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Tigers are State-bound

JAMIE STEWART
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High Tigers continued their march through the playoffs, punching their ticket to the State Championship game. Wasco beat Southern Section champion Cerritos High School 7-6 Friday night, capping a playoff run that saw the Tigers roaring back in the second half for the third straight game.

The Tigers were down early, as Cerritos

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scored first, taking a 6-0 lead. The point-after was blocked by Jacob Robledo, which turned out to be the difference in the game.

But, in the second half, the offense, led by quarterback David Manzo, started grinding out yardage, with the longest play from scrimmage the whole night for Wasco being a 32 yard pass that set up Wasco's score. It was Hami Lopez,

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Head Coach Chad Martinez lifts up the Regional Championship plaque.

Wasco community waited eagerly for the lighting of the tree. (Photo by Danny Eusebio)

Christmas comes alive at Wasco parade

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

In a 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 saluted honored guests, including the new Wasco Police Department and the triumphant Wasco High School and Wasco Bengals football champions.

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.

Arturo Nunez represented WHS FFA. "We have almost 50

Wasco High's Skills USA students on their Toy Story-themed float. (Photo by Danny Eusebio)

members passing out candy. Everybody is dressed in the holiday spirit. We are here trying to spread joy, to show that FFA cares, is invested in the community and that we are all proud to be Wasconians. We are all

happy to be here."

Leila Alvarez came as part of the Palm Avenue Middle School/Thomas Jefferson Middle School marching band. "It's exciting to see

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Jaden and Marie Rosas had fun looking at all of the things to do at the event.

Shafter lights up the night

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter held its annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday night, with a large crowd gathered at the Downtown Square. Host Chad Givens, the mayor, welcomed the attendees and thanked them for coming out to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with them.

Shafter's Distinguished Young Woman Emily Mc- See TIGERS Page 5

Woman's Club sponsors a special time

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

As has been done since 2014, the Wasco Woman's Club helped ring in the holiday season for the special education students of Wasco High School with treats, music, dancing and, of course, Santa.

Brian Cortez is an administrator for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, which runs the special education program. "This is something we always look forward to. It's giving our students an opportunity to have a fun

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Strata offers a new banking resource

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Strata Credit Union opened its doors to the public with a jubilant grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting.

"Today marks the beginning of a lasting relationship. We are your financial advocate and your neighbor," CEO Brandon Ivie said.

"Opening a bank in Wasco is significant because it aligns with our mission of serving the underserved and the underbanked. "Wasco is a community of nearly 30,000 residents, and yet only has one bank to

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serve that entire population. So with us opening our branch, it now provides an additional bank resource to Wasco."

Strata provides an array of banking services, including checking and saving accounts, traditional auto loans, credit cards and lines of credit.

For those who are undocumented, Ivie said, the credit union caters to their needs. "We provide them with services they may not receive from other traditional banks. That is what makes us special."

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The ribbon cutting marking the launch of Strata Credit Union.

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

Free Air Purifier — San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and the Shafter Lions Club are offering free air purifiers. Must reside in the community covered by AB 617 to be eligible and provide proof of address. Supplies are limited; limit 1 per address. At the Veterans Hall Thursday, Dec. 7, 3-7 p.m.

ONGOING

Purificador De Aire Gratic! ¡Disponible para los residentes en Shafter! 7 de diciembre de 2023 3-7 p.m., at the Veterans Halls.

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

LAST WEEK: Shafter Christmas decorating in 1994 with Janice Smith and Cathy Prout.



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LAST WEEK: A Wasco elementary school in the 1920s.



ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

NOV. 26

Juan Manuel Bravo, 34, of Shafter, was arrested at Cherry Avenue and Fresno Avenue for possession of a controlled substance, DUI and carrying a concealed weapon in vehicle.

NOV. 27

Jesus Guadarama Delgado, 55, of Shafter, was arrested at Orange Street and Poplar Avenue for inflicting corporal injury onto a spouse/cohabitant/dating

relationship.

NOV. 28

Marlene Vargas, 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of South Shafter Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony charge.

NOV. 30

Gabriel Avila Delgado, 24, of Shafter, was arrested on Beth Eden on a warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

DEC. 1

Fernando Augustin Vilagomez, 27, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of

East Marengo Avenue for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

DEC. 2

MarkAngelo Manuel Nobleza, 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 9100 block of WoodBrook Avenue for inflicting corporal onto a spouse/cohabitant/dating relationship and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on felony.

Robert Ortiz, 43, of Shafter, was arrested at Orange and Gossipher on

a bench warrant/failure to appear on felony/misdeemeanor charge.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

NOV. 28

Rome Zaragoza, 45, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30700 block of Rodriguez Street in Shafter for contempt of court, stalking and a parole hold. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

NOV. 29

Joseph Marcos Hernan-

dez, 27, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Bussell Road and Highway 58 in Bakersfield for battery on a spouse, false imprisonment, child cruelty and reckless driving. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

NOV. 30

Jesus Vargas, 51, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 39300 block of Sullivan Road for attempted burglary. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

DEC. 1

Ruben Sandoval, 25, of

Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 5550 block of Willard Street in Bakersfield for violation of a court order, criminal threats, exhibiting a deadly weapon other than a firearm, and obstructing, resisting or delaying a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As of press time, no arrests were reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Wasco substation. See WascoTrib.com for updates.

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Members of Shafter High's Key Club help hand out toys. RIGHT: Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to the crowd.



Santa visits families Minter Field

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Christmas came early for Shafter residents who ventured out to Minter Field on Saturday morning. A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus gave the parents and children watched Old St. Nick arrive in an airplane,

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with Mrs. Claus and a helper to assist him with his gift giving. The event was sponsored by the Minter Field Air Museum, which holds the event each year. Each child gets a stuffed animal, courtesy

of Santa and Mrs. Claus, and a big thank you to Petsmart of Bakesfield, which donated all of the stuffed animals that were given out. According to Museum Director Ronald Pierce, Petsmart has been giving the museum the stuffed toys for several years, giving them over 300 toys this year. They were helped by Shafter High's Key Club in

handing out toys to all of the children. There were refreshments served, and Santa and Mrs. Claus let all of the children visit with them and sit on his lap, letting him know what they were wanting for Christmas. "The smiles on the kids' faces are the best part of the event," Pierce said.

Night of holiday cheer from Toys for Tigers

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

It was a fun and festive Toys for Tigers Christmas Extravaganza on Monday night for the children and families of Wasco. "We organize this to bring people together and give kids in Wasco a chance to meet Santa, write him a letter and enjoy Christmas activities," Madeline Nicole said. The event put on by Toys for Tigers provided games, crafts, face painting, hot cocoa, cookie decorating, raffles and pictures with Santa. Toys for Tigers is a charitable organization that purchases Christmas presents for children in need in Wasco. Last year, they served 400 children and about 300 families. "This year, we have 300 families who have signed up. It makes me feel great. We love seeing people come through and receive their toys, but we love doing events like these where we get to interact with the community." Erica Marin is another member of Toys

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for Tigers. She said, "Tonight is an event for Wasco to celebrate Christmas. Everything is free. We are not only an organization that gives toys, but we also put on a community event for us to be together during the holiday season." Sharon Criner brought her son, Dakota. "It's a great way for the kids to get out, especially after the pandemic. There was something for everyone and all ages." Brittany Sanchez thought it was fun for her boys. "They enjoyed it. We can't wait for next year. The best part was Santa and seeing their faces and how excited they got." For Julia Villagran, it was her first time. "I think it's nice. There's lots of variety and games for the kids. It's a friendly environment and a wonderful opportunity to take pictures with Santa. I'm glad we came." The Wasco Bengals participated as well, selling deep-pit BBQ dinners. "It was a fundraiser, but we were also here to spread love and cheer," lead team mom Elsa Gutierrez said.



Elias and Julian Sanchez with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"It's always great to give back to the community and to collaborate with the Toys for Tigers."

A highlight was the Christmas trees that were beautifully decorated by different organizations in town, including Community Support Options, Wasco Recreation and Parks District, Precision Hay and Almond, Wasco Elks Lodge #2419, North Kern Christian Pre-School, Maple Elementary School, US Bank, Orange Heart Foundation and Laura Boren. Volunteers from local schools were on hand to lend a helping hand. Abigail Martinez is a Wasco High School student. "I came to make the community a better place and to stay in touch with the youth to make sure they have good role models." Niki Espinoza is a community coordinator for Maple Elementary School. "I brought the student council to volunteer. They are learning to serve. It's a great experience for them." After 22 years, Toys for Tigers founder Candy Wilson is stepping down from her leadership role. It was her vision for the children of Wasco. "I am officially handing the reigns over to Donna Ward and Tina Newman, and I am very grateful for them to take it over."

A low bid doesn't get contract

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

At a special meeting on Tuesday, the City Council made moved toward the next phase in the demolition of the old Wasco Farm Labor Camp with the selection of a contractor, Resource Environmental, to do the job. The decision was made after the original bid was rejected. Currently, the labor camp is at the step of abatement, which is making sure that the materials that need to be removed are properly disposed of from the site, such as lead paint and materials containing asbestos. The process of selecting the contractor involved an extensive procedure with a request for bids to perform the demolition and cleanup released on Oct. 22. On November 1, 2023, a non-mandatory job-walk was held at the site. Six of the seven companies ultimately bidding on the project attended the job-walk. On Nov.14, the two low bids received were from Balandra Demolition at \$747,000 and Resource Environmental at \$1,248,000. After reviewing the received bids, staff had particular questions regarding the apparent low bid of \$747,000, just 60% of the lowest bid of \$1,248,000 and less than 40% of the average of all bids. This concerned staff as they didn't know if Balandra was ca-

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pable of completing the demolition within 60 days, a critical component of the project requirements. Further, they were not present at the job-walk, Staff conducted a conference call with a representative of Balandra to make sure they were confident with their bid amount, and they indicated they were. Balandra indicated they would subcontract the hauling to a local truck company during that call. This was contrary to statements by Balandra that they own and operate all of their equipment and would not use subcontractors. Included in the bid package is a list of required documents, one of which is the Form 12-B, used to list all project subcontractors, if any. Balandra failed to submit Form 12-B initially, which is what prompted questions about subcontractors during the conference call. To further resolve questions of Balandra, an additional request was made via email for three work references that closely compare to this labor camp demolition. Balandra was not able to submit the requested references via email, but the city staff verbally accepted the names and numbers of three references over the phone. Each reference was contacted by staff.



From left, City Manager Scott Hurlbert, City Project Manager Aurelio Garcia and Public Works Director Luis Villa.

Given the multiple issues and subsequent protests received from other bidders, the city attorney issued a letter to Balandra indicating intent to reject their bid unless the issues could be addressed and resolved by noon, Dec. 4. Balandra responded on Dec. 2. In that response, they disputed staff's concerns and provided an additional reference for work on a large project in 2001. Staff contacted the reference, Hunt Building Corporation, and spoke with Mr. Scott Belknap, who is listed as the general superintendent for the job. Mr. Belknap confirmed the project but did not recall Balandra Demolition or Alfredo Balandra (owner) nor the scope of work provided

by Balandra. Additionally, the city had requested the submittal of Form 12-B, but Balandra did not provide it. As a result, the city rejected the bid from Balandra Demolition and approved for the city to move forward with Resource Environmental for the demolition of the farm labor camp, including the hauling off and the cleaning of the site. The demolition project will begin as soon as the abatement phase is completed or even more shortly. The abatement is anticipated to be completed in January. "We are very happy that this project is moving forward, and we look forward to having it completed early next year," City Manager Scott Hurlbert said.



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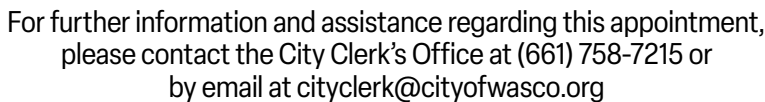


The Hernandez family founded the studio in 2002.

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Owner Alfredo Ayala, along with bar-



Shooting reported at Veterans Park

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Police Department is asking the public for information regarding a shooting incident that took place at Veterans Park on Thursday night, Nov. 30, at approximately 9:43p.m.

Officers were dispatched that night to the neighborhood adjacent to the park regarding a report of shots

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being fired in the area. When officers arrived, no suspects or victims of any shooting were found.

A short time later, the police received information that a 19-year-old man was reported to be shot at the park, 500 West Los Angeles Ave., at about the same time officers had responded earlier to the area.

The victim received a non-life-

threatening gunshot wound and received treatment at a nearby medical facility. According to Capt. Randy Milligan, the victim received a wound to his hand.

Witnesses reported that there were two to three suspects involved in the shooting, and they drove away from the area in an unidentified vehicle.

Anyone with information the case is asked to contact the Shafter Police Department at 661-746-8500.

Woman's Club sponsors heartwarming celebration

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social event and celebrate the spirit of Christmas."

"It's also fun to watch them interact with their families and the staff that work with them each day in the classroom. It's just so nice to see everybody together. We are really grateful for the Woman's Club to be able to participate in something like this."

Rob Hefner also works for the KC-SOS as a program specialist. "Today is special because it allows the children to get out and have a wonderful time," he said. "A highlight is seeing the smiles on their faces and their happiness getting to dance and enjoy themselves in a way they couldn't in a normal school environment."

Alison Hall, the principal, said of the party, "The joy that the kids bring to me is amazing. The kids are so excited to have that one-on-one attention from Santa and have that gift that is picked especially for them that they get to open."

Joanne Garza is a teacher who loves seeing the kids happy and excited. "We appreciate the Wasco ladies for doing this every year for us."

"The best part is when Santa walks in and the look on the kid's faces because, for some of them, it may be the only time in the season they may get to see Santa. For the parents that are here, they enjoy it just as much as the



Elillias Martinez, Saul Medina, teacher Leo Chavez and Thais Perez.

kids do."

Leo Chavez is another teacher. "I love it. I appreciate the Woman's Club and how they host it every year for us. I like how all four classes come together, and they get to see their friends and support each other, dance and mingle."

Parent Eloisa Navarrete said, "It's so cute and so thoughtful of everybody to think about the kids and make it a special moment for them, buying them pizza, gifts and dessert. I appreciate that the kids had a great time, and it's nice that DJ Boomdog came and played music for them."

Marlene Swan is a long-time Wasco Woman's Club member and said of the event, "It's a wonderful thing. The teachers and aids thank us profusely for doing this. I hope it never ends. I keep coming back because I want to watch the kids grow up from year to year."



The Richland Junior High Choir performed.

Shafter lights up the night

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Guire had the honors of flipping the switch to light up the tall and beautiful tree, adorned with silver ornaments and over 1,000 lights.

There were also several vendors on hand, including ever-popular Haley Plaza and her homemade croissants and breads, with a long line waiting for her baked goods, as well as her homemade flavored olive oils.

There was also Aguas by Karen, who had a variety of flavored waters, including orchata, watermelon, and lime, which were very popular.

Other vendors on hand were organizations, such as Shafter Animal Control, which was giving out free dog toys, leashes and supplies. Nick Roddick and his staff were handing out goodies to pet owners

throughout the city. According to Riddick, all of the supplies given away were donated to the shelter by different members of the community.

Shafter Library and Learning Center was handing out goodies, as well as information on their upcoming classes and events.

The Shafter Police Department gave out toys and goodies as children were invited to play their snowball toss game.

There was also plenty of entertainment. The Richland Junior High Choir performed, as well as several churches and a Folklorico Dance group as well.

"I just love this event," said resident Martha Gutierrez, who was there with her daughter and two granddaughters. "We have so much fun looking at the beautiful tree and drinking some hot chocolate."

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TIGERS HEAD TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH WIN OVER CERRITOS, 7-6



The Tigers will play for the state title on Friday.



WASCO HIGH SCHOOL 2023 FOOTBALL



THIS FRIDAY: CIF Central Section Champion Tigers (9-5, 4-2 SSL) play St. Vincent de Paul (Petaluma) (12-2) at Pasadena City College for the 2023 Division 6AA State Championship

Friday, August 18	7 p.m.	South (Bakersfield)	L, 32-8
Saturday, September 2	6:30 p.m.	at Monache (Porterville)	W, 23-21
Friday, September 8	7:30 p.m.	at Tehachapi	L, 25-6
Friday, September 15	7:30 p.m.	McFarland*	W, 49-8
Friday, September 22	7 p.m.	Golden Valley (B'field)	L, 28-16
Friday, September 29	7:30 p.m.	at Kennedy (Delano)*	L, 42-0
Thursday, October 5	7:30 p.m.	Chavez (Delano)*	W, 36-23
Friday, October 13	7 p.m.	at Delano*	W, 27-7
Friday, October 20	7:30 p.m.	Taft*	W, 26-21
Thursday, November 9	7 p.m.	Reedley	W, 28-21
Friday, November 16	7 p.m.	Liberty (Madera)**	W, 27-10
Friday, November 24	6 p.m.	Bishop Union**	W, 42-41
Friday, December 1	7:30 p.m.	Cerritos (at Artesia)***	W, 7-6

FOLLOW THE TIGERS EACH WEEK IN THE WASCO TRIBUNE AND ONLINE AT WASCOTRIB.COM



Hami Lopez recovered the fumble to seal the victory for the Tigers. RIGHT: Hami Lopez running for a big first down.



Tigers are State-bound vs. St. Vincent de Paul

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who is the younger cousin of Ram Lopez, scored on a one-yard run, tying the game at 6-6. The extra point was good, giving the Tigers a 7-6 lead.
Cerritos looked like they were going to threaten in the final minutes, beginning a drive on their own 4-yard line. They drove the ball down deep into Tigers' territory, but the Tiger defense came up big again, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Ram Lopez

with 28 seconds to go in the game.
Wasco will now head to Pasadena City College to play the Northern Champion, Petaluma- St. Vincent de Paul, for the state championship on Friday afternoon, with the kickoff scheduled for 4 p.m.
It was Wasco's first regional championship in school history, and it was truly a team effort. "It doesn't feel real," said Head Coach Chad Martinez. "We have done so much. We have had so many ups and

downs this season, it's been a rollercoaster."
Ram Lopez, who has come up with big plays three weeks in a row, said, "Our defense pushes through until the very end. Sometimes our big, key players, and even our small players have to make big stops. I just had to push through all the way to the last whistle to make that last stop."
The Wasco defense was the star of the game, limiting the Dons to just 38 yards in offense in the second half. On the offensive

end, Hami Lopez had a team high 68 yards rushing, with Ram Lopez gaining 48 yards, and big Michael Dominguez adding 42 yards.
The game on Friday meant much to the team, and the community as well. "Wasco loves football, and the football team loves Wasco," said Martinez. "We have had so much support from the community. It means a lot that they came down here, so this championship is not only ours, it is for the entire community of Wasco."

Lady Tiger runners finish strong

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High School varsity girls cross country team has had an impressive season, most recently qualifying for the third straight year for the California State Championships.
Omar Garcia is the head coach. "This set of girls have been working hard since their freshman year, with many of them staying active during the COVID years."
"We competed during their first year, but it wasn't a whole season. Once we were allowed to compete fully, we had an opportunity to showcase their talent."
They won the South Sequoia League three years in a row in that timeframe. They also won the Central Section Championship (formerly known as Valley) as runner-up three years in a row, only losing to higher division schools.
"It's a tough endeavor. It's a long season from June to November, and you have to maintain your spirit. You need a lot of luck to avoid major injuries once you get to state. Not just anybody can get out of bed and do what they do. They must know in their mind they have to put in a set amount of miles just for the opportunity to run a successful 5k when it matters."



2023 SSL Champions Karly Perez, Giselle Torres, Serenity Rodriguez, Marilyn Lopez, Nieves Alvarez, Ruby Macias, Miranda Cortez, Priscilla Raya, Giselle Acevedo and Yareli Sánchez. (Photos by Olga Oré Sánchez)

how to make sure we do well throughout the season."
She said of her participation at the state competition, "It was bittersweet knowing it was my last race as a senior, but it was a lot of fun and very interesting. The adrenaline gets to you, and it's an inspiring moment."

About the sport, she said, "It's not easy being able to run six miles every day with the cold and the heat, but being able to do that with an excellent group of girls is very special, and I will have those memories for a lifetime."
Acevedo shared that she enjoyed going to state. "All of the girls gave it their all. I felt like we deserved to be there and put in the work to achieve that goal. Coach Garcia pushed us. We grew together beyond the limits we had placed on us."

Garcia said that he wants to grow his small family in the future "and help these young ladies become mentors and better the community around us."



Nieves Alvarez leading her team through mile one at the California State Championships.

The program has stayed successful due to the effort and the sacrifice put in by the past and current runners.
"This group has been led by Nieves Alvarez, Priscilla Raya and Giselle Acevedo. They have been great leaders with exceptional talents, getting these girls to demonstrate their gifts and stay committed to being competitive when given the opportunity."
He said that the one thing the team tries to embody is to live by the motto adopted since 2015, which is 'run as one, work as a team, and finish as a family.'
"And our family has grown. This year, we have 18 girls; 10 are on varsity."
Raya credits the success of the team to Garcia's leadership.
"He's a great coach. We developed a strong bond over these past four years. It was good having him coach us. He knows how to push us the right way, and he knows

best part was "Meeting people, building bonds with the girls and stepping out of my comfort zone."
Alvarez added that she felt proud about their performance at state. "We did really well and put into play what we'd practiced these last six months."
She, too, was grateful for coach Garcia and the other coaches (Rafael Gonzalez

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Christmas comes alive in Wasco

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all of the colorful and creative floats. I've been participating for the last three years, and each time, it's incredible."

"The best part is playing popular Christmas music for the crowd, plus I get to perform in front of my friends and neighbors. I like to put a smile on their faces."

Efrain Pimentel is a Wasco youth soccer club coach. He said he thought it was important to participate in the parade. "To get the kids involved in the community and let parents know we have a sport for their kids year-round."

"It's special because it's Christmas, bonding family time and overall, unity and friendship. We wanted to provide for Wasco. It's a tight-knit community, and we are trying to be a part of it and belong."

For WHS multimedia teacher Danny Eusebio, it was his first time. "It's a great feeling for me to be involved in building a float for a parade."

"It was a challenge in the beginning, but we came together in the last couple of days to put everything together. We were happy with the results."

The entry fee for the parade was a toy to benefit Toys for Tigers. Candy Wilson of the organization said, "It's awesome that the community would support us like that."

We collect many toys that will go to our Wasco children."

After the parade, the crowd made their way back to the high school to enjoy a vendor fair and food trucks.

Next followed the highly anticipated tree lighting ceremony, which was also where the honored guests were celebrated. Miss Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda Rodriguez presented the Christmas tree light countdown 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."

Chad Martinez, WHS head varsity football coach, said of his team acknowledged for winning the Valley Championship and Regionals, "It was really cool. It seemed like the whole town of Wasco came to support us. It felt special because everybody was here, from kids to adults, taking pictures and having a good ol' time lighting the Christmas tree."



Wasco High Cheer makes their way down 7th Street (Photo by Danny Eusebio)

"I didn't expect this many people. The streets were lined up. It was standing room only. I felt extremely grateful to be honored."

JV Bengals Head Coach Omar Rincon added about the accomplishments of his players that were recognized at the event, "They have achieved something epic this season."

"This group of boys earned the title of GEYF (Golden Empire Youth Football) JV Champions, holding an undefeated record this season. We couldn't be more proud of this group of athletes' hard work and dedication."

"They did an amazing job representing Wasco and bringing a championship title back home after 17 years. Tonight, I feel love and support from the community, and without the support of our fans and parents, none of this would have been possible. I want to thank our coaching staff, the Wasco Bengals, and most importantly, our athletes."

Mayor Vincent Martinez said of the honored guests, "It's an incredible event. You can look at the number of people here. The community support is overwhelming. It's great to honor not only the city with the Christmas parade but the special achievements of our football programs and our newly formed police department as well."

The Wasco Rose Festival team, including Orquidea Ocampo, organized all

the festivities. "We are very proud of the WHS Tiger football team and the Wasco Bengals. They are the true champions that brought everyone out," she said.

Sharon Sharp, another team member, said, "Adding the honored guest component this year was something that came out of the community excitement for our new police department and our champion teams."

She said about the Christmas activities, "This was our third year, and it gets bigger each time, which is one of our goals for it to grow. We are so grateful to Wasco High School administration and the board for allowing us to do this on campus and being able to do it in front of the historic auditorium makes it all the more special."

"And bringing in DJ Nonsense this year, who has been a part of the Rose Festival each year that we put it on, just added so much fun with his music."

"A big thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, vendors, parade participants and the community for attending this fantastic event."

This year's sponsors included the Wasco Rotary Club, Portwood Farms, Wasco Knights of Columbus, Democratic Women of Kern County, Holtermann Farms, State Farm, Kern Labor Contracting, Cindy Banducci and Wasco Car Wash.

"We will see you at the Rose Festival from September 5 through September 7, 2024," Sharp said.



Wasco High School students celebrate their Valley Championship and Regionals win in style at the parade.

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2023-B7252
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LPS Hydro Jetting
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2023-B7255
22331 Meadows Rd
Tehachapi, CA 93561
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22331 Meadows Rd
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Louie James Lomonaco IV
22331 Meadows Rd
Tehachapi, CA 93561
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April 3, 2023, to May 3, 2023, and the Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for public review and comment from June 2, 2023, to July 2, 2023. Following the public review and comment period, the draft HEU was submitted to HCD for review on May 16, 2023. On August 14, 2023, the City received HCD's feedback on the first draft. Based on the feedback, the City revised the document and prepared a second draft and re-circulated it for an additional seven-day public review between October 9, 2023, through October 17, 2023. At the December 19, 2023, public hearing, the City Council of the City of Shafter will determine whether to adopt the most current draft of the HEU and submit the adopted HEU to HCD for their final 60-day review and certification.

Said meeting is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting.

You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 19, 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 (includes making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.

Dated: November 30, 2023
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
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CASE NUMBER (Numero del Caso): BCV-22-101308
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Tower Motel and Apartments
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3215 Chester Ave
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Bakersfield, CA 93301
Bakersfield Properties, Inc.
21405 Devonshire Ste 209
Chatsworth, CA 91311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 06/21/2023
/s/Lovepreet Deol, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 11/29/2023
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Louie John Shepherd
14909 David Ct.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
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/s/Louie John Shepherd
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Monarch Home Services
2023-B7339
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Hanover Operations, LLC
301 Espee St Suite B
Bakersfield, CA 93301
State of Incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: 05/01/2008
/s/Mark DeVries, President
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2023-B7334
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Bakersfield, CA 93305-1447
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Bakersfield, CA 93305-1447
Phillip Jesse Campas Legacy Project
3039 N Inyo Street
Bakersfield, CA 93305-1447
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The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Christine Campas, Managing Member
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11508 Talladega Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93312
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22148 Strickland Ct.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Erin Alyse Larson
14964 Pams Way
Bakersfield, CA 93314
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/s/Erin Alyse Larson
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BROSKI'S Handyman Services
2023-B7235
165 Beth Eden Street
Shafter, CA 93263
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165 Beth Eden Street
Shafter, CA 93263
Eduardo Garcia Buruel
165 Beth Eden Street
Shafter, CA 93263
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JHL Farm Labor Contracting
2023-B7221
421 Shaw Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
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421 Shaw Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Nicholas Isaiah Lopez
421 Shaw Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
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PASTOR'S CORNER

Our great God

PASTOR JIM GLASCO
Seventh Standard Pentecostal Church, Shafter

We would be in terrible trouble if our God was made by man out of wood or gold. Psalm 115:5-7 says, "The false gods have mouths but cannot speak, they have eyes but they cannot see. They have ears and they hear not, they have noses and they cannot smell. They have hands but they handle not, they have feet but they cannot walk and they cannot speak." Our God is not made by man, but He has always existed. He is the Potter, and we are the clay. He reigns over all. Psalm 50:21 says, "You thought that I was altogether as yourself."

God is God, and beside Him there are no others. Peter called Him the Living God. In this messed up world Our God watches over us and helps us every day. Our God has great wisdom and knowledge. Man's wisdom does not even come close to God's wisdom. John 21:17 says, "Lord, Thou knowest all things." Psalm 147:5 says, "Great is our Lord and of great



power, His understanding is infinite." Our great God desires to lead and direct our paths every day. Our great God has compassion for the fallen. Scripture describes God as being full of compassion. 1st John 4:8 says, "God is love." Even while we were lost in sin, He loved us and sent His Son to die for us. He is full of grace and mercy. Even while we were in sin, His

mercy protected us. Our great God has all power. His power can deliver those that are bound by sin. The Bible says power belongs to God. Hebrews 1:3 says, "He holds all things by the word of His power" His spoken word over your life can calm the storms. Never has a man ever spoken like Him. He speaks with power and authority. Our great God has redeemed my soul from sin. Forty three and a half years ago God changed my life by his power when I asked Jesus to come into my life. Let our great God change your life, and let Him lead and direct you. We need Him in this crazy world.

DEATH NOTICES

Maurice Kelsie "Bud" Wilson Jr., 83, of Bakersfield, passed away Nov. 27, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Richard Amador, 70, of Bakersfield, passed away Nov. 29, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Betty McLeod, 93, of Wasco. Graveside service Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, 10 a.m. at Wasco Memorial Park. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Louis Tamayo Velasquez, 93, of Shafter, passed away Nov. 30, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Perfecto Urias Garcia, 60, of Bakersfield, passed away Nov. 25, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Miguel Perez, 65, of Shafter, passed away Nov. 21, in Los Angeles. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Maria Eugenia Villalobos, 73,

of Delano, passed away Nov. 17, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Nancy Karina Castro Ruiz, 35, of Wasco, passed away Nov. 25, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Steven J. Mata, 64, of Delano, passed away Nov. 27, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

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Bandit came in as a stray. He is approximately a one-year-old male chihuahua mix. He is great with staff and other dogs. At the time, it is unknown whether Bandit is house/ crate trained. Dogs are not tested with children. His behavior towards children is unknown.



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We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year

Strata offers a new banking resource for Wasco

From Page 1

"All our loan products are available to those with an ITIN."

The IRS will issue an individual a tax ID# to those who are undocumented so they can pay their taxes and build their credit.

"We provide ITIN mortgages, too, so they can live the American dream of owning a home. That is what makes us stand out from the rest."

Being involved in the community is also central to Strata's mission.

Kelly Fargo, VP of community relations, said, "We donated \$25,000 to Wasco High School ASB and athletics last year and this year. We are also planning financial literacy events at WHS and hosting some here at the branch for the general public. We'll have workshops in Spanish and English."

She said that education aims to try to make financial resources accessible to anyone. "We're trying to take any fear or intimidation folks may have about banking and be a trusted resource for the community."

Addressing the large Latino population in Wasco is important to Strata, and their staff is bilingual.

For added convenience, there is a walk-up ATM and a drive-thru ATM open 24/7 and a virtual branch one can access through their website (StrataCU.org), where you can chat live face to face with a bilingual staff expert. You can also make deposits and transfer funds through their mobile app.

The WHS marching band and cheer-leading team performed at the opening, and catering came from the WHS advanced culinary team.

Local dignitaries, community members and city officials attended. Certificates of recognition were presented on behalf of elected representatives.

Mayor Pro Tem Alex Garcia said, "I am beyond proud of the investment the Strata company has made in our small rural community, being the first credit union branch they have opened outside of Bakersfield."

"Today was a shining example of how a new business connects and builds bridges into a new community."

PUBLIC NOTICES

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IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 2/7/2024 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/13/2021 as Instrument No. 221068474</p>	<p>of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: OSCAR RAMIREZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPERATE PROPERTY 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 AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, 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 TRUXTUN AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: 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: 928 2ND ST, WASCO, CA 93280 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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