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Richland improves in English and math

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Richland School District is on track with their budget so far this year, according to the LCAP report that tracks educational and financial goals.

The district's Board of Trustees received the midyear report Tuesday night, The budgetary evaluation was "satisfactory," with the only difference from the budget and the actual spending so far is the money which was used as part of the emergency covid funding that every district received.

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On the educational front, the district is hitting a lot of its goals, including decreasing the gap in the standards for English and math when compared to the goals and standards set by the state. Assistant Superintendent Annette Blacklock said that the district has been working hard to meet or exceed its goals and been successful in many of their endeavors.

They also saw the district meet or exceed their goals for special education students. Over 50% of special education students

participate in a regular classroom environment at least 80% of the school day.

One area still on the decline in the district is the amount of chronic absenteeism. At the beginning of the cycle, the rate was at 11%. The district set a goal to decrease that number by 5%. The opposite happened, with absenteeism almost doubling to 21%.

In other action, the board approved a field trip for special education students to the campus of Fresno State University, where they will attend workshops and also get to attend a sporting event.

The board also voted to give a notice to

PINCO, the Partners in Nutrition Cooperative, which the district uses for their food supply needs for their menus. Financial Director Martin Rodriguez told the board that the cooperative has been inconsistent with fulfilling their orders, have not been timely in their deliveries and have not lived up to the agreement and standards set by the board and the district. Rodriguez said that the board would be better served to go with a different cooperative, and the selection process could begin immediately. The vote was unanimous. This would affect the district beginning in the 2025-26 school year.



The Colours Fun Run will return.

A full weekend in living Colours

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Colours: The Shafter Arts Festival is back and there's something for everyone. Just look at the schedule. The festival goes from Thursday, Feb. 22, through Sunday, Feb. 25, starting with the traditional Shafter Community Chest drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, followed by Coffee House Strings music at the Tin Cup.

On Friday, take a history tour of the Minter Field Air Museum, then the Art Gallery at the Ford Theater, and end the day at The Tin Cup with an evening of jazz.

Saturday, Feb. 24, is packed full of great events for everyone. Run or walk in the 2-mile Fun Run, see the car show and tour the Shafter Depot Museum, including the Art d'Cans exhibit. For the kids, there is the Youth Art Workshop, Polymer Key Chain Workshop, and you can also meet the children's books author Jennifer Gardiner, with her new book *Count the Bears*.

Out at the Minter Field Air Mu-



The Art Gallery will feature local artists.

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seum, you can tour all of the historical exhibits, as well as the Green Hotel. There is also a Corn Hole Tourney on Saturday in the Church of Christ parking lot.

To close out the festival Sun-

day, the Art Gallery will be open, as well as a Meet the Artists and Wine Tasting event, which will be held at the Ford Theater. Go online to the Colours Shafter website for more information, or pick up next week's Shafter Press for a complete guide.



The Wasco City Finance Department team of Gloria Ortiz, Erica Torres, Erik Valdivia, Monique Vasquez, Isarel Perez-Hernandez, Luis Campos, Katheryn Virrey, Rosalva Reyes and Karen Barba.

City Finance Department honored

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The City of Wasco has been awarded the prestigious Annual Comprehensive Financial Report award for 2022. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the city, since it was last recognized in 2012.

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"This award is a testament to the dedication and hard work of every member of our team. Over the years, we've faced challenges such as frequent staffing shortages and frequent leadership turnover within the Finance Department, making this achievement even more remarkable," Finance Director Isarel Perez-Hernandez said.

"However, through perseverance and teamwork, we have once again secured this highly coveted award from the Government Finance Officers Association. A certificate is awarded only if there is consensus among reviewers that an annual comprehensive financial report substantially complies with both Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and program policy."

The award was based on the accuracy and completeness of financial statements, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, demonstration of fiscal responsibility and accountability, timeliness in preparing and submitting financial reports, use of best practices in financial management and reporting, adequate disclosure of financial information, presentation of financial information in a clear and understandable manner, overall quality and professionalism of financial reporting, use of technology to enhance financial reporting processes, incorporation of forward-looking financial projections or analyses, evidence of continuous improvements in financial reporting

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Wasco mayor wants to represent rural areas

First in a series of interviews with candidates for Kern County supervisor in the 4th District, including the Shafter and Wasco areas.

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune

Alex Garcia was born and raised in Wasco. He attended Fresno State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science. Garcia moved back to Kern County in 2015 to work for Assemblyman Rudy Salas as a field representative for Arvin, Lamont, Wasco and Shafter.

"I built good relationships in those communities that I still maintain today," he said.

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In 2016, he left the Assembly and ran for City Council. "This will be my eighth year serving my third term as city mayor. During my time, we've done many outside-the-box activities."

These would include "Mondays with the Mayor," an open-door office hours, which he is bringing back this year, "for people to share their concerns and complaints with the mayor. And in alignment with building healthy communities, we also introduced 'Mayors and Moms,' a short series introduced during the pandemic. We did Zumba in the park and a number of neigh-

borhood community meetings. All of this, to the labor camp clean up and helping to start the brand new police department."

He said that Kern County is facing many challenges. "But primary among them is selecting the next chief administrative officer, in addition to resolving the recruitment and retainment crisis our county faces from public safety and other public workers."

He also sees the importance of careful funding distribution, including "equitable allocation of the new Measure K dollars to our rural outlying communities and investing and protecting our public spaces is my third priority. For too long, our

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Alex Garcia believes his experience with the Wasco city council has prepared him for the supervisor role.

Community Calendar

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Waste collection – Kern County Public Works is hosting a household hazardous waste collection event Saturday, Feb. 17, at 17621 Scofield Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Accepted materials include batteries, motor oil, paints, light bulbs, pool chemicals, automotive supplies, cleaning products and more.

Recolección de Residuos – Kern County Public Works evento de recolección de residuos peligrosos del hogar, Sábado 17 de Febrero, 17621 Scofield Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Materiales aceptados: baterías, aceite de motor, pinturas, bombillas, objetos punzantes, productos de limpieza ya mas.

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

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

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

ONGOING

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

Shafter Recreation & Parks District–Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month

at 505 Sunset Ave., the Shafter Senior Center.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

Wasco High School board – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit wuhs.wascouhsd.org for agenda information.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Bulky waste pickup – American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los 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 Vulture, 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:** The Shafter Depot Museum celebrates a birthday on Oct 14, 1995.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

FEB. 2

Dennis Fisk, 50, of Shafter, was arrested at 7th Standard Road and Galpin Street on an outside agency warrant.

FEB. 3

Ascencion Lopez Jr., 32, of Shafter, was arrested at Central Avenue and Munzer for robbery: second degree, threatening a crime with intent to terrorize and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on felony.

FEB. 5

Mauricio Antonio Alcalá, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Lowen Street for contempt of court; disobeying a court order and a public crime committed while incarcerated.

FEB. 7

Tony Aguirre Lopez, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 3800 block of Green Oaks Way for battery onto a person and on an outside agency warrant.

Jose Luis Salcedo, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of East Euclid Avenue for robbery in the second degree, threatening to terrorize, petty theft and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

FEB. 8

Juan Daniel Vargas, 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of Rodeo Avenue for tampering with a vehicle, motor vehicle theft, possession of burglary tools, petty theft, receiving known stolen property and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

FEB. 9

Brandon Jon James, 48, of Shafter, was arrested at East Lerdo Highway and Cawelo Avenue on an outside agency warrant.

FEB. 11

Kayla Dawn Frederickson,

30, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Klassen Drive for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse and contempt of court order.

BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff’s Office, Button-

willow substitution:

FEB. 8

David Garcia, 22, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 21300 block of Inyo Street in Lost Hills for possession of a dangerous weapon, carrying a loaded firearm on person, par-

ticipating in a criminal street gang, conspiracy to commit a crime, carrying a concealed weapon in public, and carrying a loaded firearm while participating in a criminal street gang.

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City of Shafter welcomes new employees

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Police Department recognized several officers and employees at a welcome ceremony recently.

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Police officers and dispatchers took their new oaths at the event on Tuesday, making their entry onto the force official.

The SPD welcomed dispatchers Jannete Denis, Emanuel Gomez and Joshua Ryan, who replaced a number who joined the new Wasco force.

Also honored were Animal Control Services Worker Kelly New and extra help administrative assistant Hermila Aleman.

Acting Police Chief Randy Milligan had previously said the SPD is still growing and staffing.

Economic Development Director Ferdinando "Nando" Guerra also was introduced as a new city employee.



Officer Jorge Valdivia is sworn in. Also at the event were Mayor Pro-tem Cathy Prout with Economic Development Director Ferdinando Guerra. RIGHT: Office Jorge Guerra is sworn in at the ceremony.



Glad Raggs still finding treasures

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Glad Raggs has been a mainstay in the Shafter community for almost 40 years, giving the residents of Shafter and the surrounding communities a variety of treasures, be they furniture, antiques or other items that bring a sense of nostalgia.

Owner Ronnie Carroll has been at the helm of the business, leading the store in its mission of bringing Shafter a rich history that will remain with families for generations.

The store has a wide variety of furniture, with an array of bedroom sets, dressers and dining room sets, as well as a large inventory of wall décor.

The business saw the passing of its patriarch, Jim Carroll, in 2019, with the

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desire of his heart to make sure the store would keep going and thriving.

One of the last things he said was "take care of the store." For over 30 years, this was his life; he loved the people and the business. Everyone in town knew "the old guy behind the counter." He would joke and kid with customers and make them feel right at home. He had his favorites, this was where he wanted to be, right in the big middle of the bustle, Ronnie recalled.

His desire has come true with the store going strong and the customers just as loyal. "I have always loved this place, and I will never stop coming here. I just love looking at all of the beautiful things that they have," said Elvira Ministon, who has been coming to the store for over 10 years. "Shafter



The store has an array of furniture and decorative items.

is really lucky to have a place like this. It is a part of the city."

Carroll has an inventory that not only has items from the past, but also a variety

of things that will fit in any home, be it modern or classic.

Glad Raggs, 208 Central Ave., can be reached at 661-746-2116.

WRPD keeps kids active with sports

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

There is full lineup of activities for the youth of Wasco offered by the Wasco Recreation and Parks District, with registration now open.

WASCO

"Wasco Little League Baseball is open to boys ages 7-12 who reside or attend any schools within our boundaries," WRPD Manager Chris Serna said.

It is a live-pitch baseball program. "This is a competitive division with rules and guidelines associated with Little League International. There is a Majors and Minors Division offered."

The Majors Division offers a higher, more competitive level of play than the Minors Division. Players must be League age 10-12 to be eligible for Majors. "A draft is conducted to fill the available slots on our Majors teams. Players not selected to play in the Majors Division will be placed in the Minors draft."

"There are advantages and disadvantages to participating in Majors. The most obvious advantage is the chance to play at



The 2023 Little League All Star baseball team.

a higher level of competition, often against (and with) the best players in our community. However, parents should also know that the participation rules are slightly different for Majors than for Minors."

All registrants must attend one assessment to play in this league and be drafted by coaches. Assessments are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5. The season runs from March through June, with the Little League registration costing \$110 and a deadline of March 3.

There is also girls recreation softball, a live-pitch softball program designed for ages 7-14. "The recreational softball league is perfect for players with any level of experience looking to have fun out on the field. It is a great league to stay active, meet new players and continue to grow and develop."

"If you are looking to have some fun, learn and develop your softball skills, and grow with your teammates, then recreational softball is the game for you. Divisions played will be 10u and 14u."

All registrants must attend one assessment to play in this league and be drafted by coaches. Tentative assessments are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 26 and 27. The season runs from April through May. Registration is \$70, and the deadline is Sunday, Feb. 25.

The Coach Pitch Program is designed for ages 5-6 years old. "Coaches will pitch to their own team. This program focuses on the fundamentals of baseball and is designed to build a solid foundation for becoming a successful ballplayer. Coaches are allowed on the field to assist athletes during the game. This is a noncompetitive league." The season runs from April through May. Registration is \$65, and the deadline is Sunday, March 3.

The district also runs a T-Ball program designed for ages 3-4 years old. "Our focus is to have fun while introducing athletes to fundamentals of positions, innings, and baserunning. Parents are allowed on the field to assist their athletes during the game. This is a non-competitive league." The season runs from April through May. Registration is \$65, and the deadline is also Sunday, March 3.

ARREST REPORT

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BUTTONWILLOW

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

Manuel Juarez, 22, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 21300 block of Fresno Street in Lost Hills for carrying an undetectable firearm and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aram Josue Farias, 20, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 21100 block of Universal Street in Lost Hills for carrying a loaded firearm on his person, participating in a

criminal street gang, conspiracy to commit a crime, carrying a concealed weapon in public and carrying a loaded firearm while participating in a criminal street gang.

WASCO

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Wasco Substation:

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Randy Flores Lopez, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street for felony mayhem, assault with a deadly weapon, and on a felony probable cause warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Geman Abel Alvarez, 26, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Birch Avenue and Sunset Drive for possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Juan Ordaz Brigido, 55, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of S Street for felony assault with a deadly weapon: not a firearm and misdemeanor exhibiting a deadly weapon. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Ruben Jaime, 49, of Was-

co, was arrested near the intersection of Birch Avenue and Sunset Drive for misdemeanor or possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Oscar Leon, 31, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of D Street on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Ryan Sim, 51, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor mail theft, possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released.

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Francisco Uriel Aldama, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Palm Avenue on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Julio Gallardo, 40, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of 1st Street for misdemeanor entering a noncommunity dwelling, trespassing, and on felony bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Rachel Moor, 40, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of 1st Street for misdemeanor enter non communi-

ty dwelling, trespassing, and obstruct officer: resist arrest. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

FEB. 11

Jose Ramos, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of H Street for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jose Mauricio Villegas, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Highway 46 for felony evading a police officer, vehicle theft, and possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.



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Allen Anderson of the Air Museum greets attendees at the entrance. RIGHT: Author Barbara Schultz signed copies of her books at the event.

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Minter Field in Shafter celebrated the 82nd anniversary of the Dedication of the Minter Field Air Field on Saturday, holding an open house for residents to check out the facelift the museum underwent recently. Thanks to a donation from the Johnson Family Foundation, the museum was able to repaint the building and also remodeled



a storage room into a new exhibit for the museum.

According to Museum President Ronald Pierce, the support from numerous individuals and organizations have made this year a great one. "We have had so many opportunities this year, from donations and events to renovation projects."

Pierce is also chairman of the Minter Field board.

The event on Saturday drew a large crowd, many who haven't been to the museum in a while. "I haven't been out here in years," said resident Donald Murtry, who was visiting with his grandson. "I had to come out and check out the new paint job and all of the new stuff that they have on display. There is so much more than the last time I was here."

Barbara Schultz, an author of eight published

books, was on hand signing one of her most popular books, *Pancho: The Biography of Florence Lowe Barnes*. Schultz, who earned her pilot's license while she was a young woman, met her husband, who was a test pilot and together they opened their own airport. She then used her passion for aviation and her skill at writing into another career.

The Minter Field site was dedicated in February 1942 as the Minter Field Army Air Corps Base, in honor of local man Hugh Minter.

Minter Field was originally constructed under the Defense Landing Area Program for the U.S. Army as a flight training center. It was a city within itself, having served the 7,000 personnel stationed at the airfield during World War II for training, living

and recreational needs. Although many of the facilities have been removed over the years, there was a chapel, swimming pool, theater, post office and infirmary, among just a few of the services that were provided for those stationed here.

The remaining buildings are now used as offices or warehouses, including the airport administration office.

Today, the site still has a variety of hangars, warehouses, offices and the Minter Field Air Museum. The museum houses thousands of articles of history from every U.S. military conflict. The museum is open every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. They can also give group tours by appointment. Their telephone is 661-393-0291.

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The Wasco Elks Lodge #2419 will host its 2nd Annual Clay Shoot Tournament on **WASCO** Saturday, April 6, at the Kern County Gun Club. Jeff Tackett, past exalted ruler, is spearheading the event.

"It's a shotgun start like golf. There are teams of five with 18 stations. Each team will take turns shooting at each station. The highest score among the teams, male, female, youth shooter, will win a trophy."

He invites the community to attend. "Come out. You'll have fun. It's interesting." He also added that it will be special. "It's the camaraderie to meet new people and have a great time enjoying the outdoors."

The event is a fundraiser. "It will help us raise money for a good cause and support handicapped children, veterans, and other efforts."

Tackett has been an Elks Lodge member for 10 years. "We are a benevolent organization of men and women generating funds for worthwhile endeavors. We are nationwide and have a longstanding history of community service."



Elks Past Exalted Ruler Jeff Tackett invites the community to join the fun.

The event will take place at 12450 Shotgun Road, Bakersfield. Registration is at 7:30 a.m., with the shoot starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$125 for each shooter.

"Bring your own shells or purchase them at the gun club," Tackett said.

There will be multiple gun raffles and more, including a Winchester Pump 12 Gauge Black Shadow Shotgun and Glock 21 45 ACP

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The 2023 -2024 WHS varsity boys wrestling Valley Champions:

Wasco High wrestlers are Valley Champions

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

In another historic accomplishment for Wasco High School athletics, the varsity boys wrestling team made history by winning the Valley Championship.

The girls team had standout performances, with Areli Solis securing the Valley Champion title in Division 1 and seven girls qualifying for the masters.

Juan Gallardo, the head coach, described winning the prestigious championship as exciting. "It was something I never felt before that the kids did it. The kids were committed to the program, and it was one hundred percent. All 14 kids competed at a high level."

The team faced challenges but overcame them to succeed, Gallardo said.

"We had some guys that were seeded high in the tournament, and they did not make it into the second day, and so that hurt us as a team, and then we had some guys that really stepped up and scored some amazing points that would cause us to win the tournament."

He said there were standout performers. "We had Jacob Robledo,

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Miguel Alvarez, Juan D, Abel Rocha, Jaime Gonzalez, Roscoe Carreno, Israel Paniagua. Those guys stepped into the consolation bracket and won us some big matches. Those guys stood out in the competition. And we had Ram Lopez, Izick Perez and Gio Rui, who were in the finals, so their big wins in the semifinals were huge with four points."

There was much preparation leading up to the championship. "It was a lot of mental mindsets and talking to them about staying focused and keeping their weight control. It was about showing up and getting better every day. That was our focus."

When asked what this championship means not only for the current team but for the overall legacy and reputation of the high school's wrestling program, he said, "The legacy we don't quite know yet because we're not done. But we are one of the best wrestling teams to ever come out of Wasco High."

For Solis, the experience of being the first ever girl to achieve her accolade of Valley Champion in Division 1 was one of excitement and surprise.

"I worked very hard for that and

did a yearlong program with my coach. That meant a commitment to something new, trying new things, and going to different places like Fresno, Utah, San Diego and Las Vegas to compete and wrestle."

She said the most challenging part was trying not to give up. "What kept me motivated was my coach."

She describes Coach Gallardo as "A person who keeps motivating you always to give it your all, and someone who has more faith in you than yourself."

Ram Lopez said it was a very wonderful experience. "Winning Valley for wrestling meant so much. Claiming the title for my weight class felt very surreal and an experience I can never forget."

He said, "The best part was seeing all my team's faces light up after winning my match and knowing we claimed the title after my win."

Of his teammates, he added, "They wrestled and put their all in every single match that they had. Some even pushed through and upset top guys in their weight brackets."

"As a team, we put in so much work. Our school and town can finally say we have accomplished the goal set for almost a hundred years."

WHS swim team gears up for Sequoia League meet

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High School swim team is set for its first meet on March 1 at the Wasco pool. It is a South Sequoia League meet and Shafter, Taft and Delano will compete. It promises to be an opportunity for the team to showcase the talents they have been working hard to cultivate under the leadership of Head Coach Chris Gebhardt.

"Chris has almost a decade of coaching experience. His coaching philosophy is unique. "I look at coaching swimming more than just the swimming. My goal is to help the kids get ready for the real world."

There are three other coaches, Melody Gebhardt and Kenneth Rodriguez and Angela Davila, both WHS graduates.

The team of coaches collaborate to ensure the swimmers get the attention and guidance they need to excel in and out of the pool.

Chris said, "I want them to be able to balance their time between their school activities and homework and swim. And learning that you can't quit, never to say can't, to keep trying. You just have to look at yourself and what you're doing and keep working to improve yourself."

About the dynamics of the swim team, he said, "I've been really excited the last couple of years. These kids have become friends and have a lot of fun together. The older swimmers jump right in to help the younger swimmers. It's a neat experience. It's all happy and supportive. There's no drama of any kind. It's just really a neat



Coach Kenneth Rodriguez, Makenna Gebhardt, Val Hernandez, Lexi Rodriguez, Grace Cobb and Coach Chris Gebhardt at the 2023 Girls Medley Relay Valley Championship.

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group of kids."

He said he is looking forward to the season. "We have enough kids, and they are working so hard that we'll be able to fill every event on varsity and actually have a real JV team this year. My hope is that the girls can repeat and win SSL, and our boys are in a rebuilding phase, and they have a chance to win SSL also."

Melody added, "We have a lot of returning swimmers along with brand new swimmers, and it is always exciting to see the skills that they develop through the season. We have 50 swimmers. The team has grown and doubled in size since last year."

The team is poised for success and has strengths to rely on. "The team's biggest strength, Chris explained, "It's their willingness to try anything I ask them; even if they don't feel confident in themselves, they're still willing to go out and give it a try. They have a tremendous work ethic. They come to practice and work hard. Many come to practice even when it's raining or 34 degrees outside."

He said of the challenges he foresees in the coming year: "The biggest chal-

lenge is not having enough space in the pool, having to split practices and having to find the time to cover everything that we want to. We've only got six lanes, with over 40 kids this year and hopefully close to 60 next year. I don't know how we're going to handle practices next year, but we'll make it work."

To foster individual growth among the swimmers, he added, "The challenge is to find a way to push these kids, and my goal is to push them as hard to grow and mature and learn responsibility without pushing so hard that they quit. There's a lot of life skills that these kids don't have, so if you try to force it, they will quit; my goal is to try to teach them."

The camaraderie between the swimmers is something that the coaches encourage. "One of the things that we do, and this is a long-standing tradition even before Chris started coaching the team, the families come together and prepare a pasta dinner for the swimmers the night before each meet. We eat together, hang out, talk about their goals and it's team building and bonding," Melody said.

In the short term, Chris

said his goals are "to get the new swimmers to look like they have been swimming for years." His long-term goal is "to continue to build the team, and hopefully, with each year, we can send more of these kids to the Valley Championship."



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Aliyah Escalera drives to the basket. RIGHT: Kyla Schooley shoots for two.



Lady Generals basketball head to playoffs

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Lady Generals basketball team completed an undefeated SSL season on Thursday night, crushing their rival Wasco High by a score of 78-15, making the Lady Generals back-to-back SSL Champions.

Led by Coach Shawn Pennell, Shafter used a smothering defense to force several turnovers, resulting in numerous points in the transition. Shafter had the lead 50-7 at the end of the first half, The second half was played with a running clock, preventing the score from being even more lopsided.

The Lady Generals were led by Alexia Ramirez, who had 14 points, and Anne Marie Piuser, who added 13 points for the game. Every player on the roster scored at least two points, with Coach Pennell letting

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ting all of his players see significant playing time on the night.

The Lady Generals ended the regular season with a perfect 12-0 record in the SSL, with an average winning margin in their SSL games of a whopping 52 points. Their closest league game was a 56-28 win against Kennedy High School, a margin of 28 points.

The bad news for the rest of the SSL is that there is no end in sight for the Lady Generals. The freshmen team, the junior varsity team and the varsity team all completed undefeated seasons in the SSL, with the school building a dynasty that could last for years.

Up next for the Lady Generals is the first round of the playoffs, with the opponent and Shafter's seed to be determined.



Isela Lugo puts the ball back up after getting a rebound.

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Interested persons are invited to comment on the following wireless telecommunications facility named "SV14169C located at 145 Nickel St., Shafter, Kern County, CA, and specifically on potential effects to historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The site consists of a proposed fiber addition to an existing telecommunications facility. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted by email to KerryWilloughby@AceEnvironmentalLLC.com. Address: 9976 Peak Lookout St., Las Vegas, NV 89178, (702) 614-4431. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the FCC 47 CFR Part 1, Subpart I and Appendices B and C. Publish Shafter Press February 15, 2022

KC Public Works to hold waste event

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Kern County Public Works will be holding a Free Hazardous Household Waste event at the Shafter/Wasco Landfill on Scofield Avenue in Shafter on Saturday, Feb. 17. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents will have a chance to dispose of items that are not accepted with regular trash collection. Examples are batteries, mo-

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tor oil, paint, light bulbs, pool chemicals, automotive products and cleaning products. Residents must label all containers, make sure the containers are not leaking and cannot mix wastes into the same container. There is to be no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of waste per trip to be accepted. Also, the event is strictly for residential

customers only. Business waste will not be accepted. In an effort to keep the streets, alleyways and land in the Shafter area free of debris, events such as this are being held to help residents dispose of hazardous materials legally and safely. For more information, go to the Kern County Public Works website or call 661-862-5100. -Jamie Stewart



PASTOR'S CORNER

Go forward

PASTOR JIM GLASCO

Seventh Standard Pentecostal Church, Shafter

We Christians realize that the devil is a liar and a deceiver. He plays with our minds and tells us that there is no hope for what we are facing. It's not always an easy road for us, but there is victory for us if we follow the Lord. In Exodus 14:15 as the children of Israel were at the Red Sea and the Egyptians were closing in on them, God told Moses to go forward.

Get your eyes on the Lord. Exodus

14:10 shows that the Israelites lifted up their eyes and saw the Egyptians closing in, and fear gripped their lives. The Bible says they were very afraid. That can happen when we walk by sight and not by faith. Satan will present the problem before us and magnify it with fear. Unbelief told the people that they had it better in Egypt and now they would die in the wilderness. God tells you and I to go forward by fighting the good fight of faith. Never forget that the devil is a liar and he will magnify your problem with fear. Go

forward in faith and be strengthened by the power of God's might. **God is mighty in the battle.** Psalm 24 says, "The Lord is strong and mighty, the Lord is mighty in battle." When it seems that you are surrounded on every side by a spiritual Red Sea, go forward, God will make a way through that Red Sea. Isaiah 43:3 says, "When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and through the rivers they shall not overflow you." God has never lost a battle, and as He defeated the Egyptian army by drowning

them in the Red Sea, God will fight your battle. There's been times I have tried to fight my battle and I lost, and then I remember to turn it over to God because He has never lost a fight. There's a song that says "I'm fighting a battle that's already been won." Go forward and trust the Lord because He has overcome the world. No matter what Red Sea you face in life, go forward! The very sea that Israel feared became the means of their deliverance from Egypt. God works all things together for the good of them that love Him. Go forward!

PET OF THE WEEK

Terry needs a loving home

Terry came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. She is approximately a 3-4 year old female husky mix. She is great with staff and other dogs. It is unknown if Terry is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are not tested with children. Her behavior towards children is unknown. Terry will be available for

adoption on Friday, Feb. 16. Everyone is welcome to adopt from our facility, and we like to give everyone the same opportunity to adopt. Adopters can be from out of town and/or local. We do not place holds for adoptions. Adopters are responsible for transportation. Adoptions are on a first-come,

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Wasco mayor wants to represent rural areas

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regional parks have lacked the investment and maintenance district four families deserve. Did you know that Kern County doesn't have a park and recreational department? I will make it my priority to advocate for the establishment of a master plan maintenance budget for each of our county parks. In addition to hiring a bonafide parks and recreation director." He believes he is the most qualified candidate. "In 2022, voters passed term limits for our county supervisors, and if that is not a mandate for change, then I

don't know what is. District 4 deserves a supervisor reflective of our communities — a voice for our majority rural families. Our small towns and unincorporated areas have gone without adequate resources and support from our county government for too long. I will be a champion for rural Kern. District 4 families should not have to wait eight more years for the change they deserve." Regarding the most pressing issues, he said, "From my conversations with business leaders and industry in Kern, what we lack most to attract growth and new

jobs in our region would be a fully skilled workforce. As we transition into the jobs of the 21st century, we need to work with our partners at the Kern Community College District and our brothers and sisters in labor to bolster vocational training and apprenticeship programs. Ensuring a pool of higher skilled workers will equal higher paying jobs, which is good for everybody's household economies." He said he has the leadership qualities a supervisor should have, "For one, I am not a career politician. My greatest asset is my heart. I need no title or position to serve my

community. I am passionate about my public service. My accomplishments and lessons learned in my decade as a community leader make me the best candidate for the job." For his long-term vision, he said there are brighter days ahead when there is teamwork. "In this day and age, voters aren't looking for perfect community leaders; they are looking for public servants that can work across the aisle with everyone to achieve our shared goals. I have a record of doing just that on the Wasco City Council, the Kern Council of Governments and the Kern Health Systems board."

City Finance Department honored with award

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practices and implementation of recommendations from previous audits or reviews, among other criteria. Perez-Hernandez attributed the success to three factors, "The unwavering support and collaboration of all city departments, consistent leadership within the finance

department since 2020, and the successful recruitment of talented individuals passionate about their work." He said that since 2020, these three ingredients have laid the foundation for their success and have culminated in this significant accomplishment. Perez-Hernandez explained that the

benefits of winning the ACFR are numerous. "Not only does it enhance stakeholder trust and boost credibility in the financial community, but it also strengthens investor confidence and positions us competitively for grants. Moreover, it serves as a testament to our commitment to regulatory compliance and attracts top talent to

our organization." He credited the entire city government for the accolade. "To each department for their contributions to this success," he said. "Your dedication has been instrumental in achieving this milestone and highlights both our city's financial strength and the exceptional individuals driving our success."

OBITUARIES

Zoe Ann Smith
July 18, 1938 –
Feb. 3, 2024

Zoe Ann Smith, age 85, of Shafter, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 3, 2024. She was born in Shafter on July 18, 1938 to Wilbard and Helen (Ratzlaff) Janzen. Her parents were farmers, and later owned and operated a car wash in Fresno. Zoe Ann graduated from Wasco High School in 1955 and studied music at the Pacific Bible Institute (now Fresno Pacific University). She was a talented



pianist and singer, and also performed in community musical productions. She married Jack Groves in 1958. Zoe Ann and Jack attended Wasco High School to-

gether. They adopted their son, Kevin in 1963, and their son Jeff was born in 1964. She and Jack both went on to remarry. Zoe Ann married Bob Smith in 1982, forming a blended family. Bob was the coach of Kevin's and Jeff's swim team at Shafter High School. She worked for approximately 30 years as a pharmacy tech at Stringham's Shafter Drug. She also served for many years as a dedicated volunteer in different aspects of the Junior Miss program. She was the talent coordinator

for the Shafter pageant, a judge at regional pageants, and was involved in ticket sales. Zoe Ann was a member of the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church since childhood. She enjoyed spending vacation time at Huntington Lake, Sequoia National Park, and the Central Coast. Road trips to family reunions were also special to her. Zoe Ann is survived by her sons Kevin (Greg Humpa) and Jeff Groves; stepchildren Bryan Smith (Cathy McNair) and Nita Crist (Marc); grandchil-

dren Josh Ayers, Christine Smith and Zackary Smith (Jacki Carrell); great-granddaughter Brenia Ayers; brothers John (Barbara Willems) and Delbert (Christa Hippe) Janzen; first husband, Jack; along with nieces and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and her second husband, Bob. The entire family of Zoe Ann Smith owes a debt of sincere gratitude to many of her friends for their care, love and presence during her final months – with special thanks to Pam Snyder, Donna and Jerry Ezell,

Karen and Nancy Enns, and Arly Feil. The family is also thankful for the medical care provided by Hoffman Hospice. Viewing will take place on Friday, Feb. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home, 844 E. Lerdo Highway, Shafter. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m. at Shafter Memorial Park, 18662 Santa Fe Way, followed by lunch at the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church, 400 Kern St. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the church.

Kenneth
"Eddie" Waldron
Nov. 14, 1957 –
Feb. 4, 2024

Kenneth Edward "Eddie" Waldron was born in Wasco on Nov. 14, 1957. He passed peacefully on the early morning of Feb. 4, 2024, in Lenexa, Kan. Eddie grew up in the Central Valley of California and spent most of his life in Bakersfield before moving to Kansas in 2020. He worked for Kern Oil Refinery for most of his career



before his health caused him to retire early. He loved his family and enjoyed picking up the

food tab for whoever was with him. He worked hard all his life and enjoyed spoiling those he cared about the most. He took pride in his black Dodge Challenger, likely driving it way too fast on most occasions. He also enjoyed fishing and taking cruises. He deeply loved his mother, Mildred. Eddie loved his sports teams, the Anaheim Angels, the Los Angeles Lakers and the Las Vegas Raiders! He would talk Raiders

football with anyone that would listen, and he wore his team gear with pride. The most valuable gift he gave others was his time. Especially over the last few years, he cherished his phone and in-person conversations with friends and family. And if you could bring him something sweet to eat, you were his best friend. Eddie was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Marvin Waldron (1994) and Mildred

Harlene Phillips Waldron (2020); his sister, Anita Denise Waldron (2020); and his daughter, Tiffany Lynn Zamora (2023). He is survived by his ex-wife, Kelly Koolmes (Jean); his son, Lee Waldron (Sara); his grandchildren, Allyson Bocanegra-Bergman (Carlos), Gage Bergman, Emily Ronich, Daniel Zamora, Kenneth Zamora, Lydia Waldron, Penelope Waldron and Hezekiah Waldron; one great-grandchild Xan-

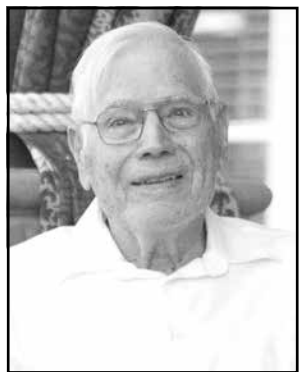
der Bocanegra-Bergman; his sister, Laurie Day (Chuck); and his nieces, Brandy Holt (Jaime) and Jessica Fitzgerald (Armand). A memorial service for Eddie will be held Friday, April 5, beginning at 10 a.m. at Peters Funeral Home in Wasco. Immediately following will be a graveside committal service at Wasco Memorial Park, where he will be laid to rest with his parents and his sister.

Longino Eligio
Gonzales
Dec. 1, 1931 –
Feb. 3, 2024

Longino (Kino) Gonzales, age 92, passed away peacefully in his sleep surrounded by loved ones. He was married to the love of his life, Margie on September 20th, 1958. They had 5 children, Longino Gonzales Jr. married to Sandra, Christina Smart married to Wesley, Pedro Gonzales, Andrea Hernandez mar-



ried to Chon and Marina Dunn. He was preceded in



death by his son, Longino Gonzales Jr. and his great granddaughter, Hope Gon-

zales. He was blessed with 10 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren with one on the way. He was employed by the Shafter Post Office for 36 years and had many co-workers as friends and also met many loyal customers along his route. He enjoyed fishing, listening to music and dancing in his earlier years but later his life was filled with sporting events for his children, grandchil-

dren and even his great grandchildren. He even watched them on his iPad when he got to the point where he couldn't travel. He loved his family and was a great supporter until his death. He had a large personality and loved to laugh, sarcasm was his specialty. He especially loved teasing his siblings and they would give it back! Even his grandchildren and great grandchildren knew

his sarcasm and would say, "Tata!" He will definitely be missed by all. Visitation are Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 5-8 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home, Shafter 844 E. Lerdo Hwy. Burial will be Thursday, Feb. 22 at 2:00 p.m. Wasco Cemetery. A Celebration of Life-Valley Bible Church Hall in Shafter 350 Pine St. Following burial Thursday, Feb 22 from 4-8 pm.

Magdalena "Maggie"
Dabalos
March 28, 1949 –
Feb. 7, 2024

Magdalena "Maggie" Dabalos, age 74, of Shafter, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 7, 2024. She was born in Sundown, Texas, on March 28, 1949, to Hilario Dabalos and Luisa Garza. Maggie moved to California in 1987. She worked as a cafeteria aide for 31



years. She loved her job at Grow Academy. Maggie is survived by

her partner, Johnnie Martinez; daughters JoAnn Munoz and Sofia Sanders; stepson Johnny Martinez; grandchildren Joe Munoz, Joel Munoz, Joseph Munoz, Maggie McCullar, Armando Macias, Isaiah Zacarias and Kiarra Sanders; and great grandchildren Thalia Angulo, Johnathan Munoz, Audrina Munoz, Anthony McCullar, Joel Munoz Jr, and Jaime Macias. She enjoyed going to

the beach, crossword puzzles, watching her Dallas Cowboys and watching Lifetime shows. Services will be held Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. Therese's Catholic Church, Shafter. Graveside services to follow at Shafter Memorial

Park. Visitation to be held Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 3-8 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter.

DEATH NOTICES

Eldalene M. Peters, 82, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 11, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.
Marcus "Gene" Absher, 66, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 5, in Shafter.

Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.
Bruce Ralph Batchelder, 80, of Bakersfield, passed away Feb. 8, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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2024-B0617

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Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Miguel Gonzalez, Manager
Date Statement Filed: 01/26/2024
Date Statement Expires: 01/26/2029
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Name Statement
Cisco's Mobile Rig Service
2024-B0499

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Francisco Gerardo Garcia Jr.
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Todd Northrup Millar
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/s/Todd Northrup Millar
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