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Chamber to celebrate excellence in Shafter

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Awards event is Thursday, March 14, beginning at 5 p.m., with an hors d'oeuvre hour followed by dinner and then the awards. Before the awards presentations, the

mayor of Shafter, Chad Givens will be giving the State of the City address, which highlights the accomplishments of the city the past year, as well as the future.

Givens gave a speech last year that was full of hope and promise, with several of these goals coming to fruition, such as the successful First Friday events, that brought so many young families to the

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downtown area.

Those being honored this year are Hitchcocks Auto Parts, Shawn Pennell, Maria Martinez, the Shafter High Pride Pantry, Bob Wiebe, Natalie Leyva and Fabian Iimenez.

Pennell, who coached the Shafter High girls basketball team for 20 years, is receiving the Education award.

The Shafter High Pride Pantry has been helping students and families since its inception a few years ago. A few staffers at Shafter High School saw a need, especially during the time of covid, and worked to fill it. They provide, at no cost, essentials for students that may need them, including toiletries,



Shafter Pride Pantry volunteers show off their C-train storage units on the SHS campus.

clothes, shoes, blankets, anything that will make their time in and out of school a productive one. It is entirely financed through

donations from the community.

Tickets for the event are \$50 and can be bought at the City Hall office.



Alexis Lopez



Elissa Munoz



Emily Tirado



Amelie Rosales





Kaitlyn Arismendez





Erika Montoya

Shafter's DYW to be named next week

This article features the second half of the contestants in the Shafter Distringuished Young Women program set for this month. The other eight were in last week's paper, which can be seen at TheShafterPress.com.

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A total of 16 young women will be vying for the title of Shafter Distinguished Young Woman at this year's competition on Friday, March 22.

The event is one of the oldest scholarship programs for junior girls in the state, with the Shafter

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event celebrating over 40 years in existence, at the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center at Shafter High School.

According to Director Toni Frantz, the program is a unique and valuable experience for the young ladies who participate." For over 40 years, the Distinguished Young Woman Program has impacted the lives of high school girls in Shafter by providing them with a once in a lifetime experience. The Distinguished Young Women program is a unique opportunity combining college and career readiness, life



Allison Figueroa

skills training, mentoring, friendships, fun and the chance to earn

college scholarships. " Frantz said that the participants meet regularly for a few months to connect, learn new skills, and work hard – all in preparation for a live program in front of their family, friends, and neighbors. At the conclusion of the program, awards are given, scholarship money is awarded and one girl is chosen to represent Shafter as the DYW. "She will not only be involved in our

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Principal Russell Shipley, Coach Jerald Pierucci and a host of students from Shafter High were special guests at Sequoia Elementary.

Students celebrating reading

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

Schools in the Richland School District celebrated the Reading Across America event last week, with classrooms filled with spe-

SHAFTER cial guest readers of numerous Dr. Seuss books. The event encouraged reading in and out of the classroom and shows that reading is an enjoyable event, not just an educational tool. There

helped celebrate the joy of reading. Members of the Shafter community came to read to the students, including Mayor Chad Givens, Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Prout, Shafter High football coach Jerald Pierucci,

were dozens of guests at local elementary schools that

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The students had a chance to talk with the mayor and students from Shafter High School.

WUHS earns Distinguished School Honor

VERONICA JACUINDE Wasco Tribune

Wasco Union High School had the honor of being one of only 293 middle schools and high schools in California to be selected for the 2024 California Distinguished Schools Program.

This recognition, announced on Feb. 29 by State Superintendent of Public In-

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struction Tony Thurmond, highlights schools such as WHS that demonstrate excellence, growth, outstanding academic achievements and a commitment to fostering a positive school environment.

WHS is one of only two high schools in Kern County to receive the 2024 Distinguished Schools award.

A formal acknowledgment of WHS's distinction will take place at an awards

ceremony in Anaheim on Friday, May 3. "This recognition is a significant milestone, underscoring our school's commitment to closing the achievement gap and showcasing exceptional student performance," Principal Rusvel Prado said. "This accolade is a badge of honor and a reflec-

tion of our collective commitment to 'Be-

lieving in Education Excellence for ALL.'"

In 2023, Wasco Union High School students showed strong improvement in mathematics and English language arts. According to the California School Dashboard, Wasco students improved their ELA scores by nearly 19 points, and their math scores by more than 4 points, exceeding the state average on both measures.

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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

Chamber of Commerce Dinner and State of the City - Mayor Chad Givens' annual report highlights the program, with awards to Shafter's top citizens and businesses. Ford Theater, 1011 E. Lerdo Hwy. (behind Tin Cup) at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres until 6. Tickets available at City Hall are \$50.

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.

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.

Distinguished Young Women scholarship competition - Sixteen contestants vie for the title at the Fred Starrh 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

Input on charging stations - The Kern Council of Governments is looking for driver input on where to put electric car charging stations. Go totinyurl.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

Shafter City Council - Meetings the first and third Tuesday of the month at City Hall,

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).

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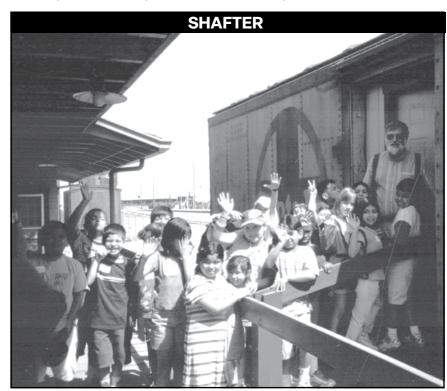
Depot Museum - Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Green Hotel tours - Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

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

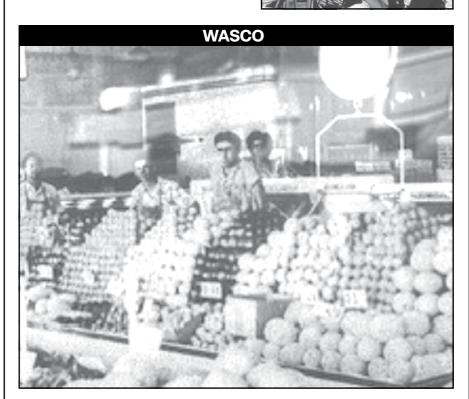
Wasco Museum – Open every second Saturday of the month, 1-3 p.m., at 918 6th St. Free to the public. Wasco High School artifacts from over the last 100 years are featured.

Mystery history



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@The Shafter-Press.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: Workers bag potatoes in fields around Shafter in 1965.





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Isabel Quintero Ashley Mendoza, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of North Wall Street for possession of a controlled substance, destroying/concealing evidence and on a bench warrant/ failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Erik Solorzano, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block West Orange Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

Catherine Andrare, 26, of Shafter, was arrested at West Los Angeles Avenue and South Reiker Street for driving while license suspended, DUI and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

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Corina Helena Page, 44, of Shafter, was arrested at East Lerdo Highway and Valley Highway for DUI alcohol.

MARCH 2

Pedro Moreno Garza, 57, of Shafter, was arrested at Central Valley Highway and East Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

MARCH 3

Alma Gonzalez, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 9000 block of Zerker Road for disorderly conduct: al-

Aljejandra Abigail Perez, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 9000 block Zerker Road for driving with a suspended license for DUI.

Riki Dawn Harrison, 35, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Aviation Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, on an outside agency warrant and for possession of hypodermic syringe/needle.

MARCH 5

Judyth Pelayo, 22, of Shafter, was arrested on Beech Avenue and East Tulare Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

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Charles Reymundo Rodriguez, 18, of Shafter, was arrested at Central Valley Highway and North Shafter Avenue for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, possession of marijuana over 1 ounce and driving without a license.

MARCH 6

Joshua Allen Whittington, 36, of Shafter, was arrested at Merced Avenue and North Shafter Avenue for being under the influence of a controlled substance, carrying a loaded firearm in public, DUI of a drug and accident injury.

Daniel Rodriguez Torres Jr., 59, was arrested on Barry Street on an outside agency warrant.

Alberto Perez, 38, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of Clarence Street on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony charge, and for obstruction/resisting and other offenses.

MARCH 7

David Bloemhof III, 53, of Shafter, was arrested on the 400 block of Oleander Avenue for willful discharging of a firearm in a grossly negligent manner, discharging a firearm in a school zone and discharging in the city

MARCH 9

Rodrigo Angel Gutierrez, 38, was arrested at Santa Fe and Burbank streets on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and on an outside

agency warrant. WASCO

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

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Agustin Garcia Cruz, 19, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 4th place for misdemeanor contribute to

delinquency to minor. He was booked into the Kern

County Jail. Wilfred Gonzalez, 48, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2800 block of 9th Place for his misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and

released at the scene.

Mia Chaneile Crofton, 30, of Bakersfield, was arrested for misdemeanor conspiracy to commit a crime, shoplifting, and on misdemeanor bench warrants. She was booked into the Kern Coun-

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Huddleston's road from dropout to director

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Joshua Huddleston is the director of athletics and activities at Wasco High School. His story is one of turning his life around and using it to inspire the young people he works with.

"I dropped out of high school at the beginning of my sophomore year. I went back in my junior year because my grandfather, on his deathbed, made me promise I would. One of the reasons I do this job is to try to build connections between students and the school, so they will be more likely to graduate."

After high school, Huddleston went to Taft College and Cal State Bakersfield for a degree in public relations and economics. While in college, he married his wife, who is also a teacher.

"I was a history teacher for 15 years. I started at Maricopa High, where I coached football and baseball, and for a short time, I was the ASB [Associated Student Body] director. For the last four years there, I was the athletic director. I also coached Academic Decathlon for 10 years."

He moved to WHS in the fall of 2016 and taught history for five years before taking on his current role.

In his position now, he said, "I am responsible for all the athletic and activities programs at Wasco High. I manage our coaches, athletic schedules, and all issues of compliance with CIF [California Interscholastic Federation] rules and regulations. I am also involved in fundraising and student/community involvement, and I lead a team responsible for many of

the schools' public events."

In the fall, he oversees football, volleyball, girls tennis, girls golf and cross country. In the winter, it includes boys and girls wrestling, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls basketball, and competitive cheer. In the spring, he also oversees softball, baseball, track and field, boys and girls swim, boys golf and boys tennis.

Huddleston enjoys many things about his position. "But my favorite part is watching our students engaged in doing something they love. Whether it is a sport, a club, or ASB - the more they are connected to the school, the more likely they are to graduate."

He said what comes easy is being a cheerleader for the athletes. "Cheering on our kids and coaches and doing my best to make sure they have what they need for success. I prefer not to be in the spotlight, but to support our coaches and kids."

Though he sees challenges. "It's trying to make sure that the coaches have everything they need to be successful when budgets are tight. The hardest thing is that I want to give our coaches everything they want. It's not always possible to fill all those wants and needs when budgets are His students are tremendously talent-

I'm always proud to stand alongside our athletes." Huddleston thinks he has a superb

ed. "I think we are blessed at Wasco High

School with a student body that is incred-

ibly active, engaged and respectful, and I

think you see that reflected in our athletes.



Joshua Huddleston stays busy in the community as president elect of the Rotary Club and on the board of the Wasco High Athletic Hall of Fame.

coaching staff. "I have the pleasure of working every day with a group of talented and passionate coaches willing to put in countless hours for the success of their student-athletes."

The teams have performed immensely, he said. "Over the last year, boys wrestling, girls wrestling, boys soccer, softball, swim, boys golf, boys tennis, girls tennis, girls golf and girls cross country have all won South Sequoia League Championships." "Also, over the last year, we have been

cross country and girls golf and Valley Champions in football and competitive This is his third year in his current role, and in that time, there have been 18 SSL championships. "And we've also had three

Valley Championship runners-up for girls

Championship runners-up." When asked how he feels about these

Valley Championships and four Valley

wins, he enthusiastically responded, "Such a wide variety of championships illustrates the expectation of excellence at Wasco High that starts in the classroom and spills onto the fields and courts."

Discussing what he feels has contributed to these wins, he believes, "Our student-athletes work hard, and our coaches are excellent at inspiring them to perform and creating plans by which they can be

He shared what he hopes for the teams for the remainder of the year: "I expect us to compete for a couple more Valley Championships and for most of our teams to end up near the top of the SSL."

When asked what teams in particular he thinks are going to end strong this year, he said, "I am especially excited about wrestling, soccer, softball, golf and tennis." For the future of the sports depart-

ments, he said, "I hope to continue success where we've already found it and build up the programs not currently finding it, for our teams that are already competitive to win championships and for the couple of struggling teams to see significant improvement."

Huddleston shared that he loves Wasco. "I'm a small-town guy, and in my opinion, Wasco is one of the friendliest around. I love how much the community supports everything that our students do."

He said of his thoughts on WHS, "When I thought about applying, a Wasco High teacher told me that this school was the hidden gem of Kern County, and she was right. My plan is to retire as a Tiger. I hope the rest of my career is spent at Wasco High. I love this school."

Richland Chevrolet dealer wins award

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Last week, Chevrolet executives from Detroit, including Zone Manager Michael Stinner, arrived at

SHAFTER Richland Chevrolet in Shafter to present dealer Jeff Millwee with a plaque commemorating 25 years of service as a Chevrolet dealer here.

This milestone was celebrated with great pride and recognition of the dealership's unwavering dedication to its customers and the Chevrolet brand. The event culminated in a special photo session, capturing a feature on Millwee in the trade publication AutoNews, highlighting his achievements and contributions to the automotive industry and his local com-

Millwee said that he was so proud to accept the award and thanked his team



Jeff Millwee with Chevrolet Zone Manager Michael Stinner.

and family for all of their support over the years. "I love this town, grew up here, and would never want to be anywhere else."

Millwee took over the business after the passing of his father, Robert. Millwee had actually had aimed to become a CPA, but after working with his father at the dealership, and his father's passing, Jeff made the commitment to run the dealer-

Since its establishment in 1947 by Ray Duerksen, Richland Chevrolet has been an integral part of the Shafter community. The dealership's rich history took a turn when Duerksen handed over the reins to his son-in-law, Robert Millwee, who assumed leadership and guided the dealership until his passing in 1998.

Jeff Millwee stepped up to the challenge, continuing the family tradition of excellence. Under Millwee's leadership, the dealership has continued on, repeatedly earning a reputation for customer service excellence within the Chevrolet dealer network.

Now, Richland Chevrolet boasts a team deeply rooted in familial bonds and shared values. Jeff's children, Kyle and Moriah, along with his son-in-law, Cameron Hunter, play integral roles in the dealership's operations. Kyle oversees the parts department, while Moriah manages the office. Additionally, Cameron's role as the general manager ensures that on-site operations remain smooth, delivering top-notch service to its valued

According to Millwee, in a small community like Shafter, Richland Chevrolet's presence is not just about selling cars; it's about providing employment opportunities and contributing to the local economy. As the only dealership remaining in Shafter, Richland Chevrolet is one of the largest employers in town, with over 30 employees. Moreover, it is one of the largest contributors to the city's tax revenue, supporting essential services and infrastructure development.

Students celebrate the joy of reading

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Pastor Mark Scialabba, Debbie Haley and many other volunteers.

At Sequoia Elementary, Principal Janean Johnson, with assistance from Roya Eubanks and other volunteers, made the event a fun and exciting one for the students as well as the volunteer readers.

The event was started in 1998 by the National Education Association to encourage children to read. It later developed into a year-round program, with special celebrations each March. Schools in the community come together and celebrate the act of reading, making it a fun activity, as well as one of the most important

ones in a child's development.

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

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



Students enjoyed the numerous guest readers gathered for the event.

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

Ronald Hartfield, 36, of Bakersfield, was arrested for misdemeanor conspiracy to commit a crime, shoplifting, and on misdemeanor and felony bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Veronique Renee Portillo, 36, of Bakersfield, was arrested for misdemeanor conspiracy to commit a crime,

shoplifting and on misdemeanor bench warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Timothy Green, 41, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 500 block of Poplar Avenue on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail. Jesus Manuel Mesa, 42,

of Wasco, was arrested in the 2700 block of Highway 46 for felony burglary, vandalism and conspiracy to com-

ARREST REPORT mit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Lori Marie Ramirez, 40, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Griffith Street on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Vanessa Rivas Ramos, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 500 block of Poplar Avenue for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and on misdemeanor bench warrants. She

for truck drivers

was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Michael Anthony Yniguez, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2700 block of Highway 46 for felony burglary, vandalism and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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you'll be glad you did!

Lionel Lopez, 40, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of 8th Place for felony violation of parole, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was Booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jerry Priest, 67, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Mayra Terrones, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Sequoia Drive for misdemeanor violation of a court order to prevent domestic violence. She was booked

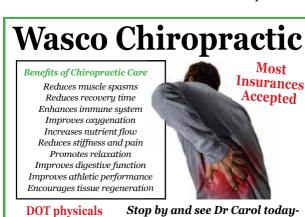
into the Kern County Jail. MARCH 9

Sims Ryan, 51, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor trespassin, and on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail. March 10

Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poso Drive and D Street for misdemeanor DUI. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Cristian Sanchez, 29, of





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At Shear Design, beauty and community

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

The Shear Design salon has a long history of serving the Wasco community. With 38 years in business, it is the oldest salon in Wasco. At the helm is owner Maria Martinez, who oversees a dedicated staff of hair stylists, nail technicians and an esthetician.

"We are a full-service salon. Whatever you need, it can be done. We try to give one hundred percent. We bend over backward for our customers."

Her team comprises Maria Rivera, Indira Rodriguez, Katie Romero, Terry Nguyen, Rosa Lucero, Vicky Perez and Donna Acosta.

Maria's journey into the beauty industry was by way of the roses. "I didn't go to high school. I was working in the roses at Jackson and Perkins, and then one day, I came home and told my husband I didn't want to work in the fields anymore."

"He asked me what I wanted to do, and I said I always wanted to do hair, and he said, 'Go for it.' That's where it started. I had to get my GED, so I kept working at the roses from 7 to 3:30 p.m. I would change and put my uniform on in the bathroom and go to beauty school from 4 to 9:30 p.m. Getting my cosmetology license took 2½ years and 1,600 hours to complete, but I got it."

She said her husband and kids kept her

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motivated. "I wanted to get ahead in life, and that is what I wanted to do. After 38 years, I still enjoy hair. Today, I went to do someone's hair at the funeral home, and the way I see it, they supported me alive, so that's the last thing I could do for them."

In this business, she said it helps to be a people person. "Ask anyone in town, and they will tell you I am."

Katie Romero is a nail technician and has worked at the salon with Maria for eight years. She said, "When I started working here, she was very welcoming and loving. It's amazing to work here. She makes you feel like it's family. And it is not like you are an employee. It makes you feel good to know you'll go in there working with a great group of women." She said the salon is unique. "It's the at-

mosphere. All of us girls are close to each other. We do everything together. In some places where you work, you don't feel that connection. Even when not working, we call each other to see how we're doing. Maria would give you the shirt off her back; that's how she is." Katie added that their customer service is what keeps their clients coming back.

ing. I've never heard anything negative about Shear Design since working there." Maria invests in the team to keep them updated on the latest trends. "We go to

"It's great. We always have people return-



The Shear Design team of Indira Rodriguez, Donna Acosta, Katie Romero. Maria Martinez, Mary Rivera, Terry Nguyen and Vickey Perez. Not pictured is Rosa Lucero.

conventions and hair and nail shows. We just went to New York last year. All of us girls went, and we had our bonding time. It was a great experience. This year, we are looking forward to going to London."

She added that the salon is a special place, and Maria has much to do with it, That's one lady you'll love. You won't walk out of there not liking her."

Vicky Perez has also worked with Maria for eight years as a hairstylist specializing in updos for quinceañeras and weddings, doing home calls, and said she has loved the experience.

"You feel at home. Everybody is caring,

supports each other, and works together. It's a great environment. I don't see it as a job; I see it as my second home, doing what I like to do, making our clients feel good."

She said it's an honor to work with Maria. "She opened her heart and her family to me. She's a mother to all of us. It's awesome to be in an establishment that has been here for so many years. People respect her. People in the community truly

Shear Design is located at 1801 Highway 46 and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For appointments, call 661-758-5933. Walk-ins also are welcomed.

Shafter's DYW to be named next week

community throughout the year, she will participate in the California Distinguished Young Women program for another opportunity to earn scholarship money and add to her high school experience. "

Among the participants are Camryn Eubanks, the daughter of Nick and Roya Eubanks. She is being sponsored by Ashburn Transportation Service. Camryn is involved in several activities at SHS, including the Associated Student Body council and sports. Eubanks recently placed in the top 20 in the Kern Invitational track meet, in the girls 200 meter dash. She will doing a tap dance routine for the talent portion of the competition.

Emily Tirado, the daughter of Reina Yanez, will be showing her agility as she performs a Step dance routine for her talent in the competition. Emily is being sponsored by the Shafter Woman's Club.

Kaitlyn Arismendez is being sponsored by Piuser Construction. She is the daughter of Paul and Fenya Arismendez. Kaitlyn is involved in reading and writing, and is also a star on the girls volleyball team, ranking in several SSL categories.

Alexis Lopez is the daughter of Jeremy and Cassandra Lopez, and is sponsored by Westside Family Fellowship Church in Wasco. Alexis has a passion for singing and will be demonstrating that passion when she performs a vocal solo in the talent portion of the evening.

Erika Montoya, the daughter of Sughei Montoya, is sponsored by Grant Construction. Erika is passionate about singing, in addition to several other interests, including reading, being with friends and active in her church. Erika will be singing in the talent portion of the competition.

Celeste Perez, the daughter of Maria Rodriguez, is being sponsored by Golden Labor Services. Celeste is interested in hanging out with her friends and writing, as well as being skilled in the sport of taekwondo. She will be performing a demonstration of this skill on the evening of the competition, displaying her mastery of the sport.

Amelie Rosales is the daughter of Patty and David Rosales. She is sponsored by Happy Jack's Pie and Burger. Amelie is both athletic and artistic, participating in sports at high school, as well as having a passion for music. Rosales was recently featured in a concert during the Colours Festival in which she showed her skills on the guitar. She will be singing a number for the DYW competition.

Allison Figueroa, the daughter of German and Martha Figueroa, will be performing a monologue on the night of the competition. Allison is involved in the Shafter High Drama Club and also has talent in the classroom, with an interest in English.

The daughter of Andrea and Edwin Munoz, Elissa Munoz, is being sponsored by M and M Trucking. Elissa enjoys listening to music, performing, and also being with friends. She will be presenting a vocal number for the competition.

All 16 of the girls said that they have enjoyed getting to know the girls that they didn't know before the program began, and said that they will always treasure the time they have had together and the memories that they have made. "The girls will always remember this time as a learning experience, as well as a very valuable tool that will enrich their lives as they move through school and beyond," Frantz said.

Tickets for the event are \$15-\$50 and available at dywofshafter.simpletix.com

Wasco Union High earns Distinguished School Honor

From Page 1

"We are incredibly proud of our dedicated teachers, support staff and our students, whose commitment to excellence is recognized by this honor," Superintendent Kevin Tallon said.

"This award confirms what we already know: that Wasco High School is a school of high expectations where students can achieve great things.'

Tallon added that the award speaks to how hard the students and staff have worked in recent years. "We know that students had social-emotional and academic needs that needed to be addressed after the pandemic, and I believe this indicates that Wasco High is doing that at a high level."

Wasco Union High School has about 1,700 students. It offers diverse academic and extracurricular programs, including an early college dual enrollment program that enables Wasco High students to earn an associate degree and/or certificate in one of several career and technical education programs.



WHS Principal Rusvel Prado said of receiving the award, "It's a great day to be a Tiger!

PET OF THE WEEK Grace needs a home

the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. She is an approximately 3-5 year-old female chihuahua. She is shy and timid around staff and bigger dogs.



At the time, it is unknown if Grace is house/crate trained. Dogs are not tested with children. Her behavior towards children is unknown. Grace will be available for adoption on Thursday, March 14.

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, first-serve basis, beginning at 8 a.m. on the date they are available. You are welcome to call us the day before their availability to ensure the pet is still for adoption.

More information is available by emailing rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org or masilva@cityofwasco.org. –Wasco Animal Shelter



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DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: APRIL 19, 2024





OHF: Cultivating community spirit

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

The Orange Heart Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to enhance the community of Wasco. The organization aims to instill optimism through educational and recreational initiatives, uniting through events, and focusing on the betterment of the local area. The goal is to elevate the quality of life in the community by establishing constructive and inspiring customs that represent the entirety of residents.

The OHF was founded in 2015 following the organization of the Centennial Music Festival by a group of WHS alumni, Traci Mills-Clendenen, Ruvi Ocampo and Orquidea Ocampo, representing the '90s decade.

"After generating funds from the event, which were not designated for a particular class, we chose to donate the funds to Toy for Tigers and SAL[the Sheriff's Activities League]. Experiencing the warmth of giving back to our community was truly heartwarming. This pivotal moment inspired our group to establish our non-profit. The name "Orange Heart" was derived from our high school's color, while the "heart" symbolizes our deep affection for our community," Orquidea said.

OHF contributes to the community by organizing events that unite residents, promoting pride and optimism.

"Initially, our intention was solely to organize an annual Music Festival. However, after participating in the community breakfast, Vicky Height approached us to assist in raising funds for the community fireworks at Barker Park. The previous year without fireworks had left a somber impact, so we committed to raising \$10,000 for the fireworks show that was right around the corner," Traci said.

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

the community.

a year.

cluding Wasco High School.

"It was there that I first became

involved with different things. There

were the parades the FFA put on

then, and the adults got that started,

but I also helped out. My mom vol-

unteered at the grammar and high

schools, so you can say I have the vol-

She graduated from WHS in 1950

and went on to Fresno State Univer-

sity. Afterward, she came back and

taught at Wasco Elementary School

and then joined her husband in Ha-

waii, where she was able to teach for

Delta Kappa Gamma, an educational

society (North Kern Area Teachers).

"We mainly worked with and helped

new teachers get adjusted and re-

cruited new teachers. We worked for

the betterment of new teachers and

Museum also has had Marlene as

an active member since the 1980s.

Through her involvement, she has

played a crucial role in ensuring that future generations can connect with

and appreciate the roots of Wasco. "We got a group together at one

The Wasco Historical Society

ourselves, too. I'm still a member."

In 1960, she was invited to join

unteer blood in me by family.'



Orange Heart Foundation founders Traci Mills-Clendenen, Orquidea Ocampo and Ruvi Ocampo are committed to cultivating unity and positivity in the community.

"With the generous donations of local business owners and all those who bought 50-cent lemonade from our inaugural lemonade stand, we successfully fundraised the amount and celebrated a fantastic 4th of July fireworks show. Subsequently, this endeavor evolved into an annual fundraiser for our organization." In addition, the OHF also organized its

first annual Father-Daughter Dance, now hosted each spring. This summer, OHF collaborated with Wasco Families Wrestling to host a cornhole tournament, which raised funds for local youth wrestlers to participate in a tournament in San Diego. OHF collaborates with other organiza-

tions and partners with them to achieve its

"Most of our events are made possible through collaboration with other organizations. For instance, we partnered with the Woman's Club when we hosted etiquette classes. Additionally, we have formed partnerships with Wasco Union High School District and Wasco Union Elementary School District. Currently, we are in collaboration with the Wasco Rose Festival Com-

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mittee. Through that collaboration, we have developed a respectful working relationship with the City of Wasco Public Works Department, where we work together to safely and successfully host the Rose Festival Parade and Christmas Parade," Ruvi said.

The nonprofit has evolved since its in-

ception, and over time, it has expanded its reach and impact by forming strategic partnerships with the City of Wasco, Woman's Club, Wasco Union High School District, Wasco Union Elementary School District and the Wasco Rose Festival Committee. These collaborations have allowed the OHF to broaden its scope of activities and services and engage with the community. Traci said that some of

their proudest moments have been seeing residents or past residents get involved with the community. "And seeing them radiate with pride and optimism in the future of our community. We strive to emphasize the importance of being involved and working to create the environment that we want to raise our kids and grandkids in."

She added that she believes their long-term goals evolve with the needs of our community. "We never thought we would be advocating for the old labor

camp to be demolished, but there was a need, so we joined others to make our issue known, and we are now beginning to see that project come to fruition. We aspire to cultivate the spirit of giving back and respect in our community."

To learn more about the organization and how to get involved, email rangeheartfdn@ gmail.com.



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Marlene Swan gives a life

of service to community

Known for her warm smile and compassionate nature, Marlene Swan has become a beloved figure in Wasco.

of our high school reunions that was interested in preserving Wasco's history, and once we made it official and secured the name and board members, they made me the first president of the Historical Society. I have mainly served in a membership position trying to get people to join."

"The society is still a society, and we purchased the building; it was the Hamlin School in the beginning."

"I put books together of papers and pictures that are interesting from the past. We have a lot of old Wasco news and high school annuals, relics and other items. They can talk to me. I know a lot of history. As they look, I try to answer questions."

"It was important to me that we keep our Wasco history, and people are not really interested in doing that now anymore, but we do keep the museum open once every month. They can call me at 758-2181 to see it, and it can be opened by appoint-

Now, the museum is run solely by

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Marlene and Bob Ellis. It is through their unwavering efforts that the museum is kept alive.

Marlene's involvement in the Wasco Woman's Club is equally uplifting. As a longtime member of over 20 years, including serving as president, she has contributed to numerous projects.

"We host a prom for the special needs students at the high school and a Christmas party with Santa for them. We sponsor a Rose Queen and HOBY candidate, hold a local candidates forum, give to the scholarship fund and support other organizations that are fundraising."

"We meet once a month for a luncheon and guest speakers. It's a chance for fellowship with the other

ladies and talk about our projects." She is also a proud member of the Wasco Elk Ladies, which she joined in 1995. "Our main business is taking care of the meals for the funerals and burials of Wasco Elks members. We also visit with the CSO young adults and do art projects with them, raise money for scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members for college and help pay for expenses related to the lodge when we can."

At 90 years old, with much of that time volunteering and teaching for 30 years, Marlene said, "I've enjoyed Wasco very much. If I've done a little bit of good, I'm proud of myself for



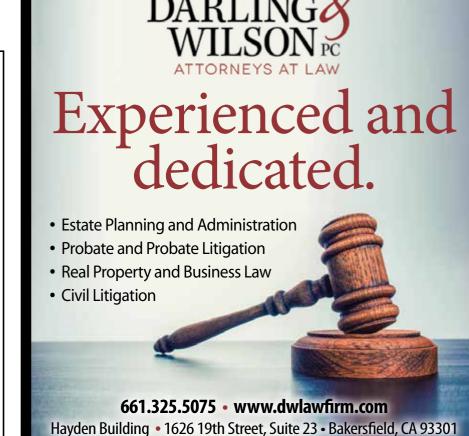
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Pennell with a group of his past players.

Shafter Coach says goodbye to 'his girls'

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Shafter High Girls Basketball Coach Shawn Pennell retired after 20 seasons at the helm, completing an amazing transformation that took the Lady Generals from the bottom of the SSL to Central Section supremacy. Pennell ended his career a few weeks

ago when the Lady Generals made it to the Central Section Division III semifinals and lost a tough game to the eventual Regional Champions Bakersfield Christian Eagles. The team won their own basketball tournament and also finished in third place in the Arvin Holiday Showcase, with a win over Centennial, which ended the

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season ranked in the top ten in the entire section.

Pennell said, "This is also with a fairly young team, so this group could be looking at really big things before they are done." The squad includes only four seniors,

with six sophomores, a junior and a freshman. The starting lineup is three sophomores, a freshman and a junior. To see the Lady Generals in the play-

offs of the Division III is an outstanding accomplishment in itself, considering how far the squad has come. Pennell and a great staff of coaches have built a program that will keep up the excellence for years,

with a Junior Varsity team and a Freshman team that both went through the SSL season undefeated. The squad, coached by Shawn Pennell

and his staff, have been one of the bests teams in the SSL for the past few seasons, with a co-championship last year, sharing the title with McFarland. One of the "benefits" of having such

success, though, is the system that the CIF has in place that places teams in different divisions when it comes playoff With the success that the Lady Gen-

erals had for the past few years, the CIF has "rewarded" them with placing them in with teams two and three times their size. The past couple of years the Lady Generals have been up against powerhouses like Bakersfield High School and Frontier. But, Shafter is getting better for the experience and have been improving their records each year and have come to be viewed at the same level as those teams that they used to look up at in the rank-

Pennell said that he will always love his girls and that is what they will always be his girls."

'These girls have been a joy to coach and I cant wait for them to reach their po-

With the youth, and experience of this team, because of the tournament experience the youngsters have been involved in, the sky is the limit.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WASCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS **NOTICE TO BIDDERS** Sealed Proposals for the

entitled:

Request for Proposals for SAL BUILDING REHABILITATION PROJECT. will be received at the CITY OF

WASCO City Hall, Attention City Clerk, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, until 2:00 PM on April 17, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. General work description:

The City of Wasco is seeking the services of a qualified, experienced Contractor to provide construction services, including ADA concrete improvements, insulation installation, framing, electrical, drywall, painting, flooring, and other items not mentioned but to be included to match the proposed design works.

All Bidders shall complete the attached cost estimate. The cost estimate shall include all labor and materials required to complete the Project.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting/ Job Walk is scheduled for March 28, 2024, at 9:00 AM, MEET AT 1445 12TH STREET WASCO, CA 93280. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Questions in writing will be accepted

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

until April 8, 2024.

Bids must be submitted as described in the specifications provided by the City of Wasco. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopiable.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications, or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. submitted after the bid opening will not be treated as a bid protest.

awarded.

Any such inquiries or questions Technical questions should be directed to Aurelio Garcia's email: AUGARCIA@CITYOFWASCO.ORG

Bid documents may be obtained |

after noon on March 18, 2024, for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE OF \$30.00 per set from: CITY OF WASCO

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(\$10.00) per set will be made for mailing. CITYCLERK@ CITYOFWASCO.ORG to request a PDF copy of the RFP at no charge. Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at CITY OF WASCO City Hall, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet website at http://www.dir.ca.gov. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor are set forth in the books issued for bidding purposes entitled "Bid Book," and in copies of this book that may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, special provisions, and proposal forms may be seen. An addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of "Bid Books." Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general

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/s/ MONICA FLORES DATED 3/11/2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **BEFORE THE** KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern on April 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider the following request(s):

Whiteside Dairy, a California General Partnership by McIntosh and Associates (PP23109); Williamson Act Cancellation of Land Use Restrictions, Land Conservation Act, Agricultural Preserve No. 6 (Zoning Map 55) and Contract Amending Land Use Contract; Cancellation of a 1.66-acre (gross) portion of a 160-acres parcel of a

Land Use Contract; On February

8, 2024, by a vote of 5 yes and 0 no, the Planning Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors adopt resolution and recommended findings approving cancellation subject to become effective upon verification of the payment of the assessment cancellation fee, Clerk of the Board to record a Tentative Certificate Cancellation and issue a Certificate of Cancellation, subject to payment of cancellation fee and subject to written verification from the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department that confirms the applicant is in compliance with all other conditions contained in the Tentative Certificate of Cancellation; and adopt the suggested findings property located at the northwest corner of Jackson Avenue Terminus, west of Western Avenue (A complete legal description is on file with the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department.) (Environmental Review: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b) (3)) Gilberto Camarena, Planner I, (661) 862-5012 or camarenag@

kerncounty.com Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact the Staff planner (listed above) assigned to this case at the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department. We encourage the submittal of written comments by March 20, 2024, so that those comments may be considered when Staff formulates its recommendation; however, written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA

wishing to present Anyone evidence or be heard in said matter may appear at said hearing or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. DATED March 8, 2024 /s/KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisor County of Kern Publish Wasco Tribune March 14,

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: **Antonio Gutierrez Case Number: BPB-24-002046** 1. To all heirs, beneficiaries,

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creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Antonio Gutierrez 2. A Petition for Probate has been

filed by: Antonio Angel Gutierrez in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Antonio Gutierrez 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: June 14, 2024 8:30a.m. Dept.: J-1

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

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

10. Attorney for petitioner: Sugeyri (Susie) Coons 1601 New Stine Road, Ste. 222 Bakersfield, CA 93309 661-383-0800 Publish Wasco Tribune March 7, 14,

Fictitious Business Name Statement **FJP Trucking** 2024-B1605 2233 Hermosa Ave

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Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern 2233 Hermosa Ave Delano, CA 93215 Francisco Javier Ponce Ceja 2233 Hermosa Ave Delano, CA 93215 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Francisco Javier Ponce Ceja Date Statement Filed: 03/07/2024 Statement Expires: 03/07/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Wasco Tribune March 14, 21,

28, April 4, 2024

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Wasco, CA 93280

County: Kern 2609 Krista St. Wasco, CA 93280 Yadira Molina 2609 Krista St. Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Yadira Molina Date Statement Filed: 02/27/2024 Statement Expires: 02/27/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune March 7, 14,

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Bee Creationz** 2024-B1291 2744 Bordeaux Dr.

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County: Kern

Wasco, CA 93280 Christopher Peter Millan 2744 Bordeaux Dr. Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 01/01/2023 /s/Christopher Peter Millan Date Statement Filed: 02/23/2024 Statement 02/23/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: Z Arellano Publish Wasco Tribune February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024 PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TONY LOUIE ROMERO Case No. BPB-24-002156 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,

contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TONY LOUIE ROMERO A PETITION FOR PROBATE has

been filed by Cody Romero in the Superior Court of California, County

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Cody Romero 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

grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 21, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. J-1 located at 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA

cause why the court should not

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections

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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

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"Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square... Come and listen to my counsel. I'll share my heart with you and make you wise." (Proverbs 1:20, 23).

Wisdom in the Bible is available to all, but we must respond and receive it. Biblical wisdom is the practical application of biblical truth obeyed out of love and reverence for God that results in skillful, beneficial and productive righteous living in the world. Essentially, it is effectively living like Jesus Christ in the world. Wisdom in the Bible covers all areas

of life from speech to work to family to self-discipline. I recommend reading a chapter of Proverbs each day for a month and see how you grow in wisdom and its All of Proverbs can be simplified down

into two paths: the way of the fool and the way of the wise. There are many warnings and corrections for foolish behavior. The fool swims upstream against wisdom and will experience many self-inflicted hardships in life (Proverbs 13:20). Fools will always be enslaved to their sinful and short-term selfish desires, which is why they will make such bad decisions. Fools are impulsive, shooting from the hip, quickly trusting their own superficial understanding of situations, following their fickle hearts wherever they may lead (verses 10:14; 18:13; 28:26). Fools turn away from what could be valuable correction and instruction (verses 1:7b;

15:32; 26:4). Fools are self-deceived; they have a blind spot and a self-willed hardness against recognizing the foolishness of their choices and actions (verses 26:11; 27:22). Wisdom gives the warning: Consider your ways and listen to righteous



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wisdom that will lead to the salvation of your soul and redemption from a destructive life (1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16; Colossians 2:2-3; James 3:13-18). A wise person does

not need to stack up academic degrees or be well-read. Wisdom is available by reading and mastering one book: the Bible. Wisdom must be valued properly as more valuable than gold (Proverbs 8:11; 16:16). The first step is to pray that God will give you

wisdom and help you apply it (James 1:5-8). The second step is to consistently read, study and reflect on biblical truth, especially Proverbs (Proverbs 1:5; 3:21-24; 4:20-22). Third is to observe what wisdom principles may apply in each situation and afterward take note of what was learned (19:20; 21:11).

A great motivator to keep in mind is the rewards of wisdom. Favor may be gained before God and before people. God is always watching and delights in those who pursue righteousness and wisdom (Proverbs 2:5-20). Honor may also be gained from those in the world as they cannot help but recognize righteousness and wisdom when they see it (Proverbs 3:35). Riches and success may be a blessing from God as a reward for wisdom being applied in life (verses 14:24a; 8:18; 22:4). Wisdom is a fountain of life and offers safety and protection (verses 2:11-12; 16:22). Wisdom will contribute to a long and fulfilling life (verse 4:10).

We have observed how relevant, applicable, and beneficial every principle of wisdom we learn is to our daily lives. God truly delights in His children living in righteous and wise ways and reaping good fruits as rewards to His glory.

"Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD. – Proverbs 16:20

Charlotte Belle German November 1931 -February 2024

Charlotte Belle German, age 92, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, in Camarillo. She was born in November 1931, in Lancaster, to Wm. Walter Homes, Jr. and A. Marie Kornelissen. She was a graduate

of Antelope Valley Joint Union High School and also attended Antelope Valley Junior College. Many years later she earned



an A.A. in early childhood development from Ventura Junior College, in Ventura.

She married her high school sweetheart, Kenneth German, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lancaster on Dec. 31, 1950. She was a loving mother and homemaker, raising five children, and happily married until her husband's death in 2020. She was infinitely generous, always thinking of others before herself and faithfully serving her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in word and deed. Charlotte was an ac-

complished musician. She sang, played piano and the trumpet. She marched in the Rose Parade in 1949 in the Antelope Valley High School band. She also served as the organist, and often the choir director, at St. Paul's Episcopal in Lancaster,, St. John's Episcopal, Clayton Valley in Concord, St. David's Episcopal in Pittsburg, St. Andrew's Episcopal in Ojai and St. Mark's Episcopal in Shafter. She'll always be remembered for her beautiful voice, particularly as she often sang along with what she was playing during a service.

She worked for many years at and retired from Ventura County Child Development Resources (Head Start) as director of transportation. She was a Past Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Girls, Lancaster, and lifetime member of The Order of the Eastern Star. She was also a member of Daughters of the King, a lay order of women in the Episcopal Church devoted to prayer, service and evangelism. Charlotte is survived

by her children, Christopher German, Katherine Burrelsman (Karl), Thomas German (Kathleen),

Dennis German (Elsie) and Jennifer Wright; nine grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and her sister Debra Holmes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth German; her parents, Wm. and Marie Holmes, Jr.; her sister Helen Mattarocci; and her brother, Wm. Theodore Holmes.

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JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter High School track and field team is off to a quick start, with a strong showing at the Kern Invitational track meet last weekend.

The highlight was sophomore Jocelyn Pierucci, who won the discus event, throwing a distance of over 122 feet, outdistancing her competition by 22 feet. Pierucci is continuing her high school athletic career after having an outstanding freshman season, advancing all the way to the Central Section Masters meet, just missing qualifying for the State track

Joining Pierucci in the top 10 of the discus event were teammates Gabrielle Gonzalez and Lauren Givens, who placed 8th and 9th respectively.

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Generals was the 4X100 meter relay team, who finished in 6th place with a time of 54.13 seconds.

Airem Soto won 10th place in the girls 1600 meter run with a time of 5:40. Also placing for the Lady Generals were Kaylee Moreno, who finished in 17th place in the 400 meter dash and Camryn Eubanks, who placed in the top 20 in the 100 meter dash.

On the boys' side, Moises Aguilar led the Generals with a second place finish in the triple jump, going over 39 feet. Roberto Aguirre got 13th place in the event. Daniel Olvera had a toss of 133 feet in the discus for 6th place in the event. Michael VanderPoel joined Olvera with a 10th

Also placing for the Generals were the boys 4X100 relay team, which finished in 8th place with a time of 45.55 seconds,



and the 4X400 relay team, which got 10th place with a time of 3:49.

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