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WASCO TRIBUNE

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15% raise approved for city employees

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The regular meeting of the Shafter City Council was canceled Monday night; instead, a special meeting approved a new pay schedule for city employees. The raise includes a budgeted 15% cost of living increase and new benefits.

The pay raise covers all city departments. Under the new pay schedule, police sergeants will be paid between \$3,749 and \$4,229 biweekly. Police captains will receive between \$5,107 and \$6,207 biweekly. Dispatchers receive up to \$2,504 every two weeks.

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Shafter police officers begin at \$2,659-\$3,232 biweekly.

The police chief will receive about \$7,000 in biweekly in salary, not including benefits.

The council also received a report on the design progress of the new Northern Shafter Community Park that will be located off of Fresno Avenue. According to Public Works Director Michael James, the construction of the park should begin in early 2024. The park will include a playground area, a gazebo, a multisport

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The new park will feature a skate park.

Student Noe Rodriguez works on a Trainer board to create code.

Shafter students given a Wonderful opportunity

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

When it was announced a few years ago that Walmart and Amazon would be locating distribution centers in Shafter, a question was put to Business Development Director Bob Meadows about the opportunities for employment at the facilities. Wondering if there were enough qualified people in Shafter to fill the positions, Meadows said that he didn't know what percentage of the jobs would end up going

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to Shafter residents.

Thanks to a partnership between Shafter High School, the Wonderful Company and Bakersfield College, there will be numerous qualified individuals coming out of Shafter High School that could fill those positions.

The Industrial Automation Certification Program gives Shafter students a chance to learn the skills that would allow them to thrive in an automated environment. According to Shafter High counselor

and program leader Juan Leyva, students are recruited for the program and others with an interest in the field can apply, giving them an opportunity to receive an Industrial Automation Certification at the same time of receiving their high school diploma.

Similar to the Dual Enrollment Program that gives Shafter students a chance to earn an associates degree through Bakersfield College at the same time of their regular

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City set to buy Tasers, body cams for police

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The council moves one step closer in the formation of the Wasco Police Department with the approval to purchase body cameras and Taser equipment at a total cost of \$116,772.

Through Axon Enterprises, 23 body-worn cameras, 23 Tasers, multibay docking charging stations, replacement cartridges, and software and licensing will be purchased. There also will be on-site training in the package.

"Body cameras are a crucial component to ensure accountability and full transparency of our policing effort," City Manager Scott Hurlbert said in a report to the council. "Tasers have also become a recognized method for officers to de-escalate dangerous situations using non-lethal technology."

Although there are multiple vendors for this equipment, Axon Enterprises offered a fully integrated package not provided by others.

"It provides transparency to our operations and ensures the professionalism of our officers," Chief of Police Charlie Fivecoat said.

Hurlbert added, "It is standard equipment for many police departments. They are important in capturing events for both the citizens and the officers."

The Axon body camera solution is used by most law enforcement agencies in California and throughout the United States. The cameras are designed to integrate with the RIMS computer-aided dispatch and records management system selected by the department.

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Wasco Police Chief Charlie Fivecoat.

Wasconian celebrates 101 years at party

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Pedro Gutierrez was born in 1922 in Mercedes, Texas. On Saturday, over 150 family and friends attended a birthday party in his honor.

Shortly after his birth, Gutierrez moved to Burgos, Tamaulipas, Mexico. One of 10 children, he started working at age eight, tending to the family's sheep and goats.

After a family tragedy when his father was killed, he returned to Mercedes at 10. At 13, he started working at a restaurant.

When he was 18, he moved to Detroit, Mich., and worked on railroad tracks to send money to his grandmother living in Mexico. He worked there for five years.

In 1948, Gutierrez married Josefa and moved to Pharr, Texas, where he worked for the Central Power and Light Co. for 12 years.

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After 10 of his 12 children were born, the family became migrant farmworkers in Virginia, picking tomatoes, cucumbers and eggplant.

In 1964, the family moved to the Shafter labor camp for two years, then to the Wasco labor camp to work in the fields. He has lived in Wasco ever since.

"Since I moved here, I've been happy, and with the love of God, we have had a secure life."

Gutierrez was a hard-working man and has worked most of his life. When he retired at 70, he worked in landscaping for almost a decade. Afterward, he continued in his free time to work in the garden and doing carpentry work, building birdhouses and dog houses he would sell to have enough money for the family.

Pedro Gutierrez with his daughter Carmen Martinez.

He was a loving husband and was blessed with 65 years of marriage. His wife passed away in 2007.

Gutierrez has always enjoyed music; to this day, he still plays the harmonica and accordion. A man of faith, he instilled a strong belief in God in his children. They attended church every Sunday.

His daughter Carmen Martinez said, "He was very honest, a good husband and father, and showed us the values of respecting your elders."

"What I love most about him is that he has always cared for us. He has always tried to give us what we needed when we were younger and even now as we are older. He still tries to be with us."

His niece, Paulita Gutierrez, said, "I see him every week. I like to visit him with my cousin. He talks about the old days and his

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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

Community Workshop – City of Shafter will be having a Fiber Optic Expansion workshop on Sept. 26, 6-9 p.m., at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Cooling center – Kern County Cooling Center (Centros De Enfriamiento Con-dado De Kern) at 505 Sunset Ave., the Walker Senior Center in Shafter, open 1-8 p.m. Sponsored by Kern County Aging & Adult Services.

50-year reunion – Wasco High class of 1973 is looking for classmates for their 50-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 7. Contact Marta Rodriguez-Poe at mapoe1982@gmail.com or 661-303-3770.

ONGOING

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 non-perishable 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.

Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** The SHS 1966 Marching Band, which included Larry Vannatta, Kenny Schultz, Charlie Wright, Dennis Handel and Robert Borjon. Information provided by Bill Thompson.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

SEPT. 11

Timothy Andrew, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Beth Eden for disorderly conduct for being under the influence.

SEPT. 12

Pablo Alexander Moreno, 25, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of East Orange for robbery in the second degree, inflicting corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant and child abuse.

George Robert Ramirez, 37, of Shafter, was arrested at Olive and Sierra for owning a firearm without a serial number, prohibited to own possession or ammunition and driving with a suspended license for DUI.

SEPT. 13

Omar Solano Reyes, 30, of Shafter, was arrested on Truxtun Avenue for inflicting corporal injury onto spouse/cohabitant, false imprisonment with violence and violating a court order for domestic violence.

SEPT. 14

Thomas Andrew Almanza, 34, of Shafter, was arrested at Munter and Central Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

SEPT. 15

Israel Lopez Jr., 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of South Shafter for arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol, smuggling controlled substance into jail to person with drug narcotic violations.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

SEPT. 12

Craig Miller Roberts, 61, of Encino, was arrested at the intersection of East Lerdo Highway and Cherry Avenue in Shafter for driving under the influence, obstructing, resisting and delaying a peace officer and impeding normal flow of traffic. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

SEPT. 13

Hector Isidro Heredia, 22, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 200 block of West 2nd Street in Buttonwillow for disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia, and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

SEPT. 14

Andrew Bryan Sherrow, 45, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 21900 block of Highway 46 in Lost Hills for trespassing. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

SEPT. 15

Jonathan Andrew Sowa, 33, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Seventh Standard Road and Martin Avenue in Bakersfield for vehicle theft, petty theft, and two on misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

SEPT. 17

Rome John Zargoza, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30700 block of Rodriguez Street in Shafter for contempt of court, and on felony and misdemeanor

warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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

SEPT. 11

Natalie Marie Carrasco, 18, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

SEPT. 12

Jermain Robert Maston, 38, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of H Street and 6th Street for misdemeanor petty theft and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jose Mauricio Villegas, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Maple Avenue on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

SEPT. 13

Bernardo Montanez, 37, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of F Street and 16th Street for misdemeanor driving without a license and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Hugo Santos Pena, 22, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of High-

way 43 on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

SEPT. 14

Robert Gonzalez, 58, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Griffith Avenue and Highway 46 for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Nancy Gutierrez, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of F Street for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance and on a felony bench war-

rant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Rodrigo Angel Gutierrez, 37, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of D Street and 12th Street for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

SEPT. 15

Brian Henry, 40, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Broadway Street and 7th Street on a felony bench warrant and for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Dutch Bros Coffee open on Highway 46

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Dutch Bros Coffee opened its doors to the public on Monday with a ribbon cutting commemorating the occasion. Members of the community and Wasco leadership attended the celebration.

Morgan Rapp is the regional operator. "We are so honored to serve the community that is just as excited to be here and part of what we do."



Daniela Garcia and Abby Anderson are just two of their friendly staff.

He said they decided to come to Wasco because the community is so loving. "We are thrilled to bring Dutch love to this city and thought we'd be a perfect fit."

Rapp shared that they will carry out philanthropic campaigns like "Dutch Luv Day" and "Buck for Kids Day" to benefit local charities and nonprofits.

"It's important because we want to provide this community with support for our youth and food insecurity."

When asked what the culture of Dutch Bros is, he said, "We radiate kindness, and we are a 'fun-loving, mind-blowing' company that makes a massive difference one cup at a time."

To staff the business, 32 local employees were hired. "We want to have our local faces serving our local community and

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create opportunities for growth within the company for the people in Wasco."

Rapp said they stand out from the rest. "We always want to ensure we're giving the best speed, quality and service. Our products are unique, and we truly have something for everyone."

"Our drinks are handcrafted to perfection and guaranteed to satisfy. We have limitless customization that our customers have access to."

Some favorite drinks include the "Ice Annihilator," made with chocolate macadamia nut and breve milk.

"Another really popular one is our version of an energy drink, the 'After Shock Rebel,' made with raspberry, strawberry, blackberry and lime. Our most popular is our 'Golden Eagle Breve' made with caramel and vanilla breve with caramel drizzle."

He said their customer service "is like nothing you've ever experienced."

"Our broistas are dedicated servant leaders, which means putting others before yourself and making sure every customer leaves with a smile."

Chief of Police Charlie Fivecoat attended the ribbon cutting. "I think all of the development we are seeing is wonderful news," he said. "It's great for the city because it provides more shopping opportunities for our citizens."

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna added, "Dutch Bros is an excellent addition to Wasco's growing business community. They offer a variety of delicious drinks and snacks that are customer favorites, and their staff is super friendly."

City Manager Scott Hurlbert shared, "I think it's fantastic because the people are really excited. They are big fans of Dutch Bros, and the double drive-thru line proves



Mayor Vincent Martinez and Mayor Pro Tem Alex Garcia with the 2023 Miss Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda Rodriguez, who said she loved her strawberry drink.

that."

"It's another amenity on Highway 46 not only for locals but for those that are traveling through. It's a tool for economic growth and an asset to improve the quality of life for residents."

Man arrested for possession of firearm, fentanyl

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

WASCO

Vinson Callahan was arrested Saturday for weapons violations, including prohibited person possessing a firearm, ammunition and suspected fentanyl.

According to a press release from the Kern County Sheriff's Office, at about 10 a.m., Wasco and north area substations deputies were dispatched to the 1900 block of Gaston St., responding to a subject in possession of a firearm. Once there, they encountered Callahan.

During a search, deputies located an unspecialized handgun, or "ghost gun." They also found live ammunition, drug paraphernalia and suspected



Ghost gun and suspected fentanyl were found in Vinson Callahan's possession, sheriff's deputies said. (Photo courtesy of KCSO)

ed fentanyl.

He was arrested and booked into the Central Receiving Facility.

A tint business that comes to you

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

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Raciel Mendez of Tint Cartel has served the Wasco community for the last year. He comes from Madera, where he owned Sin Cal Glass and Tint for eight years. He prides himself in offering high-quality work at reasonable prices.

His is a mobile business, and comes to residential, commercial or automotive clients.

Mendez is from a Hispanic family, with his parents originating from Oaxaca and Durango in Mexico. He said they taught him Spanish and instilled in him the value of hard work and a commitment to be the best version of himself.

His grandmother, Antonia, had the most significant influence in encouraging him to be an entrepreneur.

"She had the most impact as she raised me. She inspired me to be my own boss, always telling me it was the greatest option. I'm the first business owner in my family. I like the freedom and the ability to make my hours."

He works solo but has plans eventually to hire more employees. His clients are from Delano, Shafter and Bakersfield. "From all around the area," he said.

Mendez believes he stands out from the rest. "I use ceramic tinting, Rayno Film, which reflects the most heat from the sun

and blocks 99% of all UV rays. That brand partners with the Skin Cancer Foundation."

He said he is passionate about his business because he likes satisfying customers when they see his finished work. "It makes me happy," he says.

"With my almost a decade of experience, I solve problems. Many clients want me to do tint removals because their current tint job is not doing their work."

Mendez focuses on customer satisfaction and service and getting the job done quickly.

"My goal is to make sure the job is done right. I am friendly and reliable, with attention to detail. I am by appointment only but am flexible with clients' availability time, considering their busy schedules for some."

He said he learned the craft from the best. "In my hometown of Madera, I had a cousin who has been doing it for 20 years, and he taught me the trade."

Mendez said he is blessed with how well the Wasco community has embraced him since moving here to be with his fiancée and children.

"Wasco has shown me a lot of love and heart. They have been really good to me. The people are great and I appreciate that



Alejandro Gil and Raciel Mendez of Tint Cartel joined other car enthusiasts at the Wasco Rose Festival car show.

the town is family-orientated."

In Madera, he sponsored sports teams and other non-profit organizations.

"It's important to me to be a part of the community, and I would like to get more involved."

Mendez also participates in car shows and recently joined the Wasco Rose Festival

activities that provided a space for car enthusiasts like him.

"It was a very nice event that brought others like me together. I enjoyed my time there. It was a very warm environment."

To learn more about Tint Cartel's service and schedule an appointment, call 559-705-3815 or visit his Instagram page at Tint_Cartel_.

ARREST REPORT

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

SEPT. 16

Vinson Ray Callahan,

64, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block of Gaston Street for felony possession of a firearm by a felon, manufacturing an undetectable firearm, convict in possession of a fire-

arm, use of a controlled substance while armed, misdemeanor prohibited from owning ammo, possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance para-

phernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Diego Matias, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of F Street for misdemeanor or disorderly conduct:

drunk in public, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Hector Enardo Ocam-

po, 36, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Becks Street and Poso Drive for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.



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"Because life is worth seeing"

Library and Learning Center still growing

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Library and Learning Center has been growing ever since it was a glimmer in the eye of David Franz and the rest of the staff that make it such a valuable tool for the community.

There was a Vision Committee back in 2011, when a group of participants said that education is one of the main focuses that the city should aim for. The city brought in David Franz as director of Shafter's Education Partnership that involved the city and its school districts.

Together, they have formed an organization that is one of the only city programs in the Central Valley to have its own Municipal Library when the Kern County Library District decided to close the Shafter Branch of its library system. The city partnered with Bakersfield College to reopen the library, and it is now one of the most productive in the county.

New classes have formed for the fall session, and while many of the classes are full, there are still a few spots available and others

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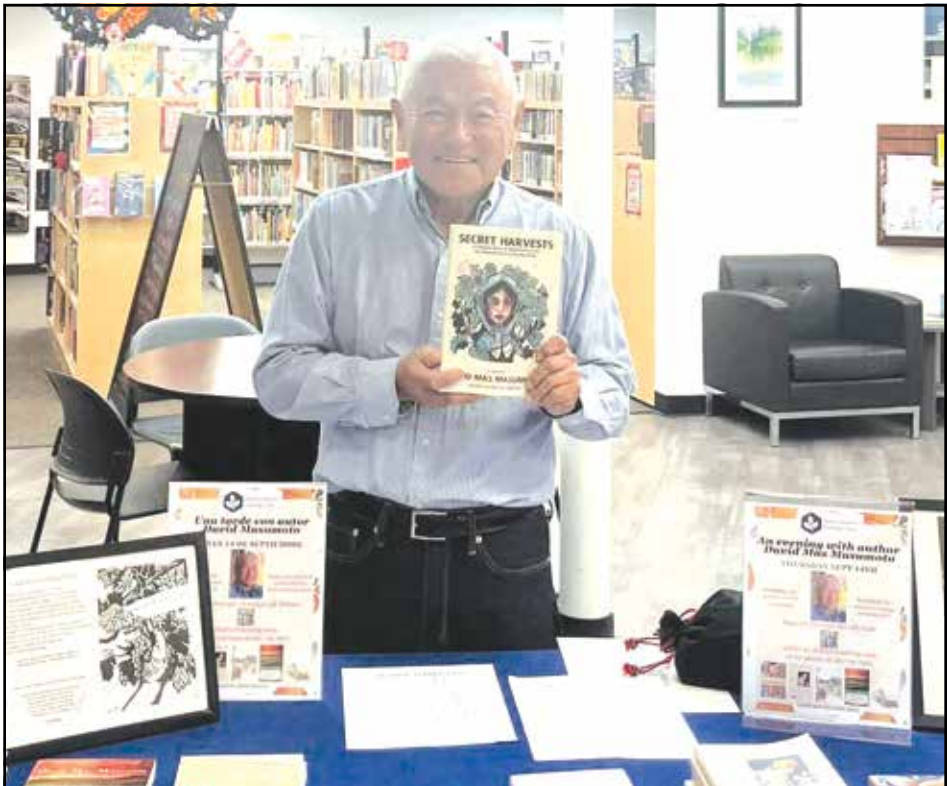
ers have a waiting list.

These classes include English, Spanish, keyboarding and cooking, all taught by individuals qualified in their fields.

The facility also holds special events frequently at the site. The most recent event saw the author David Masumoto make an appearance. Masumoto is an organic peach and grape farmer who has written several books, including *The Epitaph of a Peach*, which gives a glimpse into life on a family farm in Central California. His organic farming techniques have been employed by farmers across the United States.

Masumoto earned his bachelors degree in sociology from Cal Berkley and a masters in community development from UC Davis. Masumoto told the audience of his life on the farm, as well as the experience of writing and creating a book, and the similarities between creating a work of art on paper and a work of art out in the fields.

More information on classes at the Shafter Learning Center is available by calling 661-746-5055 or at 236 James St. in Shafter.



David Masumoto has written several books and has farmed for most of his life.

Students given a Wonderful opportunity

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school sessions, the Industrial Automation program prepares students for a variety of careers in the field.

At the beginning, the program's participants attended classes after their regular school day ended. This year, the program is integrated into the students' regular school day, essentially having the students use their electives to take the four courses involved in the program. The Certification Program is a two-year commitment that involves classroom work, hands-on classes, and toward the end of the program, there are trips to the Wonderful Company for real job interaction.

Upon graduation, the students completing this program will be qualified for a variety of positions in the industrial and automation fields.

There are 55 students in the program,



A miniature conveyor belt is controlled by remotes and code created by students.

with 24 expected to end the year with AA degrees (they started last year).

This sounds great to one student who

has been working in the program for a year and a half. Noe Rodriguez was asked what got him interested in the program. "Hon-

estly, at first it was the money. You can earn six figures in this field, and I really believe that this (automation) is the future."

Rodriguez said that he really enjoys the work, programing remotes and learning how to control the automated system. "There is such a sense of accomplishment to see a program that you helped create controlling an entire conveyor belt system," said Rodriguez.

When nearing graduation, the Wonderful Company has an internship program that pays the students to learn at the company's facility with hands-on experience in the automation field.

The program is really a win-win situation, giving students a chance to get ahead in their pursuit of their goals, and giving the Wonderful Company a "wonderful" workforce to choose from.

Celebrating 30 Years of Service! Congratulations, Lorena Lopez Mendez!

Omni Family Health, a leading healthcare provider serving Kern, Kings, Tulare and Fresno counties, proudly celebrates Lorena L. Mendez for her 30 years of dedicated service to our patients and our local communities! Lorena's three decades of service have been a testament to her unwavering dedication to patient care and the communities she serves.

Lorena was born in Fresno, California, but has lived in many corners of the world, including Texas, Germany, and Florida, before she returned home to the Central Valley over thirty years ago. Following her graduation from the San Joaquin Valley College Medical Assistant Program, Lorena joined Omni Family Health in 1993 as a medical assistant. Early in her career, her expertise and compassionate nature made her an integral part of the Omni Family Health family. Throughout her tenure, she has received a number of well-deserved promotions, culminating in her current role as a health center manager overseeing locations in Buttonwillow, Taft and Bakersfield.

Today, Lorena's strong work ethic and her genuine care for patients have earned her the respect and admiration of Omni's leadership, her colleagues and those she's cared for over the years. When Lorena is not at work, she is also a devoted wife and a loving mother to four adult children. In fact, Lorena's family includes four generations of Omni patients, which speaks volumes to the confidence she has in the care provided by our organization.

Reflecting on her journey, Lorena shared, "Omni Family Health isn't just a workplace, it's a second home where I find purpose in helping ALL patients who come through our doors. I have stayed so many years because

I believe that Omni Family Health is the best. And, I have been fortunate to work with a team that shares my passion for providing quality healthcare and making a positive impact in people's lives." Chief Executive Officer of Omni Family Health, Francisco L. Castillon, MPA, expressed his admiration for Lorena's accomplishments, saying, "Lorena's dedication and leadership have been instrumental in shaping the compassionate and patient-centered culture we value at Omni Family Health. Lorena truly embodies the spirit of our organization." As Lorena Mendez marks this remarkable milestone of 30 years with Omni Family Health, her legacy of compassion, dedication, and excellence continues to inspire us all. Congratulations, Lorena, on your exceptional achievements and 30 years of outstanding service to Omni Family Health patients and the communities we serve.





Members enjoying fellowship at a recent meeting.

Beta Zeta Chapter inspires involvement in education

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Beta Zeta chapter is an organization for active or retired women involved in education. This year, the chapter is celebrating its 74th year.

The Beta Zeta chapter makes a difference in the community by supporting teachers. In the past, they have also given annual grant-in-aid scholarships to college students pursuing a teaching credential, raised money to contribute to the Ronald McDonald House and donated toiletries to the Alliance Against Family Violence, among many other things.

As a chapter, they have also learned about legislative issues important to education. Their mission statement is "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide."

The chapter is comprised of educators from school districts in Wasco, Shafter, Rio Bravo, Buttonwillow, Lost Hills and Delano.

Karen Linder is the chapter co-president and has been a member since 1991. Her background in education started in teaching at Maricopa for three years and then in Wasco for 29 years at Karl F. Clemens and Teresa Burke Elementary.

She was inspired to be an educator because she always wanted to be one and always enjoyed working with kids.

"I used to play school when I was a child. My father at the time told me that women would either have to be a nurse or teacher, and I preferred to be a teacher."

Linder joined the chapter because it was a highly respectable organization in those days, she said. "You felt



DKG local chapter co-presidents Karen Linder and Judy Myers.

like they were holding you in high esteem if you were invited."

"A long-time member invited me, and some of the other teachers convinced me to join. I thought it was a really good organization to inspire other teachers and potential teachers."

Now, the criteria for joining is that a woman be employed as a professional educator or retired from an educational position.

Linder said what she is most passionate about in the organization is the inspiration for others. "As a way to encourage potential teachers to succeed. The idea is to unite women educators in a genuine spiritual fellowship and to keep up with current issues in education."

She loves being a member because of the camaraderie and the fact that they are interested in professional growth, even as retired.

The other chapter co-president is

Judy Myers, who has been a member for over 20 years. She taught in Wasco for 36 years.

Myers likes the friendship with the other women in the chapter and says it is a very warm environment. "That and just supporting the teachers and the schools when we can when we see a need for something."

Currently, the chapter has about 40 members. "But we are really wanting to recruit more members. The majority are retired, and we would like to get more women who are still teaching," Myers said.

Linder plans to be a member for many years to come. "It's a wonderful organization to be involved in, and I encourage other women educators to join."

For additional membership information on the DKG Beta Zeta chapter, contact betazeta2VP@gmail.com or visit dkgbetazetaca.weebly.com.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Introducing Drake

Drake came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. The 2-3-year-old male husky is great with staff and other dogs. It is unknown if Drake is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are not tested with children. His behavior toward children is unknown. Drake will be available on Thursday, Sept. 21. 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 up for adoption. More information is available by emailing rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org, masilva@cityofwasco.org or dicardona@cityofwasco.org.
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GROW Academy Principal Lacie Harris with Dalilah Feliciano and Alondra Montalvo.



Richland Junior High's Mylum Nicholson with Valerie Perez and Angel Vargas.



Bryan Easter, superintendent of Maple School, with Victoria Ramirez, Olivia Gonzalez, Odette Rice and Lily Willis.

Kiwanians recognize some Terrific Kids



Sequoia Elementary's Janean Morris with Aubrey Gutierrez and Ashlyn Lindsay.



Redwood's Antonio Juarez with Marina Chavez and Violet Aguilar.



Golden Oak's Jose Montelongo with Valeria Sainz and Jesse Panduro.

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

SHAFTER

The Shafter Kiwanis Club held their monthly Terrific Kids luncheon on Sept. 13, recognizing some local students who have demonstrated a character trait that is featured during that month. This month, the trait was Thoughtful. The traits included in this program are T (Thoughtful), E (Enthusiastic), R (Respectful), R (Responsible), I (Inclusive), F (Friendly), I (Inquisitive), and C (Capable).

The Terrific Kids program has been honoring students for decades, giving them positive reinforcement for their exhibition of positive character traits at their respective schools. Teachers from local schools nominate students who exhibit that trait. Each student receives a certificate, a pencil, a bumper sticker and a t-shirt, in addition to the lunch.

This year, the Shafter Kiwanis widened the scope of the program, recognizing students from not only Richland School District, but also from Maple School and GROW Academy. This month, Richland Junior High School's Dean Mylum Nicholson presented awards to Valerie Perez and Angel Vargas. For GROW Academy, Principal Lacie Harris presented awards to Dalililah Feliciano and Alondra Montalvo. Bryan Easter, superintendent of Maple School, recognized Victoria Ramirez, Olivia Gonzalez,

Odette Rice and Lily Willis. Representing Sequoia Elementary School, Principal Janean Morris presented awards to Aubrey Gutierrez, Ashlyn Lindsay. Redwood Elementary's Assistant Principal Antonio Juarez gave awards to Marina Chavez and Violet Aguilar. Jose Montelongo, assistant principal of Golden Oak Elementary, presented awards to Valeria Sainz and Jesse Panduro. The Shafter Kiwanis Club aims to enrich the lives of the community, especially its youth and the people who serve them.

This week's Super Students at Karl Clemens



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students for the week. 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. Whiskers, Vice Principal Mrs. Devin, kindergartener Oscar Padilla, 1st grader Carlos Sotelo, 2nd grader (not pictured) Lorenzo Hernandez, 3rd grader German Jarquin-Garcia, 4th grader Dylan B. Queveda and 5th grader Daniel Ramirez. (Photo courtesy of Karl Clemens Elementary School)

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Soccer keeps kids active and having fun

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Recreation and Parks District youth soccer league launched on Saturday. Kids ages three to 14 participated in a morning of athletics and fun. The season runs through the end of October.

Player Oracio Martinez said, "It was very competitive. We won. I feel good because I gave it my all."

Another youth, Fernando Ramirez, said, "I played really good. I scored three goals. We won. The first half was okay, but the second half we dominated."

"I love playing the sport because it's good for you. It's really fun, and it can get super intense. I've also made a lot of new friends," Ramirez added.

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He has been playing soccer all his life. His advice to other kids playing soccer is, "Take your time, calm down, do your best and be super confident in yourself."

Sergio Ramirez is a soccer coordinator. He hopes that everybody has a good time and is safe for the season. "Have a great time and enjoy the game."

It is his third year as a coordinator. "The most rewarding thing is seeing the kids improve their soccer skills and seeing their faces light up."

Coach Isaiah Barboza said the kids learn team building, confidence and leadership. "That is something they can use throughout their lives."

"What I love best about coaching is be-

ing able to help the kids and teach them soccer. My goal is that they learn something new about the sport and peak their interest in the game."

Another coach, Ernesto Lopez, explained why he enjoys his role, "I played as a kid and that helped me a lot. I remember the coaches I used to have. They were a big influence on me, and I want to pass some of what I learned to the kids."

It's a family affair for Lopez, with his wife Veronica also helping. She said, "We make a really good team. We sacrifice a lot for the family, and that makes it meaningful. For the players, it's memories they'll be able to keep for many years."

Eduardo Campos says he coaches because "I have fun with the kids teaching them what I already know and the mistakes I've made so

they don't make the same mistakes."

"It keeps them physically active, and that's important because in the U.S., there are a lot of cases of obesity. These kids playing soccer makes a difference in their health for the better."

Sergio Gonzalez, a Wasco code enforcement officer, came to see his nine-year-old son and twelve-year-old daughter.

"I encourage them to play because it's an amazing opportunity for exercise and family time. They've been playing since they were three. Soccer has always been a way to show great spirit."

The WRPD youth basketball starts soon, and registration is open until Monday, Oct. 16. Register online at wascoparks.recdesk.com or visit the office at 1280 Poplar Ave. For more information, call 661-758-3081.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Public or private?

PASTOR RUBEN ZARTMAN
Ebenezer Reformed Church, Shafter

Should faith be a public or a private matter? That question comes up in several contexts, but the basic answer is that faith must be both. We can illustrate that point from the practice of the Lord's Supper.

Since there are only two sacraments, the Lord invested each one with an astonishing depth and richness of meaning. In the instructions given by Paul about the Lord's Supper, it's clear that there is a strongly individual element. Each one is supposed to examine himself (1 Corinthians 11:28).

The Table draws each believing participant into communion with Christ.

We are also supposed to wait for one another (1 Corinthians 11:33). Although we enjoy individual fellowship with Christ, we are not alone when we do so, but in company with other saints. There is a strongly corporate aspect to the celebration.

It might seem odd that the same sacrament would be both individual and corporate, that it would require private preparation and public participation. But it really testifies to the Lord's provision for the needs of his people. Each

one of us needs individual attention, and each one of us must believe for himself. Paul exemplifies this when he speaks of Christ who "loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20).

At the same time, each one of us also needs to belong to something bigger than ourselves, to have a place and a purpose in relation to others. Paul illustrates that when he talks about comprehending "with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height." (Ephesians. 3:18).

Is your faith public or private? Without a private element, faith can be nothing but hypocrisy. Without a public element,

it can be just a personal entertainment without connection. Our approach to the Lord's Table needs to include individual faith, our own repentance, personal love for the Lord Jesus and desire to obey. It also needs to include concern for others and a zeal to do them good. And how we approach the Lord's Table is a shorthand to how we approach the totality of our faith. We receive blessings as individuals, and as part of a body. We should not forget either aspect.

Rev. Ruben Zartman has been the pastor at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Shafter since 2017.

OBITUARIES

Jackie Eugene
(Gene) Oliver
June 14, 1955 –
Sept. 16, 2023

Gene Oliver was born June 14, 1955, in Wasco, to parents Jack and Nelda. He passed away peacefully on Sept. 16, 2023, after bravely battling many health issues.

From childhood and throughout his life, Gene enjoyed playing sports, hunting, fishing and truly living life with family and



After graduating from

high school, Gene attended Taft Junior College and Cal State Stanislaus to pursue a degree in education, as well as continuing his baseball career. He was very instrumental in helping Stanislaus State to win the Division III World Series titles in 1976 and 1977, earning all-tournament team honors. Gene was inducted into the Cal State Stanislaus Hall of Fame in 2005.

Upon graduation, he

coached baseball at Taft High School, as well as Cuesta College, being a positive influence to many student athletes.

In 1983, Gene transitioned to a 32-year career in the oil industry that included Mobil Oil, Aera Energy and Venoco Inc., where he retired in 2015 due to health issues.

Gene was a very talented individual and lived life to the fullest, his way. He leaves to mourn his pass-

ing mother Nelda Dial, brothers Kenny and Dustin Oliver, an extended family that includes stepdaughter Reina, stepbrother Ron, stepsisters Pam, Connie and Debbie, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Special thanks to Joyful Living Care and their entire staff, and Dr. Bertiz and staff. You all helped to fill his last years with dignity and grace.

Pallbearers will be Den-

ny Carender, Troyce Leatherwood, George Douglas, Joe Delarosa, John Simmons and Dustin Oliver.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. at the Wasco Memorial Cemetery. Immediately following there will be a celebration of life at the Wasco Elks Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Gene's name to Wasco Toys for Tiggers, 1618 Sunset, Wasco 93280.

Robert Mettler
July 12, 1936 –
Sept. 16, 2023

Robert Mettler died peacefully in his sleep on Sept. 16, 2023, after years battling cancer.

Born in Shafter in 1936, Robert grew up on his dad's farm. After graduating from Shafter High, he attended Stanford University and

Bakersfield College before moving to Los Angeles in the 1950s, working in the fledgling semiconductor industry.

During his early career, he supervised semiconductor assembly operations in Hong Kong. By the mid-1960s, he'd settled in Belmont Shore, where he lived for the rest of his life. After

more than two decades in semiconductor manufacturing, he shifted to real estate investment in the Long Beach area.

Robert loved the California desert, target shooting and exploring mining sites, ghost towns and petroglyphs. Following his mother's death, he retired to care for his elderly

father, traveling between Shafter and Long Beach.

An elder in the Reformed Church of the U.S., he attended synod meetings in the midwest and helped establish a new mission church in Los Angeles.

Though never married, Robert was a staunch family man, visiting extended

family around the country. He is survived by his younger siblings Laurence, Rosella, Diana and Barbara, as well as nine nieces and nephews. His funeral service will be held at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Shafter at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22. Interment to follow at Shafter Memorial Park at 2 p.m.

William Evan Harris
July 5, 1937 -
Sept. 14, 2023

Visitation: Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, 3-7 p.m., Peters Funeral Home, Wasco

Graveside service: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, 1 p.m., Wasco Memorial Park

DEATH NOTICES

Raquel Acosta, 46, of Shafter, passed away Sept. 7, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Linda Moody, 51, of Shafter, passed away, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Ricardo Olivo, 67, of Shafter, passed away Sept. 7, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Angel Acosta, 58, of Shafter, passed away Sept. 9, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Carolina Garcia Ramirez, 90, of Bakersfield, passed away Sept. 14, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Manuel Enriquez Zarate, 59, of Wasco, passed away Sept. 17, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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Saturday, September 2	6:30 p.m.	at Monache (Porterville)	W, 23-21
Friday, September 8	7:30 p.m.	at Tehachapi	L, 25-6
Friday, September 15	7:30 p.m.	McFarland*	W, 49-8
Friday, September 22	7 p.m.	Golden Valley (B'field)	
Friday, September 29	7:30 p.m.	at Kennedy (Delano)*	
Friday, October 6	7:30 p.m.	Chavez (Delano)*	
Friday, October 13	7 p.m.	at Delano*	
Friday, October 20	7:30 p.m.	Taft*	
Friday, October 27	7 p.m.	at Shafter*	

**South Sequoia League games*

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Wasconian celebrates 101 years at party

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wife before she passed away. We are a tight-knit family and care about each other very much. We are very united."

"He is still very strong and vibrant, laughing a lot and making jokes."

Melissa Martinez is his oldest granddaughter and spent her young life at his home with him and her grandmother. "I love my grandpa. He's a man of the Lord, and that is one of the biggest values he has taught us."

"He is an inspiration to his entire family. He's held the family together."

Ninfa Martinez, another daughter, said, "He was a hard-working man. We always had food on the table even though there were twelve of us."

"My father taught me morals and the importance of going to church. He spoke to us about the bible and showed us how to work in the fields. It was honest work."

She has learned from him. "To always work toward our dreams. He has been a good dad all these years."

Gutierrez said only God knows why he has lived so long. "I have lived a clean life, not being bothered by external things, living how God wants," he said. "You have to follow God."

"You must dedicate your life to God and not the world. We have to live the life that God gives us."

About his party, he said, crying, "I feel so good that my whole family is here. It's a special day."



There was live music at the party by the band Los Burgeños.

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

*South Sequoia League games

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Council OKs 15% raise for city employees

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court, as well as lighting and pathways in the park. There will also be a fitness area, as well as a new skate park

The skate park will have permanent

structures that will be installed and maintained by the city. There also will be a parking lot with lighting, as well as a soccer field and at least two shaded structures on site.

Tim Smith, of the firm Wynn-Smith

Landscaping, did the presentation for the council. When asked why a skate park, playground and splash pad were requirements for the project, Smith said that those provisions were made after the attendees

at community feedback sessions requested them. "We took the community's concerns and needs and made the adjustments to include what the community wants in their new park," Smith said.

Wasco set to buy Tasers, body cams for police

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Axon is also fully integrated with the FLOCK Safety Falcon cameras, soon to be used by the city. The Axon solution is the only body worn camera system that allows integration with other systems used by the Police Department.

The new Taser 10 creates more distance for officers to de-escalate and resolve con-

flicts. The multiple individually targeted probes allow for quick deployment of an additional probe if initial targeting fails.

Axon body worn cameras are used throughout Kern County and provide a single platform for data exchange with the Kern County District Attorney's Office for case filings where BWC images are subject to discovery and needed as evidence for

court proceedings.

The total cost will be paid over 60 months at an annual cost of \$23,355. The City of Wasco was recently awarded a \$30,000 body-worn camera grant to help offset the total cost of the agreement. The grant will more than cover the first-year costs.

Of the progress that has been made with the new Police Department, Chief

Fivecoat said, "Everything is moving very well. We are in the recruitment phase now, and we've been able to bring in a very talented supervisory staff comprised of people who were born and raised in Wasco."

Hurlbert echoed this sentiment and said, "It is fantastic. The chief is doing a great job, and we are having good success recruiting staff."

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Tigers open SSL with win over Cougars

JAMIE STEWART
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High Tigers football team opened its SSL season with an impressive win over the McFarland Cougars, 49-8. Due to the wide margin, the game was played with a running clock the entire second half, with each team only having one possession before time ran out.

The Tigers started the night by recovering an onside kick on the opening kick off. They scored four plays later when Noah Lopez ran for a 25-yard touchdown.

This would be the first of seven scores the Tigers would have in seven possessions for the game.

Wasco's defense held the Cougars on their end of the field the majority of the time, thwarting the Cougars' offense at every turn.

Before the Cougars even had a first down on offense, the Tigers had already

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had touchdown runs of 25 by Lopez, Lopez for 15 yards and Michael Dominguez for 34 yards, giving them a 21-0 lead.

Late in the first half, quarterback David Manzo showed the crowd that the Tigers have a lot more than a powerful running game. Manzo connected for two long pass plays before finding Dominguez on a 20-yard pass for a touchdown right before the half.

Coach Chad Martinez commented after the game that a lot of people are surprised that they have such an effective passing game. "Coming from a double-wing offense, nobody expects us to go to the air. But, we run the double-wing by choice, not because we can't throw. When we spread out and start throwing, I don't think there are too many guys that can compete with our guys on the outside."

The Tigers will play a nonleague con-



Amalez Marquez rushing with a touchdown for Wasco.

test on Friday night against the Bulldogs of Golden Valley in Bakersfield. They will then return to SSL play on Sept. 29 against Kennedy High School.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SHAFTER-WASCO UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 5th day of December, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for all residential properties in the Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area.

This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential;

Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved;

Maximum annual rate for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area will be \$528.96 per year per residential living unit.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SE-HG02) without a protest hearing for five years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index.

Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report.

The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken

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Dated: september 12, 2023
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Megan Simpson
Deputy Clerk
Publish Wasco Tribune September 21, 28, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE MCFARLAND UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

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This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "McFarland Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the McFarland Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential;

Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the McFarland Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved;

Maximum annual rate for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the McFarland Universal Collection Area will be \$528.96 per year per residential living unit.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SE-HG02) without a protest hearing for five years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index.

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Dated: september 12, 2023
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Megan Simpson
Deputy Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE DELANO UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 5th day of December, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for all residential properties in the Delano Universal Collection Area.

This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Delano Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Delano Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential;

Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Delano Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved;

Maximum annual rate for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the Delano Universal Collection Area will be \$528.96 per year per residential living unit.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SE-HG02) without a protest hearing for five years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index.

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Dated: September 12, 2023
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Megan Simpson
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement L. Lopez Transportation 2023-B5802

1206 22nd Ave
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
1206 22nd Ave
Delano, CA 93215
Leandro Murillo Lopez
1206 22nd Ave
Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Leandro Murillo Lopez
Date Statement Filed: 09/01/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/01/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: J Lozano
Publish Wasco Tribune September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PAMELA CAROL SUTTON aka PAMELA C. SUTTON Case No. BPB-23-002914

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PAMELA CAROL SUTTON aka PAMELA C. SUTTON

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nicholas Ray Sutton in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nicholas Ray Sutton be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 28, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. J-1 located at 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305.

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

your attorney.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
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SBN 105729
THE WERNER LAW FIRM
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CASE NUMBER: (Número de caso)
SFL-23-000130
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For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local bar association.

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County of Kern
325 Central Valley Hwy
Shafter, CA 93263
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Hernandez Firearms 2023-B6135

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Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
1617 2nd Street
Wasco, CA 93280
Paul Anthony Hernandez
1617 2nd Street
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by: Individual;
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Paul Anthony Hernandez
Date Statement Filed: 09/15/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/15/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
Publish Wasco Tribune September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Kernsmile Dental Hygiene Practice Of Luisa Moreno RDHAP 2023-B5980

1402 7th St
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
1402 7th St
Wasco, CA 93280
Kernsmile Dental Hygiene Practice
Of Luisa Moreno RDHAP
1402 7th St
Wasco, CA 93280
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Maria Luisa Moreno, President
Date Statement Filed: 09/11/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/11/2028
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Mendoza's Fresh Ride Detailing 2023-B5667

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McFarland, CA 93250
County: Kern
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McFarland, CA 93250
Alberto Mendoza
799 5th St Apt 116
McFarland, CA 93250
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 08/28/2023
/s/Alberto Mendoza
Date Statement Filed: 08/29/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/29/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
Publish Wasco Tribune September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023



The Generals' defense harassed the Titans' quarterback and running backs all night.



Jesus Vasquez runs for a big first down.

Generals open SSL with a win, 33-7

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Generals opened up the SSL season with a 33-7 victory over the Chavez Titans, proving that a great team can win even when it is not playing its best football.

The Generals' offense on Friday night never got in sync fully, getting enough done to get the win, but the team as a whole united and came up with a victory. The Shafter defense, despite a couple of blown coverages in the secondary, came up big, giving the offense the ball with turnovers when really needed.

To get the win after struggling through a forgettable first half, it looked like the Titans were going to go into the half either tied or with a lead when they had a first and goal inside the Generals' 10 yard line

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with under two minutes to go. But, the Generals' defense saved the half with an interception in the end zone that was run back the other way down to the Chavez 7 yard line, giving the Generals a chance to score before the half. Quarterback Ezekiel Osborn took advantage of the opportunity and hit Jesus Figueroa for a touchdown pass to give the Generals a 14-7 lead. In the second half, Osborn and company scored three more times, on a run by Cash Gutierrez, a touchdown pass play and another running touchdown for the final score of 33-7. Osborn finished the game with 16 for 28 passing, for 149 yards and two touchdowns. Christopher Espinoza had 124 yards and two touchdowns on the night.



Jesus Figueroa dives for a catch.

Jesus Vasquez also had some valuable yardage in the second half, enabling the Generals to keep control of the ball and drive down the field. Shafter began the night on a high note when the Shafter junior varsity team beat the Titan junior varsity, 42-7. An excellent balanced attack on offense gave the Titans

fits all night, and the Colonels' defense provided a wall against Kennedy. This Friday night, the Generals will travel to Taft to take on the Wildcats, who are coming off a big loss to the Kennedy Thunderbirds of Bakersfield. The junior varsity game will kick off at 5 p.m., and the varsity will start at 7:30 p.m.

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SUSAN GRISHAM

Our reunion weekend is drawing near. But, there are still a few things that need to be done before events can begin. The weekend starts on Friday, Sept. 29, with a reservation-only dinner at Don

Pepe's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Contact Susan Grisham by phone or text at 818-629-6498 by Tuesday, Sept. 26, to reserve your seat at the table. At 7:30, the SHS Generals take on McFarland at Shafter High football stadium for the annual Homecoming game. There

will be a special reserved section for the Class of '68. Contact Susan Grisham at the above number, by Tuesday, Sept. 26, to join our group in the stands. Tickets can be purchased at the gate on day of the game or purchased ahead on the GOfan app available for your phone.

We have had a good response for our "BBQ at the Barn." Contact Leslie Somers Harris at 661-332-8773 for reservation availability by Friday, Sept. 22. Hoping to see everyone at the 55th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 30, 5 p.m., at Mettler's Racing Barn, 17431 Mannel Ave., Shafter.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF VACANCY

Interested persons are hereby notified that pursuant to Government Code 1780 there is a vacancy at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Board of Directors. The position to be filled is for a term ending December 2024. The seat will go up for election or appointment on September 26th, 2023 for the final 13 months of the term. Applications are available at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Office located at: 7700 E. Tulare Shafter, CA 93263 Phone #: (661) 746-3303 Website: ShafterRecreation.com Applications are due by: September 22nd, 2023 This district board has 60 days from the date the board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later, to fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election. Gov. Code 1780. Pursuant to Government Code 1780, this notice will be posted for 15 days at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Office, The Shafter W.C Walker Senior Center, The Shafter City Hall and the Shafter Press from dates September 7, 2023, to September 21, 2023. Publish Shafter Press September 7, 14, 21, 2023

determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter 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: september 12, 2023 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: /s/Megan Simpson Deputy Clerk Publish Shafter Press September 21, 28, 2023

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
California Chauffeur
Limousine Service
2023-B5536**
201 Redwood Drive
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
201 Redwood Drive
Shafter, CA 93263
California Chauffeur Limousine Service LLC
201 Redwood Drive
Shafter, CA 93263
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Guillermo Salinas, Manager
Date Statement Filed: 08/23/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/23/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
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By: J Lozano
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
La Cocina De Dona Vero
2023-B6138**
143 E Ash Ave Apt B
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
143 E Ash Ave Apt B
Shafter, CA 93263
Mayra Vargas
143 E Ash Ave Apt B
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Mayra Vargas
Date Statement Filed: 09/15/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/15/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M De La Rosa
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Sweets By Susie
2023-B5526**
333 Olson Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
333 Olson Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Azucena De Jesus Ramirez Gutierrez
333 Olson Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Azucena De Jesus Ramirez Gutierrez
Date Statement Filed: 08/23/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/23/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: A Goodwin
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Loop's Pilot
2023-B6012**
11825 Sierra Way Sp #3
Kernville, CA 93238
County: Kern
11825 Sierra Way Sp #3
Kernville, CA 93238
Guadalupe Gonzalez
11825 Sierra Way Sp #3
Kernville, CA 93238
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Guadalupe Gonzalez
Date Statement Filed: 09/12/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/12/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
Unto The Hills**
601 Douglas Street Apt 252H
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: KERN
Mailing address:
601 Douglas Street Apt 252H
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Sandra Renee Pulido
601 Douglas Street Apt 252H
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Business was conducted by: Individual
/s/Sandra Renee Pulido, Owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B2705
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 04/24/2023
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 09/11/2023
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/P Del Villar
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
EV Lighting Mobile Charge
2023-B5137**
420 Freedman St.
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
420 Freedman St.
Shafter, CA 93263
Homar Benavides
420 Freedman St.
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Homar Benavides
Date Statement Filed: 08/04/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/04/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SHAFTER-WASCO UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 5th day of December, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for all residential properties in the Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential; Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved; Maximum annual rate for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the Shafter-Wasco Universal Collection Area will be \$528.96 per year per residential living unit. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SE-HG02) without a protest hearing for five years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE MCFARLAND UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 5th day of December, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for all residential properties in the McFarland Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "McFarland Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the McFarland Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential; Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the McFarland Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved; Maximum annual rate for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the McFarland Universal Collection Area will be \$528.96 per year per residential living unit. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SE-HG02) without a protest hearing for five years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE DELANO UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

On the 5th day of December, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for all residential properties in the Delano Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Delano Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2024-2025." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Delano Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential; Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Delano Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved; Maximum annual rate for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the Delano Universal Collection Area will be \$528.96 per year per residential living unit. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SE-HG02) without a protest hearing for five years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Swift Clean 2023-B6133

7400 Henness Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313
County: Kern
7400 Henness Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313
Swift Disposal LLC
7400 Henness Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Christian Castillo, Manager
Date Statement Filed: 09/15/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/15/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Kobie Rae's Kitchen 2023-B5624

29176 Los Angeles St.
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
29176 Los Angeles St.
Shafter, CA 93263
Kobie Radean Carrasco
29176 Los Angeles St
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Kobie Radean Carrasco
Date Statement Filed: 08/28/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/28/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M De La Rosa
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement The Nest Apartments 2023-B5604

5451 Norris Road
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
631 S. Olive St., Suite 860
Los Angeles, CA 90014
Springwood Court Apts LLC
631 S. Olive St., Suite 860
Los Angeles, CA 90014
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Pratik Jogani, Manager
Date Statement Filed: 08/25/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/25/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Balance Bookkeeping LLC. 2023-B5109

422 James St. Suite #11
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
422 James St. Suite #11
Shafter, CA 93263
Balance Bookkeeping LLC.
422 James St. Suite #11
Shafter, CA 93263
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2023
/s/Maria Solis, President

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement S & J Transport 2023-B4923

111 Margaret Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
111 Margaret Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
Josefina Sanchez
111 Margaret Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
Inocencio Salvador Sanchez
111 Margaret Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: General Partnership
Date the business commenced: 10/11/2016
/s/Josefina Sanchez
Date Statement Filed: 07/27/2023
Date Statement Expires: 07/27/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Sayuri Cosmetics 2023-B5124

30772 Orange St
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
30772 Orange St
Shafter, CA 93263
Sayuri Marlene Mendoza
30772 Orange St
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Sayuri Marlene Mendoza
Date Statement Filed: 08/04/2023
Date Statement Expires: 08/04/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: G Sanchez
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Sinberry's 2023-B5805

248 N Main St
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
County: Kern
PO Box 694
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
Kendall Marie Cross
44722 Highway 58
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 6/10/2023
/s/Kendall Marie Cross
Date Statement Filed: 09/01/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/01/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Rose Akyini Florists 2023-B6132

1609 Wedgewood Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern
1609 Wedgewood Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Cassandra Danae Kelley
1609 Wedgewood Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Cassandra Danae Kelley
Date Statement Filed: 09/15/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/15/2028