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A line of graves that had been covered with broken eggs.

# **Police:** Gravestone attack was 'alternative' religious practice

Has happened before at Shafter Cemetery



MV Autoworks Collision Center owner Jesus V. Luna and his team in front of the newly refurbished police vehicle.

Shafter, Wasco join forces to get WPD ready

> **VERONICA JACUINDE** Wasco Tribune

The Shafter Police Department is supporting the newly established Wasco Police Department by selling three vehicles at a discounted rate of WASCO \$600.

"We know that Wasco is an up-and-coming agency, and we want to support as much as possible. So that is when I contacted Chief Fivecoat and asked if he would be interested in obtaining the three vehicles we were going to be taking out of our inventory," Acting Shafter Police Chief Randy Milligan said this week.

"These vehicles are very hard to obtain and have a long waiting period. You have to order them, and you might have to wait up to a year before they are available. We wanted to make sure Wasco had something to use before they got their vehicles."

When asked how he felt about the collaboration See SHAFTER Page 5

## **JAMIE STEWART** The Shafter Press

At least 50 graves at Shafter Cemetery were marred with eggs and what appeared to be raw animal meat last week - and it wasn't the first time, according to a police spokesman who called it an "alternative" religious practice..

On Friday morning, police were dispatched to the cemetery on Santa Fe Way regarding a case of possible vandalism. A Shafter resident - who did not want to be identified for fear of retribution from the person or group that did the damage - said that she was visiting a relative's gravesite and was shocked by the sight she encountered. "Over 50 graves had broken eggs on their headstones, and a few of the graves had chunks of raw meat from a small animal that had



This headstone had raw animal meat wrapped in twine on it.

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been wrapped in twine, had nails driven through it and placed on headstones."

The resident contacted Alicia Castillo, currently acting manager

of the cemetery, and related what she had seen. She said Castillo also was disturbed by the sight and contacted the Shafter Police Department about a possible case of vandalism.

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# Cherylee Wegman-Craig, first female mayor, dies at 70

## **VERONICA JACUINDE** Wasco Tribune

Former mayor and community activist Cherylee R. Wegman-Craig passed away on Christmas Day. at age 70.

Wegman-Craig, a resident of the city all her life, served on the Wasco City Council for over 20 years, becoming the first female mayor of the city in 2001. She was elected to the role four times. In 2018, she was honored as Assembly District 32 Woman of the Year.

Cherylee's involvement as a public servant was extensive, including participating

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as a member of the California Partnership Board for the San Joaquin Valley, the Citizen Advisory Committee at Wasco State Prison, the Association of California Cities Allied with Prisons and was an active member of the Wasco Community Alliance Partnership. A member of the Wasco Elks Lodge #2419, she contributed significantly to various community initiatives.

In 2006, she joined the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as a vocational instructor at Kern Val-

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ley State Prison. In 2018, Wegman-Craig moved into the position of supervisor of vocational instruction at the California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi.

She became a devoted board member for the Wasco Union Elementary School District in 2019, and retired from the state two years later.

Services for Cherylee Wegman will be held on Jan. 26 at St. John's The Evangelist Catholic Church.

## Designer set for Shafter police substation

## JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council has chosen a designer for the new Shafter Police Department substation at Gossamer Grove.

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The council agreed Tuesday night that the facility will be a modular building approximately 8,600 square feet.

Teter Inc. is to complete the design phase for about \$327,000. The council set a budget maximum of \$350,000.

In 2022, the city was awarded a \$6 million grant for the entire project.

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**Cherylee R. Wegman-Craig** 

## **Community Calendar**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Colours coming - Colours, a Celebration of the Arts, in Shafter Feb. 22-25. ONGOING

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

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

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

## MONDAY

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

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

## TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

Shafter Kiwanis - Meetings Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans

## Hall.

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

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

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

## SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

## Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to The Press, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@The Shafter-Press.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: The demolition of the Shafter Motel on Lerdo Highway on Aug. 18, 2000.





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## **ARREST REPORT**

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department **JAN. 10** 

Desiree Marie Diaz, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of South Shafter Avenue for obstruction and on an outside agency warrant.

## **JAN. 11**

Quevedo, Fernando 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Nickel Street on an outside agency warrant.

## **JAN. 12**

Giovanny Flores, 30, of Shafter, was arrested on Sunset Avenue for obstruction and on a bench warrant/ failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Monica Castellanos, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 9700 block of Maple Terrace Lane for disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug, and on an outside agency warrant.

## **JAN. 13**

Julio Cesar Lopez, 39, of

Shafter was arrested in the 500 block of Walker Street for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Catherine Gomez Medrano, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

## **JAN. 14**

Kara Marie Spears, 37, of Shafter, was arrested at Santa Fe Highway and Burbank Street for DUI.

Alejandra Yasenia Astorga, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of North Shafter Avenue for arson of property and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on <u>a misdemeanor charge</u>

## BUTTONWILLOW

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

## **JAN. 8**

Carlos Manuel Tot, 38, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene. Alvaro Chavez Gutier-

rez, 22, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

## **JAN. 9**

Zora Lewis, 74, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a misdemeanor warrant. She was cited and released at the scene. WASCO

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

Edward Bustillos, 66, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jhovany Lopez, 28, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

## **JAN. 9**

Victor Arroyo, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the



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2600 block of Parkside Drive for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: under the influence of drugs, obstructing an officer: resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance, and on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gina Marie Velasquez, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of 7th Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

## **JAN. 10**

Lionel Lopez, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 500 block of D Street for felony violation of parole, misdemeanor obstructing an officer: resisting arrest, and on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dario Saldana, 40, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of 7th Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

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## City OKs contractor for labor camp demo

## **VERONICA JACUINDE**

Wasco Tribune

The Wasco City Council approved a contractor for the \$1.1 million demolition and cleanup of the Wasco Farm Labor Camp

"It's a move in the right direction toward completing the labor camp cleanup," City Manager Scott Hurlbert said, "The process has been complex, but we're ready for the final step."

The city came to an agreement with the High-Speed Rail Authority in June 2023 to get reimbursement for work at the property at 750 H St. Over the past few years, the area has been marred by problems such as crime, homelessness, fires, theft and more while remaining unoccupied.

The first procedure in clearing the site is the abatement, which should be done this week. Next is the physical destruction of the remaining structures, haul off the debris and clean the site from curb to curb.

The bid process was not without its hurdles, though.

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Hurlbert explained, "On December 5, we went through the first go around of the demolition phase bidding. There were problems with the low bidder, then there were further procedural issues with the next bidder."

"During that process, there were questions by other bidders about the low bidder, their qualifications and their fulfillment of the bid documents themselves. As a result, there were enough questions about the outcome, that this council voted to reject all those bids and voted to rebid this project, which we did."

'On December 17, we released the bid, as that bid had some clarifications in the document itself, to hopefully avoid the confusion that occurred in the first go around, including the one bidder that didn't attend the job walk."

"On January 3, a mandatory job walk was held at the site. All seven of the ultimate bidders did attend that mandatory job walk."



**City Manager Scott Hurlbert** 

"There was an addendum issued on January 5 answering questions that were collected during the job walk, and then on January 10, seven bids were received and publicly opened and read to the bidders that were present."

"After viewing the received bids on that day and doing our due diligence, we concluded that Unlimited Environmental, Inc., the apparent low bid, was not responsive. There were portions of the document that were not fulfilled properly. That brought us to the second low bid. This is an apparently fully responsive bid, the next lowest bid at \$ 1,149,525."

'We believe this is the fully responsive low bid at this time, and staff is recommending that the council reject the bid by Unlimited Environmental, Inc. as unresponsive and move forward with awarding the bid and executing a resolution in favor of Amerivet Contracting for \$1,149, 525."

Regarding the demolition and cleanup cost, Hurlbert said, "This is a reimbursement arrangement. We have approximately \$6.4 million left on our reimbursement agreement with High-Speed Rail. This amount is well within that balance, and we have no trouble covering the cost."

## Tin Cup event to support stricken girl, 12

## **JAMIE STEWART** The Shafter Press

The Shafter Community Chest, with other local organizations, will be holding a special event on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Tin

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Cup in Shafter to raise money

for Italy Gonzalez, a Shafter girl who is battling leukemia. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Tin Cup parking lot.

Italy, 12, had been winning the fight against this disease after two years, only to have it resurface.

The daughter of Noe Gonzalez has undergone numerous tests, operations and procedures, leaving the family with substantial bills. A Community Chest raffle in June raised money to help then.

In May, Gonzalez underwent a successful bone marrow transplant. She was cleared just months afterward. She later suffered a relapse, and she and her family are now in Southern California for further treatment.

The event at the Tin Cup will include a bounce house, food provided by a family friend of the Gonzalez's, a DJ playing music and a raffle. Numerous individuals and organizations and clubs are donating items for the raffle. The event will feature over 20 vendors and will also include a car show.

Said Daniella Trujillo, one of the organizers of the previous raffle, "The support of the community has been overwhelming, and we are very touched by the show of love by the community."



Volunteers ran a raffle to raise funds for Italy Gonzalez in November.

## Police: Gravestone attack at cemetery

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"We have a good cemetery, with good people," Castillo said when asked about the incident. "This doesn't happen very often." Neither the police or Castillo would provide details on prior similar incidents.

The flat headstones were still in a state of disrepair on Friday morning when police arrived, including what appeared to be the meat from small animals, though they were hard to identify.

When officers arrived, they checked out

the graves that had been affected by the actions of a person, or persons, probably late Thursday night or early morning hours Friday.

After some investigation, Lieutenant Joshua Stephens gave a statement to The Shafter Press.

'We have dealt with similar instances in the past. After investigating, we have deemed the incident not a case of vandalism," he said. Stephens went on to say that it was prob-

ably "a person or persons practicing their

right of freedom of religion. These practices are common in a couple of forms of alternative religions. This was not vandalism."

When made aware of this, the initial informant of the incident did not agree with the department's view on the incident. "I am all for people having the right to practice their religious freedoms, but not if it affects graves of people that they don't even know or may not want that action taken on their headstones."

Another Shafter resident, who also

asked to be anonymous, said, "I pray every day, and love the Lord. I believe that everyone has the right to have a religion in their life. But, I can't see how doing that to someone's or some loved ones grave without the family's consent is disgusting and should be illegal."

Stephens said that he could not get into any specifics on the past cases, or what religions that he was talking about in the statement, but did say that "freedom of religion is for everyone in this country."

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

Jimee Scottasha Daleses Simpson, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Maple Avenue for felony vehicle theft and possession of a stolen vehicle. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

## **JAN. 11**

Mariano Rios Evaro, 47, of Wasco, was arrested in

the 900 block of 9th Street for felony prohibited from owning ammo, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Robert Martinez, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of 7th Place for felony carrying a loaded handgun and misdemeanor CCW in a vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail. Anahi Rubi Sanchez, 22,

of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of 7th Place for felony carrying a loaded handgun, misdemeanor obstructing an officer: resisting arrest and CCW in vehicle. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

## **JAN. 12**

Marcos Vargas Alcaraz, 18, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Smoketree Court and Margalo Street for felony manufacturing a metal knuckle, manufacturing an undetect-

able firearm, misdemeanor carrying loaded firearm and driving without a licensee. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Rocio Leyva, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Peppermint Court for misdemeanor battery on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Andy Magallanes, 32, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of E Street and 6th Street for felony violation of parole and on misde-

meanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Juan Ramirez, 20, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Bettis Avenue and Payton Avenue for misdemeanor carrying a loaded firearm, obstructing an officer: resisting arrest and disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

## **JAN. 14**

Juan Manuel Sanchez Andres, 43, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Gromer Avenue and Magnolia Avenue for felony infliction of corporal injury on a spouse, threatening with intent to terrorize, child cruelty and misdemeanor DUI. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jessica Gonzalez, 27, of Bakersfield, was arrested near the intersection of Broadway and 10th streets for misdemeanor DUI. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.



## A life of faith, service and generosity

VERONICA JACUINDE Wasco Tribune

Reverend Wayne Dee Montgomery was a beloved and admired Wasco community member known for his kindness and

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is kindness and compassionate nature. A

man of God and a trusted public servant, he will be remembered as a man who cared deeply for the well-being of others.

Wayne traveled the world as a spiritual teacher, spreading the Lord's message. He never lost sight of his true calling and held steadfast to his faith at the Christ Community Church in Wasco, which he called home, where he shared God's word until his last days.

He was a Wasco High School bus driver and student supervisor; students knew him as Big Wayne. He later went on to own a successful business, Montgomery Insurance Agency, which he ran since 1981.

A believer in the value of education, Wayne went to adult school for a high school diploma, then Cal State Bakersfield for a bachelor's and then a master's degree. He became a marriage, family and child counselor – a fitting educational culmination aligned seamlessly with his dedication to serving God.

A passionate advocate for the underserved, he worked tirelessly for the betterment of those most in need. He served on the boards of Wasco High, North Kern Regional Occupational Program, Wasco Housing Authority, Kern Civil Service Commission, and others.

For his service, Wayne was recognized with the dedication of a science building at Wasco High in his honor and, later, induction into the CSU Bakersfield Hall of Fame.



Reverend Wayne Dee Montgomery and Sally Jean, his wife of 68 years.

Wayne was a loving family man and was married to Sally Jean for 68 years. Together, they had four children, Wanda (Pierce), Sandra (Scharpenberg), Robert (Montgomery), and Karen (Greenfield), who would give him ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Gary Garcia was a close friend of over 27 years. "At first, he seemed like a giant, an

intimidating fella, but after all these years, I'd come to know Wayne as a big old teddy bear. He was tough and strong-willed, but if you knew him outside the business realm, he was funny, sincere, and quite a character."

"Wayne loved supporting schools, students, churches, community organizations and anyone who would come through his doors asking for donations. He loved attending the Kern County Fair and buying student's livestock projects at the auction."

He was generous, and Garcia has fond memories of him.

"I was in his office one day, and a young mother with her little daughter came in to handle some insurance business. Wayne knelt down to the little girl and said, "You are going to have a great Christmas!" He got back up and slipped the young mom some cash and told her to be sure and buy some nice presents for her daughter."

Wayne was known for his sense of humor. "A lot of folks may not have realized what a funny guy he was, but if you got to know him, he sure would make you laugh."

He added, "Wayne very much cared for those who struggled. He worked hard to make sure that the boards he served on were helping those who struggled. He helped make sure that Wasco High School had a free lunch program to help students who were in need. He made sure that he helped direct Wasco Affordable Housing to provide low-income housing for those in need. He pastored Christ Community Church to help people with local and international spiritual well-being. Wayne came from humble beginnings and knew what it was like to struggle. He always gave help and hope to those who needed it."

His daughter, Karen, said, "I will miss just hearing his big booming voice. Being able to call and talk on the phone and him saying "here's your mother." Being able to have the security that he is there to listen to and guide me when I need it, even at 58. Being able to watch him and my mom love each other in their own way. I will miss saying, 'I love you, dad."

# Designer set for Shafter police substation

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The design and architecture phase of the project should take three to five months. With the project being funded by the grant, no budget allocations were necessary. In addition to the substation, the design also included plans assuring the city and county that there would be enough room on the site to have a Kern County fire station built there, although the grant that the city received does not cover the Fire Station. "I am working with the KCFD on logistics on how to proceed with the project concerning the

Fire Department; the responsibility for the building of the fire station and the cost of it is on the Kern County Fire Department,"

The agreement also includes consultation and assistance by Teter during the bidding and administration phases of the project. They also will be available to help during the construction phase of the project if the need arises.

In closed session, there were discussions regarding labor negotiations between the city and City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez.



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## flag football registration open

## VERONICA JACUINDE Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Recreation and Parks District is currently accepting registrations for its Co-Ed Youth Flag Football League, with the registration period running through Friday, Jan. 26. This league offers kids a fun and engaging opportunity to stay active and fosters qualities like confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship, organizers say.

Youth also learn life skills, setting them up for success on and off the field. Chris Serna, WRPD manager, said, "The game inspires character, leadership, resilience and teamwork – key life skills that transfer from the huddle to the classroom and beyond."

The sport of flag football provides a fullbody workout, strengthening muscles and improving cardiovascular health, agility and coordination. "The fast-paced nature of the game requires quick reflexes and sharp hand-eye coordination," Serna said.

It's fun for both boys and girls. "As a noncontact team sport, kids get all the physical, emotional, and social benefits of playing NFL flag football without the physical contact. But more than anything, NFL flag football is pure fun — no matter

your skill level. Teams compete 5 on 5, creating tons of engagement on the field at a fast-moving pace."

She encourages parents to sign up their children. "Flag football is a great way for boys and girls to learn the game, and playing a team sport like flag football enforces a child's ability to function as part of a greater whole. Not only do they learn to strategize and plan with others, but they come to understand how important it is to think of benefits outside themselves."

Serna said it's more than just about winning. "Flag football provides an avenue for a child to celebrate their achievements, from winning games to growing their trophy collection to tracking progress and improvement in skills."

Registration is \$70. Games begin Saturday, Feb. 17, through Saturday, March 23 and are held Saturday mornings at the Barker Park ball field. The league is open to youth ages 7 to 14, with tryouts for 10u (9-10) and 14u (11-14) divisions on Tuesday, Jan. 30, and Thursday, Feb. 1.

The WRPD is currently also recruiting coaches for the league. Serna said, "Coaching



Flag football instills the critical value of teamwork.

a youth sports team can be a tremendously rewarding experience, allowing the coaches to help young players learn the game of flag football in a fun and safe atmosphere."

"Additionally, the bond created by a parent coaching their child is one that will be cherished and remembered for years to come. It allows coaches to help young players grow, learn, face challenges and experience success."

Register online at WascoParks. RecDesk.com, at the WRPD office at 1280 Poplar Ave. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by calling 661-758-3081.

## Elks set Valentine's Dinner for Feb. 10

## **VERONICA JACUINDE** Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Elks Lodge is preparing for its annual Valentine's Day dinner, promising good food, great company and a chance to give back to the Wasco community.

The highlight of the evening is the steak dinner, a 18-ounce ribeye accompanied by a baked potato, salad, beans and dessert – all for \$30. The event is scheduled for Feb.

## **WASCO**

10 at 6 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds will go toward generating grants that the Wasco Elks Lodge will distribute among various community groups, focusing on supporting youth and veterans.

Sergio Garza, the lodge's exalted ruler, is spearheading the event and encourages everyone to participate. "Come and have a fun time. It's a nice way to celebrate the holiday with your loved ones and family."

In addition, he believes the Valentine's Day dinner serves as a way to showcase the club's values. "We hope to share with those that attend how much we care about Wasco and making it a better place for us all. Our mission is to make a difference; we work hard to do that."

The event is also an opportunity to recruit new members and share information about upcoming activities. "We have future events that are coming up that we will share details about, including our second annual sporting clay shooting event to be held on April 6 at 8 a.m. at the Kern County Gun Club," Garza said. "There will be gun raffles and other prizes."

To reserve a spot, the deadline is Feb. 1. Those interested can contact Garza at 661-747-9044 or the lodge at 661-758-2235.

# Shafter, Wasco join forces to get WPD ready

## From Page 1

among the two agencies, he said, "It speaks for itself. We have to work together because we are battling the same problems."

MV Autoworks Collision Center stepped in to refurbish the vehicles free of charge.

"I was born and raised here, and we should always have the heart to help, especially the community that has helped your business evolve and grow," Owner Jesus V. Luna said.

The work he and his team of tech-



Lieutenant Alecio Mora said he is happy with how well the vehicles will represent the city.

Autoworks Collision Center, was enthusiastic about MV's participalaw enforcement. It's important to give to the community when needed."

Adding another layer to this noteworthy community imitative, the city's Public Works Department volunteered its expertise to conduct maintenance work on the vehicles, reducing the burden on the new Police Department's budget.

Luis Villa said, "As the director of Public Works, one of the main things I wanted to bring was unity. My vision was to have every department work together and help each other. The Police Department is an addition to our family here in the city; we are excited to see them grow and succeed."



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nicians performed on the vehicles to get them in top-notch condition and detailed to meet the specific needs of the Wasco Police Department was extensive.

"We pretty much did the whole car. We sandblasted some areas that needed to be sandblasted and put fresh paint on the entire car body; we took care of all the flaws and restored it to the original condition."

"It took about a month and a half. They were projects. When it's a collision repair, vehicles move in and out of the shop faster, but these vehicles were projects due to the extent of the labor and repair needed."

Pablo Vazquez, a manager at MV

tion. "It felt good doing my part in the development of our new police department. It was a lot of work, but the result was worth it. The cars came out excellent."

Lieutenant Alecio Mora added, "Since the beginning, Jesus has been very supportive and, in our case, could take action and restore a unit for the Wasco PD at no cost, and he is committed to the future of giving back to the community and making Wasco a safer place to live."

The collaboration didn't stop there. Napa Auto Parts generously donated the parts for the refurbishment. Manager Kristian Perez said, "I feel it's necessary to support the local

Chief Charlie Fivecoat said the refurbished vehicles brings their fleet size to 16.

"It's just a wonderful example of when the community comes together to improve public safety, and I'm so overwhelmed at how supportive the community has been for us," he said. "I value that people understand the importance of what we are trying to do and are willing to partner with us to help improve the quality of life for the community."



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## Super Students at Clemens

Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to all friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. Front row, from left, are Regina Ramos (1st grade), Selena Bernal (K), Kennedy Moreno (2nd). Back row, from left, are school mascot Whiskers, Leticia Garcia (student monitor), Mrs. Cristina Wilkerson (2nd grade teacher), Gretel Sanchez (5th), Eder Y. Cruz (3rd), Audelia R. Mariscal (4th) not pictured, Ms. Anabel Garrison (principal), Mrs. Angela Devin (vice principal)

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The Lady Generals have traveled all over the state. RIGHT: Mikayla Weller and Julissa Gonzalez have good shots at making the state tourney.

# Lady Generals looking for State honors

## JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The Shafter High girls wrestling team made history last year when they had their first wrestler qualify for the State wrestling tournament. Only a freshman, Julissa Gonzalez went to the State tourney and came away with a seventh-place medal.

This year, the squad is working to improve on that history, as they have sev-

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eral wrestlers that are able to make it to the Central Section Masters tournament and possibly at least two wrestlers to According to Head Coach Eli Espericueta, the Lady Generals have spent the early part of the season getting experience, competing in tournaments throughout the Valley. They will be traveling to Los Angeles next weekend to compete in a tournament featuring the top wrestlers in the state.

Last weekend, Gonzalez competed in a tournament in Napa and got fourth place out of 51 girls competing.

In addition to Gonzalez, Espericueta said that Mikayla Weller is a rising star who has been putting in work and is poised to make a run at qualifying for State.

"We also have a tough batch of new girls this year that are showing a lot of promise. They're always at practice, always working hard, and they seem really excited about their new sport. We fully expect to take at least 6 girls to Masters, and we should be able to qualify two girls to state, which would be another history-making feat,"Espericueta said

The team has a tough dual meet coming up against Wasco. The dual against the Tigers will be at Shafter High on Thursday night. It is also Senior Night for the Lady Generals on Thursday, Jan. 18.

Espericueta encourages everyone to come out and support the Lady General.

Generals get first league basketball win

## JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Generals boys basketball team got its first SSL win of the season by beating Kennedy High School, 56-47.

The Shafter Generals's recent rough patch got a bit rougher last Monday after their fourth straight loss. They fell 74-64 to McFarland. Having run the score up that high, both teams might be doing some extra defensive drills very soon.

Shafter's defeat shouldn't obscure the performances of Shaun Maldonado,

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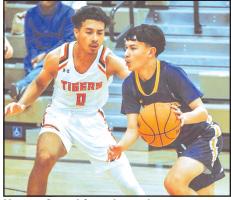
who scored 23 points, and Aidan Cardenas, who dropped a double-double on 14 points and 10 rebounds. That's the first time this season that Cardenas pulled down eight or more rebounds.

Another player making a difference was Hector Cruz, who scored four points along with eight rebounds and four steals.

Shafter has not been sharp recently, as they've lost six of their last eight games. But the Generals did bounce back after a tough loss to McFarland to step it up against Kennedy. The team improved drastically on offense, spreading the ball out and making smart shots.

Shafter then headed to Delano to take on the Tigers. Delano has been dominant on offense recently, as they've racked up 300 points over their last five games. The Generals played the Tigers very tough but came up just short of a victory.

After their win against Kennedy, the Generals will now take on their rivals the Wasco Tigers on Thursday night. The games begin at 4 p.m., and the varsity is scheduled to tip off at 6:30 p.m.



Hector Cruz drives down the court.

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF JOINT VENTURE

Notice is hereby given that Cattani Farms, LLC, a California Limited Liability, Thomas- Cattani

Incorporated, a California Corporation, and Ralph Baker, heretofore doing business as partners under the firm name of GARP Vineyard JV, a Joint Venture, at 5100 California Avenue, Suite 234, Bakersfield,

California 93309 have dissolved their partnership as of December 31, 2023, by mutual consent and that thereafter no person had authority to incur any obligations on behalf of the former firm.

Dated : December 31, 2023 CATTANI FARMS, LLC, ``Partner'' By: /s/Arnold Cattani, Jr., Manager Thomas-Cattani INCORPORATED, ``Partner'' By: /s/Arnold Cattani Ir President

INCORPORATED, ``Partner'' By: /s/Arnold Cattani, Jr., President /s/Ralph Baker, ``Partner'' Publish Shafter Press January 18, 2024 2024/2025. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Clerk, City of Shafter, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a Public Hearing listed on this Notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the Public Hearing.

You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/ CityofShafer/. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item Freeline Design Group LLC 814 18th Street Bakersfield, CA 93301 State or incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\* Date the business commenced: 12/11/2023 /s/Jeromy Stevens, CEO Date Statement Filed: 12/12/2023 Date Statement Expires: 12/12/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: Z Arellano Publish Shafter Press January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024 PUBLIC NOTICE

**Fictitious Business Name Statement Cleaning Lady Duo** 2024-B0074 3909 Raider Dr Bakersfield, CA 93304 County: Kern 3909 Raider Dr Bakersfield, CA 93304 Anaiz Garcia 3909 Raider Dr Bakersfield, CA 93304 Cruz Noelia Mendoza 9009 Duncanson Dr Bakersfield, CA 93311 The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Cruz Mendoza Date Statement Filed: 01/03/2024 Date Statement Expires: 01/03/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024

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Nora Imelda Romo

Bakersfield, CA 93309

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02/14/2019 /s/Nora Imelda Romo Date Statement Filed: 11/16/2023 Date Statement Expires: 11/16/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: T Cabrera Publish Shafter Press December 28, 2023 and January 4, 11, 18, 2024

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Tower Motel and Apartments

3215 Chester Ave Bakersfield, CA 93301 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 3215 Chester Ave Bakersfield, CA 93301 Bakersfield Properties, Inc. 21405 Devonshire Ste 209 Chatsworth, CA 91311 Business was conducted by: Corporation /s/Lovepreet Deol, President Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B7494 Original FBN Statement Filed on:

11/29/2023

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 01/09/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Tower Motel 2024-B0233

3215 Chester Ave Bakersfield, CA 93301 County: Kern 3215 Chester Ave Bakersfield, CA 93301 Bakersfield Properties, Inc. 21405 Devonshire Ste 209 Chatsworth, CA 91311 State or incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 06/21/2013 /s/Lovepreet Deol, President Date Statement Filed: 01/09/2024 Date Statement Expires: 01/09/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the Unmet Transit Needs for Fiscal Year or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter. com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@ shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting. Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Dated: January 11, 2024 Publish Shafter Press February 18, 2023

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Dollar Mart 2023-B7493

226 Central Ave, Unit B Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern 226 Central Ave, Unit B Shafter, CA 93263 Firendley LLC 226 Central Ave, Unit B Shafter, CA 93263 State or incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\* Date the business commenced: 11/27/2023 /s/Saleh Alhassan, Manager Date Statement Filed: 11/29/2023 Date Statement Expires: 11/29/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Freeline Design Group LLC 2023-B7725

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement

**Flores Bees** 467 Ryan Dr Shafter, CA 93263 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 467 Ryan Dr Shafter, CA 93263 Nelson Barrientos Flores 467 Ryan Dr Shafter, CA 93263 Business was conducted by: Individual /s/Nelson Barrientos Flores, Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B2545 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 04/14/2023 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/11/2023 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez Publish Shafter Press December 28, 2023, January 4, 11, 18, 2024

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624 Acacia Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern 624 Acacia Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Mark Peter Uraine 624 Acacia Ave Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 04/15/2001 /s/Mark Peter Uraine Date Statement Filed: 12/19/2023 Date Statement Expires: 12/19/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: T Cabrera Publish Shafter Press December 28, 2023 and January 4, 11, 18, 2024

OBITUARIES

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## **Randal Lee Wilson** Oct. 3, 1957 -Jan. 5, 2024

Randal Lee Wilson, born Oct. 3, 1957, in Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 5, 2024, after a courageous 10-year battle with cancer. Randal was raised in Shafter and attended Shafter High School, graduating in 1975. He furthered his education at Bakersfield College in 1976, where he was an integral part of the championship Bakersfield Renegade football team that secured victory in the Junior College Rose Bowl. After graduating from BC in 1976 with his associate's degree he moved on to Cal Poly San Louis Obispo, attaining a degree in agriculture business marketing in

Fernando Javier Albiar

Aug. 11, 1951 -

Dec. 16, 2023

passed away on Dec. 16,

2023, at the age of 72 after

a decade-long, hard fought

battle with Parkinson's dis-

ease. He is survived by his

devoted wife of 52 years,

Olga Molina Albiar. Fer-

nando's legacy is carried on

by his son Fernando and

daughter-in-law Rebecca;

his son Javier and daughter-

in-law Susan;, and his cher-

ished daughter Micaela

Albiar. His love extended

deeply to his five grand-

Fernando Javier Albiar



1980.

In 1980, he embarked on his professional journey with SunWorld as a produce salesman. His work at SunWorld eventually led to a partnership with Cal West Produce, which in turn led him to establish his own company, Randy Wilson Co., brokering and marketing fruit. After



daughters and two greatgranddaughters.

survived by his sisters, Minerva, Graciela, Ninfa and Emma. He was preceded in

spending many years in the produce industry, he joined his brother, Keith Wilson, at King Fresh Produce LLC. When describing his family's grapes, Randal once famously remarked, "We don't grow Chevys, we grow Cadillacs." Throughout his 44-year tenure in the produce industry, Randy made a significant impact, especially in the sales/broker sector. He actively fostered growth and development among his peers, leaving a lasting impression through his mentorship. He selflessly shared his knowledge and expertise, asking for little in return. Those who had the privilege of being around him will always remember him for the mentor he was.

death by his parents, Agapi-

to and Manuela Albiar, and

Aug. 11, 1951, and was

raised in the Mexican Colo-

ny of Shafter, CA. He grad-

uated from Shafter High

School with the Class of

1969. He joined the North-

Fernando was born on

brother Albert.

Randy's love for speed was evident through his passions for motocross racing, track car racing and flying planes. He had a deep appreciation for music and treasured attending Willie Nelson's 90th celebration in the spring of '23. In his later years, he created cherished memories with his partner, LeAnn. His love and pride for his family, which included his children Meyer and Corinne, LeAnn's daughters Julianne and Lacey, and his grandchildren Luke, Hank, Cora, Ellie, Gemma and Clover, were immeasurable. His impact extended beyond his immediate family, leaving a lasting impression on many.

Randy was tremen-

several governmental and commercial projects. His experience in construction would lead him to work for the California Department of Corrections as a vocational education instructor.

Fernando's passion for the outdoors was a vital part of his being. His backpacking stories from the Sierras and Mineral King not only fascinated those around him but served as a testament to his adventurous spirit and zest for life. In the year prior to undergoing open heart surgery, he led a group of dously proud of his roots in Shafter and his extensive family, including his Kirschenmann cousins. He also held great pride in his nieces and nephews, as well as their growing families. Randy would spend many Saturdays being the biggest cheerleader for his grandsons while they played baseball. With burgers in hand and his granddaughter Cora on his lap, his heart was full. He also never missed his weekly lunches with his son Meyer at their favorite spot, El Sombrero in Bakersfield. Randy was preceded in death by his dad, Woody Wilson, and is survived by his mom, Louise; LeAnn Guelker (partner of 23 years); sister Sandy (Wil-

Boy Scouts from Shafter

on a 50-mile backpacking

trip through the John Muir

Wilderness. Despite facing

disabilities later in life, his

unwavering determination

proved how limitations

could never hinder his love

for fitness or his pursuit of

countless lives, leaving a

legacy of positivity, tenac-

ity and determination. He

will be deeply missed, re-

membered for his adven-

turous spirit, hard work,

compassion and the per-

manent mark he made on

exploration.

Fernando

Kroeker; brother son) Keith (Lisa); son Meyer Wilson; daughter Corinne Pettit (Justin); grandchildren Luke, Hank and Cora; and LeAnn's daughters Julianne and Lacey, and their children Christian, Ellie, Gemma and Clover. In his final days, Randal shared beautiful moments with his loved ones and left his daughter Corinne with the words, "Everything is going to be okay." His legacy will forever resonate in the hearts of those he touched. A memorial service will be held on Jan. 19, at 1 p.m. at Rio Bravo Country Club. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his granddaughter's honor to the Walking with Cora Foundation.

our hearts.

A celebration of life will be held for Fernando on Friday, Feb. 16. Questions for the family can be sent to Mi caelaAlbiar@gmail.com.

"The mountains are call ing and I must go." -John Muir

## DEATH NOTICE

Aaron Keith Sink, 48, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 14, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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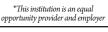
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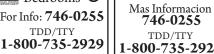














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## **OBITUARIES**

Albert F. Ranjel, Sr. Aug. 7, 1917 -Jan. 2, 2024

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Alberto F. Ranjel Sr. was born on Aug. 7, 1917, in Wasco and passed away on Jan. 2, 2024, in Wasco. Our dad was a distinguished gentleman who, like our deceased mother, believed in hard work, education and helping others in need. At the end of the day, our dad was a good man, intelligent with a big heart, who will be missed.

Services: Viewing will begin at Peters Funeral

Robert "Bob"

Wayne Krause

June 11, 1940 –

Jan. 12, 2024

Krause went to live with his

Heavenly Father on Jan. 12,

2024, while surrounded by

Born on June 11, 1940,

in Reedley, Bob grew up

and attended school in

Shafter. As a young man,

he enjoyed hunting and

fishing with his dad, rac-

ing cars and sports. Bob

proudly served his country

in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He attended college at Ba-

kersfield College, Pacific

Western University, and

National University, earn-

family and friends.

Robert "Bob" Wayne



Home, 1401 7th St., in Wasco at 4 p.m., with the Rosary starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. on Friday Jan. 19 at St Johns Catholic Church, 1300 9th Place, in Wasco. Mass will immediately be followed by burial at Wasco Memorial Park.

Due to the continued prevalence of covid-19, RSV and Influenza, there will not be a reception. A reception will be held at a later date. Please sign the guest book and include your contact information for the future reception. Please visit Petersfuneralhomes.com for additional information.

until retirement. Bob was

a member of the Congre-

gational Bible Church of

Shafter. He was a Rotar-

ian for many years. Bob

was preceded in death by

his mother, Grace Reily,

and father, John Reily.

He is survived by Mar-

cia Krause, his wife of 56

years; daughter Kristian

Krause of Lake Forest; son

Michael Krause; daughter-

in-law Emily Krause; and

grandchildren Lucien and

Madeline Krause of Tulsa,

will be held at 11 a.m. Fri-

day, Jan. 19, at the Congre-

gational Bible Church, 430

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Cherylee R. Wegman-Craig May 11, 1953 -Dec. 25, 2023 On Dec. 25, 2023, the

Lord called Cherylee R. Wegman-Craig home. Cherylee was born May 11, 1953, in Wasco, to Billie Rae Thurman and Randal Lee Rankin.

Cherylee married Charlie Wegman (deceased) and moved to Missouri in 1974. Cherylee returned to Wasco in 1983. Cherylee met and married the love of her life, Warren A. Craig, on March 5, 2011.

Cherylee had a love for line dancing and participated in many events, including as a line dance instructor. Cherylee also enjoyed visiting the beloved Point Pinos Lighthouse in Pacific Grove, of which she had fond memories; she also enjoyed spending time at her home in Morro Bay.

She was a devout Catholic and attended mass at St. John's the Evangelist Catholic Church. She owned and operated her Cherylee Lawn Service business for many years, where she made many friends and was well known throughout the community.

Cherylee took great pride in her community, was a passionate advocate and



worked tirelessly to support the community. She was a member of the Wasco Elks Lodge #2419. Cherylee served on the Wasco City Council for over 20 years. Cherylee became the first female mayor of the City of Wasco in 2001 and served the city as mayor four times. She was honored as Assembly District 32 Woman of the Year in 2018.

Cherylee's community involvement included serving on the California Partnership Board for the San Joaquin Valley, Citizen Advisory Committee at Wasco State Prison, the Association of California Cities Allied with Prisons and was an active member of the Wasco Community Alliance Partnership. In 2006, Cherylee joined the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as a vocational instructor at Kern Valley State Prison. She quickly was promoted to community resource manager in 2008. In 2018, Cherylee was promoted to supervisor of vocational instruction at California Correctional Institution, Tehachapi.

Cherylee became a dedicated board member for the Wasco Union Elementary School District in 2019, where it is said that she made "significant contributions to the district and helped achieve many milestones." Cherylee retired from California state service in November 2021.

Cherylee is survived by her husband, Warren Craig; daughter Connie Wegman and husband Freddy Robledo; sisters Carol Terry (Vard Terry) and Julie Nadal (Aaron Nadal); and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Randal Lee Rankin and Billie Rae Thurman.

Services for Cherylee Wegman will be held on Jan. 26, 2024, at St. Johns The Evangelist Catholic Church. Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:30 a.m., Mass of Catholic Burial at 10 a.m., followed by a graveside burial at Wasco Memorial Park at 11 a.m. A reception will be held immediately after at the Wasco Elks Lodge #2419.

## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS **CALLING FOR BIDS**

Wasco Union Elemen-Owner: tary School District Publish Dates: Week of January 15,

- 2024 Week of January 22, 2024
- Question Deadline: February 4,

2024 @ 11:00am PST Bid Due Deadline: February 9, 2024

@ 11:00am PST Bid Due Location: All Bids will be re-

ceived through the project website at https://projects.infinitycomm. com. Bids will not be received in any manner other than digital copies through the project website. All submittals are required to be in PDF format, unless otherwise noted, and must be less a file size of less than 10Mb.

Project Name: Structured Cabling for Wasco Union Elementary School District

Project Number: 0059-24C.1 Plans on File: https://projects.infinitycomm.com & https://portal.usac. org/suite/

In accordance with Section 7057 of the Business and Professions Code, only a Contractor with a "C-7 or C-10" license may bid.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. Each bid package will be awarded separately and independent of one another. The OWNER may, at their option, choose to award the projects to one contractor or any combination of contractors.

The OWNER has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute this contract. These rates are on file at the SCHOOL DISTRICT office located at location. Copies may be obtained upon request. A copy of these rates shall be posted at each jobsite. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one-half.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded (CONTRACTOR), and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all works employed by them in the execution of the contract. It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to determine any rate change that may have or will occur during the intervening period between each issuance of written rates by the Director of Industrial Relations. During the Work and pursuant to Labor Code §1771.4(a)(4), the Department of Industrial Relations shall monitor compliance with prevailing wage rate requirements and enforce the Contractor's prevailing wage rate obligations. Each Bidder must be a DIR Registered Contractor when submitting a Bid Proposal. The Bid Proposal of a Bidder who is not a DIR Registered Contractor when the Bid Proposal is submitted will be rejected for non-responsiveness. All Subcontractors identified in a Bidder's Subcontractors' List must be DIR Registered contractors at the time the Bid Proposal is submitted. The foregoing notwithstanding, a Bid Proposal is not subject to rejection for nonresponsiveness for listing Subcontractor the Subcontractors List who is/are not DIR Registered contractors if such Subcontractor(s) complete DIR Registration pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2). Further, a Bid Proposal is not subject to rejection if the Bidder submitting the Bid Proposal listed any Subcontractor(s) who is/are not DIR Registered contractors and such Subcontractor(s) do not become DIR Registered pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2), but the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, must request consent of the District to substitute a DIR Registered Subcontractor for the non-DIR Registered Subcontractor pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c) (3), without adjustment of the Contract Price or the Contract Time. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations, including but not limited to prevailing wage compliance and Skilled and Trained Workforce reauirements. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) DAYS after the date set for the opening of the bids. A BID BOND shall be required and shall be supplied with the CON-TRACTOR'S bid on the day of the bid. All bids shall be presented under sealed cover and accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, a cashier's check, certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the trustees. The security shall be in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the amount bid. A bid shall not be considered unless one of the forms of bidder's security is enclosed with it.

**PUBLIC NOTICES** 

A Payment Bond and Performance Bond for contracts over \$25,000.00 WILL BE required prior to the execution of the contract. The Payment and Performance Bond shall be in the form called for in the contract documents. Payment Bond and Performance Bond shall be provided upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Performance and Payment bonds shall be supplied prior to the beginning of construction. A Certificate of Insurance shall be required as well before work can begin.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Contract Code, Sections 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute certain securities for any funds withheld by OWNER to ensure their performance under the contract. At the request and expense of CONTRACTOR, securities equivalent to any amount withheld shall be deposited, at the discretion of the OWNER, with either OWNER or with a state or federally chartered bank, as the escrow agent, who shall then pay any funds otherwise subject for retention to CONTRAC-TOR. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to the CONTRACTOR. Securities eligible to investment shall include those listed in Government Code, Section 61430, bank and savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand deposit accounts. standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by CONTRACTOR and OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for funds withheld and shall receive any interest on them. The escrow agreement shall be essentially similar to the one indicated in the General Conditions. In accordance with Education Code section 17076.11, this district has a participation goal for disabled veteran business enterprises of at least 3 percent per year of the overall dollar amount of funds allocated to the district by the State Allocation Board pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 for construction or modernization and expended each year by the school district. Prior to, and as a condition precedent for final payment under any contract for such project, the contractor shall provide appropriate documentation to the district identifying the amount paid to disabled veteran business enterprises in conjunction with the contract, so that the district can assess its success at meeting this goal. Publish Wasco Tribune February 18, 25, 2024

The Board will conduct interviews during a Special Board meeting on February 13, 2024 and an appointment will be made at the Regular Board meeting on February 13, 2024. The board meetings will take place at the district boardroom located at 440 Griffith Ave, Wasco, CA. These dates and this appointment conform with the legal requirements set by California Education Code 5091.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the Wasco Union Elementary District office at (661) 758-7100. Publish Wasco Tribune January 18, 2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business Name** Abandonment Statement

**Firmes Barber Shop** 917 11th Ave Delano, CA 93215 County: KERN Mailing address of business: PO Box 698 Richgrove, CA 93261 Edwin Lopez 290 Wheatland Dr

Business was conducted by: Indi-

Richgrove, CA 93261

vidual

Name Statement Tortilleria M8A 2023-B7828 1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66 Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66 Wasco, CA 93280 Yuridian Ochoa Castillo 1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66 Wasco, CA 93280 Efren Montijo 1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66 Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Married Couple Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Yuridian Ochoa Date Statement Filed: 12/19/2023 Statement Date Expires: 12/19/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Fictitious Business

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **R & M Farm Service** 2024-B0115

Delano, CA 93215 Business was conducted by: Limited Partnership /s/Zakaria Mohamed Ali Alkatamy, Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B7141 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/08/2023 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/14/2023 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/T Cabrera Publish Wasco Tribune December 28, 2023, January 4, 11, 18, 2024 **PUBLIC NOTICE** Fictitious Business Name Statement Snowhite Drive In 2023-B7776

727 6th St Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 727 6th St Wasco, CA 93280 Zakaria Mohamed Ali Alkatamy 150 Belmont St Apt62 Delano, CA 93215 Shamsan Ali Naji Saeed 250 Belmont St AptF203 Delano, CA 93215 The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: 08/20/2020 /s/Zakaria Ali Date Statement Filed: 12/14/2023 Statement Date Expires: 12/14/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: T Cabrera Publish Wasco Tribune December 28, 2023, January 4, 11, 18, 2024

ing his B.A. in accounting and teaching credential, then earning his master's degree in mathematics education from Fresno Pacific University.

He began his career in accounting, then transitioned to teaching math

be conducted on January 30, 2024 at 10:00am, at John L. Prueitt Elementary located at: 35017th Street, Wasco, CA 93280.

This meeting is Mandatory, ALL Contractors attending will be required to sign in at the time of arrival and are also required to stay for the duration of the Pre-Construction Meeting.

All questions concerning this project shall be requested through the project website at https://projects. infinitycomm.com. All requests for information shall be submitted not less than five (5) days prior to the opening of the bid. Any questions submitted after the question deadline will not be answered. All questions will be submitted through the project website. Bidders shall submit only one question submittal. Al questions shall be included in the . single submittal. DO NOT submit single question submittals. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the bidders response being negatively scored or rejected completely for failure to comply with the requirements of the RFP.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to the contract documents.

The projects and services depend on partial funding from the E-Rate program. The OWNER expects each Contractor to make themselves thoroughly familiar with any rules or regulations regarding the E-Rate program. All contracts entered into as a result of these Form 470's will be contingent upon specific funding by the SLD at the percentage rate submitted. The percentage rate applicable to a particular Form 471 is the maximum that the District is liable for. The Contractor will be responsible to bill the government (USAC) for the balance. No billing or work shall be commenced before April 1, 2024. On the day of the bid the Contractor shall supply their Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and must certify that their SPIN is "current".

This project is anticipated to start after April 1, 2024, and is anticipated to have a duration of 120 days. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than the project finish date. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$500.00/day are included in this contract. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than August 2025.

### PUBLIC NOTICE Wasco Union Elementary School District

SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT As a result of a vacancy, the Wasco Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees determined they would make a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy by advertising, interviewing and selecting an individual for the vacant position for the term: February 2024 through November 2026.

Individuals interested in serving on the Wasco Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees may pick up an application for the appointed trustee position at the Wasco Union Elementary School District Office located at 1102 5th ST.

Completed applications are due by 4:00 p.m., February 1, 2024.

/s/Edwin Lopez, Ownei Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B7745 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/29/2022 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 01/09/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Delano 76 Inc** 2024-B0259

2200 Girard St Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern 201 Norwalk St Delano, CA 93215 Delano 76 Inc 2200 Girard St Delano, CA 93215 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation\* Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Saleh Saeed, President Date Statement Filed: 01/10/2024 Statement Date Expires: 01/10/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: T Cabrera Publish Wasco Tribune January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Prime Performance Academy** 2023-B7657 1121 Main Street

Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern 2227 Santa Barbara Circle Delano, CA 93215 Angel Isaiah Jasso 2227 Santa Barbara Circle Delano. CA 93215 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 09/01/2023 /s/Angel Isaiah Jasso Date Statement Filed: 12/08/2023 Statement Expires: Date 12/08/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2024

### **R & M Organics** 2024-B0116

2312 Alpine Meadow Court Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern PO Box 700 Wasco, CA 93280 R & M Farm Service, Inc. 2312 Alpine Meadow Court Wasco, CA 93280 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation\* Date the business commenced: 01/01/2006 /s/Miguel Martin, President Date Statement Filed: 01/04/2024 Statement Date Expires: 01/04/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: T Cabrera Publish Wasco Tribune January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **El Molino Mexican Imports** 2024-B0012 804 7th St Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 645 Redwood Dr Shafter, CA 93263 **Benjamin Perez** 1663 E Granada Ave Fresno, CA 93720 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 12/07/2021 /s/Benjamin Perez Date Statement Filed: 01/02/2024 Date Statement Expires: 01/02/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2024

### **PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name** Abandonment Statement **Snowhite Drive In**

727 6th St Wasco, CA 93280 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 727 6th St Wasco, CA 93280 Zakaria Mohamed Ali Alkatamy 150 Belmont St Apt 62 Delano, CA 93215 Shamsan Ali Naji Saeed 250 Belmont St Apt F203

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### **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Blueprint Digital Solutions** 2023-B7865 550 Woollomes Ave Suite 103 #274 Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern 550 Woollomes Ave Suite 103 #274

Delano, CA 93215 Rafael Trujillo Mendez 340 21st Ave Delano, CA 93215 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 12/20/2023 /s/Rafael Trujillo Mendez Date Statement Filed: 12/20/2023 Date Statement Expires: 12/20/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune December 28, 2023, January 4, 11, 18, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business Name** Abandonment Statement

Blueprint SEO 340 21st Ave Delano, CA 93215 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 340 21st Ave Delano, CA 93215 Rafael Trujillo Mendez 340 21st Ave Delano, CA 93215 Business was conducted by: Individual /s/Rafael Trujillo Mendez, Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B7347 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/05/2021 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/20/2023 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune December 28. 2023. January 4. 11. 18. 2024