

Charges dropped in Maldonado case

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

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Charges against former Shafter Code Enforcement Officer Matthew Maldonado have been 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 Oscar Camacho had ruled that Mal-

donado's three previous investigations could not be introduced during this trial, making it more difficult for the prosecution to move forward with their case. The prosecutor also did not have one of the alleged victims in the case available, another roadblock in the case. The District Attorney's Office released a statement that said the judge did not find that prior alleged victims' statements were false, but he excluded the evidence on other grounds.

Context from the previous accusers was necessary to establish Maldonado's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, prosecutors said, and overcome claims of accident or incidental contact. According to the release, "Stripped of the ability to present the prior victims' testimony, the people could not proceed on the case as there was not a reasonable chance of establishing proof beyond a reasonable doubt required for conviction." "The court's ruling was disappointing,

and ultimately by prohibiting the admission of relevant evidence in exactly the type of case that prior evidence is important for, the court effectively usurped the role of the jury and ensured that a conviction could not occur," said Assistant District Attorney Joseph Kinzel. The Kern County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation into allegations of a similar sort against Maldonado while he was the code enforcement officer in Wasco, and no charges were filed in that case.



The Open Door Network team: Liliana Reyes, Liliana Rodarte, Paola Cervantes, Carolina Urbina, Ilene Parra and Ashley Machuca. (Photo by Noe Ontiveros)

An open door to safety for domestic violence victims

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and The Open Door Network recognized this with a "Light the Town Purple" event last week in Wasco. The organization is based in Bakersfield but serves smaller communities throughout Kern County, such as Wasco, Shafter, Delano, McFarland and Arvin. "We know domestic violence is happening in our rural communities," Director of Client Services Ilene Parra said, "One of the things that I've recognized in Wasco and other surrounding areas is that it's very cultural."

"We have a lot of men and women who are very committed to their spouses, and they may find it difficult to understand that the abuse in the relationship is not okay," she said. "We really wanted to target Wasco and bring light to other surrounding areas to remind them that there are services provided and that those services are free and confidential." "Domestic violence awareness month is important so people can know that domestic violence, and what we are talking about specifically, is intimate partner violence, is that it thrives in silence because we are taught to not speak about it."

"The more we bring light to the situation, the more we break that silence, and it's important to know that your partner and your home are always supposed to be your safe place, and abuse is never okay." The Open Door Network was formerly the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault. It is a nonprofit agency that provides services to victims of domestic violence. They provide restraining orders, housing services, adult and child therapy, emergency shelter and childcare. There is also a 24-hour hotline (661-327-1091), so, at any time, anyone needing services can call

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Erika Morris, Maira Puente, Lionel Lopez Jr. and Alecio Mora.

Council hosts badge pinning of police hires

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The Wasco City Council on Tuesday hosted a badge pinning ceremony to welcome four new hires to the soon-to-be-established Wasco Police Department. The significant gathering exemplified a commitment by leadership to enhance public safety and ensure the growth and security of the city. The honorees were Alecio Mora, lieutenant; Lionel Lopez Jr., sergeant; Maira Puente, sergeant; and Erika Morris, senior dispatcher.

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Richland halfway through covid funds

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The Shafter Press

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The Richland School District received over \$11 million in covid recovery funds, given to schools nationwide to help them recover from the pandemic. Earlier this summer, the district said it had spent a little over \$2 million of the allotted money, with a September 2024 deadline to spend the rest or forfeit the remainder. Since then, the district has moved quickly to allocate the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund grant, spending 48% – almost \$5 million in total – to date, according to Finance Director Martin Rodriguez.

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Edicks show love to animals and people

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Wasco Veterinary Clinic is a symbol of compassion, dedication and love for animals and people alike. A family and locally owned business, Dr. Thomas Edick and his nephew, Dr. Brian Edick, bring warmth and passion to the community they serve. Since 1981, they have built a legacy of exceptional care and community engagement that has earned the clinic a reputation for bringing the highest quality of service, complete with a friendly and dynamic team of 10, including Jenifer Abernathy, who has worked there for 17 years. "Dr. Thomas" and "Dr. Brian" attended the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine,

as did Thomas's father, Dr. Melvin Edick, who inspired them to follow in his footsteps. Thomas was motivated to be a veterinarian and launch his business by watching his father practice and run Delano Veterinary Clinic, with his mother by his side. "They tirelessly worked to service the needs of the surrounding communities. They provided both large and small animal medicine, and owned and operated a dairy in McFarland," he said. The clinic provides small animal veterinary care, vaccinations, pet parasite treatment, dentistry, imaging services, laboratory service, pet microchipping,

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Dr. Brian Edick with a patient.

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

Candy in the Courtyard –Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2-5p.m. at the Shafter City Hall courtyard, 336 Pacific Ave. Enjoy decorated booths, candy, treats, and activities.

Trunk or Treat – Shafter Lions Club's free event. Join the fun Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m. Food, candy, popcorn and water in the Shafter Veterans Hall parking lot.

Trunk or Treat – Wasco Recreation & Parks District's free event. Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at Barker Par, 1280 Poplar Ave.

Harvest Festival – Shafter Missionary Baptist Church sponsors a free event Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Veterans Park, Shafter. Face painting, games, food, crafts and free prizes.

ONGOING

Warm clothing drive – Supervisor David Couch invites the public to donate gently used or new warm clothing throughout 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 Fam-

ily 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.

Mystery history

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LAST WEEK: Shafter resident Rosalie Perry wed Ronald Pierce in 1957 at the Baptist Church on Lerdo Highway. From left are Nancy Pierce Darlene Gallenger, Charlotte Ellison, bride Rosalie Perry, Bonnie Perry and Carol Barton.



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LAST WEEK: The original tennis courts next to the Wasco High School gymnasium in the 1940s.



ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

OCT. 9

Israel Lopez Jr., 37, of Shafter, was arrested on South Shafter Avenue for violating parole: felony, on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

OCT. 10

Edgar Lara Sanchez, 29, of Shafter, was arrested at East Tulare Ave and North Shafter Avenue for DUI, obstruction, giving a false ID, driving with a suspended license and bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

OCT. 11

Julio Cesar Lopez, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at Central Avenue and Central Valley Highway for disorderly conduct: alcohol and on an outside agency warrant.

OCT. 14

Francia Itati Navarro Bustos, 24, of Shafter, was arrested at Santa Fe Highway and Burbank Street for DUI, driving with a suspended

license, possession of a controlled substance and transporting a controlled substance.

Marc Anthony Ayala, 29, of Shafter, was arrested at Minter Avenue and Mannel Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Donavon Diaz, 18, of Shafter, was arrested at Walker Street and State Avenue for trespassing on railroad property and entering/remaining on posted property.

OCT. 15

Israel Jose Mora, 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of East Euclid for obstruction.

Bianca Chamale, 38, of Shafter, was arrested at Riverside and South Shafter Avenue for possession of controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

Luis Loreto Gonzalez Meza, 47, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

OCT. 11

Joseph Tyler Smith, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18000 block of Shafter Avenue in Shafter on a felony warrant and two isdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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

OCT. 2

Martin Torres, 43, of Wasco, was arrested in the

700 Birch Avenue for misdemeanor contempt of court: disobey a court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

OCT. 3

Ascencio Lopez, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 900 block of Margalo Street for on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jermain Robert Maston, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 7th Street for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He

was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Leslie Ashlin Mendoza, 25, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 900 block of Margalo Street on misdemeanor bench warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

OCT. 6

Nivies Martinez, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of E Street for felony infliction of corporal injury on a spouse. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aaron Octavio Vargas Vasquez, 42, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of

Bautista Avenue for misdemeanor contempt of court: disobeying court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

OCT. 7

Manuel Perez Diaz, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Filburn Avenue for felony hit and run, and DUI. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Brian Martinez, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Filburn Avenue for misdemeanor reckless driving, participating in an illegal speed contest and DUI. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Council taking bids on removing old jail fencing

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The Shafter Press

The city will begin taking bids on the removal of the security fencing around the former Minimum Correctional Facility in Shafter after approval from the City Council Tuesday night.

Auctions were held previously, trying to get rid of the furniture, equipment and other items from the site. According to Public Works Director Michael James, the removal of the security fencing is the next step in deciding what the city will do with

the property.

No plans are in place yet on what will happen to the former facility.

In a presentation before the council, Barbara Gladden and members of the Shafter Woman's Club explained their Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign, in which they have been going throughout the community to help educate about the issue. Gladden spoke about the importance of making the entire community aware and what can be

done to deal with the issue and prevent it.

"There are organizations that are equipped to assist those in the community dealing with this horrible issue, as well as how people can cope with surviving and breaking the cycle," she told the council.

She invited the council members to take a pledge against domestic violence, promising to do their best to speaking up when the issue is seen and a promise of fighting against the abuse and to help the abused.



Michael James speaks about the removal of the security fence at the Minimum Correctional Facility.

Teacher's hearing date set in Superior Court

A pre-preliminary hearing for local teacher Candie Springer was continued until Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Kern County Superior Court.

Springer, a teacher at Sequoia Elementary School, is facing charges of willful cruelty to a child, and allowing

an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

Springer was charged stemming from an incident on June 10 in which she gave her 15-year-old son the keys to her car for a supposedly quick trip to a store. What resulted was a joyride with her son driving a

couple of friends, according to police. The driver sped through Polo Park in Bakersfield, crashed the car into a tree and fled from the police. A passenger in the vehicle died of his injuries at a local hospital; the others were hurt.

Richland Superintendent Rosa Rome-

ro said that this was a personnel matter and would not comment on Springer's status with the district. Springer will now appear in court for the pre-preliminary hearing, with the preliminary hearing scheduled for the next day.

-Jamie Stewart

Robert Price to speak at Historical Society meeting

Robert Price, long time *Bakersfield Californian* columnist and currently a commentator on KGET, Channel 17, will introduce his latest book, "Images of Bakersfield," at the annual meeting of the Shafter Historical Society. The meeting will be held at the Shafter Police Station conference room on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

Santa Fe Caboose to debut at Depot Museum

The Shafter Historical Society will cut a ribbon to officially open its newest exhibit, the Santa Fe Caboose, on Saturday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m., at the Shafter Depot Museum.

A short program will precede the ribbon cutting, with songs by Randy and Cheryl Toews, and comments by Curator Stan Wilson and Mayor Chad Givens.

Also showcased will be maintenance-of-way rolling stock received with the caboose.

All are invited to come see the new exhibits, and fellowship around refreshments, which will be provided.

Council hosts badge pinning for new police hires

At the event, community members, city officials, friends and family of the new recruits were there to support them, creating an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation as the city takes steps to bolster its safety measures and build a strong police force.

"I feel really excited about being one of the first to join the new police department, the newest in California. It's a historical event, for sure," Morris said,

She will oversee all of the dispatchers in the communications center.

"I am happy and very proud that he returned to work for his hometown," said Lopez, will bring to the sergeant role 32 years of law enforcement experience.

"I look forward to working with Chief Charlie Fivecoat, since I've known him since I worked for the Shafter Police Department."

Chief Fivecoat added, "It's a special evening for me. I have one of the finest supervisory teams I could ever hope to have."

Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Bains and Jannett Tapia, district representative from Senator Melissa Hurtado's office, presented the recruits with certificates of recognition.

Also at the meeting, the council ap-

proved \$340,000 for the purchase of 45 street lights as part of the Downtown Renovation Project. The purchase of the streetlights will leave approximately \$6.2 million in the project budget.

"This project includes improvements of streets, sidewalks and alleys along 7th Street from G Street to D Street. New landscaping, lighting and public art installations are all included. Improvements to the city park located at Highway 43 (F Street) and 7th Street will also be completed."

The lights will be double-sided, facing pedestrian walkways and the other side will face the street.

Public Works Director Luis Villa said, "It serves a dual purpose to impact safety with brighter lights."

In other action, the council used a proclamation to celebrate the work that the North Kern Chapter of the Lideres Campesinas has carried out in the community for the last 30 years to empower and help all women, especially farmworkers who are victims of domestic violence, with a special highlight recognizing October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"We feel very grateful about this now that our major objective is to be there for women experiencing domestic violence,"



Representatives from Lideres Campesinas, with members of the city council.

organizer Yesenia Acosta said.

She thanked the members of the Lideres Campesinas committee for serving as volunteers. Acosta added that if someone suffers from domestic abuse, they can call their 24/7 hotline, 661-438-6254. "It is a resource for women in need."

The council also accepted a \$501,478 tobacco grant to hire a police officer for 36 months to assist in curbing the illegal sale and marketing of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to minors and youth.

The state makes these funds available to local law enforcement agencies annually

through the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program.

The officer assigned will coordinate with other regional agencies on enforcement, investigation and proactive education of retailers and Wasco city youth.

"Tobacco products, particularly those marketed directly to children, are a serious health threat to our youth," Hurlbert said, "The addictive nature of these products leads to long-term habits which impact individuals for a lifetime."

He added that illegal tobacco sales are a widespread problem, and there have been cases of these violations locally.

A door to safety for violence victims

The 24-hour hotline staff is crisis trained and trained with community resources to direct any caller in the direction they need.

Parra said domestic violence is common. "The most recognized form of domestic violence is physical abuse, but domestic violence can also look like name-calling to belittle you, intimidation to cause you fear, isolation to make you feel alone, extreme jealousy to make you think it's because they love you, and unwanted sex."

"We identify those as forms of verbal, emotional and sexual abuse in intimate partner relationships. I think that is where people can get confused or maybe think they are not a victim of domestic violence

because it's not that extreme physical abuse happening."

Parra said domestic violence can happen to anyone, and it doesn't matter your race, gender, income or education level.

"We are helping those that enter our doors to reimagine their lives. What that means for our victims of domestic violence or survivors of domestic violence is seeing that opportunity of a second chance and an opportunity to live a life free of violence."

She said their services are crucial to a victim's recovery because they provide the support and care that a victim needs even after they leave the relationship.

"Healing from the trauma they experienced in the relationship is not easy; even if it feels at that moment you are leaving, and you are getting that safety, you still

have to deal with that trauma."

Parra added that that is where their services come in. "We not only provide services for the immediate need, we are also there for the after, through our therapy services for adults and children."

She said that victims of abusive relationships can live in fear for many reasons. "In our work, we see victims afraid to leave because they are scared of their partner, and they know what they are capable of doing."

"We know that victims fear living on their own because their partner may have been their sole financial provider. It's the fear of living in the unknown, raising kids alone and finding employment if you don't have an employment history. That could be a challenge."

In particular, she said, some undocumented victims may fear being deported

or report anything because they think it could get them in trouble.

Another fear, she said, is with children. "They are afraid that their children will be taken away because their abusive partner may have told them they will take everything from them."

Parra said they are part of the healing process. "Once someone walks through our doors, they see a case manager, and when they are ready, they can receive the therapy services to heal from the abuse."

There is hope. "Anything learned can be unlearned. We're teaching healthy habits and healthy family dynamics," she said.

If you or a loved one is experiencing any form of domestic violence, The Open Door Network is here to help. Find them on their website at opendoorhelps.org or call 661-322-9199.

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The Addams family, including the ancestors, perform one of the signature songs, “When You’re an Addams.” RIGHT: Andrew Magana and Emily McGuire were Gomez and Morticia.



“Addam Family” brings crowds to SHS

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The Shafter Press

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 campus of Shafter High School last week 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, bringing the audiences to their feet.

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Heading up the veteran cast was Emily McGuire as the matriarch of the family, the sultry Morticia Addams. Her beloved husband and “slave” Gomez was played by Andrew Magana. Magana had the perfect mix of a suaveness, and a clumsy puppy dog quality, making Gomez the perfect leading man of the show.

McGuire was an enchantress with her dry wit, fire and drollness that gives Morticia the perfect amount of everything. McGuire wowed audiences earlier in her SHS

career with a tour-de-force performance in the Drowsy Chaperone, as leading lady Janet Vandegraff.

Playing the lovestruck Wednesday Addams was Aurelia Scialabba. Scialabba was enchanting as the daughter with the wry sense of humor and a perfect deadpan look that masks a girl with more emotions than she likes to admit.

Rounding out the family was Hayden Martinez as Pugsley Addams, Guastavo Pardo as Uncle Fester and Desiree Arreola as Grandma Addams. This family has more heart than any of them care to ad-

mit, but end the end, they are almost as “normal” as the families that they profess they are not.

Joselyn Pierucci and Josue Villalobos play Wednesday’s betrothed parents, with Luke Kratt playing the brave young man Lucas Beineke. As the families meet, they also are treated to a visit from the Addams Ancestors, who are very entertaining and give the show some great music and choreography.

All of the cast showed a great range as they sang, danced, and acted their way into the audience’s hearts.

Kiwanis Club recognizes some Terrific Kids

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Kiwanis Club held their monthly Terrific Kids Luncheon, which is designed to spotlight those students from Shafter schools that demonstrate certain character traits that are strived for in the Terrific Kids program.

The traits included in this program are T (Thoughtful), E(Enthusiastic), R (Respectful), R (Responsible), I (Inclusive), F (Friendly), I (Inquisitive), C (Capable).

The Terrific Kids program has been honoring students for decades, giving them positive reinforcement for their exhibition of positive character traits at their respective schools.

Teachers from the local schools nominate students who exhibit that trait. Each student receives a certificate, a pencil,

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Maple School’s athletic director, Mr. Roberts, with Norah Tennison, Jennavie Ruiz, Elias Perez and Fernando Ramirez.

bumper sticker and a t-shirt, in addition to the lunch.

This year, the Shafter Kiwanis widened their scope of the program, recognizing students from not only Richland School District, but also from Maple School and GROW Academy. GROW Academy is on

break currently, so they did not have anyone participating for this luncheon.

This month, the trait is Enthusiasm, a trait that a lot of people, students or not, could use to harness their success. Teachers and staff nominate students who best exemplify those traits that are being rec-



RIGHT: Golden Oak Assistant Principal Jose Montelongo with Gabriel Cazares Sanchez and Emiliana Obeso.

ognized for that month. The Shafter Kiwanis club work tirelessly throughout the year, enriching the lives of the community members of Shafter, especially its youth. This is just one of many things that the Kiwanis club does for the communities that they represent.



Richland Junior High’s Mylum Nichlolson with Aliyah Gonzalez Ayala and Justin Castro. MIDDLE: Redwood’s Jose Juarez with Nayeli Velasquez.



RIGHT: Mrs. Aguilera, assistant principal of Sequoia Elementary, with Vivian Lewis and Noah Castenada.



Dance Planet’s extravaganza returns

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Since 2002, Planet Dance Studio has been a jewel in the community, with thousands of youth participating in the program over the last 21 years.

Their annual recital will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Shafter High School Auditorium, and it promises to be a spectacular event.

Jacob Hernandez is the studio director. “This year, the theme is ‘Icons’ and [the show] will be a tribute to some of the greatest performers of all times like Janet Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Elvis Presley, Adele and Nicki Minaj.”

There will be 65 dancers ages 4 to 17 presenting 20 routines in the genres of tap, jazz, ballet and hip hop, all dressed in custom-made costumes.

“It’s our 21st annual dance recital, and everyone is working hard. The show will be nothing like we’ve ever done before, and we have our highly anticipated opening number and our father-daughter performance.”

Tickets for the performance go on sale on Monday,

Oct. 23, and can be purchased at the studio, 641 F St., Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. General admission is \$25 pre-sale and \$30 at the door.

Over the last two decades, the studio has stayed true to its mission of instilling the art of dance in its students and surrounding communities.

“We have four highly trained instructors passionate about dancing, guiding, being a role model and teaching youth.”

Hernandez said the goals for the dancers are to build confidence, develop technique, cultivate time management, learn structure and promote dedication and determination.

Enrolling in the studio requires no experience, and both boys and girls are welcome. A competitive team performs at competitions throughout the nation.

“They start competing in February 2024 and will travel to Redondo Beach, San Jose and Las Vegas. We have won every award you can mention and scholarships.”

To enroll, you can find registration fees and the schedule of classes at planetdancelive.com. For more information, call 661-240-5924 or email find_us@planetdancelive.com.



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Yasenchak committed mentor on WHS stage

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Melanie Yasenchak is an English and drama teacher at Wasco High School. She is a committed advocate for the arts and has played an integral part in promoting creativity on the stage for her students and the community.

She began her career as a teacher in 2006 at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. In the 2012-13 school year, she joined Wasco High School.

Since taking on her role, she has produced over 20 theatrical productions, including the first school musical last year based on the film Grease. Many of her shows are comedies.

Every year, she does a children's show and a community show, where she invites all of Wasco to attend.

"Last year, we had over 800 kids at our elementary play. It's like a field trip for them to go to the WHS auditorium. This year, it will take place on December 7, and the play is Goldilocks on Trial."

This play is student-run. Two students are directors, and they will run the entire show together.

"They pick the costumes and the cast. They are the teachers for that play."

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The students will perform it for the community the next day, December 8, for everyone to come to.

In March, the drama club will produce a big show that anybody on campus can audition for. "We have yet to decide what show we are doing this year. It could be another musical."

She said that that is their largest production every year. "It's a full-length play and our grand production. Last year we made over \$10,000. We normally have an excellent turnout for our shows."

Yasenchak said she loves her students. "I will never leave Wasco. They are the best students around. They love you with their whole heart."

She comes from a long line of educators. "My mom was a teacher, my uncle was a principal, and many of my cousins are teachers. My husband, Thomas Yasenchak, is the principal at Wasco Independence High School."

"We are a family full of educators and just love Wasco. My husband came from Stockdale High School in Bakersfield to Wasco after meeting my students when I worked at the junior high here. The Lord led me to Wasco, and it's where I belong."

She is also involved outside of the class-



Melanie Yasenchak with her husband, Thomas Yasenchak.

room, working with the Shafter Children's Summer Theater program and spearheading their fundraiser, a murder mystery dinner theater show.

It will occur this Friday, Oct. 20, at the Shafter Ford Theater at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and includes dinner and a show.

Yasenchak was hired as an English teacher at WHS, and when they interviewed her, they asked her if she had any other interest in something else.

"I said theater was my safe place in high

school, and I was very interested in the theater program. I heard that WHS had not had a full-length play performed on the stage for over ten years, so without one prop or one piece of wood to build a set, I just created an entire program from the ground up."

She has a unique view on inspiring her drama class students. "Teaching is a kind of acting. Every day we have to stand up and hold our student's attention. It's creating excitement about what they are going to learn."

"If we can sell them on that, then we've got them, and they will listen and want to be engaged with you."

Her teaching style fosters creativity and self-expression among her students. "My fundamental goal is safety. If they feel the drama classroom is a safe place, they will go to their limits on stage."

"If they don't have that trust, they will never give me 100%. I start my school year just building trust, so there are a lot of activities where they rely on one another, and they learn about each other to create a family in our classroom."

Yasenchak has high hopes for the future. "What I want is a program that will last for a long time on campus, that can grow and flourish because I think it's one of the most important arts."

Semitropic School celebrates harvest season

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Semitropic Harvest Festival later this month promises to be an afternoon of fun activities with food, games, a spooky haunted house, mazes and music for all ages to enjoy.

There will be various contests, including for the best chile verde and best Halloween costumes, and a pumpkin decoration competition with two categories: carved and painted. Youth can work at home on their pumpkin entry and bring it to the event for a panel of community members to vote on.

A cake walk and candy walk will also be part of the festivities set for Saturday, Oct. 28, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Food vendors will be selling snow cones, bacon-wrapped hot dogs, aguas frescas, mini pancakes and taquitos, among other treats..

Various information booths will be there with resources. Community Action Partnership of Kern and

WASCO



Youth 2 Leaders are some organizations that will participate.

Hilda Torres is the program coordinator for the Semitropic School District. She said it is their first year with this event, and what started with an idea to host something for their own families since they are ten miles outside of town grew into a larger event through the help of staff and volunteers.

"Wasco High School students offered to volunteer, and our idea took off from there."

Torres said, "We have so much going on. People are excited about the chile verde contest."

She added that there will be games for prizes and games for enjoyment, hay rides and mazes for both younger students and one for middle school and high school students. The haunted house will be a highlight.

"For such a small school, there will be quite a bit to do. Hopefully, it will be a day when one can come with their families, enjoy the event and have fun."

Torres thanks sponsors including Domino's Pizza, Dutch Bros, Wasco Glass and Shear Designs for pitching in to make what will surely be an entertaining event for all.

The festival will be held at 25300 Highway 46. For more information on how to participate in the chile verde contest, call 661-758-6412 or scan the QR code on the flyer. The deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 26, at noon.

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Both Thomas and Brian live in the local communities. "We belong to service organizations and try to donate both time and money to make Wasco and Shafter better places to live, as do

our wives," Thomas said.

Wasco Veterinary Clinic has woven itself into the fabric of the Wasco community, and they hope to continue for many years to come.

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Super Students at Karl Clemens



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students for last week. Criteria for selection is based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to all friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. Pictures in the front row, from left, are School mascot Whiskers, Yoselin Noriega (2nd grade), Jesus Hernandez (kindergarten), Leonardo Rios (1st), Ramon Andrade (5th), Janet Martinez (3rd) and Sebastian Esquivel (4th) Back row, from left, are student monitor Felipe Villagomez and Vice Principal Angela Devin

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Tyrone Davidson makes a catch for a touchdown.

WASCO HIGH SCHOOL 2023 FOOTBALL

THIS FRIDAY: Tigers (4-4, 3-1 SSL) host Taft (4-4, 2-2 SSL)

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*	
Friday, October 27	7 p.m.	at Shafter*	

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SHAFTER HIGH SCHOOL 2023 FOOTBALL



FRIDAY: Generals (8-0, 4-0 SSL) at Kennedy (Delano) (7-1, 4-0)

Thursday, August 17	8:30 p.m.	West (Bakersfield)	W, 55-7
Friday, August 25	7:30 p.m.	at Arvin	W, 56-6
Friday, September 1	7:30 p.m.	at Bakersfield	W, 31-17
Friday, September 9	7 p.m.	Bakersfield Christian	W, 35-34
Friday, September 15	7:30 p.m.	at Chavez (Delano)*	W, 33-7
Friday, September 22	7:30 p.m.	at Taft*	W, 41-16
Thursday, September 28	7:30 p.m.	McFarland*	W, 49-0
Thursday, October 5	7:30 p.m.	Delano*	W, 55-14
Friday, October 20	7:30 p.m.	at Kennedy (Delano)*	
Friday, October 27	7 p.m.	Wasco*	

**South Sequoia League games*

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Christopher Espinoza leans across the goal line for a touchdown.

Generals gear up for biggest test to date

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Generals' football team has went through the season undefeated so far, boasting an 8-0 record, 4-0 in the SSL. They have outscored their opponents by a margin of 254 points, 355-101, with 34 of those points coming in one contest.

Shafter has dominated the majority of their games, with the 35-34 victory against Bakersfield Christian being their only game that was within 28 points, with the bye week this past week, it gave the Generals an extra week to prepare for the squad's

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biggest test to date. On Friday night, they will travel to Delano to take on the Thunderbirds of Kennedy High School. With the bye week, the team has focused on stopping the powerful running game of Kennedy, and planning a strategy that will make the team productive against a well coached team.

"This is probably our biggest game to date. They are a well-coached team that will do a lot of things to try and slow us down."

Pierucci also said that he thinks that they will try to wear them down de-

fensively against their running attack. Pierucci said that this past week has been a lot of getting back to the basics and working on the blitz-heavy Kennedy defense. "Our offensive line has a big job ahead of them, with what the Thunderbirds do defensively, EZ (quarterback Ezekiel Osborn), will need to be spot on with our sight adjustments and reads in the passing game."

Defensively, he said that it is really about stopping the run. "They have a very good running attack with a running back that is hard to bring down. A lot of tackling and gang tackling drills this week."

So far this year, Pierucci said that it

has been a journey so far, with the team still not playing at the level that they are capable of playing. "I believe we still have some growing to do. But, I am happy with our development so far and how we have handled the schedule so far."

He also said that the past games don't matter leading into these next two weeks. The Generals end their regular season with Kennedy this Friday and hosting rival Wasco the following Friday night.

"We are playing for a SSL Championship. I am looking forward to seeing the Shafter Faithful fill that stadium like they always do."

Shafter band places fourth at Centennial

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Marching Band placed fourth in their division at the annual Music in Motion Band competition at Centennial High School on Saturday.

Over 20 high schools from throughout the Central Valley were competing at the event. The SHS band, drum major Caleb Previtt, performed a competition routine, "Into Space."

The performance was filled with horns, drums and a lot of percussion, including xylophones, bells and other instruments.

The band has practiced since the beginning of school, working on their musicianship, timing, rhythm and movements, which have to be on point with the rest of the team, including the color guard and



The band performs intricate maneuvers on the field.

flag corps.

Drum major Previtt, who will be traveling to London to perform at a New Year's Day parade there, said that this event was a great start to the competition season. "We

have the pieces we need to be a competitive presence in our division," he said. "We need to focus on execution and mindset. We are excited for the rest of the season, and we are hoping to see our community

in the stands supporting us."

The team performs at halftime of the Shafter Generals Football home games and also will be competing in several events in the coming months.

Richland halfway through covid funds

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Superintendent Rosa Romero explained that, the first priority was getting kids back into the classroom safely, which meant doing major work on their air conditioning systems.

"With the age and condition of our HVAC systems, it would not have been possible to bring our kids back to school in a safe environment," Romero said.

This meant that much of the initial spending was on system improvements, which would bring the district up to date and able to bring the students back in a safe environment.

The school district also surveyed community members, giving them a chance to have input on their top priorities in how to spend the money. At the top of that list

was improving indoor air quality in the different schools, taking a 20% priority. Another top item was replacing old carpets and tiles, as well as building repairs and improvements to minimize environmental health hazards.

The district, Romero said, also has spent money on additional summer school programs, as well as providing additional tutoring.

She also said that during the time in which students were required to learn remotely, students were equipped with their own devices to take home to do their work. When the students came back to school, students kept their devices and used them to work at home. "Every child who wants one has their own device at home to do homework and classwork on. We even

provide them with their own wifi hot spot so they can connect to the network and do their work from home without cost to the students or families. "There are a lot of families in our district that don't have access to their own Wifi network, so having this available helps all of our students and families make progress in their educational work," Romero said.

Currently, the district has spent \$4.8 million of the allotted \$11 million that they have received. Each expenditure has to be approved by their school board, as well as meet guidelines put up by the state that makes sure the funds are used in a proper manner.

When asked if they had hired additional teachers with the funds, Rodriguez said, "This is where a lot of school

districts are getting into trouble. This is a one-time gift of monies, while hiring teachers is an ongoing expense, which does not work with our district. Some of the districts are now faced with hits on their budgets when having to account for extra teachers' salaries going forward. We have been smart with our money and have not put ourselves in a position that we will be facing extra costs when the money is no longer there."

She said that anyone who is interested in what the district is spending the money on or how much, they can go to the district's website and look under ESSER funding. There are reports and plans on what the funds will be earmarked for and where the money is coming from.

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OBITUARIES

Susan D. Bravo
1953 – 2023

Susan D. Bravo passed away on Oct. 10, 2023. Born in 1953, she was the daughter of Babe and Adel Durando and sister to Mary, Richard and Tim. She attended Mount St. Mary's College after finishing at Wasco High School, graduating with a BSN in 1975. In 1976, she married Keith Bravo at St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Los Angeles. After he finished his internal medicine and pediatrics residencies in Springfield, Mass., they moved to Bishop in 1989, where their two sons were born. In 1999, the family moved to Steubenville, Ohio, where they lived for 20 years. In 2019, the family again moved, this time to Saint Paul, Mo., where Susan succumbed to breast cancer four years later. She was a nurse, wife, mother, teacher and ardent Catholic, and is survived by her husband, Keith, and sons Josh and Benjamin. In lieu of gifts, the family has requested donations be given to the St. Joseph Foundation, 85882 Water Works Rd.,Hopedale, OH 43972. 740-937-2054.

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In Genesis 25, it tells the story of Esau and Jacob, brothers as different as night and day, who had fought with one another even in their mother's womb. Though they were twins, Esau was the firstborn and had the right to certain privileges. The firstborn was entitled to a double inheritance and would someday take his father's place as the head of the family business. What is more, he also would be expected to take on the spiritual leadership of his clan. But Esau never got to exercise those privileges. He returned desperately hungry from a hard day in the fields. His brother Jacob, more of a homebody and,

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Valuing your birthright

apparently, a good cook, had made some bread and lentil stew. Esau asked for a portion and Jacob drove a hard bargain. He asked him to sell his birthright for a hot meal.

Now Jacob was shrewd and is often criticized as being greedy and grasping, but the Bible doesn't focus on his behavior. Instead, when Esau decided that filling his belly once was worth more than a lifetime of leadership and privilege, the Bible blames him, saying, "So Esau despised his birthright." (Genesis 25:34b)

In fact, this turn of events didn't surprise God. In fact, when the twins' mom, Rebekah, asked God what was going on during that terribly turbulent pregnancy, part of his reply was the prophecy that "...the older will serve the younger." (Gen. 25:23)

Now God didn't condone Jacob's sneakiness and later deception; in fact, He punished him, both with years of exile far from his family and with the dealings of his even more deceptive father-in-law. But the fact that God goes on to validate Jacob's place of leadership and blessing shows that those sins apparently were not as ugly to the Father as Esau's indifference.

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Unfortunately, many are like Esau, trading a glorious inheritance for momentary satisfaction. In fact, most neglect it, not for some great passion or experience, but by sheer indifference, for the daily cares of an ordinary life. God's declaration that He wishes that we would either reject Him entirely or love Him with our whole hearts, makes it clear that He hates indifference and passivity (Revelation 3:16). Hate can be turned into love, but inertia is a deadly trap that can rob us of God's greatest blessings for years, even decades.

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DEATH NOTICES

Adam Cuevas, 16, of Delano, passed away Sept. 30, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Maria E. Segura, 73, of Wasco, passed away Oct. 9, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Joseph J. Pelle, 61, of Bakersfield, passed away Oct. 8, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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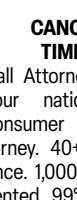
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Touchdown for the Tigers.

Tigers beat Delano with ground game, 27-7

JAMIE STEWART
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Tigers beat the Tigers of Delano, 27-7, on Friday night, upping their SSL record to 3-1.

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The Tigers' offense, led by quarterback David Manzo, used their wing-T formation to perfection throughout the game, making it unnecessary for the Tigers to take to the air. But Manzo did flex his throwing arm on the Tigers' third score of the game, airing it out to Tyrone Davidson for 68 yards, giving the Tigers a 24-7 lead.

Delano kept the game close early with a score of their own, after Wasco had gotten on the board first with a touchdown run by Michael Dominguez and a two-point conversion, to make the score 8-0. But, after Delano got within one point at 8-7, the Wasco Tigers' defense didn't let the Delano in the end zone for the rest of the game.

A swarming defense that dominated the line of scrimmage kept the Delano offense in third down and long situations for



Lopez on his way to 6 points.

much of the game.

Dominguez and Hami Lopez did most of the damage for the Tigers, gaining over 200 yards on the ground, giving the Tigers

over 300 yards of offense for the third consecutive week.

Wasco will look to keep their winning streak alive on Friday night when they will

host the Taft Wildcats.

The junior varsity game will begin at 5 p.m., with the varsity kicking off at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HARLEY BARLING CASE NO. S1500PB23264

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HARLEY BARLING.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NANCY BARLING HOWZE in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NANCY BARLING HOWZE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/26/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. J-1 located at 2100 COLLEGE AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305

THIS MATTER IS SUBMITTED AS "PROPER TO BE SUBMITTED ON THE PLEADINGS (PSP)." ALL MATTERS APPROVED AS PSP WILL BE GRANTED UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND OBJECT WHEN THE PSP CALENDAR IS CALLED.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate

assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner STEVEN A. JUNG - SBN 107428 BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK 1021 ANACAPA STREET, 2ND FLOOR SANTA BARBARA CA 93101 Telephone (805) 882-1443 10/5, 10/12, 10/19/23 CNS-3744372# SHAFTER PRESS

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Mercedes Narvaez Case Number: BPB-23-003076

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Mercedes Narvaez

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Paola Llinas in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Paola Llinas be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: 10/26/2023 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: J-1

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93305, Juvenile Justice Center.

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult

with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. 10. Attorney for petitioner: Kurt Van Sciver 5500 Ming Avenue, Suite 362 Bakersfield, CA 93305 661-412-7729 Publish Shafter Press October 5, 12, 19, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Ricky Cunningham Case Number: BPB-23-002533

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Ricky Cunningham

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Candice Flores in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Candice Flores be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: 12/07/2023 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: J-1

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305.

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or

personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. 10. Attorney for petitioner: Robert H. Brumfield, III 1810 Westwind Drive, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301 661-316-3010 Publish Shafter Press October 12, 19, 26, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Houghton High Ranch

5060 California Ave #900 Bakersfield, CA 93309 County: KERN

Mailing address of business: 5060 California Ave #900 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC

5060 California Ave #900 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Business was conducted by: Limited Liability Company /s/Michael C. Young, President Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B4072 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 06/22/2023

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 10/12/2023

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/M Hernandez

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement The Belle Emporium 2023-B5930

1841 Vassar St. Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern

1841 Vassar St. Delano, CA 93215

Rosella Anaya 1841 Vassar St.

Delano, CA 93215 Erik C Anaya

1841 Vassar St. Delano, CA 93215

The business is conducted by: Married Couple

Date the business commenced: N/A

/s/Erik C. Anaya Date Statement Filed: 09/08/2023

Date Statement Expires: 09/08/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: M De La Rosa

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Technical And Structural Welding 2023-B6638

290 E Ash Ave Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern 290 E Ash Ave

Shafter, CA 93263 Braulio Betan

290 E Ash Ave Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

/s/Braulio Betan Date Statement Filed: 10/11/2023

Date Statement Expires: 10/11/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: M Hernandez

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement UnityCare Hospitalists 2023-B6610

2403 Windermere Street Bakersfield, CA 93311

County: Kern 2403 Windermere Street

Bakersfield, CA 93311 Parikshat Alka, PC

2403 Windermere Street Bakersfield, CA 93311

State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: 01/14/2014

/s/Parikshat Sharma, CEO Date Statement Filed: 10/09/2023

Date Statement Expires: 10/09/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: T Cabrera

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Ayalas Barbershop

2023-B6539 454 Central Valley Hwy

Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern

120 N Wall St Shafter, CA 93263

Ayalas Barbershop LLC 454 Central Valley Hwy

Shafter, CA 93263 State of incorp. or org.: CA

The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Date the business commenced: N/A

/s/Alfredo Ayala, Managing Member Date Statement Filed: 10/04/2023

Date Statement Expires: 10/04/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: T Cabrera

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Tecuya Feed Store 2023-B6214

3105 Mt Pinos Way Unit D Frazier Park, CA 93225

County: Kern 525 Goshawk Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93309 Terri Lanai Bobbitt

525 Goshawk Ct Bakersfield, CA 93309

JW Bobbitt, Jr 525 Goshawk Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93309 The business is conducted by: Married Couple

Date the business commenced: N/A

/s/Terri Bobbitt Date Statement Filed: 09/20/2023

Date Statement Expires: 09/20/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: M Hernandez

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Trium Supply Co. 2023-B5804

4018 Courtney St. Bakersfield, CA 93312

County: Kern 4018 Courtney St.

Bakersfield, CA 93312 William Ryan Smith

4018 Courtney St. Bakersfield, CA 93312

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

/s/William Ryan Smith Date Statement Filed: 09/01/2023

Date Statement Expires: 09/01/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: J Lozano

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Kern Golden Girls LLC 2023-B6200

6409 Rio De Janeiro Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313

County: Kern 6409 Rio De Janeiro Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93313 Kern Golden Girls LLC

6409 Rio De Janeiro Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313

State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Date the business commenced: 9/15/2023

/s/Vonda Peralez, Member Date Statement Filed: 09/20/2023

Date Statement Expires: 09/20/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: M Hernandez

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