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Richland schools celebrate reading

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Schools in the Richland School District celebrated the Reading Across America event last week, with classrooms filled with special guest readers of numerous Dr. Seuss books. The event encourages reading in and out of the classroom and shows that reading is an enjoyable event, not just an educational tool.

Members of the Shafter community came to read to the students, including

Mayor Chad Givens, Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Prout, Shafter High Coach Jerald Pierucci, Pastor Mark Scialabba, Debbie Haley and many other volunteers who made the event a success. At Sequoia Elementary, Principal Janean Johnson, with assistance from Vice Principal Tonia Aguilera, Roya Eubanks and a host of volunteers made the event a fun and exciting one for the students as well as the volunteer readers.

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Mayor Chad Givens, with teacher Roya Eubanks and a host of volunteers, in Mrs. **Eubanks' Kindergarten class.**

Workshop sets priorities

for Wasco's next year

Wasco Union High School District Acting Superintendent Kevin Tallon said Rob was innovative and a dedicated leader.

A heartfelt goodbye to Rob Cobb

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

The community came out on Friday to celebrate the life of a great man, Robert (Rob) Cobb. It was a moving tribute to a lifelong educator that contributed much to the city of Wasco.

Pastor Dave Moorhead welcomed

and prayed with those in attendance.

"We want to celebrate him. It's an honor to Rob and an honor to his family. We are grateful we had him and how he touched our lives."

He said of the service, "I See A HEARTFELT Page 3

The Shafter Press

Elijah Sanchez, 21, will appear in court again on Monday, March 13, to get a trial date after pleading not guilty to an attempted murder charge..

the Shafter Police Department responded

forts, accomplishments and initiatives related to each department such as finance public works, community development and human resources.

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The "impact categories" discussed were enhancing financial stability and sustainability, enhancing and mod-

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Wasco Tribune

shop for the fiscal 2023-24 year was held for the City Council and city leaders to

come to a consensus on priorities that will

At the workshop, the council and key

help the staff form the upcoming budget.

staff members shared updates on their ef-

On Saturday, a strategic planning work-

Sanchez was arrested on Feb. 9, after

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to a call of shots fired near the Starbucks

Sanchez allegedly shot Javier Munoz of Shafter in the head. Both Sanchez and Munoz have gang tattoos, although Munoz told authorities that he had left the gang life

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Alyssa Calvillo



Italyvy Morocho



Mia Ruiz





Emily McGuire



Desiree Arreola



Melissa Valenzuela





Natalie Leyva

A new Distinguished Young Woman coming

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter Distinguished Young Woman program is getting ready to name a new title holder to represent the city. The program will take place on Friday, March 24, at the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center at Shafter High School, beginning at 7 p.m.

There are nine participants this year, each sponsored by local businesses.

Here are the participants: Alyssa Calvillo is the daughter of Can-

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dy Gonzalez and is being sponsored by the Shafter Lions Club. She will be performing a dance routine at the program.

Italyvy Morocho, sponsored by Sun Country Flowers, is the daughter of Ofelia Moreno. She will be performing a monologue for the talent phase of the competi-

Mia Ruiz is the daughter of Mark and Alma Ruiz. Ruiz is being sponsored by Apple Market and will be performing a Color Guard routine.

Ariana Escalera is the daughter of Abraham and Analis Escalera and is being sponsored by Puiser Construction. She will be performing a monologue.

Emily McGuire, sponsored by Richland Chevrolet, is the daughter of Mark and Susan McGuire. She will be performing a tap dance routine.

Desiree Arreola is the daughter of Ely and Frankie Arreola. She is being sponsored by the Shafter Commanders and will be performing a monologue.

Melissa Valenzuela is the daughter of Leobardo and Ceyla Valenzuela. She is sponsored by the Shafter Kiwanis Club and will be playing the flute.

Britney Hill, the daughter of John and Jennifer Hill and Stephanie Vasquez, is being sponsored by the Shafter Rotary Club and will be performing a color guard routine.

Natalie Leyva is the daughter of Ana and Juan Leyva. She is being sponsored by Ken Handel Farms and will be playing the

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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

Book reading -- Shafter resident and veteran Barry Bongberg will read from his book, "Dear Mom and Dad, Letters Home from Vietnam 1967-1969," at the Shafter Depot Museum, 150 Central Valley Hwy., on Saturday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Bring your copy from home or purchase the book on that day for signing.

Chamber annual meeting -- The Shafter Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual meeting on Thursday, March 16, at the Veterans Hall. Tickets are available from the chamber at City Hall.

History lecture - The Shafter Historical Society presents Shafter history lectures with Stan Wilson at the Shafter Library & Learning Center Thursday, March 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This week's talk: "The Carleton Watkins Photographs of Kern County."

Author readings - The Shafter Library & Learning Center hosts a children's book author visit and read-aloud Wednesday, March 15, from 9 to 11 a.m., and Thursday, March 16, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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.

Allotments ending - CalFresh emergency allotments end this month.

Probation Department needs peace officers Shift work, safety retirement, supervise and mentor at-risk youth, growth and advancement opportunities with the county. Required: 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college course work, background check and drug screen. Contact Frank Herrera at 661-868-

Sandbags available – Self-serve sandbag station for Shafter residents and businesses only. Station is located at 1251 E. Ash Ave., next to the recycling drop-off.

Bookkeeping training – Free bookkeeping training program at MAOF, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation. 2130 Chester Ave., Suite 200, Bakersfield. Related occupations include accounts payable/accounts receivable clerks and payroll clerks. Entry requirements: At least 18 years of age, completed reading and math assessment, high school diploma or GED. Call 661-336-6821 for information.

Free covid tests - All residential households can order four free at-home covid-19 tests. Visit covidtests.gov

MONDAY

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

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

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

Wasco City Council – Meetings every first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m. Wasco Woman's Club - Meetings are at the

clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings. Senior lunch program - Meals offered

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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 in-

Wasco Recreation and Park board - Meetings are 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.

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 - 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history.

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

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/ or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to The Press, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mystervphoto@The ShafterPress.com, Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: Otto and Regina Becker were married on July 9, 1922, at the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church.





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ARREST REPORT

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Police Department **FEB. 27**

Basel Khaled Ali, 20, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of Fresno Avenue for false report of emergency.

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Everardo Gomez, 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of Central Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony charge and a misde-

meanor charge. Omar Chavez, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for possession of

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Ramon Beltran, 29, was arrested in the 1500 block of Lotus Lane for hit and run and property damage.

Shafter, was arrested in the 18700 block South Shafter Avenue for driving without a license, lacking proof of financial responsibility and driving

Rosendo Tellez Jr., 26,

unlawful paraphernalia.

Martin Zamora, 26, of an unregistered vehicle.

of Shafter, was arrested on the East Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge, indecent exposure and possession of a con-

trolled substance. MARCH 3

Ryan Tyler Francis Oldes, 34, was arrested on the Mountain Aspen Lane for assault with a deadly weapon not a firearm, inflicting corporal injury on spouse/ cohabitant and threatening a crime with intent to terrorize.

MARCH 5

Francine Yasmeen Sanchez, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Chris Court for disorderly conduct: alcohol

BUTTONWILLOW

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

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Arturo Lopez Romero, 30, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 300 block of Milo Avenue in Buttonwillow for cruelty to child, possession of a controlled substance and on two felony warrants and two misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Mario Antonio Leon, 26, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Wasco Way and Highway 58 in Buttonwillow for disorderly conduct of drugs. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Carson Craig Gretlein, 39, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Standard Road and Martin Avenue in Bakersfield on a felony warrant. He was booked into the

Kern County Jail.

County Jail.

MARCH 4 Fernando Jimenez, 61, of Shafter, was arrested in the 28000 block of West Tulare Avenue in Shafter for domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern

At press time, The Kern County Sheriff's Office haD not release arrest reports for the Wasco area.

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\$1.5M surplus seen for Shafter budget

The Shafter Press

Lower than expected labor costs will give the city a surplus in its operating fund this year, the City Council was told Tuesday night.

In reviewing the midyear budget report for 2022-23, it was noted that one reason for the savings came from labor costs in the Shafter Police Department due to va-

There was a request for an increase of \$30,000 for costs regarding the closed former correctional facility, including electricity and utilities.. Overall, the city is well within the budget forecasted, with an expected surplus of over \$1.5 million for the current year, said Finance Director Rogelio Sanchez. Other than the one adjustment in the budget of \$30,000, there were no other recommendations.

In concluding the report, Sanchez said that the labor savings related to the vacancies from the Police Department will allow

the current budget to maintain a modest surplus.

The council approved a contract with TJM Enterprises to retain them as advisors and to investigate three areas in Shafter that are needing traffic safety improvements, such as possible stop signs or lights. These areas are Lerdo Highway, between Schneidt and Poplar streets, Tulare Avenue and Highway 43 area, as well as Los Angeles Avenue, Schnaidt and Shafter Avenues. This area, near the site of GROW Academy, is heavily trafficked. Studies have shown that some sort of safety improvements are needed there because of the amount of children using the crosswalks and the amount of vehicle traffic. In other action, the Shafter City Coun-

cil recognized members of the Shafter Boxing Club who competed in Independence, Mo., last month in the Silver Gloves Junior National Championships, coming home with five national titles and a top



national title.

overall award.

Valentina Aguilar, James Rodriguez, Jerikah Argueta, Analyse Deleon and Edgar Martinez, Jr. all won national titles in their weight classes, giving the Shafter Boxing Club the most titles of any one club at the competition.

At the end of the event, the Shafter Boxing Club was awarded the belt for the Top Overall Boxing Club in the nation. This

was given to them over numerous clubs from the Los Angeles, Chicago and Milwaukee with many times over larger clubs than the Shafter group.

The council congratulated coach Mike Ayon and his staff of volunteers for their efforts in giving Shafter's youth positive role models and examples of what can be accomplished with teamwork and dedica-

American Refuse rolls out new service

VERONICA JACUINDE Wasco Tribune

Representatives from American Refuse attended the City Council meeting Tuesday night and gave a presentation on the recycling bag and information they are leaving residents, along with their new blue recycle cart. This is all in preparation for the introduction of the new recycling program beginning next week. There is a brochure that lists what goes

in every cart and a welcome letter," recycling coordinator Maria Medina said.

The brochure includes information about what is expected, what is contamination, what can be recycled and helpful hints. The brochure lists what items can go

into the blue cart, including milk jugs and juice bottles, water bottles, plastic litter bottles (soda), aluminum cans (soft drinks), empty tin cans (fruit/veggies), glass bottles and jars, cardboard, junk mail, newspaper, phone books, paper bags, magazines and paper.

Items that can go into the green organics recycling cart include food waste, grass clippings, yard clippings, coffee grounds, beans, nuts, eggshells, bread, fruit, vegeta-

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bles, unfinished wood and broken pallets. For the black trash cart, items that can

be disposed of include polystyrene, contaminated plastics, general household trash, diapers, plastic bags, plastic wrapped boxes, dog and cat food bags, Christmas lights, plastic swimming pools, garden hoses, clothes, shoes, feed bag, tarps, toys, bikes and mini blinds. Household hazardous waste must go

to an HHW facility. These items are not allowed in any recycling, organics or trash receptacles. These items are hazardous to the environment and can cause fires in your receptacle, trash truck or the facility. Hazardous waste includes batteries,

paint, fluorescent bulbs, aerosol cans, auto fluid, pool chemicals, sharps, cleaning products, pesticides and herbicides. It is advised not to overfill the cans/

bins, and lids must be closed because debris can spread from wind and stray animals. It can also spill on American Refuse The welcome letter from American Re-

fuse that will come with the brochure says

that they are pleased to be the city's new

commencing on the 17th of this month. Along with the brochure and welcome letter, there will be an "in-home recycling bag," which is a reusable bag that is advised

welcome letter.

The bag is provided to be a way for one

to be kept in your home for refuse.

American Refuse team members Jeff

Martin, Lynnda Martin and Maria Me-

dina with a recycle bag, brochure and

service provider. Pick-up for blue recycling

carts will be every Friday, with service

to store recyclable items in your home. It may also be used as an easy way to transport items to your blue cart recycle container.

There is a diagram attached to the bag that lists acceptable recyclables.

Lynnda Martin, marketing director, encourages people to use the new mobile app. Look for "American Refuse" in your App store or Google Play. Download the app and then add preferences. You can set up reminders to set your cart(s) the night before. You can also use the waste wizard on the app to look up items to ensure they are placed in the right cart.

City manager Scott Hurlbert said, "I am a fan of the app. The one feature I like is the waste wizard, which tells you what goes in each bin. I think it works really well. It's easy to lose track of pick-up dates, but the app helps with this."

We spent a significant amount of time working with AR with all the different forms of media to inform. A fair amount of work has gone into that area."

Martin suggests that residents visit americanrefuse.co/index.php/wasco for other helpful information.

You can also find the frequently asked questions page specific to Wasco.

Artist hanging new art in library

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

Charlotte White, who has works of art tions on her resume. hanging all over Shafter and Kern County, has two new pieces on display at the

Shafter Library and Learning Center. Director David Frantz assisted White in hanging her new pieces, which illustrate different landscapes and an or-

White has been painting for over 50 years and is an award-winning artist and educator. She taught at Oaks Valley Charter School for almost 10 years, with stints

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at Liberty High School and other institu-

White loves to teach art, as well as displaying her talent for people to appreciate. White also completed a series a couple of years ago titled Icons of Bakersfield. White spent time outside of different iconic locations in Bakersfield and painted the sites, including the historic Luigi's Restaurant. "I love going on location and painting as I am gazing at the subject. I also like to capture people at work," said White. White did just

that outside of Shafter, when she was allowed into the grape fields outside of town, giving people a glimpse of a work day of a field worker as he toils in the

You can also go into City Hall, or just about any city building in town and find works of White's on display, including a painting of the Shafter Depot Museum, as well as the old Shafter Motel.

White's current passionis for a revival of the the Colours arts festival. "I would be willing to be a part of the team," saying that she could help with the connections that she has in the local art world.



Shafter Learning Center Director David Frantz hanging one of Charlotte White's works.

A heartfelt goodbye to Rob Cobb

think it is one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. It was special because it was obvious that Rob's friends shared their heart and love for him."

"I was his pastor for 11 years, and I

would describe him as humble, faithful and a visionary. He was warm and accepting. He pulled people in towards himself, so nobody ever felt excluded." Wasco Union High School District Act-

ing Superintendent Kevin Tallon thanked the Board of Trustees for their leadership during this challenging time. "He will be greatly missed. He impact-

ed many lives. His impact will never be A dear friend, Chip Appel, shared his

feelings. "I will remember him by his loyalty, friendship and by his example of being a husband and a father. I am just thankful I got to meet him and that God brought our

for everyone was that you can't do life

"Life was designed to be lived in community. I know the Cobb family has experienced the richness of community here in Wasco. My life has been incredibly enriched by the Cobb family and that's all thanks to God.

"I thought it was a wonderful way to remember a wonderful life. It makes me really sad but really happy at the same Rob's daughter, Hannah, her sister Sar-

ah, and family friend Dan Coveney sang "Amazing Grace." Hannah said, "My dad chose the song to the tune of 'House of the Ris-

ing Sun.' He loved both songs, but he loved rock music more, so he loved that version." She said what most brought her joy

about the service was seeing the outpour of the community. "I was overwhelmed by all of the love He said the message he wanted to leave and support we were given. The love that

everyone gave my father was overwhelming. There is no right way to do this. I just want to say thank you."

Other members of the educational community were present.

Wasco Independence High School Principal Rusvel Prado said, "What I will most miss about Rob was his positive presence. Anytime he walked on campus or anywhere, he always put a smile on your face." "He was always there for everybody, no

matter the time or day. He was a man of faith and integrity and never faulted. Rob loved the lord and led his life like that every single day." Sunni Dobbs worked very closely with

him as the principal of WHS. "He was always patient, wanting you

to learn and grow. He was an assertive leader. In the classroom, he was innovative, and he always engaged

his students so they would

have the desire to learn."

Christina Salinas worked with Rob in the district office. "He was a great leader and mentor who

It is something that will always be a gift to

"We were blessed to work under him.

cared a lot about the students and staff at WHS. Rob had a great sense of humor and brought that to the office atmosphere. On Fridays, he would pull out his guitar and sing for us."

His wife, Keri, shared her own thoughts. "It was a blessing to have so many fam-

ily, friends and co-workers turn out to celebrate Rob's life. It is my prayer that the service honored God, Rob and the wonderful community of people who have loved and supported us through his journey with cancer."

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years ago. According to court documents, Sanchez yelled a gang affiliation at Munoz before pulling the gun and starting to fire. Munoz fell and then started to run when he said that his body went numb, realizing that he had been shot. He was able to get

away from Sanchez, and the suspect fled when the officer arrived. Also according to documents, Sanchez told officers on the scene that he

was the man that they were looking for. "I couldn't even fight the case if I wanted to," Sanchez was quotes as saying. The shooting occurred in daylight and was witnessed by multiple people, including a police officer.

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Mannel Park plays host to circus

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Mannel Park hosted the Ventura Circus last weekend, giving several performances of their new showcase.

This circus had a host of different acts



The juggler kept flaming objects in the air.

that amazed and entertained the crowds on hand. It was standing-room-only on opening night, with this year's themed "The Dream" show.

Ventura Circus is a family-owned andoperated circus that relies on acrobatics, clowns, balancing acts, and high-flying tricks to keep the audience on the edge of their seats.

The Dream" follows a girl who is drifting off to sleep when she awakes to a pair of clowns vying for her attention, keeping her entertained. A team of acrobats performed a variety of tricks on a trampoline, with one of the team doing an astounding triple somersault. He then proceeded to do 23 continuous flips before landing on the ground, to the delight of the crowd.

There were plenty of refreshments available, from cotton candy, popcorn and drinks, to churros and candied apples.

In between the tricks and high-flying members of the team, the clowns kept the audience laughing and involved in the action. A balloon was batted around the big top, with the clowns encouraging the crowd to keep it up in the air, until a clown with a bad attitude popped it, causing the crowd to boo him off the stage. It was a real crowd-pleaser.



The troupe performed a number of tricks on the trampoline.

There also was a juggler that performed with a variety of objects, from rings, bowling pins, until he finally grabbed a handful of flaming batons, wowing the crowd as he kept the flaming objects in the air. There was also a time after the show in which the kids could come and meet the performers and also get their faces painted. It was a show that delighted the entire audience.

Headed up by Jovan Hernandez and crew, the circus travels throughout the Central Valley and beyond, entertaining crowds big and small.

After the shows in Shafter, the troupe was headed to a stint in Mendota, about

90 minutes north of Shafter. Hernandez said that they enjoy entertaining the different crowds and love meeting new people all of the time. "Every town is different, with some crowds that come see us every time we are close by, with other towns having a new experience, never watching us before."

Hernandez also said that they take pride in putting on a show that is great for the whole family, be them young children, or just those young at heart.

We love being a part of the circus tradition and doing what we can in keeping this great and rich tradition alive."

Churches pray for Wasco as one

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

There was a house full of worshipers on Sunday at the Wasco Community Revival. The special event occurred at True Light Baptist Church in Wasco, with almost 100 people celebrating the power of prayer and The message was one of love and joy

where various churches in Wasco and from outside came together to pray for the town, including the recent violence.

It was open to everyone, and it didn't matter what church you went to; all were

There was music in English and Spanish. Parishioners sang songs of praise, thanking the lord and declaring that he is good. 'We have a choir from heaven tonight,"

event organizer and assistant pastor for New Generation Church in Wasco, Marcus Ballard, said.

Coco Quintero from New Generation Church in Wasco attended the revival.

"I loved it. It was a new experience for me because, in my church, we don't have a choir set up like True Light, so it was really

powerful to hear their choir sing." "You could feel the presence of the lord when they sang. It was awesome to see so many churches come together and praise as one body of Christ the way we are sup-

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The people that came felt the spirit of God. "I think it was awesome. It exceeded my

expectations. Those that came were on the same page with the same goal: to change the Wasco community for the better," Bal-

Quintero said the lord moved her.

"I had a revelation of my identity and confidence in my identity that night, so it was really special for me. God doesn't see color or race; he just loves us all."

She believes in the power of prayer.

"It's our only solution to any of our problems. I strongly believe that without God, nothing can be achieved, and nothing can work as it is supposed to. I prayed for him to send his spirit here for us to be a hub for people to know that any church they come to here in Wasco, the lord will be there."

Wannetta Crenshaw from Apostolic Faith Temple in Wasco thought it was

"It is so amazing to see the different churches come together and focus on one thing to serve God and pray through fellowship with each other. I thought it was just so beautiful."

The best part for her was the prayer and



The event brought together the community to pray in harmony.

"It was a reminder of what is going to happen when we all get together in heaven; we are all going to come together and praise God." "I prayed for the city of Wasco and ev-

eryone in that building and their families. I prayed for our nation, president, Ukraine, my family, children, and grandchildren."

Leonard Espinoza from Family Life Worship in McFarland came to participate.

"I am here today because I am a man of God, and I love the lord. I want to help people to come to know the lord as I do."

Brad Hight from Westside Family Fellowship in Wasco said, "It was good to see unity from the different churches in the community. It's been a while since I've

seen these churches unite regularly to pray together, take hands across denominational lines, and be the true body of Christ."

He took away knowledge from the re-

"Many like-minded brothers and sisters in the community desire to see change. The Bible says that one can put a thousand to flight and two can put 10,000 to flight, so all of us together really multiplies the spiritual strength in our community."

The Wasco Community Revivals will be held monthly, with the next one on March 26th at 6 pm at Canyon Hills Church in Wasco, 600 Broadway St. For more information, call Marcus Ballard at (805) 636-8931.

Superintendent invites parents to meetings

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

A story last week encouraged parents to attend meetings of the the Wasco Union High School District board on the second Thursday of the month, and Acting Superintendent Kevin Tallon suggested that a Spanish version be run for spanish-language households:

Superintendente invita a los padres a reuniones de la junta

Estar involucrado en la educación de hijo hace una diferencia positiva en su

éxito académico. Estar activamente involucrado demuestra que te preocupas y estás involucrado en su crecimiento académico. También le permite hacer oir su voz sobre las pólizas que rigen la escuela y garantizar la rendición de cuentas de quienes están a

El Distrito de Escuelas Preparatorias de Wasco Union lleva a cabo sus reuniones de la junta cada segundo jueves del mes y el Superintendente Interino Kevin Tallon alienta a los padres a participar.

"Un padre debe asistir porque la junta directiva aprueba las polízas y el presupuesto anual que establece la dirección del distrito para brindar una educación de alta calidad a todos los estudiantes en el Distrito de Escuelas Preparatorias Wasco Union."

"Si los padres tienen preguntas, comentarios o inquietudes sobre las polízas o el presupuesto, una reunión de la junta es un lugar apropiado para obtener más información o expresar una opin-

Dijo que es importante contar con la

participación de los padres en todos los as-

pectos de la educación de sus hijos. 'Cuando los padres participan, los estudiantes obtienen mejores calificaciones tienen mejores registros de asistencia abandonan la escuela con menos frecuencia, tienen mayores aspiraciones y tienen actitudes más positivas hacia la escuela y

la tarea." Las reuniones de la junta se llevan a cabo a las 6 pm en Wasco High School 1900 7th St., cuarto 202. También hay un traductor de idioma español en caso de que alguien no hable inglés.

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THE BUNNY IS BACK I Shafter Recreation presents Lqqstravaganza

March 25, 2023

11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Bunny Selfie's, Activities, Concessions 1:00 pm: Eggstravaganza Egg Hunts (ages 3-13 by age divisions)

> Meet on the fields behind Shafter Rec

Shafter Recreation invites area kids and their families to our annual Eggstravaganza!

- Easter Egg Hunt (7000 eggs) - Easter Bunny Selfie's

- Fun Activities





Ross opens store, makes contribution

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

It was a busy morning for the Ross store at its grand opening on Saturday, with over 150 people walking through its doors in the first 10 minutes.

Bri Villa was one of the shoppers.

"I am here today to check out the new store because it's closer than Delano or Bakersfield. I wanted to be one of the first shoppers to have the first look at the merchandise. It's also a sign that the city is growing, adding new stores and expanding with all the new housing.'

Another shopper, Rosalina Ruiz, said, "I came to buy items I need. There are good prices, great quality and a good variety."

Ross staff put a lot of effort into prepar-

ing for the grand opening.

Mike Jones, a Ross store manager from Visalia, said, "People have been excited driving around the store waiting for us to open our doors. Our team is set to deliver excellent customer service. They have all been trained and ready to welcome the people."

"The merchandise we carry ranges from luggage, jewelry, home goods, apparel for

all ages, shoes and fragrances. We have many name brands and try to bring the best working with our national and international vendors."

He said he was happy to see city leaders at the event. "It is always a great thing when our lead-

ership is involved." The Ross team is comprised of cashiers, stock crew, supervisors and store manag-

ers. They all went through extensive train-Ross team member Melinda Mendez has been with the company for 20 years.

"I am looking forward to all the new

jobs it will bring to the community. It's awesome and a great opportunity for a high schooler thinking about accounting, management and even loss prevention." Youths 18 years or older can work for

"What I enjoy most about my career here with Ross is being a mentor for people getting a job right out of high school. It is rewarding to see them grow. The Wasco Ross store manager, Daisy

Puente, said, "The community has been



accepted the donation to Teresa Burke **Elementary School.**

receptive to the store. They have been loving it. We have had high volume sales the last couple of days, so we know they love the deals."

"I hope I am able to develop and train our new hires. A lot of them are from Wasco. This is pretty much the only retail store in Wasco apart from Walmart. It's an amazing company."

At the event, Ross made a \$2,500 donation to Teresa Burke Elementary School. Monique Goodwill, a school director, was

The city also presented Ross with a certificate of recognition.

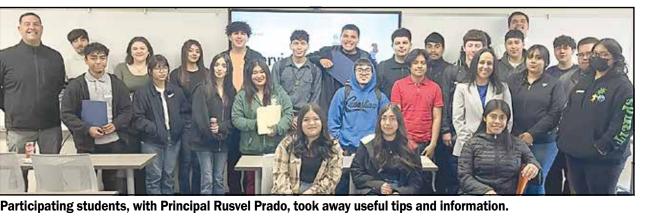
"It was wonderful and a testament to how receptive and excited the community is to have us here," Puente said. City Manager Scott Hurlbert shared,

"It is a great sign that Wasco is on the map,

and we are excited about having Ross here, expecting that other retailers will take notice and draw other retailers." "The community interest in the open-

ing of Ross is a good indicator that Wasco is ready and can support these types of re-

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said, "It is great for our community that we have now a new clothing and homeware retailer that will satisfy the needs of residents and will prevent them from going elsewhere to make their purchases. It will increase our



Mock interviews set students up for success in the workforce

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Wasco Independence High School held a mock interview workshop to

WASCO niors with a real job interview experience with local employers.

"We decided to host this event as a continuum from the career fair we recently hosted and continue to expose students to diverse career opportunities within the community," Principal Rusvel Prado said.

He said that it's important for students to have these types of opportunities to take what they are learning in the classroom and put it into practice.

The workshop helped put students on the right track to achieve their goals after graduation.

"Mock interviews help the students learn what to expect in a real interview and how they can improve in presenting (selling) themselves. We made the process as realistic as possible by having community business partners such as Target, Chase Bank, City of Wasco, Wasco High School personnel and California Home Pros do the interviews.

Students took home principles to help them in the real world.

"We intended for students to walk away feeling less anxious about the process and a boost in their self-confidence. By participating in these types of events, students can practice their communication skills and learn more about themselves and their areas of strength and improvement."

Shontay Smith from Chase Bank helped to coordinate the event.

"It all started by teaching financial health to them. I asked them about



Marleni Maston conducted a simulated interview with student Erick Lopez.

their savings goals, and they said it was about jobs. I dug a little deeper and found that many of them didn't have the fundaments to seek a job."

"Between Chase, myself and staff at IHS, we created this opportunity for students, local business owners and community partners to come together and conduct these mock interviews."

She said it allows them to know their self-worth in the workforce.

"It builds self-esteem and gives them an advantage because it takes the blinders off, so they know what they're good at and apply for jobs they wouldn't have thought to apply for."

Senior Samantha Gaitan said, "I feel like it was a great experience. I learned how to talk to professionals, which will be useful when I interview for jobs after graduation."

Another senior, Eric Torres, said, "The workshop gave me many things to expect in an interview. It helped me by making me more confident in my answers." "They gave me tips like how to give

a firm handshake, have good posture and carry a better and natural conversation. The best part was getting feedback, so I know what to fix in my next interview."

Senior Gael Lopez said, "What I enjoyed most was talking one-on-one with the employers and having a human interaction, cracking jokes and laughing to break the ice.

Tilo Cortez and his wife, Jeni, from the real estate company California Home Pros, were both on hand for the mock interviews.

"We decided to participate because we love volunteering for these events. Any time we can help the youth by sharing our life experiences, we are always happy to do so."

He said he hoped to instill in them that everyone has something valuable to contribute to the workforce.

Another interviewer, Janette Bravo from Target, said, "My goal through the workshop was to give the students real-life experience and how interviews are in person. I wish I would have had this when I first interviewed."

"I think the students did really well with their answers and were very forthcoming."

Marleni Maston, an adult education coordinator, also interviewed the students.

"I was very impressed at how calm they were. They were well-dressed and looked very professional. Every high school should have these mock interviews. It's setting them up for success."



The Shafter Library & **Learning Center** announces that the Spring History Lecture Series will begin:

Thursday, March 9th at 6:30PM 235 James St. **FREE ADMISSION**

Stan Wilson will be showing a selection of photos of Kern County taken by the famous Western Photographer -Carleton Watkins in 1888



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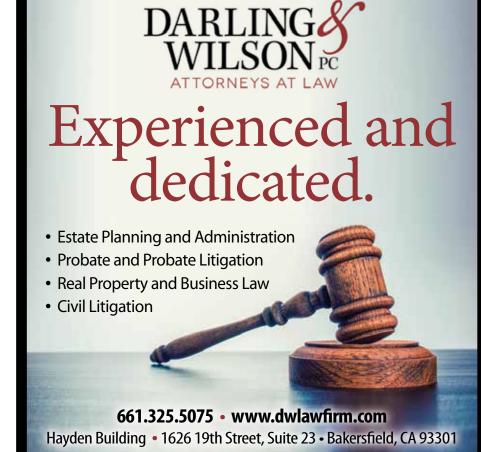
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Richland schools celebrate Reading Across America

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The event was started back in 1998 by the National Education Association to encourage children to read. It later developed into a year-round program, with special celebrations in the month of March.

Organizers wanted to help children and adults alike that reading is an activity that has something for everyone. Whether you are looking for fiction or self-help, or just a good time, there is a book for everything. Reading Across America promotes reading to young children and helps get them reading and developing a good habit at an early stage.

There were a variety of books read at the schools, from numerous Dr. Seuss books, to other popular childrens books that entertained the kids as well as shown what a positive activity reading can be.



Students listen and learn as volunteer readers entertained them.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Precision Mechanix 2023-B1054

349 Western Dr

23, 30, 2023

Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern
349 Western Dr
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Heroel Cervantes Santana
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Heroel Cervantes Santana
Date Statement Filed: 02/15/2023
Date Statement Expires: 02/15/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Zen Fade Spa 2023-B1417 6416 Vancouver Drive

Bakersfield, CA 93309

County: Kern

03/03/2028

Shafter, CA 93263

Mailing address of business:

635 N. Central Valley Hwy

County: Kern

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6416 Vancouver Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Priscilla Beltran
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Priscilla Beltran
Date Statement Filed: 03/03/2023
Date Statement Expires:

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Fernando's Automotive Repair 2023-B0787 635 N. Central Valley Hwy

Shafter, CA 93263
Fernando Arturo Huitzacua
Irma M Huitzacua
The business is conducted by: Married Couple
Date the business commenced:
06/19/2009
/s/Irma M Huitzacua
Date Statement Filed: 02/03/2023
Date Statement Expires:
02/03/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Kern Ironworks 2023-B0849

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23, March 2, 9, 2023

715 Hermosa Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
715 Hermosa Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Fabian Rosas
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced:

Date the business commenced 01/01/2023 /s/Fabian Rosas Date Statement Filed: 02/07/2023

Date Statement Expires: 02/07/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: C Martinez

By: C Martinez Publish Shafter Press February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Kern Ironworks Wovend Way

1154 Weyand Way
Shafter, CA 93263
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
1154 Weyand Way
Shafter, CA 93263
Fabian Rosas
Ruben Rosas
Business was conducted by: General
Partnership
/s/Fabian Rosas, Partner
Original FBN Statement File Number:
2021-B1215
Original FBN Statement Filed on:
03/10/2021

Original FBN Statement Filed on: 03/10/2021 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 02/07/2023

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Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/C Martinez
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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: DCV-22 000004

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DCV-22 000004

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Veronica Gallardo Moreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name

Jose Alexander Ambriz Moreno Proposed Name Alexander Ambriz Moreno 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: 3/29/2023 Time: 10:00 AM b. The address of the court is: SU-PERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 1122 Jefferson St, Delano, CA 93215

St, Delano, CA 93215
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Shafter Press Date: Feb 8, 2023
/s/Jose R. Benavides
Judge of the Superior Court
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Impact Environmental
Services, LLC
2023-B0954
3127 Patton Way

Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 6077 Coffee Rd. 4-49 Bakersfield, CA 93308 Impact Environmental Services, LLC 3127 Patton Way Bakersfield, CA 93308 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company* Date the business commenced: 01/20/2023 /s/Johnny Couch, Manager Date Statement Filed: 02/10/2023 Date Statement Expires: 02/10/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement ZD&S Printing 10001 Camino Media #22621

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By: P Del Villar

23, March 2, 9, 2023

Bakersfield, CA 93311 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 10001 Camino Media #22621 Bakersfield, CA 93311 Jill Kristine Morrow Brock Andre Morrow Business was conducted by: Married /s/Jill Morrow Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B6923 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/12/2022 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 02/03/2023 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: /s/C Martinez Publish Shafter Press February 16, 23. March 2. 9. 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Bridgemark Insurance Services 5610 District BI #103 Bakersfield, CA 93313

County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
5610 District BI #103
Bakersfield, CA 93313
Christine Marie Blayney
Business was conducted by: Individual
/s/Christine Marie Blayney
Original FBN Statement File Number:
2020-B4320
Original FBN Statement Filed on:
10/02/2020
This statement of Abandonment

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 02/14/2023 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/A Goodwin Publish Shafter Press February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Monarch Memorial 2023-B1150 2801 F Street

2801 F Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
844 E. Lerdo Hwy.
Shafter, CA 93263
Clarmar Enterprises
State of incorp. or org.: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation*
Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Richard C. Woody, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 02/21/2023
Date Statement Expires: 02/21/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: J Lozano
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Marcela's Investments 2023-B1154 189 E. Lerdo Hwy Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern Mailing address of business: 422 James St Suite #11 Shafter, CA 93263 La Imperial Taqueria State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation' Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Marcela A Garcia, C.F.O. Date Statement Filed: 02/21/2023 Date Statement Expires: 02/21/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press March 2, 9, 16, **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Fictitious Business Name Statement Big Joes Pool Service 2023-B1292

414 Atlantic Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern 414 Atlantic Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Joseph Alexander Munoz The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Joseph Alexander Munoz Date Statement Filed: 02/27/2023 Date Statement Expires: 02/27/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press March 2, 9, 16, 23.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Starrh Farms 2023-B1386

29985 Fresno Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern P.O. Box 1537 Shafter, CA 93263 AStarrh, Inc. State of incorp. or org.: CA BStarrh, Inc. State of incorp. or org.: CA CStarrh. Inc. State of incorp. or org.: CA DStarrh, Inc. State of incorp. or org.: CA FStarrh. Inc. State of incorp. or org.: CA JStarrh. Inc. State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: 01/01/2023 /s/DeeAnn Edick, President, DStarrh. Inc. Date Statement Filed: 03/02/2023 Statement Date Expires: 03/02/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: A Goodwin Publish Shafter Press March 9, 16,

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement JV Auto Repair 2023-B1269

140 Walker Street Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern 140 Walker Street Shafter, CA 93263 Jose Alfredo Sosa The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: 06/01/2001 /s/Jose Alfredo Sosa Date Statement Filed: 02/27/2023 Date Statement Expires: 02/27/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press March 9, 16,

PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct public hearings to consider the following the Planning Commission's recommendation for

approval of the following residential project:
Tentative Tract No. 7421: A proposal to subdivide approximately 18.40

acres (gross) into 97 single-family residential lots, and 2 landscape lots. The residential lot sizes range from 4.000 square feet to 8.000 square feet and are consistent with the land use designations within the adopted Gossamer Grove Specific Plan. The project is zoned and designated SP (Specific Plan) within the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan and is located near the intersection of Eagle Drive and Community Drive. More generally, the project is located between the Friant/Kern Canal and Beardslev Canal, west of California State Highway 99, and north of 7th Standard Road in Shafter California. The tentative tract map is proposing residential development consistent with the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan and, therefore, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, i.e., exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code, pursuant to California Government Code §65457. The project is within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that was certified for the 2005 City of Shafter General Plan Update and related actions (SCH No. 2004101029) for the adopted Gossamer Grove Specific Plan. The certified Program EIR adequately describes the residential development proposed in Tentative Tract No. 7421. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the project have been included in this mail, and are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue. Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments (reference Tract No. 7421) to the Mitzy Cuxum, Senior Planner ((661) 746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue. Shafter. California 93263 or by e-mail at mcuxum@ shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing. In compliance with AB 361 and the Resolution Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, adopted by the City of Shafter City Council, public meetings are currently Teleconference/Video Conference Meetings aligned with local and federal guidelines and social distancing recommendations for the containment of the Coronavirus. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/ CityofShafer/. 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 21, 2023 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 Planning Commission and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING AND

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED

ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE

Dated: February 22, 2023

mission meeting.

Yázmina Pallares

City Clerk

MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (GATE FEE AND BIN FEE) FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

agenda and are incorporated into the

official record of the Planning Com-

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
On the 28th day of March, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County. This Or-

dinance will establish a schedule of

service charges for non-residential

property which will be collected as a Gate Fee or a Bin Fee. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that describes the amount of the proposed service charge for waste delivered to Kern County waste disposal or transfer facilities for further handling. In accordance with this report, the proposed basic fee for non-residential waste (Gate Fee) will be increased from \$58.00 per ton to \$61.79 per ton effective July 1, 2023. A transfer fee of \$10.65 per ton will be added to the basic fee for non-residential waste delivered to any transfer station effective July 1, 2023. For non-residential customers using bin service provided by a Franchise Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be increased from \$3.00 per cubic yard to \$3.20 per cubic yard effective July 1, 2023. A transfer fee of \$0.55 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station effective July 1, 2023.

future rate adjustments in the Gate Fee and Bin Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) without a protest hearing for an additional four years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the

Additionally, the Kern County Board

of Supervisors (Board) may approve

hearing.
Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

prior to the conclusion of the public

described in that report. The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the

environment.
Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: February 28, 2023 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors /s/:Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Shafter Press March 9, 16,

NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

On the 28th day of March, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center. located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for all residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that designates the use of each parcel of real property in Kern County as either residential with four units or less. residential with five units or more, or non-residential, and describes the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of residential real property in Kern County should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the report approved. In accordance with this report, the Public Works Department proposes to increase the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) imposed on residential property on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 over the rates established for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The charge imposed on a parcel of property used as a single-family residence with one to four residential units per parcel will increase from \$160.00 per vear per residential unit to \$170.46 per year per residential unit. Parcels with multi-family dwellings with five or more residential units will increase from \$128.00 per year per residential unit to \$136.37 per year per residential unit.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) without a protest hearing for an additional four years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is

no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Conservious prices to the capacitations.

Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. Should the owners of either a majority of the separate parcels of real property or a majority of the separate parcels of residential real property described in the report object to the report, the report may not be adopted and the fee for residential real property described in the report may not be collected with the County's property taxes, however, since this increase in the fee is due

to a state mandate, further consid-

eration will be required. Otherwise,

the Board of Supervisors may order

the report filed with the Kern County

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk,

who will enter the amounts of the

fee against the respective parcels of

residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll. . The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this ac-

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Workshop sets priorities for Wasco's next year

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ernizing city facilities, improving and maintaining the city's infrastructure, implementing strategic economic development, enhancing employee development and retention, defining and prioritizing community building initiatives and public

Core values visited were trust, respect, integrity, teamwork, ownership and innovation, all while staying true to the city mission statement: "We are committed to a purpose greater than ourselves. What we do makes a difference and leaves a proud legacy. We serve together through these The workshop centered on the city's vision statement: "The city of Wasco vision

is to provide its citizens and business community effective municipal services while maintaining a historical sense of commu-The workshop's goal was to prioritize focus areas to guide staffing decisions,

departmental organization and facility design, knowing that staff is to remain nimble with changing circumstances, opportunities and realities. The three areas of focus were money,

infrastructure and people.

Regarding new business, Assistant City Manager Maria Lara said, "We want to be known as 'Wasco is a place to do business.' In the works are Dutch Brothers and Grocery Outlet. We have the momentum going, and the staff is on it. We want to make sure we keep them going." Lara shared a recent win with a grant

secured to host monthly spay and neuter clinics for the next three years. The city also has a \$1 million grant to convert and replace city transit buses to electric power. She said a goal is to continue working

with department heads to ensure grants are implemented per requirements and Finance Director Isarel Perez-Hernandez reported on department accomplish-

ments. He highlighted five timely independent city audits, annual operating and CIP (capital improvement projects) budget adoptions, and two awards the city has received for for operating budgets. He championed an initiative to explore an internship pathway with Bakersfield Col-

lege and CSUB for future accountants. Public Works Director Luis Villa gave an

update on the new animal shelter to be built and stated that \$1.5 million for that purpose has been secured.

"Hopefully, we can get the design this

With sanitation, he said the city purchased two new refuse trucks, one for residential and one for commercial.

"We completed a rate study and implemented a new rate change and service." He said an important initiative is to con-

tinue to update the refuse truck fleet to help create an efficient refuse recovery system that is sustainable and can grow with the city. "We have a great staff, and everyone pitches in to jump in and do it."

The new Police Department was discussed, and Chief Charlie Fivecoat said, "Our job is to keep the peace, deter crime and get out in the community with the of-

A vital initiative for this is to recruit personnel and the police department transi-City Manager Scott Hurlbert wants to

see the Police Department through start-up and full operations. He said \$1.1 million has been appropriated to date. Key milestones achieved were selecting

technology platforms, establishing department policies and negotiating a transition protocol with the Kern County Sheriff's Office, including a provisional hand-off date.

"We are at least 90 days ahead of schedule. We are way ahead of what anyone thought we'd be."

Another accomplishment was negotiating settlements with the California High-Speed Rail Authority and resolving numerous project impacts, including funding for the cleanup of the former labor camp.

"This team that we have here is why it works. There is a great willingness of everyone to wear different hats." Council members submitted their top

priority concerns, including public safety, city building infrastructure, code enforcement, street repairs, telecommunication infrastructure, community engagement/communication and the high-speed rail. Hurlbert reviewed the list of capital improvements and their status, with 100%

completion of the annex parking lot fence and gates, replacing the aging code compliance fleet, replacing an inoperable forklift, replacing a mower, installing neighborhood street lighting and replacing the aging wastewater fleet. "It's great that we can have these every

year so that staff can understand the council's priorities. It helps to guide our direction for the year so we can plan accordingly," Mayor Vincent Martinez said.

A new Distinguished Young Woman coming

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The program has different phases of competition, each one testing a different skill or quality of the competitors. The young ladies will have their transcripts and test scores reviewed for the scholastic part of the program, as well as being interviewed by a panel of judges in the inter-On the night of the event, the girls

will be tested on their endurance, agility and overall fitness in the physical

fitness phase. Then there is the creative performance portion. Each competitor is given a chance to impress the judges with a talent performance of their own In the poise and appearance phase, the

girls will be judged on their ability to stay calm under pressure, gracefulness and overall composure. The winner of the evening will receive a

scholarship and the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Shafter and will repre-

sent Shafter in the State Competition held in Bakersfield in July. The Distinguished Young Women be-

gan in 1958 as America's Junior Miss, a national scholarship program for high school girls. The program started in Shafter in the mid-1970s and this year marks its 41st an-The nationwide program made over

\$360 million in college scholarships available to girls across the country in 2018. Distinguished Young Woman is open to all junior girls, and rewards excellence in scholastic achievements, talent, physical fitness, and self-expression. After three months of weekly rehearsals and life skills workshops, the participants put on a wonderful program for their families, friends, and the community. DYW programs focus on providing applicable life-skills for junior girls (interview workshops, digital responsibility training, public speaking, personal accountability and community

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Three eternal mistakes

PASTOR JIM GLASCO

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Many people reject the thought of a soul spending eternity in hell. Many churches consider the thought old-fashioned and too offensive. Many say God is too loving to banish people to such an awful place for eternity. God's love does not negate His justice, His righteousness or His holiness.

God's love has provided a way of escape. John 3:16 says, "for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life." To reject or to try and revise the biblical doctrine of hell carries eternal consequences.

Felix made an eternal mistake. In



Acts 24:24-25 Felix procrastinated. He heard Paul preach about Jesus Christ and righteousness, temperance and judgment to come. Felix trembled and said "at a more convenient time I will listen to

Agrippa made an eternal mistake. In Acts 26:28 he almost was persuaded to become a Christian. Agrippa was saying, "I'm not quite ready."

Festus made an eternal mistake. In Acts 26:24 Festus yelled at Paul and called him a mad man. Festus was calling Paul angry and out of control.

Those men that I mentioned (Felix, Agrippa, Festus) made three eternal mistakes. 2nd Corinthians 6:2 says, "now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." The Bible says, "today if you hear his voice, harden not your heart." God gives the sinner many opportunities to come to Christ. Do not linger and do not procrastinate. Come to Christ while the door of

Mankind will spend eternity in heaven or in hell. The choice is ours. Man's denial and rejection of eternal punishment does not change or alter the biblical view of hell one iota.

The love and mercy of God can save the fallen. Many have come to Christ with their crushed lives and he has saved and given them eternal life. No more procrastinating, give your life to God.

DEATH NOTICE

Jose C. Trujillo, 74, of Shafter passed away Feb. 28, in Los Angeles. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Wasco Union Elementary School District 1102 5TH ST, WASCO, CA 93280

on March 30, 2023, at 2:00 pm (PST) on the clock designated by the District or its representative as the bid clock. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the bid will not be accepted. Bids will be opened on at 2:01 pm (PST) as calculated by the clock designated by the District or its representative as the bid clock.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 10:00AM (PDT). The group will tour all Four (4) sites. Meet at the District Office Main Building at 1:00 PM. All potential bidders must report at 10:00 AM. The pre-bid job walk will provide the opportunity to inspect the sites and may include dissemination of additional information in response to questions. All bidders will be deemed to have notice of all conditions and information, including, but not limited to any conditions in, at, and about the site, the building, or buildings, if any, and any work that may have been done

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cept any bids from contractors who

are not licensed to do business in the State of California, in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, providing for the licensing of contractors. In accordance with Section 3300 of said Code, the bidder shall have a Class "B" or "C-20" license and shall maintain that license in good standing through Project completion and all applicable warranty periods. Bidder shall state the license number on the Designation of Subcontractors form for all subcontractors doing more than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the bidder's total bid. Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if a listed subcontractor

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1.This Project requires prequalification pursuant to AB 1565 of all general contractors and all mechanical, electrical and plumbingsubcontractors. The Prequalification package may be obtained by downloading the necessary forms from district web site. (Bids and Solicitations (wuesd.org)). A bid package will not be accepted from any bidder that is required to submit a completed questionnaire and supporting documents pursuant to AB 1565, but has not done so at least ten (10) business days prior to the date fixed for the public openingof sealed bids or that has not been prequalified for at least five (5) business days prior to that date.

DIR REGISTRATION:

(a) No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. (b) No contractor or subcontractor

may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. (c) This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement

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no bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof or any authorized postponement thereof. The Owner reserves the right to take more than thirty (30) days to make a decision regarding the rejection of bids or the award of the Contract. Wasco Union Elementary School

Wade Smith

Director of Facilities Planning Publish Wasco Tribune March 9, 16,

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement A & A Entertainment 2023-B0865 1770 Prairie Rose Way

Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 1770 Prairie Rose Way Wasco, CA 93280 Maria Elisa Martinez The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: 07/30/2022 /s/Maria Elisa Martinez Date Statement Filed: 02/07/2023 Date Statement Expires: 02/07/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: C Martinez Publish Wasco Tribune February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Marcela's Investments

922 7th St Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 422 James St Suite #11 Shafter, CA 93263 La Imperial Taqueria State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation* Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Marcela A Garcia, C.E.O. Date Statement Filed: 02/21/2023 Date Statement Expires: 02/21/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Wasco Mini Storage

451 N. F Street Wasco, CA 93280 ONLINE Auction Storagetreasures.com Ending 3/10/23 @9am Cleaning Deposit \$50 72 Hours clean-out U0111 Shirley Goss household U1409 Andrea Pimentel Household Publish Wasco Tribune March 2, 9,

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **CrossPointe Baptist Church** of McFarland, California 2023-B1190

103 W. Sherwood Avenue

McFarland, CA 93250 County: Kern Mailing address of business: P.O. Box 760 McFarland, CA 93250 Sonrise Baptist Church of Clovis, California 3105 Locan Ave. Clovis, CA 93619 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation* Date the business commenced: September 17, 2017 /s/Mark D. Johnson Board Chairman/Agent for Service of Process Date Statement Filed: 02/22/2023 Statement Expires: Date 02/22/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: A. Goodwin Publish Wasco Tribune March 9, 16,

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Alexander's Auto Repair 2023-B1283 530 Main Street

Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 530 Main Street Delano, CA 93215 Bryan Steven Alexander The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Bryan S. Alexander, Owner Date Statement Filed: 02/27/2023 Date Statement Expires: 02/27/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: J Lozano Publish Wasco Tribune March 2, 9, 16,

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE MAN-AGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (GATE FEE AND **BIN FEE) FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL** PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

On the 28th day of March, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for non-residential property which will be collected as a Gate Fee or a Bin Fee. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that describes the amount of the proposed service charge for waste delivered to Kern County waste disposal or transfer facilities for further handling. In accordance with this report, the proposed basic fee for non-residential waste (Gate Fee) will be increased from \$58.00 per ton to \$61.79 per ton effective July 1, 2023. A transfer fee of \$10.65 per ton will be added to the basic fee for non-residential waste delivered to any transfer station effective July 1, 2023. For non-residential customers using bin service provided by a Franchise Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be increased from \$3.00 per cubic yard to \$3.20 per cubic yard effective July 1, 2023. A transfer fee of \$0.55 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer

Station effective July 1, 2023. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Gate Fee and Bin Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) without a protest hearing for an additional four years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public

hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report.

The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works

Department at (661) 862-8900 or

by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence

or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: February 28, 2023

KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors /s/:Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Wasco Tribune March 9, 16,

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED **ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE** MANAGEMENT PROGRAM **SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE**

FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 On the 28th day of March, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for all residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that designates the use of each parcel of real property in Kern County as either residential with four units or less, residential with five units or more, or non-residential, and describes the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of residential real property in Kern County should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the report approved. In accordance with this report, the Public Works Department proposes to increase the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) imposed on residential property on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 over the rates established for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The charge imposed on a parcel of property used as a single-family residence with one to four residential units per parcel will increase from \$160.00 per year per residential unit to \$170.46 per year per residential unit. Parcels with multi-family dwellings with five or more residential units will increase from \$128.00 per year per residential unit to \$136.37 per year per residen-

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) without a protest hearing for an additional four years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the

enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt,

revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. Should the owners of either a majority of the separate parcels of real property or

a majority of the separate parcels of residential real property described in the report object to the report, the report may not be adopted and the fee for residential real property described in the report may not be collected with the County's property taxes, however, since this increase in the fee is due to a state mandate, further consideration will be required. Otherwise, the Board of Supervisors may order the report filed with the Kern County Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, who will enter the amounts of the fee against the respective parcels of residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll.

The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at

waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Dated: February 28, 2023 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors /s/: Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk Publish Wasco Tribune March 9, 16,

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO REGARDING ITS INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council intends to adopt an Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-722, WHICH AMENDED THE HIS-TORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TO REPLACE REFERENCE TO FIGURE 2-4 WITH REFERENCE TO FIGURE 2-1 OF SECTION 17.24.040 OF TITLE 17 ZONING OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION SUMMARY:

The City Council of City adopted Ordinance No. 2023-722 ("Ordinance No. 722") on February 21, 2023, which inadvertently contained refer-

ences to Figure 2-4 rather than Figure 2-1 of Section 17.24.040 of Title 17 of the Zoning Code of the Wasco Municipal Code but which included as an Exhibit to Ordinance No. 722 the correct Figure 2-1; and, the City Council wishes to correct the reference to Figure 2-4 in Ordinance No. 722 with reference to Figure 2-1. A copy of the full text of the Ordi-

nance is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Wasco, 746 - 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280. You may contact the City Clerk at (661) 758-7214 with questions regarding this proposed Ordinance.

Dated: March 8, 2023 /s/MARIA O. MARTINEZ Clerk of the City of Wasco and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Council Publish Wasco Tribune March 9,

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