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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW | JULY - DECEMBER



The Chicago White Sox girls team were crowned champions.

# Shafter comes back from uncertain covid times

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**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**July** saw the return of the July 3 Fireworks show at Shafter High

**SHAFTER**

School, put on by the Shafter Chamber of Commerce, with support from local businesses and the community. The skies over Shafter were lit up on Monday night, celebrating the Independence Day holiday. The free event began at

6p.m. with a variety of inflatables, games, and plenty of food and drinks for those in attendance. There were well over 2,000 people in attendance, not even counting the amount of people in the nearby neighborhood, who camped out in their front yards, holding

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Dakota Criner showed his 4th of July spirit. RIGHT: Miss Wasco Rose Queen Ensley Mehlberg cut the ribbon at the celebration of the completion of the Poso Avenue High-Speed Rail underpass.

# Enthusiasm, commitment mark Wasco's busy year

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**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**JULY.** It was a festive celebration of our nation's independence

**WASCO**

in July at the Wasco Recreation and Parks District's Red, White & Boom Fireworks Festival. The event started with a flag ceremony hosted by the Boys and Girls Scouts Troop 950. A watermelon eating contest

and the Toys for Tiger's sponsored ride around Barker Park, where participants decorated their bikes in a 4th of July theme, followed. Music was by DJ Al Serna, who played popular songs in English and Spanish, added an uplifting energy to the event.

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Petra and Danny Rueda with family and friends at the Wine and Roses event in 2019 after being named Grand Marshals.

# Petra Rueda: An example of a servant leader

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Petra Rueda is a member of the Wasco community who is committed to the values of service. Her journey into activism was deeply influenced by her late husband, Danny, who is also a respected **WASCO** Wasconian leader.

Petra was born in Wasco when there was a hospital and attended all local schools. She comes from a family of eight and was raised in the Catholic Church, having been baptized and completed all her sacraments.

After graduating from Wasco High School, she went to Job Corps in San Bernardino County for two years and received her certification in clerical and accounting. She then came back and worked in management for the department store Kmart. After that, for 18 1/2 years, she served with the Department of Human Services for Kern County.

Petra married Danny Rueda in 1995. They went on to have a daughter, Victoria,

"My late husband and I raised our daughter to be a loving and caring young lady. She is a Wasco elementary teacher's aide at Teresa Burke Elementary School and is earning her master's degree as a speech pathologist. I'm very proud of her."

Early in their marriage, Danny began a lifetime of working for the betterment of Wasco. He joined the Knights of Columbus, was on the Wasco Union Elementary School District board and served as VFW commander. He passed away in 2021.

"My husband was always very big about community involvement and giving back. So, I had to fill his shoes when we lost him. Those were big shoes to fill."

"And the one that always encouraged me was our now Mayor, Alex Garcia. He was my husband's cousin. He said you have to step up. You can do it, cousin. You have to get out of your comfort zone. Former WUESD Superintendent Kelly Richers, too. He was one of my husband's best friends."

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# Adults Theater brings a twist to Christmas

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Young Adults Theater presented a new twist on an old classic recently when they staged "A Christmas Chaos," a take on the Charles Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol." The production was directed by Joshua Cooley, who also treated the audience to a humorous character, The Confused Actor, who interrupted the production repeatedly, reciting lines from plays that had nothing to do with the current production.

The cast was a collection of veteran actors who slipped into their characters with ease. Ebenezer Scrooge was played by Micah Neufeld, who has been in productions for years. "I love the theater. I just love getting into a character and becoming somebody else," said Neufeld, who started with the Shafter Childrens Summer Theater years ago.

The narrator of the tale was played by Amber Newby, who also doubled as Tiny Tim #2. Emily Aparicio also had dual roles, as she took on both Bob and Mrs. Cratchet at the same time. Having been made up as

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Emily Aparicio played a dual role.



# Community Calendar

As activities restart and businesses reopen, we will try to update readers on the status of events and activities throughout the area. Please contact Erica Soriano with additions and changes at [esoriano@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com) or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas at the Shafter Depot — Come and see the Christmas tree display. Saturday, Jan. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## 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.

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

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

## MONDAY

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

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

## TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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](http://wuhs.wascouhsd.org) for agenda information.

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

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

## SATURDAY

Depot Museum – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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](mailto:thegreenhotel@gmail.com) or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

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

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

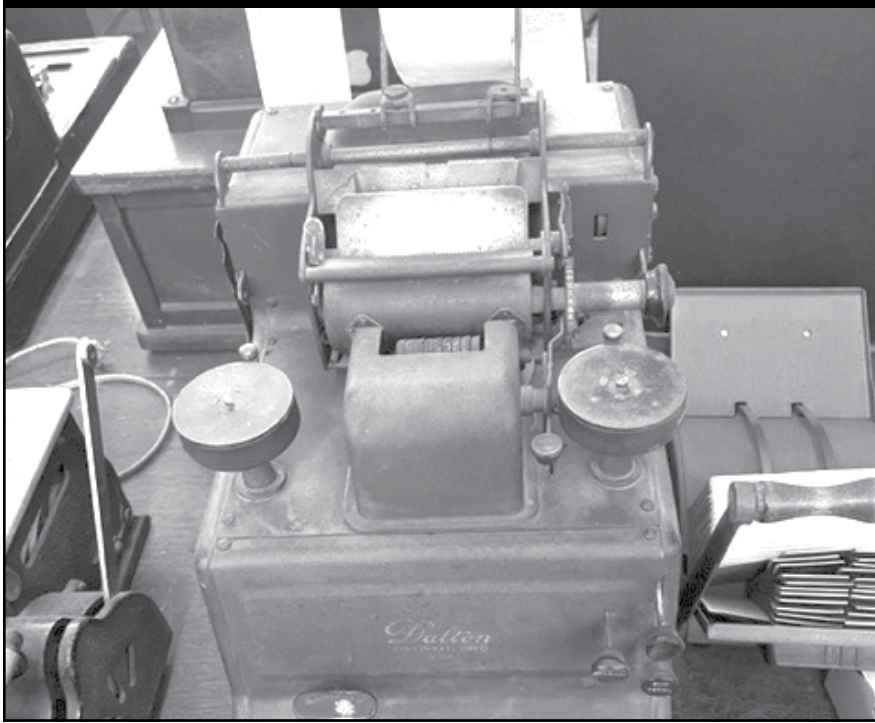
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## ARREST REPORT

### SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### DEC. 23

Luis Eduardo Lopez, 22, of Shafter, was arrested at Walker Avenue and Poso Avenue for DUI, hit and run damages and driving without a license.

#### DEC. 25

Victor Alejandro Heredia, 27, of Shafter, was arrested at 7th Standard Road and Shane Street for DUI and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony charge.

Francisco Cervantes Garcia, 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for battery on a spouse and possession of a controlled substance.

### DEC. 26

Raul Bauzan, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30100 block of Riverside Street for disorderly conduct: under the influence of drug/narcotic, obstruction and other offenses.

#### JAN. 1

Antonio Mendoza Alvarado, 29, of Shafter, was arrested for shooting in an inhabited dwelling, destruction vandalism of property, child abuse, felon with a firearm and threatening a school official.

### BUTTONWILLOW

At press time, the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Buttonwillow substation, did not report any arrests.

### WASCO

At press time, the Kern

County Sheriff's Office, Wasco substation, did not report any arrests for last week. Listed are the week prior's arrests.

#### DEC. 18

Miguel Soto Lopez, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Iris Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Juan Daniel Vargas, 26, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poso Drive and Poplar Avenue for felony burglary, receiving known stolen property

and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Michael Yniguez, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of F Street for felony burglary, receiving known stolen property and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### DEC. 21

Davian Rosas, 19, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Birch Avenue for disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was booked

into the Kern County Jail.

#### DEC. 22

Lori Marie Ramirez, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Birch Avenue on a felony bench warrant and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Francisco Eligio Ruiz, 20, of McFarland, was arrested near the intersection of Maple Avenue and Highway 46 for misdemeanor reckless driving and possession of a controlled substance. He

was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Ryan Sims, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1400 block of Poso Drive on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### DEC. 23

Jose Luis Hernandez Martinez, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of E Street for felony false imprisonment, misdemeanor battery on a spouse and showing false ID to an officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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# New events, businesses in Shafter

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viewing parties outside of the Shafter Recreation Department fields where the event was held.

Emceed by Angel Jimenez, who also provided the sound for the event, there was plenty to the keep the kids busy as everyone waited for the sun to go down.

As the sun set, the night was lit up with a show that was provided by Zambelli Fireworks, who have been doing the Shafter event for over two decades.

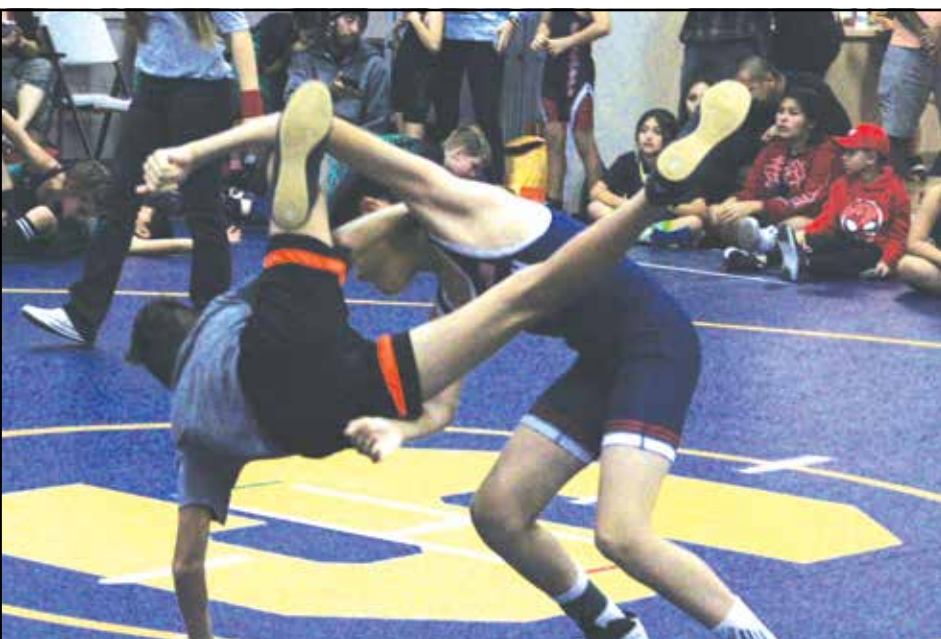
Also at the event was Minter Field Air Museum, with their LOACH helicopter, as well as an antique fire engine and their Yellow Follow Me Jeep. Staff of the museum let the kids sit in the cockpits and seats of the vehicles and aircraft, making for great photo ops.

The event attracted people from all over Kern County, including Alicia Valdez, who came from Delano with her family. "We have been coming here for a few years now. It is a great time. Its hard to find something to do nowadays, giving the kids a safe place to go for the holiday. We just love it here in Shafter."

One of the biggest highlights of the show is the bombastic finale, which didn't disappoint this year, using multiple charges, lighting up the sky all at once. The success of the event is because of a city that gives to its residents, as well as a community that supports its own, showing pride for the city, as well as the country.

July also saw winners crowned in the Shafter Recreation League's baseball and softball seasons.

The 11U Girls White Sox completed their championship season, beating the second place Red Sox by a score of 14-2, ending a season that saw them dominate their competition. The White Sox outscored their opponents 86-9, displaying their strong pitching and explosive offense on the squad. Coached by Caleb Munoz, the White Sox lost only one game during the season, a tough loss to the Diamondbacks.



Wrestlers competed in a tournament at the Mennonite Brethren Church in Shafter.

There were two divisions that saw undefeated teams take the titles. In the Girls 14U division, the Yankees, coached by Maria Munoz, ended the season undefeated, a tie the only blemish on their record.

In the Boys 11U division, the Blue Jays took the title after completing an undefeated season with a record of 7-0. In the Boys 14U division, it was a battle between the Angels and the Diamondbacks, with each team fighting to take home the trophy. At the end, it was the Angels who topped the Dbacks, giving them the championship.

The season was a successful one, with over 200 players in the different divisions, giving the kids a chance to display their talents, as well as keeping them fit and healthy.

In addition to the regular season, the department also held their first Hit,Pitch, and Run competition during the season, testing the players' abilities in all aspects of the game. The winner of the competition was Saide Ayon, who will now move on to a competition held at Dodger Stadium during a real Dodgers game. Saide and her parents were invited to take part in the event, giving them a chance to watch a Dodgers game, as well as giving Saide a chance to showcase her talent in front of thousands.



The new park at Gossamer Grove.

The department presented a volleyball season with 19 teams competing in the different divisions. They also ran a summer tennis camp, which will begin on July 25 and run through August 24. This camp will teach the kids the fundamentals of the different strokes in tennis, as well as conditioning, and basic rules of the game and technique.

In August, Gossamer Grove entered into its final phase of building, bringing their total up to over 700 homes in total. Lennar Homes is currently building of its final phase of development. This development is also near the site of the newest park, Community Park, that opened recently in the development.

This final phase is also the first batch of homes that will be in the Richland School District.

With the previous homes built in the Norris Elementary School District, the new homes will be served by the Richland School District.

High school students will still be going to North High School, with none of the homes in the boundary area for Shafter High. Currently, there are 486 children attending Norris schools from the development.

for any occasion. Kirschenmann had started growing flowers and selling them at the Tin Cup and online, building a reputation for beautiful arrangements. Kirschenmann no longer grows her own flowers, deciding to suspend the operation for a time. "I may grow some of my own in the future, but it just makes sense right now to obtain them from a wholesaler."

October saw the case against former Shafter Code Enforcement Officer Matthew Maldonado dropped by the Kern County District Attorney's Office. Maldonado had faced

five counts of felony child molest/annoy. He was arrested in January 2022 and had his case

continued for over a year.

Judge ruled that Maldonado's three previous investigations could not be introduced during this

trial, making it more difficult for the prosecution to move forward with their case. They also did

not have one of the alleged victims in the case available . These factors made it difficult for the

prosecution to have a strong enough case to try Maldonado at this time.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office had conducted an investigation into allegations of a similar sort against Maldonado while he was the code enforcement officer in Wasco, with no charges ultimately filed in that case.

Also in October, the Shafter High Drama Department brought its production of the Broadway smash "The Addams Family" to life at the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center on the SHS campus with great crowds and first-rate acting, dancing and singing.

Under the direction of Advisor Hal Friedman, the cast was at once hilarious, chilling and touching, all at the same time, bringing the audiences to their feet.

Heading up the veteran cast was Emily McGuire as the matriarch of the family, the sultry Morticia Addams.

In November, the city celebrated Thanksgiving with support from several organizations, with food being given away, as well as fresh food and canned goods, everything for the makings of a great holiday dinner. The Shafter Kiwanis Club had help with their food drives from the Key Club of Shafter High, as they provided food for needy families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.Ac-

cording to President Ben Wilson, they had enough food for over 75 baskets this year, with the families enjoying a full holiday feast for their dinner tables.

In November, the Shafter High Generals football team saw their season come to an end on a controversial play that made it to the national news. Shafter dropped a 43-42 contest that was decided by an ineligible receiver from Matilda Torres catching a pass in the endzone for a two-point conversion that should have never been. A meeting with all parties a couple of days after the game saw the CIF organization allowing the play to stand, giving the Generals their first loss of the year and ending their perfect season.

Another Thanksgiving tradition that played out on a chilly Thursday morning was the annual Turkey Bowl, which had the youngsters of Shafter facing off against the old guys, a battle at Veterans Park in a no-holds-barred game of tackle football. These gluttons for punishment had a blast

lacing it up against one another, with the old guys putting it to the youngsters this year by a score of 7 touchdowns to 4. The Young Guys boasted a few current and past Shafter Generals, while the Old Guys were full of past Generals, along with a group of guys who had dreams of playing high school football but may have never got the chance. Well, they took advantage of this opportunity and came out on top of this battle.

December saw a host of festive activities enjoyed by the entire community, from the annual Christmas Parade, the Christmas Store, and the Christmas Tree Lighting and

Sing. It was Christmas in Shafter at the Shafter Depot Museum, with the annual Christmas at the Depot event. Santa arrived and took a seat in the museum's new caboose, giving the kids, young and the young at heart, a chance to make their Christmas wishes known.

There was also some great Christmas music as the Shafter Brass Band entertained the crowd as they perused the museum and checked out all of the trees.

The Mennonite Brethren Church of Shafter held a Christmas Festival event on Sunday night, giving the community several ways to celebrate this holiday season. "This was a special time for our church and the entire community," said Pastor Pay Coyle, who was one of the leaders of the event.



Little Olivia was the newest member of the Shafter Brass Band.



The last alma mater for this year's Shafter Generals

Downstairs in the Children's Sanctuary, there was kids creating masterpieces that they could take home with them, as well as listening to stories from the Bible in the Story Time station.



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"I was excited to join Assembly-member Bains, Wasco residents and community leaders in celebrating this important occasion. The funding secured in the state budget will empower our police officers to continue meeting the City's needs, and we are excited to celebrate alongside our partners with the City of Wasco, the Wasco Police Services Department and Kern County Sheriffs," said Senator Hurtado.

Dr. Bains added, "I am so proud to support Wasco's efforts to establish its own police department. This investment will improve response times and enhance public safety with a dedicated police force sworn to protect and serve the City of Wasco. We made this happen working together with the City, Senator Hurtado and our entire Kern County coalition."

Chief Charles Fivecoat said, "Both Senator Hurtado and Assemblymember Bains know how important public safety is to rural communities like Wasco, and they have shown their commitment by helping to provide this money to help build a new police station."

The city council has worked with our legislators to make this possible. The new building will provide ample space for our 911 dispatch and the 23 police officers who will work there. I'm very pleased that this collaborative effort will provide a modern facility for our community."

With the \$5 million grant secured, the vision of a modern and efficient police department is well on its way to becoming a reality.

In **December**, the Wasco High School varsity football team, coming off of winning the Valley Championship in November as Southern Regional champions, made history by making it to the State Championship. The Wasco High Tigers saw their

season end on December 8, dropping the State title game to St. Vincent de Paul 27-6 at Pasadena City College.

The Tigers played a challenging game, and the contest was closer than the score indicated. Led by Head Coach Chad Martinez, the Tigers sparred with the Mustangs in the first half, holding the Mustangs' powerful offense to just one score.

The Tigers ended the season as runners-up in the Division 6AA of California.

Martinez said it wasn't the ending they had hoped for, but he was very proud of his time for their work and dedication, accomplishing something no other team in Tiger history has done.

"We are still a young team, too, so we plan to be back next year and finish the job we have started."

December wouldn't be complete without a jubilant Christmas celebration, and this year was no different. In a touching display of community unity and holiday cheer, Wasco came alive with the vibrant colors and festive spirit of its annual Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony.

The event was made extra special with the honored guests, including the new Wasco Police Department and the triumphant Wasco High School and Wasco Bengals football champions, which proved to be a symbol of togetherness and shared joy.

The streets were lined with eager families and enthusiastic spectators who eagerly awaited the procession of dazzling floats adorned with shimmering lights and intricate decorations. Over 70 vehicles, clubs and schools made their way through town.

Next followed the highly anticipated tree lighting ceremony, where the honored guests were celebrated. Miss Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda



Grocery Outlet took home 2nd place in the parade walking category.



Police Sergeant Lionel Lopez Jr. said he was excited about his new role.

Rodriguez presented the Christmas tree light count-down box to Chief Fivecoat and coaches Martinez and Rincon, who lit the tree.

Chief Charles Fivecoat said, "I was absolutely amazed at how many people were out there. It was just wonderful community support. As honored guests, I thought that it was so thoughtful and kind to consider us, and I didn't want to take anything away from the extraordinary performance of the football teams, especially the WHS team going to state. I think that's great."

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# Shafter Police arrest Earlimart man on New Year's Eve

JAMIES STEWART  
The Shafter Press

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It is customary for the Shafter Police Department and its officers to deal with quite a bit of gun fire on New Year's Eve. But, this year, officers ended up arresting an Earlimart man who took the celebration a little too far. Antonio Alvarado, 29, was arrested on several charges and was placed on a \$490,000 bond.

Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of North Wall Street in Shafter for reports of gunfire, possibly with a round hitting an apartment door. When officers arrived, they located Alvarado walking with a woman. When officers tried to make contact with Alvarado, he fled, leading them on a short foot pursuit. Officers caught Alvarado and found a 9mm handgun, which was stolen from Tulare County, and empty bullet shell casings. Officers also found damage to the outside of a door, but Gomez said it was not a front door to an apartment but a door to a miscellaneous room.

As they were taking Alvarado to a police car, he yelled out a street gang name, which Gomez said was meant to intimidate officers. Alvarado then proceeded to threaten to shoot officers and their families and also kicked three of the officers. "Some people, they don't know how to act right. In celebratory times, it's really common for people to be shooting fireworks — which is one thing — but there's other people, they need to take it to the next level, which is guns," Shafter Police Lt. Marvin Gomez said.

"Him yelling out gang membership, criminal street type stuff, threatening the officers — at Shafter, we do take that seriously," Gomez said,

Charges facing Alvarado include reckless discharge of a weapon, felon possessing ammunition, participating in a criminal street gang, and several others. According to the agency's website, Alvarado is no longer in custody.

# Petra Rueda: Example of a servant leader

**From Page 1**

She said she loves being retired now. "I love being involved in my community. Today, we are doing posadas at my church, and I will help with the set up."

Petra started her involvement in the community with her husband. "I always helped him with his events, like the car show for the VFW and their annual pancake breakfast. I always assisted him. I didn't need to be in the spotlight, but I liked joining him. We were always together. Wherever he went, I went."

The clubs and organizations she is involved in now include the St. John's Women's Society and the Wasco Woman's Club, and she is the current president of the

Wasco Union Elementary School District.

In 2019, she and Danny were honored to be named Grand Marshals for the Wasco Rose Parade. "That was special for both of us because we represented the town of Wasco and made us feel proud. We were very excited and joyful."

"Personally, that was one thing my husband wanted to do before he passed away. It was something he always wanted."

To encourage others who might be interested in community leadership, she offers the following advice, "Get involved. It's the best feeling, and it's very rewarding. The first step is reaching out to any local organization."

Regarding her vision for the future of this community, "I just want to help build a bigger and better Wasco."

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January 16, 2024	Draft map(s) posted online for public comment
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The ribbon is cut for the new mural at the Shafter Library and Learning Center. **RIGHT:** The mural depicts prominent things in Shafter.

**JAMIES STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

According to one of the founders of

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Wiebe said that it means that much more because the children know that they helped create it. The funding for the project came from the Art Council of Kern County. The idea of having the mural de-

pict a postcard was one that was discussed by Castillo, Wiebe and others. Castillo said, "Katie was the one that thought of the postcard idea. Other cities have had a postcard for their cities and it seemed like a great idea. I thought that yeah, and each letter would represent something in Shafter."

"Now, when the kids come to the library and the learning center, they can look at this mural and know that they had a part in it," Wiebe said.

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## HEADLINES IN HISTORY

– Compiled by Erica Soriano



**The front page, Jan. 29, 2014**

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NUMBER:  
SCV-23-000032**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Brekell De'Jai Sanders filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name  
Brekell De'Jai Sanders  
Proposed Name  
Brielle De'Jai Sanders

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

a. Date: 01/12/2024 Time: 8:30 AM

Dept: B  
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263  
Kern County Superior Court-Shafter  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation:  
(for resident of this county) printed in this county (specify paper):  
The Wasco Tribune  
455 Kern St, Ste E  
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Date: 10/25/23  
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727 6th St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Zakaria Mohamed Ali Alkatamy  
150 Belmont St Apt62  
Delano, CA 93215  
Shamsan Ali Naji Saeed  
250 Belmont St AptF203  
Delano, CA 93215  
The business is conducted by: Gen-  
eral Partnership  
Date the business commenced:  
08/20/2020  
/s/Zakaria Ali  
Date Statement Filed: 12/14/2023  
Date Statement Expires:  
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550 Woollomes Ave Suite 103 #274  
Delano, CA 93215  
Rafael Trujillo Mendez  
340 21st Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
The business is conducted by: Indi-  
vidual  
Date the business commenced:  
12/20/2023  
/s/Rafael Trujillo Mendez  
Date Statement Filed: 12/20/2023  
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**Abandonment Statement**  
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150 Belmont St Apt 62  
Delano, CA 93215  
Shamsan Ali Naji Saeed  
250 Belmont St Apt F203  
Delano, CA 93215  
Business was conducted by: Limited Partnership  
/s/Zakaria Mohamed Ali Alkatamy, Owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B7141  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/08/2023  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/14/2023  
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340 21st Ave  
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340 21st Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
Rafael Trujillo Mendez  
340 21st Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
Business was conducted by: Individual  
/s/Rafael Trujillo Mendez, Owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B7347  
Original FBN Statement Filed on:

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**G & Y General Cleaning**  
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1033 Margalo St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Gricelda Infante Cervantes  
1041 Margalo St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Fabiola Yasmin Pelayo Gonzalez  
1033 Margalo St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
s/Gricelda Infante Cervantes  
Date Statement Filed: 12/08/2023  
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2614 Krista St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Rigoberto Sanchez  
2614 Krista St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
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/s/Rigoberto Sanchez  
Date Statement Filed: 12/13/2023  
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Name Statement  
CG Solarshine LLC  
2023-B7759**

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Lost Hills, CA 93249  
County: Kern  
PO Box 659  
Lost Hills, CA 93249  
CG Solarshine LLC  
21184 Fresno St  
Lost Hills, CA 93249  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Lim-  
ited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
s/Carlos Garcia  
Date Statement Filed: 12/14/2023  
Date Statement Expires:



OBITUARIES

Michael Elvis Hale  
Dec. 2, 1957 –  
Dec. 23, 2023

Michael Elvis Hale passed into the arms of Jesus on Dec. 23, 2023, at age 66. He passed away in his loving home in Hoffman, Minn., while holding the hand of his daughter.

He was born on Dec. 2, 1957, in Bakersfield. He was the last of six children for Robert and Dorothy Hale. He spent most of his



school years in the Wasco area making many lifelong friends.

Mike was married on Oct. 14, 1977, to Debbie Ann Mulkey, in Wasco. He worked in the agriculture business while they raised their two children.

Mike moved to Minnesota in 2000 and moved to Hoffman in 2006. He spent his summers working in the hay in California and his winters caring for his grandchildren in Minnesota. In 2013, he went to paint a building at Andes Tower Hills ski area

and RV park, and became maintenance manager within two weeks.

He was very proud of his work and his crew, but his greatest joy was his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed his church, and his faith held strong until the end.

Michael is survived by his wife, Debbie Hale; son Michael Hale (Ashley) of Breezy Point, Minn.; daughter Jessah Hale of Hoffman, Minn.; and

bonus son Michael Kent (Amber) of Redwood Falls, Minn.; his three sisters, Betty Smith (Ed), Barbara Anderson (Gary) and Cindy Anderson (Chris); and one brother, William Hale (Dena). His is also survived by grandchildren Baylor Kardell, Alexis Hale (Zach Carrick), Jason Hale, Madison Hale, Annabella Hale, Dania Hale, Danika Kent and Maci Kent; and great grandchild Harlee Mae Carrick; and

lifelong friends Melissa Kent, Christine Hale, Lori Roeman, Shaylee Anderson and the Anderson family.

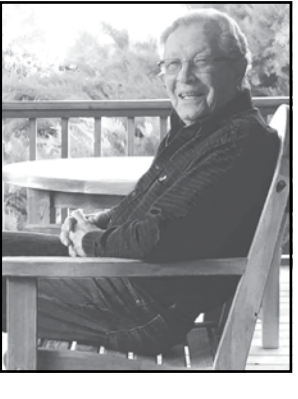
With such a large family he was a favorite uncle/ great uncle to many. You didn't have to be blood to be family to Mike.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Robert Hale; mother Dorothy Holt; stepfather Raymond Holt; and sister Evie Gallop.

Delmer Wallace Hudson  
June 27, 1931 –  
Dec. 10, 2023

On Dec. 10, 2023, Delmer Wallace Hudson, at age 92, passed away peacefully at his home, and entered eternity with his Lord.

Wallace was born on June 27, 1931, in Manhattanford, Okla., to Delmer and Lottie Hudson. He spent the first few years of his life on the small family farm with his parents and older brother Kenneth. As a result of the Great Dust Bowl of the '30s, the family migrated from Oklahoma to California, where he grew into adult-



hood.

Wallace served his country with honor during the Korean War in the U.S. Navy. At the conclusion of his service, he married Edith Bowman and began a career in farming in McFarland. Wallace

and Edith called their beloved family farm home all their married life. They raised three children, Neal, Dana and Craig. Wallace's wife Edith precedes him in death. They were married 66 years.

Wallace was a faithful Christian man providing a safe, loving, Christ-centered home for his family. He was very generous with his time and talents, taking great joy in helping others. His laugh was contagious, and people would always make a soft spot for him in their hearts, as

he made himself known to them. Wallace loved to go fishing once a year

after cotton harvest with his brother Kenneth, best friend John Saunders and others. That tradition carried on for over 30 years.

Wallace was a talented singer and found great joy in singing during his school years. Later in life, he sang in his church choir for many years, while his wife played either the piano or organ. Another passion of Wallace's was the growing of crops on his farm. Seeing crops grow and mature to harvest was very fulfilling to him, even in the frequent lean years. He said he never wanted to do anything else than farm. Wallace was preceded in death by his

father, Delmer, his mother, Lottie, and his older brother Kenneth. He has now been reunited with them in Heaven.

Wallace is survived by his eldest son, Neal Hudson and wife Cheri of

Wasco; daughter Dana Snell and husband David of Wichita, Kan.; and his youngest son, Craig Hudson and wife Mary Laura of Mobile, Ala. His loving grandchildren include Landon Snell and wife Chrystin of Wichita; Cameron Snell and wife Brandi of Wichita; Cara Hudson of McPherson, Kan.; and daughter-in-law TauLyn Thomas of Andale, Kan.

Wallace had two great-grandchildren, Hudson Snell and James Thomas, both of Andale.

A graveside memorial will be held at Delano Cemetery on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 9 a.m. Anyone who knew Wallace and wishes to pay their respects to the family is invited.

A very special mention must be made to Hoffman Hospice and nurse Greg. They were a huge blessing to the family, and provided Wallace with loving care, dignity and respect.

In lieu of flowers, we invite you make a donation to Hoffman Hospice, Bakersfield.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Picking and choosing

PASTOR RUBEN ZARTMAN  
Ebenezer Reformed Church, Shafter

We all exercise a right to choose what we like most. When you go to a restaurant, you might order from the menu what sounds best at the time. Maybe when eating a salad or trail mix you pass over the parts you don't like — the croutons or the cashews or whatever.

When speaking about food and similar areas, that's reasonable, and no problem at all. If we practice that habit in other areas, though, that can be quite bad. Imagine someone who practiced picking and choosing in math. If you refuse to use the number 4, a lot of calculations are not going to work out properly!

That's true in general about facts. Things are the way they are. We can minimize or



exaggerate about them; we can focus obsessively on one thing or ignore another altogether. But what happened still happened, however we feel about it. Denying or neglecting

facts doesn't change them.

People sometimes learn that the hard way when they dismiss limitations or constraints. I've sometimes had a dream of flying and woken up with a strong feeling that it must be possible for me to soar on currents of air. But I haven't stepped off the edge of a cliff just yet! I have felt as though I could fly like a kite, but it would take stron-

ger winds than any I've been around so far.

This habit of picking and choosing also comes in sometimes when people read the Bible. I'm not talking about having favorite passages, but about rejecting some part because it doesn't sit right with me. Whenever I do that, it's a fact that I've stopped being biblical. Whether I misinterpret it, or simply neglect some part of the Bible that I don't like, it doesn't make much difference. The Bible says what it does, no matter how I feel about it.

Paying bills would be terribly chaotic if I rejected the number 4. Something is in between 3 and 5, whether I like it or not. In the same way, if I claim to hold a certain position because it's Biblical, that commits me to taking seriously everything the Bible says. Otherwise, I'm just using the Bible because on one point it happens to agree with me.

Rev. Ruben Zartman has been the pastor at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Shafter since 2017.

DEATH NOTICES

**Fernando Albiar**, 72, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 16, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Georgia Maness**, 87, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 30, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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# P.E.O holiday fundraiser

**BARBARA WARE**  
Publicity chair. PEO

The local chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization had fun mixing business with pleasure at the recent December meeting. The meeting was held at the Shafter home of Priscilla Neufeld. The regular business meeting was followed by an auction of holiday specialty items donated by JT members. Nancy Neufeld presided over the auction, which consisted mostly of homemade items, includ-

ing delicious baked goods, quilts and holiday decor. Most of the proceeds from the auction will go to the JT scholarship fund, which provides college scholarships to eligible girls attending Wasco or Shafter high schools. Adding to the festivities was the revealing of a patriotic-themed quilt assembled by talented and creative members Penny Skeels and Anna Balentine. The quilt will be presented to Karen Holtermann at the end of her term as president. Individual members quilted stars to embellish

the border of the quilt. The meeting was the last one of an eventful year, which included hosting a High Tea, a lighthouse tour, lunch at the Guild House, a visit to Cambria and the awarding of scholarships. The organization also supports our scholarship recipients, who attend colleges away from home, by sending them "Thinking of You" gift boxes throughout the year. JT chapter members look forward to another year of new activities, scholarship awards and service projects.



Penny Skeels and Anna Balentine display the quilt they assembled representing this year's PEO theme, "America the Beautiful." (Photo courtesy of Barbara Ware)

# Adults Theater brings a twist to Christmas

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half man and half woman, turning towards the audience the character that she was speaking as at that moment. Camryn Yasenchak played multiple roles, and there still weren't enough parts for this young woman. She played the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, as well as the Charity Lady. She was hilarious in all of her parts. The rest of the cast were a joy to watch. One of the most wonderful things about the entire production is the thought that the cast looked like it was having so much fun doing it. This made the production just that more enjoyable and entertaining. The Shafter Young Adult Theater serves the young men and women who still have that passion for the theater after their time with the Shafter Childrens Theater.



The entire cast was entertaining. RIGHT: Amber Newby was the narrator.



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Dated: 12/31, 2023

COLDWATER FARMS, INC., ``Partner``  
By: /s/Arnold Cattani, JR, President  
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By: /s/Arnold Cattani, JR, President  
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By: /s/ Gary Romoff, President

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T.S. No. 104685-CA APN: 028-241-11-00-1 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/1/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 2/28/2024 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/9/2007 as Instrument No. 02027226297 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ROQUE BARRERAZ AND ARMIDA BARRERAZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 1501 TRUXTON AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 380 EAST

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Design Mark 2023-B7893

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5401 Business Park South, Suite 217 Bakersfield, CA 93309  
County: Kern  
5401 Business Park South, Suite 217 Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Mark Kenneth Ramsey  
7702 Morningstar Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 01/01/1990  
/s/Mark Kenneth Ramsey  
Date Statement Filed: 12/21/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 12/21/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
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Flores Bees

467 Ryan Dr  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
467 Ryan Dr  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Nelson Barrientos Flores  
467 Ryan Dr  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Business was conducted by: Individual  
/s/Nelson Barrientos Flores, Owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B2545  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 04/14/2023  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/11/2023  
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
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Fictitious Business Name Statement

Smart Shipping and Services II 2023-B7280

3122 Niles St Ste B  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
County: Kern  
2509 Kramer Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Nora Imelda Romo  
2509 Kramer Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 02/14/2019  
/s/Nora Imelda Romo  
Date Statement Filed: 11/16/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 11/16/2028  
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624 Acacia Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
624 Acacia Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Mark Peter Uraine  
624 Acacia Ave

Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 04/15/2001  
/s/Mark Peter Uraine  
Date Statement Filed: 12/19/2023  
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Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
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Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Gerardo Salas Rodriguez  
4753 Judd St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Gerardo Salas Rodriguez  
Date Statement Filed: 12/15/2023  
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5060 California Ave Ste 150  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
County: Kern  
2630 Park Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
Drakob LLC  
2630 Park Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: 08/27/2023  
/s/Jacob Carlos Arevalo, Managing Member  
Date Statement Filed: 12/18/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 12/18/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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