

City has new economic development head

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council welcomed a new economic development director Tuesday night.

Fernando Guerra comes to Shafter after more than two decades working in the economic development field in some of the largest markets in the world. Guerra has worked for the Los Angeles Economic Development Agency, as well as a city agency in New York City and a stint in Chicago. Guerra is a graduate of USC and received his masters in economics and international business from John Hopkins University. He is originally from Italy and will be marrying his fiancé in April in his

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homeland.

“I am experienced in projections of economic growth and potential, and I can tell you that the city of Shafter’s economic future is very bright,” Guerra said. “I am so excited to be working for this city and help them fulfill this potential.”

On the agenda, the council approved a resolution to address Shafter’s unmet transit needs. These include a discussion with the Wonderful Industrial Park and finding out what their needs are and the people that work out there. “We will be finding out what we can do to help with any transit needs for the employees out there, including providing transportation

to and from the park,” said Administrative Director Roger Sanchez, who gave the presentation. “We will be looking into the unmet needs of this city and address them to help our city keep moving.”

In the presentation portion of the meeting, Mayor Chad Givens read a proclamation declaring February as Safely Surrender Month in the city. Safely Surrender is a program that saves infants every year that might otherwise be harmed or abandoned when not wanted by the birth

mother. The program gives any mother an opportunity to surrender their newborn infant to any fire station, hospital or clinic without repercussions. Since its implementation over 10 years ago, the program has served over 20 babies just in Kern County.

The council also approved an agreement with the County of Kern to secure a block grant to use for a project that includes a new chess garden project at the Shafter Library and Learning Center.



Economic Development Director Fernando Guerra.



The popular Colours Fun Run will be held on Saturday morning.

Colours – Festival of the arts – all over town

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Colours – A Festival of the Arts – is making its return to Shafter this weekend, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25, full of fun events and activities for the entire family.

After COVID and four years, it is time to celebrate the arts in Shafter once again. Colours will start with its traditional Shafter Community Chest Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, followed by a weekend of talent and art.

Featured this year will be an Art Gallery and a Meet the Artist event with wine tasting, with local wines from Tehachapi and Paso Robles that have ties to Shafter. New this year will be the Cornhole Tournament, for social and advanced levels. There also will be the 2-mile Fun Run (or walk with or without a stroller).

You also can visit Shafter’s three museums in town The Green Hotel



A Meet the Artists and Wine Tasting event returns.

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will be open for people to tour, as well as the Shafter Depot Museum and the Minter Field Air Museum. The Minter Field Air Museum has just undergone a facelift, with a paint job and the addition of an extra room for exhibits.

You also can try your hand with a paint brush at the Art Workshops, one for adults and another for kids. There also will be an opportunity to

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come and meet local author Jennifer Gardiner, who wrote the children’s book “A Trip Around the Pond”.

Two coffeehouse events are planned at the Tin Cup. On Friday night, there is coffeehouse music and strings, and on Saturday night the music will feature local musicians.

The Community Worship event on Sunday will offer worship music.

SHS wrestler Gonzalez 1st winner of Masters

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FRESNO – Sophomore Julissa Gonzalez keeps making history in the world of Shafter High sports as she hit another milestone, becoming the first female wrestler to win a Central Section Masters title with a win at Selland Arena in Fresno on Saturday.

Gonzalez won the 132 lbs. championship a week after losing in the final of the 132 lbs. match at the Divisional tournament. There, Gonzalez came into the tourney as the top seed and fell to Sage Reyes of Justin Garza in the final, costing her a top

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Julissa Gonzalez and Mikayla Weller will be competing this weekend at the State meet.

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Wasco finances reported on track at midyear

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Wasco Tribune

The Wasco City Council approved its last year’s financial report, detailing the results from the actual operations compared to the projected budget.

The city has been in compliance within its projected budget and has even had an increase in revenue that was above projected numbers. This was due to a conservative projection that took into account the efforts of the city and the public in recovering from the pandemic, financially and economically. The only bump in the road on the report was expenditures in the reserves, which were not on the projections. This dip into the reserves was because of the city paying the Kern County Sheriff’s Department under their law enforcement contract and at the same time, paying startup costs for the new Wasco

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3 inmates guilty in fatal prison ‘beatdown’

Three inmates were found guilty of the fatal beating of another inmate at the Wasco State Prison last year.

Benjamin Kolehmainen, 30; Tyler Douglas, 25 and Joshua Mitchell, 45, were all convicted of assault by an inmate with force likely to cause great bodily injury, and Kolehmainen and Douglas also were convicted for involuntary manslaughter. All were acquitted of second-degree murder, and Mitchell was also acquitted for involuntary manslaughter.

The victim of the March 7, 2022, attack was Michael Iverson, who had been at the prison for two weeks and was moved into a dormitory housing unit, according to the county District Attorney’s Office.. The dormitory housed over 100 inmates who

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were assigned to a bunk but not a cell. After being in the dormitory for less than two hours, the three inmates attacked Iverson simultaneously, the statement released by the office said.

Correctional Officers quickly broke up the fight, but Iverson suffered severe brain and neck injuries. A Kern County pathologist testified that this is one of the worst cases of blunt force trauma he has seen. The case of death was determined as blunt force trauma to the head and neck and the manner of death was homicide.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction: “While I am disappointed with this verdict, I respect



Tyler Douglas



Joshua Mitchell



Benjamin Kolehmainen

the jurors’ decision. A 3-on-1 beatdown in prison resulting in death of an inmate is not uncommon and this type of brutality perpetrated by those with prior acts of violence should be severely punished.”

Sentencing is set for Tuesday, March 19. Douglas faces up to 25 years to life in prison, Mitchell faces up to 12 years in prison, and Kolehmainen faces up to 11 years in prison.

Community Calendar

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune encourage local organizations to let the public know about coming events and activities through this column. Drop off or mail items at the office, 455 Kern St., Suite E, in Shafter, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 661-292-5100 or email esoriano@TheShafterPress.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on TheShafterPress.com and WascoTrib.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prisoner of war camp lecture – The Shafter Library and Learning Center hosts Shafter Depot Museum curator Stan Wilson’s presentation on the World War II German prisoner of war camp in Shafter. Thursday, March 14, at 6 p.m. 236 James St. Free.

California agriculture in postcards – The Shafter Library and Learning Center hosts Shafter Depot Museum curator Stan Wilson’s presentation. Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. 236 James St. Free.

Self-serve sandbag station – Sand to combat flooding is available for Shafter residents and businesses. The station is located at 1251 E. Ash Ave., next to the recycling drop-off).

Cans d’Arte – The Shafter Woman’s Club invites everyone to construct architectural structure, designs or art pieces made of cans or boxes of food for a display to be unveiled during the Colours Festival, Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 24-25, at the Shafter Depot Museum. \$5 entry fee and food collected at the museum will be donated to the Shafter PRIDE Pantry to fight food insecurity. Information at 661-529-1340.

Green Hotel fundraiser – The Green Hotel Foundation is planning an event to replace blinds and window coverings at the hotel on Sunday, May 5. More information to come; limited capacity.

Colours coming – A Celebration of the Arts in Shafter Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25.

Distinguished Young Women scholarship competition – Sixteen contestants vie for the title at the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center at Shafter High School on Friday, March 22, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available from Toni Franz (661-805-7672) and at the SHS office.

Input on charging stations – The Kern Council of Governments is looking for driver input on where to put electric car charging stations. Go to totinyurl.com/KernEVCS to participate.

ONGOING

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

Wasco City Council – Meetings first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held

at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

Wasco High School board – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit 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, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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

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

Mystery history

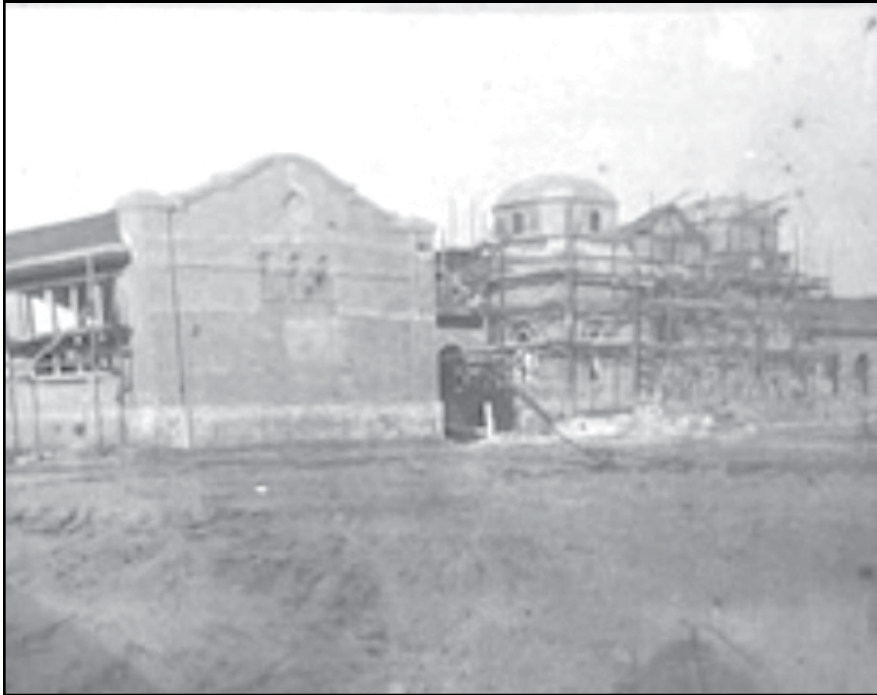
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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

FEB. 15

Monica Vargas, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at West Los Angeles and Poplar avenues for DUI and driving without a license.

Victor Manuel Ordaz, 35, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded weapon.

Christopher Rojas, 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for giving a false ID and on an outside agency warrant.

Yamilett Regalado, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at West Los Angeles and Poplar avenues on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

FEB. 16

Fernando Quevedo, 26, of Shafter, was arrested on

the 200 block of Nickel Street for possession of a controlled substance and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

FEB. 17

Mike Alexis Rios, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of Martha Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

FEB. 18

Marc Anthony Ayala, 30, of Shafter, was arrested at Escalante Avenue and Freedman Street for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and not having a light required after dark.

Juan Jose Flores, 48, of Shafter was arrested in the 600 block of James Street on an outside agency warrant and a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

FEB. 10

Raymond Zachary Shulman, 31, of Alamo, was arrested in the 29700 block of Stockdale Highway in Bakersfield for domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Kern County Sheriff’s Office, Wasco substation:

FEB. 14

Gina Marie Velas Quez,

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

FEB. 16

Alexis Lopez, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Luis Alberto Vaca Lopez, 40, of Wasco, was arrested in

the 1000 block of F Street on felony bench warrants and for a misdemeanor showing false ID to an officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

FEB. 17

Jose Rivas, 54, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of D Street for misdemeanor DUI. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Edson Antonio Torres, 23, of Shafter, was arrested near the

intersection of Kimberlina and Highway 43 for misdemeanor DUI. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

FEB. 18

Daniel Garcia Mendez, 43, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Birch Avenue for felony prohibited from owning ammo and threatening with intent to terrorize. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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“Because life is worth seeing”

New artist at Shafter Library

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The Shafter Press

There is a new artist with works on display at the Shafter Library and Learning Center.

Mark Engelién has had a passion for art for decades, beginning with watercolors and sketches. An architect by trade, Engelién has used his artistic side even when at work designing buildings, using his keen eye and deft hand with a pencil. With

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his watercolors on hold because of his career, having a family and other of life's challenges, Engelién found them again in 2020, painting 100 pieces during the pandemic. "I probably gained 10 years of growth in my art techniques just in that one year," commented Engelién.

In 2000, Engelién, who also has a passion for travel, would document his visits with ink sketches. "I think

that a sketch captures the emotion and memories of a trip better than anything," he said.

Engelién has been involved with the Bakersfield Museum of Art, too, serving as its director between 2014 and 2016.

While architectural subjects and urban spaces embody much of his subjects, he has added other subjects to his body of work. Portraits, wildlife and nature are now themes for his art as well.



Sketches and watercolors are a big part of Mark Engelién's collection.

Wasco Glass thrives under new ownership

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Diana and Tomas Lopez are the proud owners of Wasco Glass. They bring a wealth of experience and dedication to their commercial and residential glass shop and agricultural equipment glass replacement business.

"We offer complete windows on homes and specialize in shower door installations, custom build screens, retrofit windows, mirrors, tabletops, tempered glass, new patio sliding doors, pet mesh screens and windshield chip repair only," Tomas said.

Wasco Glass launched on Nov. 1, of last year.

They purchased the business from Eric Schroeder, who previously ran the business under the same name for decades. Tomas worked with Eric for almost 20 years on and off as a subcontractor as his shower door and new window door installer, and he learned the trade from him. During that time, Tomas also owned Lopez Home Repair and Remodeling.

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When Eric retired, Tomas seized the opportunity to take over the business to continue serving the community of Wasco and the surrounding areas of Kern County.

"After retiring, Eric took his time to show me all the tricks of the trade of working with glass. Eric continues to work with us at the glass shop when needed on large projects."

So far, business is good.

"We've been blessed. We offer just about everything that a bigger shop might offer. We offer the same but if not better," Tomas said.

He attributes their success to their positive attitude. "We're friendly, easy to talk to. We're also bilingual, and we never say no."

He enjoys being a business owner.

"Although I had my own business before, this is different. Now, I have my own office and building to work out of. The best part for me is the feeling of coming into a place and having my wife working with me. Now we work together, and we can support one another."

Both said they chose Wasco as a place to open their business because they are familiar with the community.

"My parents moved here in the late '60s, so I was born at the Wasco hospital. This is my town, and I love it. I've seen how much Wasco has grown. We look forward to Highway 46 growing, with new stores and restaurants. It feels nice to be a part of



Diana and Tomas Lopez at the 2023 Wasco Rose Festival Parade.



Tomas Lopez installing a retrofit window on a home.

it knowing we're on Highway 46, the main road," Diana said.

It's that connection to Wasco that drives them to give back to the city. "We've been helping the community with donations and sponsorships since we started the ownership process in April," Tomas said.

They have helped the Orange Heart Foundation, the Rose Festival, the Rose Queen Pageant, the Sheriff's Department, the Fire Department, the Wasco Police Department, the Elks Lodge, schools and

wrestling teams.

"That's important to me. I've always been a person that has helped, whether feeding the homeless or just people in need," Tomas said.

For the future, he said, "I hope to continue to get to know the community and for them to continue to know us."

Wasco Glass is located at 1311 Hwy 46. For more information, call 661-758-3443 or 661-805-5363 or follow them on FB@Wasco Glass 2023 and IG@Wasco Glass 2023.

Wasco midyear finances reported on track

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Police Department.

Total revenues for the year were up from the previous year, but sales tax decreased by about \$172,000. According to the auditors and reports, this drop was due to a change in the consumer buying habits and inflation eroding the consumer market. Addi-

tionally, property tax revenue declined, because of a big drop in property values and a change in assessment methods.

In other council action, Brent Harrison was appointed to a four-year term on the Wasco Recreation and Parks District Board. Interviews were held last week by members of the council, and Harrison was

selected. Harrison said he looked forward to serving the community and the youth of Wasco.

Mayor Alex Garcia presented a proclamation to the Kern County Fire Department in observance of Safely Surrender Month in Wasco. Safely Surrender is a program implemented in Kern County years

ago that gives new mothers an opportunity to safely surrender their newborn infant without any repercussions within the first 72 hours of the baby's life. The infant can be turned over to any fire department, clinic or hospital in Kern County and the baby will be taken care of, assuring he or she is healthy and safe.



Mayor Alex Garcia reads a proclamation for Wasco's naming February as Safely Surrender Month.



Brent Harrison is welcomed as the newest member of the Wasco Parks and Recreation District Board.



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From strays to families at animal shelter

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The Wasco Animal Shelter plays a crucial role in the community by providing a safe haven for stray and abandoned animals, working to find them loving homes. The shelter houses typically anywhere from 15 to 25 dogs at a time. The most common breeds found are pit bulls, huskies and chihuahuas. On average, a dog will stay at the shelter for two months before being adopted or rescued. Animals will often come in as strays,



Marco Silva said what he loves most is finding pets their forever homes.

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and others surrendered by their owners. Marco Silva has been an animal control officer with the shelter for the past seven years. What he enjoys most is pairing up dogs with families, providing service and educating the public with any animal-related questions about the shelter. "I love what I do. We do what we can to match the animals with the perfect forever home." He said the adoption process is fairly easy.

"It costs \$95, including the animal's spay/neuter and rabies vaccine, and if they are a Wasco resident, a one-year registration for the dog."

"The animals are taken to the vet upon adoption to get fixed, and owners pick up the animal from the vet at the end of the day."

When animals don't get adopted, they get placed on a PTS (put to sleep) list.

"This is where we inform the public and the rescues (503(c) nonprofit organizations that can pull from the shelters) that dogs



Huskies are among the most common breeds found at the shelter.

have 72 hours before getting out of the shelter for either adoption or rescue. This means 72 hours is the deadline, but we usually give an extension, especially when dogs have a strong interest in them."

Their adoption rate, on average, is one animal per week.

Silva said that strays are a problem in Wasco from time to time. "To address that, we have a SNIP bus that comes twice a month, and they provide a spay/neuter service at no cost to Wasco residents."

A new shelter is in the planning stages, with the design phase scheduled for this year. Luis Villa, public works director,

hopes construction will start next year. "The location would be the southeast corner of Filburn Street and Central Avenue. A \$1.5 million budget has been allocated, and the shelter would accommodate approximately 40 to 50 animals."

Villa added that the new shelter will increase capacity, provide better animal climate control and allow for adequate workspace for the staff. The city plans to hire one additional officer.

In the meantime, Silva said the current shelter welcomes anyone wanting to volunteer.

"They can sign up by contacting human resources at city hall. They will mainly handle our social media, taking pictures of the dogs and posting them online, and can also help clean up after the dogs, feeding and walking them."

He said this can be rewarding for the volunteers. "At the end of the day, they are helping out the mental health of the dog, and by getting photos of dogs on social media, they will help them get adopted by being posted."

The shelter is located at 5409 7th Street and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 661 - 758-7240, and to view available animals, visit Petfinder.com. Animals looking for homes are also highlighted in the Pet of the Week feature in the Wasco Tribune.



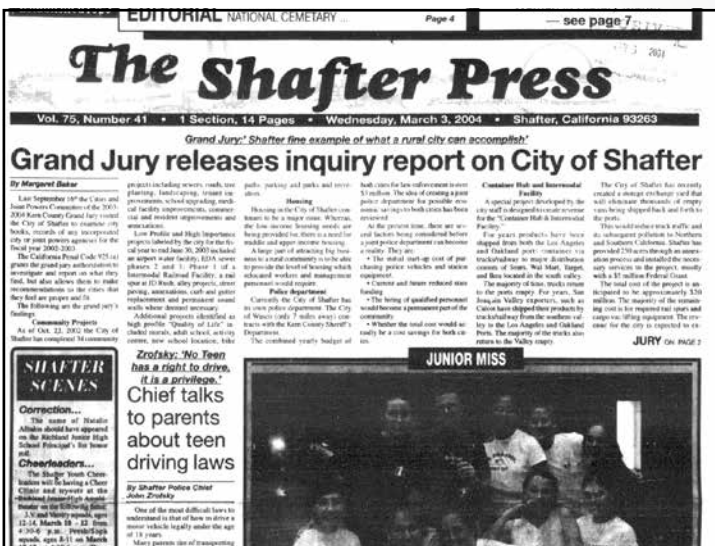
Super Students at Clemens

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

Pictured are, from left, school mascot Whiskers, Vice Principal Angela Devin, Asil Ahmed (1st grade), Maria Carranza (transitional kindergarten), Jesus Martinez (2nd grade), Fernando Ramirez (4th grade), Camila Medina (5th grade), 2023-2024 New EL Coach Hilda Scott and Principal Anabel Garrison

HEADLINES IN HISTORY

From the archives of The Shafter Press
50 years ago: March 13, 1974
Elmer Unruh and Robert Millwee were elected to the Shafter City Council.
40 years ago: March 14, 1984
Shafter High student Kim Haage was awarded the Bausch & Lomb science award.
30 years ago: March 9, 1994
The Shafter Generals varsity basketball team won the Valley Championship.
20 years ago: March 3, 2004
Ronda Martin was awarded the Community Service Award by the Shafter Chamber of Commerce.
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*Francisco J. Leon,
President and CEO of California Resources Corporation*

Woman’s Club takes PRIDE in Cans D’Arte

SUSAN GRISHAM
For The Shafter Press

The Shafter Woman’s Club is helping breathe life back in to the Colours program. They will be sponsoring a food drive, “Cans D’Arte Exhibit 2024,” at the Depot Museum the last two weekends in February and through the month of March.

This project focuses on community assistance to those who are in need of food to support themselves and their families. All proceeds will go to the Shafter High

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School PRIDE Pantry.

Anyone can enter the Cans D’Arte. Entries will be able to enter and set up their displays Saturdays in February. The Depot Museum will be open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on each Saturday to bring in displays and food donations. Entries will be on display Saturday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 25, 1-3 p.m., at the museum. All displays and donation boxes will remain at the museum until the end of the March.

There are two categories open for public entry this year. Entrants are welcome to enter in either category or both categories, if they desire.

Category #1: Construct architecture structures or designs using cans or boxes of food. The structures or designs should spell out or identify the name of a common phrase or title or saying. There is no entry fee for this category.

Category #2: Construct art pieces out of cans or boxes. This category will allow the entrant to shape and mold the materi-

als into objects unrelated to the art materials. There is a \$5 entry fee for this category. The money will be used to purchase food goods to help stock the PRIDE Pantry. Category #2 entries can be picked up at the Depot Museum on Saturday, March 30, 11 A.M.-3 P.M. Category #1 entries will be donated to the pantry.

The food collection will continue through the end of March. We urge everyone to consider donating food. For more information, call or text 661-529-1340.

Lady Generals basketball heads to semis

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Lady Generals basketball team won two games last week to earn their spot in the Central Section Division III playoffs. Shafter, the number four seed, will take on the Bakersfield Christian Eagles in the semifinals, with a trip to Fresno’s Selland

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Arena and the Valley Finals on the line.

Shafter opened the playoffs with a 53-32 win over Ridgeview High on Wednesday, with the Lady Generals sprinting out to a 20 point lead before the first half was over. Shafter used a smothering defense that had the Wolfpack turning the ball over several times in the half, enabling the Lady Generals to score some fast break points.

In the second half, the Wolfpack had success thwarting Shafter’s inside game, using their height to block a number of Shafter shots from inside the paint, forcing the Lady Generals to find points outside of the paint. Fortunately for Shafter, they had Kyla Schooley and Sydney Macias hitting from the outside, giving the Lady Generals a big lead. The Wolfpack could not get within 10 points the rest of the way, with Shafter pulling away at the end of the game for the final score.

This win set up a match-up with number five seed Sierra High School.

Sierra had some speed and several outside shooters in their lineup, but the Lady Generals started the game just as they did with



AnneMarie Piuser brings the ball up court.



Kyla Schooley shoots for 3.

the first round, forcing the Chieftans into several mistakes and turnovers, getting some easy baskets on the other end, building a sizeable lead in the first half.

They also used a very effective inside game in this round, with Alexia Ramirez controlling the inside, along with Schooley and the quickness of Annemarie Piuser, who also hit on some early shots.

The Lady Generals had an 11-point lead going into the second half, when the Chieftans chipped away at the Shafter mar-

gin with some effective outside shooting and some errors on the Shafter’s offensive end of the court. But with Sierra getting within four points late in the game, the Lady Generals turned the intensity back on on defense and forced some key turnovers, along with hitting some crucial shots, including a pair of threepoint shots by Schooley and jumpers from Macias. This gave Shafter an 11-point lead that they would not relinquish the rest of the way, ending with a 62-49 victory.



Julissa Gonzalez and Mikayla Weller will be competing this weekend at the State meet.

SHS wrestler Julissa Gonzalez 1st winner of Masters

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seed in the Masters tournament. Gonzalez ended up with the third seed coming into this weekend. She dominated her first three matches with pins in all but one match. In the final at Selland Arena, Gonzalez pinned the top seed Juliana Alvarez of Selma at 1:34 of the first period.

The win gave Gonzalez a trip to Mechanics Bank Arena in Bakersfield to the State Championships this weekend. Gonzalez will not be alone at the event either. Rising star Mikayla Weller of Shafter got fourth place in her division, stamping her ticket to the State tourney. “This is the first

time in school history that Shafter will take two girls to the State Tournament,” said Head Coach Eli Espericueta. “And this is only Mikayla’s second year wrestling.”

Gonzalez has been wrestling for years and has a vast collection of hardware, picking up the sport when she would come to practices with her brothers. “I just fell in love with it and have been doing it ever since,” she said.

Seeds had not been announced for the State tourney, but it is expected that Gonzalez may end up with a higher seed going in. The tourney takes place on Friday and Saturday in downtown Bakersfield.

Colours – A Celebration of the Arts This Weekend!

THURSDAY, FEB 22
Spaghetti Dinner – Colours is selling spaghetti dinners at \$15 a plate at the Veteran’s Hall. Drive through only. 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Coffee House Music Strings — Come and enjoy live acoustic music at Tin Cup, 7-9 p.m. Cover charge is \$5.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23
Minter Field Air Museum — Come out and check out Shafter’s Minter Field. Admission is free. 1-2 p.m.
Art Gallery — Come and see a Kern County artist at the Ford Theater, Free admission. 1-7 p.m.
Coffee House Music Jazz — Come and enjoy live Jazz Music at the Tin Cup 7-9 p.m. Cover charge is \$5.

SAT. FEB. 24
2 Mile Fun Run/Walk — Register at the SRPD office to pre-register by Friday, Feb. 23. \$25 registration fee.
Cans d’ Arte Exhibit — The Shafter Depot Museum will be displaying local participants’ canned food art. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.
Green Hotel — Free Green Hotel tour, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Car Show — Car show 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Tin Cup parking lot. There is a \$10 car registration fee.
Youth Art Workshops – A and B session at the Tin Cup Stage. Maxi-

mum 25 per session. \$15 fee A: 10-11:30 p.m., B: 1-2:30 p.m.
Polymer Key Chain Workshop — At the Tin Cup patio. \$10 fee. 11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Meet Children’s Author Jennifer Gardiner — Free at the Ford Theater, 3-4 p.m.
Art Gallery — Come and see a Kern County artist at the Ford Theater. Free admission. 12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Minter Field Air Museum — Come out and check out Shafter’s Minter Field. Admission is free. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Shafter Depot Museum — Free admission. Come check out Shafter’s Depot Museum. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Corn Hole Tournament — At the Church of Christ parking lot. \$25 fee. 1 p.m.
SUN. FEB 25
Cans d’Arte Exhibit — The Shafter Depot Museum will be displaying local participants’ canned food art. 1-3 p.m. Admission is free.
Art Gallery — Come and see a local Kern County artist at the Ford Theater. Free admission. 1-3 p.m.
Meet the Artists & Wine Tasting — At the Ford Theater. \$50 fee. 3:30-5 p.m.
Community Workshop — Free Community Workshop at the Tin Cup, 6-7 p.m.



The WHS boys varsity wrestling team at the Bash Tournament in Farmersville, where they took home first place.

Inside the dedication of a coach

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

WASCO

Passion runs deep for Wasco sports, and Juan Gallardo is one Wasconian who exemplifies the love that comes with someone who truly cares about the youth he serves through athletics.

Gallardo has been the Wasco High School varsity co-ed wrestling coach since 2010. What he enjoys most about is being invested in the kids.

“Helping them through homework and in-life issues at home and in school. Try to hold them accountable as adults. And try to have them make sure they get done with everything they need to do.

“Teaching them how to balance school with the sport, time management and how to speak to others, hold them accountable to the team, make sure they show up, sometimes at 4 a.m. to go to a tournament.”

He said he loves his kids.

“I’m very hard on them because I know the world is hard. Their mom and dad will not always be around to save them. I’m not always going to be around to save them. They must have a strong backbone because the world changes yearly.”

When asked how the sport impacts the athletes, he said, “It is a life sport. When they finish their high school and college

careers, it teaches them to show up for their daily work on time and not to call in sick. It teaches them to work well with other teammates. When they get a job, it shows them to be flexible, stay late and come in early. It teaches them how to communicate with their team at work or with their spouse.”

The sport has opened up new opportunities for his athletes, and they have traveled for tournaments to Reno, Las Vegas, Utah, San Diego, Fresno, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

These have been once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for the kids. “Some have never traveled outside Wasco or even seen the ocean, played in the snow or put their feet

in the sand for the first time.”

Areli Solis is one of his athletes. “He is an amazing and wonderful coach because he pushes me and everyone around to be the best,” she said “He is an incredible influence, and I feel like he has taught me to be a better athlete and a better person.”

His son, Juan D. Gallardo, who he also coaches, said, “He’s a great coach and father. He leads us with passion but also with control and by example.”

Gallardo said he is grateful for the town of Wasco and its people. “And the coaches who put up with me, who see my vision, support it and help me keep the kids in line. I appreciate them and their effort.”

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION ON
March 11, 2024 to
March 13, 2024 OF TAX
DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR
DELINQUENT TAXES

On November 08, 2023, Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Jordan Kaufman, was directed by Kern County Board of Supervisors' Resolution #2023-285 to conduct a public auction sale in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 7 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. The tax-defaulted properties listed below are subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's power of sale.

This is a public notice that I will sell the properties beginning at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on March 11, 2024 at www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us.

The sale will be conducted as a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States or negotiable paper, for not less than the minimum bid as shown in this notice. Bidders must submit a refundable deposit of \$5,000.00 electronically to www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us no later than 5:00 P.M. P.S.T. on Friday March 01, 2024. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. Any parcel remaining unsold at the conclusion of the auction may be resold within a 90-day period. If necessary, the subsequent sale will begin at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on May 20, 2024 at www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us.

Properties that are redeemed (paid) in full by 5:00 P.M. P.S.T., Friday March 08, 2024, will not be sold. The right of redemption will cease at that time. Properties not redeemed will be sold.

If the properties are sold, parties of interest (as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675) have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are paid from the sale price. Notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to law, if excess proceeds result from the sale.

The following is a partial list; a complete list may be obtained by calling our internet advertiser, GovEase at 1-769-208-5050 or by viewing the list at www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us. You may access public computers at all Kern County Libraries.

The Assessor's parcel number, when used to describe the property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable) and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's office.

I declare under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Jordan Kaufman
Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on January 19, 2024.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Kern County, California and are described as follows:

086-280-20-00-6 \$1,100.00
ARMSTRONG AMELIA ANN ET AL
099-072-05-00-0 \$1,100.00
CHURCHILL PAUL K
099-040-20-00-0 \$1,100.00
REED WALTER E & CASEY AGNES
099-082-15-00-2 \$1,100.00
REED WALTER E & CASEY AGNES
099-072-04-00-7 \$1,100.00
GUTTMAN PAUL N
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PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below: City of Shafter 6th Cycle Housing Element Update (2023-2031): The Housing Element is a component of the Shafter General Plan that primarily addresses housing matters for the incorporated City. Under State law, the Housing Element must be updated on an eight-year cycle, which is overseen by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The Housing Element is currently being updated for the sixth cycle, which encompasses the 2023-2031 planning period. The draft Housing Element Update (HEU) was circulated for public review and comment from April 3, 2023, to May 3, 2023, and the Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for public review and comment from June 2, 2023, to July 2, 2023. Following the public review and comment period, the draft HEU was submitted to HCD for review on May 16, 2023. On August 14, 2023, the City received HCD's feedback on the draft. Based on the feedback, the City revised the document and prepared a revised draft and recirculated it for an additional seven-day public review between October 9, 2023, through October 17, 2023. HCD had additional comments on the revised draft and therefore, staff prepared a second revised draft and publicly circulated this draft for an additional seven days, from December 7, 2023, through December 14, 2023. HCD had additional comments on the second revised draft and therefore, staff prepared a last revised draft and publicly circulated this draft for an additional seven days, from January 8, 2024, through January 15, 2024. On January 26, 2024, HCD provided a letter to the City of Shafter stating that the last revised draft Housing Element "will substantially comply with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code section 65580 et seq.) when it is adopted, submitted to and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585." On February 13, 2024, the Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 24-434 that recommended approval to the City Council to (1) repeal the 2015-2023 Housing Element and adopt the 2023-2031 Housing Element and (2) adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. At the March 5, 2024, public hearing, the City Council will determine whether to repeal the 2015-2023 Housing Element and adopt the 2023-2031 Housing Element and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Said meeting is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written com-

ments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting.

You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.

Dated: January 13, 2024
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
3701 Sillect Investors, GP
2024-B0890

1930 Truxtun Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
County: Kern
PO Box 2346
Bakersfield, CA 93303
Lantz Family L.P.
4825 Calloway Dr. Ste 102
Bakersfield, CA 93312
State of incorp. or org.: CA
Wible Investors II, LLC
4825 Calloway Dr. Ste. 102
Bakersfield, CA 93312
State of incorp. or org.: CA
Assurance II, LLC
1930 Truxtun Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: General Partnership
Date the business commenced: 03/08/2009
/s/Annette L. Davis
Date Statement Filed: 02/07/2024
Date Statement Expires: 02/07/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Cabrera
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
What Kim Craves
2024-B0262

230 Mannel Ave

Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
230 Mannel Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Kimberly Beth Van Sloten
230 Mannel Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2024
/s/Kimberly Beth Van Sloten
Date Statement Filed: 01/10/2024
Date Statement Expires: 01/10/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: Z Arellano
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Kern County Motors
2024-B0888

1015 E Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93305
County: Kern
520 Voorhies Lane
Bakersfield, CA 93306
Dos Palmas Auto Sales LLC
1015 Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93305
State of incorp. or org. CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company*
Date the business commenced: 06/27/2020
/s/Fernando Vargas, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 02/07/2024
Date Statement Expires: 02/07/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Cabrera
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Benton Ranch
2024-B0788

5060 California Ave #900
Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern
5060 California Ave #900
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC
5060 California Ave #900
Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of incorp. or org. CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company*
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Michael C. Young, President
Date Statement Filed: 02/05/2024
Date Statement Expires: 02/05/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Cabrera
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
Trubeauty Studio

728 21st St Suite 5
Bakersfield, CA 93301
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
728 21st St Suite 5
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Julie Scarleny Altamirano Alfaro
7000 Auburn St Apt C8
Bakersfield, CA 93306

Business was conducted by: Individual
/s/Julie Scarleny Altamirano Alfaro, Owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B2328
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 04/27/2021
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 01/19/2024
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/Z Arellano
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Brows By Julie
2024-B0477

728 21st St Suite 5
Bakersfield, CA 93301
County: Kern
12107 Hill Country Dr
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Julie Scarleny Altamirano Alfaro
12107 Hill Country Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 06/20/2021
/s/Julie Scarleny Altamirano Alfaro
Date Statement Filed: 01/19/2024
Date Statement Expires: 01/19/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: Z Arellano
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
LEDM Production
2024-B0750
Legaleye Digital Media
2024-B0751

316 Ashe Rd., Ste 316
Bakersfield, CA 93313
County: Kern
316 Ashe Rd., Ste 316
Bakersfield, CA 93313
Steven Lee Rodriguez
316 Ashe Rd., Ste 316
Bakersfield, CA 93313
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Steven Lee Rodriguez
Date Statement Filed: 02/01/2024
Date Statement Expires: 02/01/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Top Auto Performance
2024-B0562

676 E Lerdo Hwy
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
676 E Lerdo Hwy
Shafter, CA 93263
Top Auto Performance LLC
676 E Lerdo Hwy
Shafter, CA 93263
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company*
Date the business commenced: 02/13/2023
/s/Jaime Garcia, Manager

Date Statement Filed: 01/24/2024
Date Statement Expires: 01/24/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Rey's Leather Craft and Repair
2024-B0501

22721 Meacham Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern
22721 Meacham Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Reymundo Lopez
22721 Meacham Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Reymundo Lopez
Date Statement Filed: 01/22/2024
Date Statement Expires: 01/22/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Cedenno
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Esmys Child Care Services
2024-B0570

508 Rodeo St.
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
508 Rodeo St.
Shafter, CA 93263
Esmeralda Trujillo Garza
508 Rodeo St.
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 02/03/2023
/s/Esmeralda Trujillo Garza
Date Statement Filed: 01/25/2024
Date Statement Expires: 01/25/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
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By: M Cedenno
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Westrock General Engineering
2024-B0547

1313 Linda Kay St.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern
1313 Linda Kay St.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Westrock LLC
1313 Linda Kay St.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company*
Date the business commenced: 04/01/2020
/s/Garrett Brown, Manager
Date Statement Filed: 01/24/2024
Date Statement Expires: 01/24/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Cedenno
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OBITUARIES

Eldalene Maurine Peters
Nov. 8, 1941 – Feb. 11, 2024
Eldalene Maurine Peters was born in Bakersfield on Nov. 8, 1941, to Richard H. and Ethel E. Douglas of Wasco. She married Glenn G. Peters, the love of her life, on July 29, 1967; they shared 44 years together. Eldalene (Mom) attended Wasco elementary schools and graduated from Wasco Union High School in 1959. Mom also attended business classes at Bakersfield College and Delano Business School.



After schooling, Mom went to work at Security Bank, Bank of America and various positions for the cities of Wasco and Shafter. Also, we can't for-

get, the Shafter Chamber of Commerce honored her with the Humanitarian Award in 2006. What an honor! Her most rewarding position came when she worked at the Shafter Cemetery for 23 years, which was really a blessing, as she wanted to share God's love with grieving families. Mom became a Christian in 1959. Mom always taught her children to love and serve Jesus first, others second and yourself last, and we would have true JOY. Mom taught Sunday school for

many years. We couldn't have had a better mama. At the time of her passing, Mom attended Celebration Church of the Northwest in Bakersfield, with Pastors Mark and Kim Roberts. Eldalene was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Ethel Douglas; her husband (our dad-dy), Glenn Peters (Feb. 28, 2012); and their daughter, Connie. She leaves behind her children, Joe Peters and Alicia (Charles) Adams; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; her sister, Nelda (Jesse) Ca-

brera; a brother, Richard Douglas; and numerous nieces, nephews and wonderful friends. We want to thank the Shafter Cemetery, Denny Carender, Andy Alvidrez (retired), Tim Unruh (retired), Lisa Caudillo and the whole crew for being so kind and compassionate to Mom. They always looked out for her. Also, a big thanks to Carrington of Shafter, Alicia and the whole staff. In the short time Mom was there, they showed her so much love. I would like to thank Hoff-

mann Hospice and Nurse Maryann, our angel on earth, for everything they did to help Mom stay comfortable and dignified in her final days. Mom passed away Feb. 11, 2024. A visitation will be held at Peters Funeral Home, Shafter, on Friday, Feb. 23, from 4 to 8 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Shafter Memorial Park on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. Mom will truly be missed, always loved, and never forgotten. Joe & Alicia

Fortino Diaz Valdivia Sr.
Aug. 12, 1948 – Feb. 14, 2024
Fortino Diaz Valdivia Sr. passed away on Feb. 14, 2024, in Shafter, at the age of 75. He was born on Aug. 12, 1948, to Taurino Arcos Valdivia and Vicenta Diaz Valdivia in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. He was raised in a family of four sisters and six brothers. At a young age, Fortino



worked early mornings be-

fore heading to school each day to help support the family. In his late teens, he traveled to California for work and settled in Shafter, where he met the love of his life, Olga Nieto. They married on Aug. 7, 1970, in Shafter, which became their forever home. They raised three children and were married for 53 years. While living in Shafter, Fortino worked several

jobs, including new construction homes and Armstrong Nursery, and retiring from Wilson Ag. Fortino also completed many home improvement projects and took pride in his work. He enjoyed taking the family to Pismo Beach for camping trips and outdoor adventures. Many memories were made at amusement parks and traveling

back to his hometown in Guadalajara to visit family. He was the life of the party when it came to family events, where he took over the dance floor. He is survived by his wife, Olga Valdivia, and three children, Elizabeth Yeasley married to Greg, Fortino Valdivia Jr. married to Maggie and Anna Williams married to Leonard. He is survived by eight

grandchildren and 61 great-grandchildren. Fortino will always be remembered as a devoted husband, brother, father and grandfather. Family was everything to him. For many others he will be remembered for his strong work ethic, honesty and being a loyal friend. He will be missed by many but never forgotten. Rest in peace.

Martha Peters
June 22, 1933 – Feb. 7, 2024
Martha Peters went to be with her Lord and Savior on Feb. 7, 2024, in Shafter. Martha was born June 22, 1933, in Hillsboro, Kan., to Frank and Sarah (Zielke) Penner, the 11th of 13 children. The family moved to Dimnuba in 1943, and Martha attended Immanuel High School and met her future husband, Clarence W. Peters. They married Aug. 17,



1951, and in November moved to Ukiah to begin Clarence's alternative service, both working at Men-

docino State Hospital. Career changes took them from farming to Porterville State Hospital to funeral service. They bought Agee Family Funeral Home in 1973 and worked side by side until their retirement in 1994. They enjoyed traveling together for many years. Martha was a talented crafter but excelled in embroidery and gift wrapping. She was a member of the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church, where she and

Clarence served as deacons and youth leaders. Martha was preceded in death by her son, Loren Peters, parents and 11 siblings. Martha is survived by her husband of 72 years, Clarence Peters; children Carolyn Peters, Cheryl and husband Rick Woody, Les Peters and wife Kim, Frank Peters and wife Cindy; grandchildren Roxanne Cusick, Rick Woody and wife Ruby, Daniel Vierra, Toni and husband Peter Frantz, Matt Peters and wife Jenna,

Allison Peters, Nikki and husband Rob Smee, Zackaria Peters and wife Katie, Megan and husband Dallas Pruitt, Jared Peters and wife Taylor; great grandchildren Georgia, Ricky and Romeo Woody, Kate and Tess Frantz, Abigail and Oliver Pruitt, Sydney and Claire Peters, Cadence and Brodie Peters, and Bryson Smee; sister Evelyn Wall; sister-in-law Margaret Penner; and a host of other family members. Visitation for Martha

will be held at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter, Thursday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held at Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church, 400 Kern St., on Friday, Feb. 16, beginning at 11 a.m. Interment will be private at Shafter Memorial Park. Donations may be made to Shafter MB Church to be used for youth camp scholarships. Arrangements under the direction of Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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OBITUARIES

Helen Marie Pankratz Gaede
March 29, 1940 – Feb. 17, 2024

Helen Marie Pankratz was born March 29, 1940, in Hutchinson, Kan., to Helen and Andrew Pankratz. There were two children in the family; her sister, Sara Ann, was a year and a half older. They were poor, but they didn't know it at the time.

During her childhood on the farm, she had many cherished memories. At a young age, Helen asked Jesus to be her Lord and Savior, and made that decision public when she was baptized on Sept. 20, 1953, at the age of 13.

She attended South Inman Grade School, a one-room schoolhouse with one teacher instructing all eight grades. Helen was the



only one in the first grade. The school was located a mile from home, and she would walk or ride a bike to school, even in winter.

Helen was active in sports and didn't mind being called a "tomboy" since she could run as fast as the boys. After her seventh year the school was closing, and she began attending Buhler Grade School, where she was again active in sports. Helen had many happy ex-

periences during her four years, including being chosen as one of the queen's attendants for basketball homecoming. She graduated in 1958.

Helen attended Tabor College, where she met Dennis Gaede, a Shafter boy, during her sophomore year. They were married on Aug 31, 1961, in Buhler, Kan. She received her BA in home economics in 1963. After graduation, they moved to Manhattan, Kan., where Dennis continued his education at Kansas State University.

During their time in Manhattan, both of their children, Randall and Rhonda, were born. After graduation from Kansas State, they moved to Otawa, Kan., and transferred their church membership to First Baptist Church.

Then in 1968, they moved to Shafter and raised their family and attended the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church.

In 1972, Helen started working at the Kiddie Kollege Preschool as a teacher's aide. She continued her education and became the program director. She received the Christian Education Service Award in 1977 and kept teaching children until her retirement in 2022.

Helen became a member of the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church on May 25, 1969, where she taught Sunday School and helped as an Awana leader for many years. She loved playing co-ed volleyball on Monday nights, and more recently played pickleball. In 2017, Helen was honored by the Shafter Chamber of

Commerce with its Education Award. In 2022, Helen received a Distinguished Service Award from the Kiwanis Club of Shafter for her many, many hours of community service.

She was a longtime member and served as president of the Shafter Historical Society and she loved helping at The Depot Museum. Helen served as a trustee at SMBC and enjoyed caring for the buildings and flower beds.

Helen frequently was seen walking around Shafter. She was also known as the best painter in town, and even had two requests for painting jobs on her answering machine when she came home from her recent hospital stay.

At home, Helen enjoyed reading, gardening and working puzzles. She

was a pro at making Zwieback and mini peppernut cookies. She loved watching many sports, especially her Kansas teams, but she also was seen around town cheering on her former Kiddie Kollege students and their teams.

Helen was ushered into the loving arms of Jesus on Saturday, Feb. 17, in the early hours, while Rhonda and her sister-in-law, Marilyn Bergman, were with her. We will miss her greatly.

Visitation was held at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter on Feb. 22, from 4 to 8 p.m, and interment at Shafter Memorial Park was private. Helen's memorial service will be held at Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church on Friday, March 1, beginning at 1 p.m.

PET OF THE WEEK

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McKenzie came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. She is approximately a 5-7-year-old female bull terrier. She is great with staff and other dogs. It is unknown if McKenzie is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are not tested with children. Her behavior towards children is unknown. McKenzie will be

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More information is available by emailing rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org or masilva@cityofwasco.org.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION ON
March 11, 2024 to
March 13, 2024 OF TAX
DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR
DELINQUENT TAXES**

On November 08, 2023, Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Jordan Kaufman, was directed by Kern County Board of Supervisors' Resolution #2023-285 to conduct a public auction sale in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 7 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. The tax-defaulted properties listed below are subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's power of sale.

This is a public notice that I will sell the properties beginning at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on March 11, 2024, at www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us.

The sale will be conducted as a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States or negotiable paper, for not less than the minimum bid as shown in this notice. Bidders must submit a refundable deposit of \$5,000.00 electronically to www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us no later than 5:00 P.M. P.S.T. on Friday March 01, 2024. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. Any parcel remaining unsold at the conclusion of the auction may be resold within a 90-day period. If necessary, the subsequent sale will begin at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on May 20, 2024, at www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us.

Properties that are redeemed (paid) in full by 5:00 P.M. P.S.T., Friday March 08, 2024, will not be sold. The right of redemption will cease at that time. Properties not redeemed will be sold.

If the properties are sold, parties of interest (as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675) have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are paid from the sale price. Notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to law, if excess proceeds result from the sale.

The following is a partial list; a complete list may be obtained by calling our internet advertiser, GovEase at 1-769-208-5050 or by viewing the list at www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us. You may access public computers at all Kern County Libraries.

The Assessor's parcel number, when used to describe the property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable) and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's office.

I declare under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Jordan Kaufman
Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on January 19, 2024.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Kern County, California and are described as follows:

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE
Case No. BPB-22-003211
Estate of Gertrude Mullins,
Decedent**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, subject to the confirmation by this court, on March 7, 2024, or thereafter within the time allowed by law, Angela Mullins, as administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder, on the terms and conditions stated below, all right, title, and interest of the decedent at the time of death and all right, title, and interest that the estate has acquired in addition to that of the decedent at the time of death, in the real property located in Kern County, California.

This property is commonly referred to as 1600 Lilac Ct., Wasco, CA 93280, assessor's parcel number 489-202-06-00-3, and is more fully described as follows:

Lot 12 of Tract 5972, Phase 2, in the City of Wasco, County of Kern, State of California, as per Map recorded June 22, 2001, in Book 47, Pages 33 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

Excepting therefrom an undivided 1/2 interest of all oil, gas, and minerals lying in and under said land by Irene R. Longanecker, Trustee UTD September 15, 1994, of the Irene R. Longanecker Trust in deed recorded September 22, 1994 as Document No. 139164 of Official Records.

Also excepting therefrom 1/4 of all oil, gas petroleum, minerals, and other hydrocarbon substances lying below a depth of 500 feet from the surface of said land, but without the right of entry above a depth of 500 feet from the surface of said land for the purpose of exploring for, extracting, mining, boring, removing or marketing said substances, as reserved by Jean Ralph Anderson and Betty L. Anderson, in Deed record April 15, 1985 in Book 5751, Page 730 of Official Records.

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Subject to Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions as set forth in the Declaration of Restrictions recorded July 18, 2001, as Document No. 0201099983 of Official Records, all of which are incorporated therein by reference to said declaration with the same effect as through fully set forth herein.

The property will be sold subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record.

The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis except for title.

Bids or offers are invited for this property. They must be in writing and can be mailed to the Law Office of Philip M. Flanigan, P.C., attorney for the Administrator at 4082 N. Cedar Ave., Suite 104, Fresno, CA 93726 or delivered to the Law Offices of Philip M. Flanigan personally, at any time after first publication of this notice and before any sale is made.

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The personal representative of the estate reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
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Date Statement Filed: 01/26/2024
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By: P Del Villar
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DEATH NOTICES

Hannah Grace Jerez, 22, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 9, in Los Angeles. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Leonard Dunn, 80, of Wasco, passed away Feb. 15, in Delano. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Mary Maxine Horton, 91, of Wasco, passed away Feb. 14, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Donald D. Disney, 83, of Idaho, passed away Feb.

10, in Idaho. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

PASTOR'S CORNER

The community of the church

PASTOR PAT COYLE

Mennonite Brethren Church, Shafter

For the past few years, my wife, Lisa, and I have had the privilege of leading a Bible study for a group of younger couples, and we recently started a new study on the topic of the church.

One of the passages we studied was Acts 2:1-47, where we see the birth of the church on the Day of Pentecost, and in verses 42-47, we gain some insights into what the early church did. Listed in those verses are several things they devoted themselves to; following the apostles' teaching (Bible study), worship (typically with communion included), prayer and the fellowship of other believers, which speaks to the community aspect of the Church.

Whenever I read that passage, it always strikes me how important other believers are to my own spiritual growth. As Americans, we often think in terms of individualism, which has its place in our lives, to be sure. However, a balanced approach of growing in our faith includes activities as an individual such as personal devotions, in smaller group settings such as a Bible study or class and in larger group settings such as a church service. Each has its place



Pastor Pat Coyle

in our lives, and each is important to spiritual maturity.

I want to encourage all of us to practice all three of these as we are able and enjoy the "fellowship and community" of other believers. As our lives change and we get to a point where we may be unable to participate in all three, we'll never regret when we did!

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