisses! He also is very good with other dogs and has passed all of his SAFER evaluations.

You can come visit Snoball at the shelter located at 1849 S. Shafter Ave. or you can call the office at 661-746-2140 for more information.

—Shafter Animal Shelter



PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROPERTY TAX DEFAULT (DELINQUENT) LIST

Pursuant to Sections 3371, Revenue and Taxation Code, the Published Delinquent List in and for Kern County, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in said county, for publication of a portion thereof in each of said newspapers.

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES

I, Jordan Kaufman, Kern County Treasurer and Tax Collector, State of California, certify as follows:

Notice of non-payment of the amount due for taxes, assessments, and other charges levied in the Year 2022 for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, are shown in dollars and cents opposite the names contained in the list below. The real properties on which such amounts were liens, by operation of law, in my office at the Kern County Administration Building, City of Bakersfield, Kern County, declared to be in default at the close of business on the 30th day of June 2022.

Tax-defaulted real property may be redeemed by payment of all unpaid taxes and assessments together with additional penalties and fees as prescribed by law since the default date above, or may be redeemed under an installment plan of redemption. The amount published is the amount owing if paid on or before 8/31/2023.

All information concerning the amount to redeem after 8/31/2023, or initiation of an installment plan of redemption will, upon request, be furnished by the County Treasurer-Tax Collector, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Second Floor, Bakersfield, California, (661) 868-3490, E-Mail: TTC@kern-county.com, Website: http://www.kccttc.co.kern.ca.us

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

JORDAN KAUFMAN
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
COUNTY OF KERN

Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on August 21, 2023.

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

A parcel numbering system is a numerical system for referring to each parcel or property within Kern County. The standard parcel numbering system consists of, first, the map book number; secondly, the page number within the map book, and block number if one exists; and the parcel number within the block. By this system a county is divided into geographical areas called map books, each map book into geographical areas called pages, each page into blocks, and each block into parcels as owned and used. The maps referred to are available for inspection in the office of the Kern County Assessor - Recorder at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Second Floor, Bakersfield, California 93301.

EXAMPLE: Parcel Number:

052-623-13-01-1
052 - Book 52 of Assessor's Maps
623 - Map Page 62 and Block 3
13 - Parcel 13 within Block 3
01 - Indicates partial ownership when not 00

1 - Check digit for numerical processing integrity

PROPERTY TAX-DEFAULTED IN THE YEAR 2022, FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 - 2022

ABERNATHY, AMANDA L

090-120-46-00-6

\$1,674.38

AGUILAR, CELSO CANTORIANO

026-511-25-00-6

\$712.59

ALMARAZ, MAURO JR

487-122-01-00-1

\$1,102.24

487-122-02-00-4

\$301.45

AMS BUSINESS GROUP LLC

099-071-15-00-2

\$49.02

ANA PROPERTIES LLC

099-160-10-00-6

\$101.97

ANGUIANO, ORVIK ALEJANDRO

AVILA

487-352-04-00-7

\$3,122.84

AREVALO, ELIZABETH

028-141-18-00-3

\$1,177.20

ARMENTA, NANCY V GODINEZ

029-234-09-00-1

\$226.92

ARTERBERRY, BESSIE L TRUST

100-140-18-00-3

\$2,113.81

ASPERICUETA, SILVERIO

489-161-09-00-4

\$330.96

AVILA, HUGO F & ALMA D

028-041-22-00-5

\$441.73

AYON, MIGUEL A & BARRERA, CYNTHIA D

090-132-21-00-0

\$1,724.91

BADILLO, ALBERTO DANIEL

488-092-01-00-0

\$266.61

BADILLO, CARLOS A

488-091-03-00-9

\$388.42

BARRAGAN, FRANCISCO

029-052-13-00-6

\$3,908.84

BEDELL, KERRY L

101-044-11-00-8

\$3,845.34

BERRYMAN, E E & BROSE R A

102-240-22-00-7

\$45.89

BILLINGS, JENNIFER

026-111-07-00-8

\$5,330.85

BINKLEY, ROBERT W TRUST

086-271-25-00-5

\$49.02

BRAVO, JOSE S

069-055-03-00-0

\$1,543.02

BRAVO, JOSE S & CHEVEZ, CHRISTINA

069-065-22-00-8

\$2,302.48

BRAVO, JOSE SALOMAN

487-060-01-00-0

\$6,799.62

BROSE, RAETHA A

102-240-19-00-9

\$57.41

CABAN, VALERIE

029-440-15-00-1

\$1,034.22

CAMPOS, RAFAEL & ANA CARIA

101-122-22-00-9

\$121.09

CAMPOS, VERONICA

487-353-08-00-6

\$2,719.21

CARRILLO, GUILLERMO V

090-100-12-00-1

\$3,010.57

090-100-13-00-4

\$314.04

090-100-15-00-0

\$1,205.47

CASTILLO, JOSE & JUAREZ, MARTHA EDITH

069-074-11-00-2

\$5,866.65

CERVANTES, BERTHA

030-401-12-00-7

\$2,284.03

CERVANTES, BERTHA ALICIA MIRANDA

489-032-20-00-4

\$1,967.38

CHAVEZ, GUADALUPE Y MEZA

030-481-01-00-9

\$2,009.32

CLENDENEN, TRACI R

029-361-01-00-4

\$2,186.04

CLIFF DEVELOPMENT LTD

086-050-06-00-9

\$45.93

COPLIN, DONALD W & CHERYL TRUST

487-116-08-00-7

\$77.69

COTA, HENRY I

101-052-24-00-5

\$2,259.89

DE LA MORA, JOSE ARMANDO

MORFIN

487-122-31-00-8

\$253.18

DIAZ, DIEGO HERRERA & GLORIA

DIAZ PENA

026-663-11-00-3

\$1,928.20

DIAZ, JOSE

487-122-35-00-0

\$319.79

487-132-06-00-9

\$563.77

DONDERO, BETTY B, ET AL

099-272-26-00-9

\$59.56

ELLIS, BILLY & EVELYN J

488-092-18-00-0

\$1,060.70

ESPARZA, CELESTE AGLAE

101-160-02-00-9

\$1,451.91

ESPARZA, JOSE

101-092-06-00-5

\$1,025.63

ESTEREZ, LAMBERTO HERRERA & HERRERA, YVONNE M

090-132-22-00-3

\$1,764.09

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-LA

086-280-11-02-8

\$47.13

FLORES, MARIA

069-053-09-00-4

\$2,486.68

FUERTE, RAFAEL GARCIA & MANUELITA GARCIA

029-423-26-00-8

\$105.48

FULL GOSPEL TRUTH CHURCH INC

029-061-16-00-1

\$209.38

FULLER, DELORES AGUILAR

028-222-16-00-7

\$1,694.00

GALLARDO, LUIS F CASTRO & JEANNETTE CASTRO

028-041-12-00-6

\$6,663.77

GARCIA, BRAULIO DE NUNEZ

488-342-06-00-7

\$492.41

GARCIA, DORA A CASTRO & FERNANDO, VILLAPUDUA

026-453-07-00-1

\$1,204.29

GARCIA, ERICA CASILLAS & MEZA, ARMANDO CAZAREZ

090-140-20-00-6

\$4,109.40

GARCIA, LUIS A CRUZ

489-192-09-00-0

\$1,642.29

GARCIA, MANUEL VALADEZ

028-561-18-00-5

\$215.05

GARCIA, RAFAEL & MANUELITA

028-241-19-00-5

\$842.48

GARCIA, SAMUEL

026-671-17-00-0

\$355.63

GARZA, VICKIE

026-453-01-00-3

\$2,988.35

GODOY, IVON

487-102-50-00-7

\$974.14

GOFFINET, EMMA M

099-200-15-00-2

\$59.56

GONZALEZ, GILBERT & MINDY

028-611-07-00-7

\$3,769.72

GONZALEZ, VERONICA Q

487-394-19-00-7

\$983.31

GOOSE RANCH LLC

086-120-04-00-3

\$53.89

GP FARMS INC

086-110-33-01-7

\$6,440.40

088-110-61-00-9

\$25,274.96

GROSS, RICHARD P

099-200-29-00-3

\$38.22

058-300-23-00-5

\$45.42

GUAN, ZHONG S

086-312-06-00-8

\$171.89

GUTIERREZ, SANTOS & CYNTHIA

090-131-11-00-4

\$1,813.82

HAWK, BROOK A

099-082-04-00-0

\$63.23

HERNANDEZ, HUMBERTO

101-092-02-00-3

\$3,388.43

HERNANDEZ, JARA DORA E

090-222-18-00-8

\$330.