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# Shafter faces loss of two decorated football coaches

## Claude Gilbert, SHS Hall of Famer, also led San Diego State Spartans

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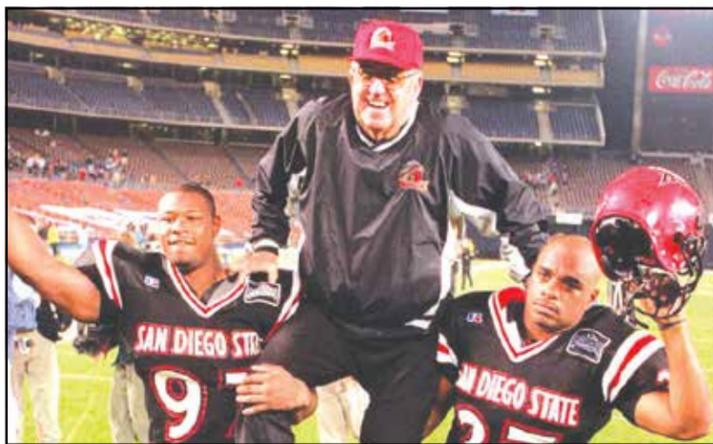
Shafter High Athletic Hall of Fame member Claude Gilbert passed away on January 13, 2024, after a battle with lung cancer.

Gilbert was an icon at Shafter High School, as well as just about every school he was associated with. In addition to the SHS Hall of Fame, Gilbert was a member of the San Diego State Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as that of San Jose State.

Gilbert coached the Shafter Generals football team to a championship in 1962.

Gilbert's passing affected those from throughout the state, including Jeff Konya, director of athletics for the San Jose State Spartans, where Gilbert was the head coach from 1984-1989, after playing for the Spartans in 1957-58.

"I am saddened to hear of the passing of a Spartan coaching legend. Claude Gilbert was a foundational and transcendent coach for the Spartans in the long history of



Claude Gilbert coached the Aztecs of San Diego State from 1973-1980.

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San José State football. Our collective thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time."

"Claude always kept an eye on Shafter High football," he said in the telephone conversation. "Shafter was really special to him." The current coach of the Gener-

als, Jerald Pierucci, had the same thoughts.

"Coach Gilbert is a legend in Shafter football lore. I know Shafter football has always had a special place in his heart. He sent messages last year when we went to state and in 2018 when we went to the section championship. Shafter held a special place in his heart. I am lucky to get to follow in his footsteps."

# Merv Huston coached 'Deacon' Turner

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Shafter High lost another former coach recently with the passing of Mervin Huston at 89.

"Boomer" Huston was the head football coach for several of the dominant teams that the Generals had during the '70s. Huston coached one of the most decorated athletes in the school's history when he helmed the squad that included David "Deacon" Turner, leading the Generals to the top of the SSL.

Huston began his career at South High, after serving for the

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U.S. Navy in the Korean War. After South High, Huston made his way to Shafter. He coached Shafter to numerous South Sequoia League titles, along with appearances in the post season.

He also coached at Tehachapi High School before switching careers to the grape industry in Arvin. Huston spent his latter years in that business, as a general manager and broker.

Huston retired to Utah, and services were held there after his death on Jan. 8.



Huston was the football coach for many of Shafter High's dominant teams.



Antonio Escudero-Caballero proudly displays his award.

# Inspiring the next generation of innovators

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Union Elementary School District held its 41st annual Science Fair on Saturday, showcasing the talent of its student body. A total of 267 projects were displayed, representing the efforts of 377 students. The event demonstrated the district's commitment to fostering a love for science and learning while providing a platform for young minds to explore, innovate and share their discoveries with the community.

Kory Mildenerger, a Palm Avenue Middle School

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# Remembering Cherylee Wegman-Craig

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

With the recent passing of the beloved Wasco community activist Cherylee R. Wegman-Craig, many friends remembered her with kind words and shared memories of working with and knowing her in various capacities.

Petra Rueda, former president of the Wasco Union Elementary School District board, knew Cherylee for almost 30 years and got close to her recently, working alongside her on the school board.

"She was a very nice, respectful woman and had a lot of knowledge to share with her experience," she said.

"Cherylee was very strong in her faith, very personable, hospitable, always had a smile on her face and happy. She would talk to anybody and was friendly."

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# Cricket helps keep communities connected

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Cricket Wireless helps to keep Shafter, Wasco and other Valley communities talking.

Manager Tania Cebellos says that they love Shafter and are excited to be a part of the community. "I love this store, and the people of Shafter are just so nice," she said. "It is great to be a part of a small town. Everyone is so friendly."

The store carries phones, cases, protectors, speakers and more. A big advantage, according to Cebellos, is the fact that there are no contracts with Cricket. "We are pre-paid, but we are so much more advanced and offer so much more than when pre-pays first came on the market." They are their own separate company,

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but they do use the cell towers of ATT nationwide. She says their rates are low, with the ability of a family getting four lines for under \$150 a month. Month-to-month deals don't require long-term contracts that can deter some shoppers. You can also purchase phones from the store and can make payments on the phone, instead of having to pay for bill all at once. "You can also get the phone with no interest if you pay it off in three months," Cebellos said.

Also, if you receive MediCal or other financial assistance programs, you may qualify for the Assisted Connectivity program, an income-dependent option that can get families hooked up for a lot less. "If you have one line, and are paying \$60, for



Claude Gilbert coached the Aztecs of San Diego State from 1973-1980.

instance, with the program you could have that line for only \$30."

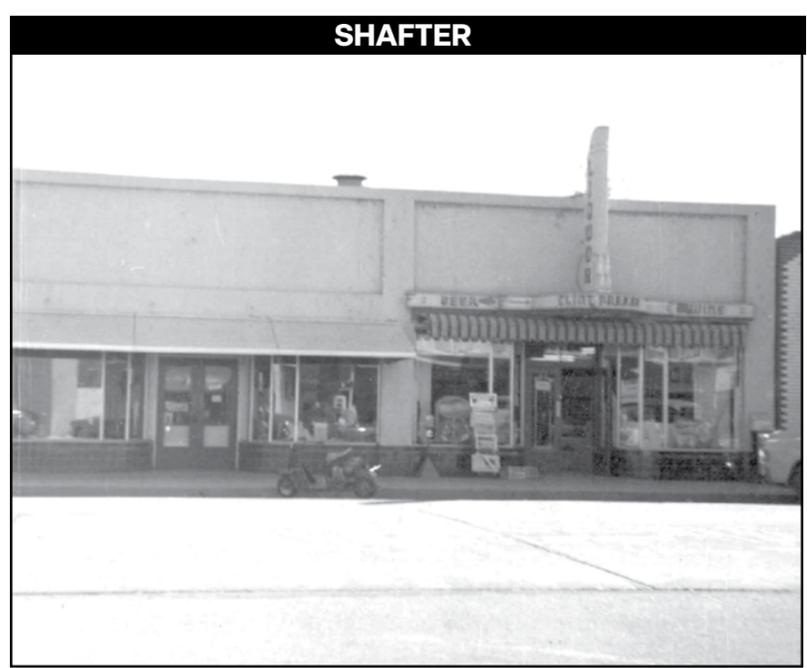
The store is located on Central Avenue, next to Burger Factory, and is open seven days a week. Cricket Wireless, is open 10

a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. They can be reached at [cricketwireless.com](http://cricketwireless.com) or 661-630-5085. In Wasco, they are at 911 7th St.; call 661-240-5324.

# 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](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com) or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

# 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](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Shafter's 50th anniversary parade down Central Avenue.



WASCO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clean air rooms - Free air purifiers available for Shafter residents. Supplies are limited. One per household. Thursday, Jan. 25, 3-5 p.m. Jesus Saves International Church, 425 S. Shafter Ave.

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

## ONGOING

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

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

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

## MONDAY

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

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

## TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary - Meetings at 7 a.m. at

the Shafter Veterans Hall.

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

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

## THURSDAY

Wasco High School board - Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit [wuhs.wascouhsd.org](http://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](mailto:thegreenhotel@gmail.com) or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

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

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

# ARREST REPORT

## SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

### JAN. 15

Gabriel Avila Delgado, 24, of Shafter, was arrested at West Orange Avenue and South Wall for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

### JAN. 16

Darnesha Marie Douglas, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 3600 block of Oak Lake Lane for burglary in the first degree and vandalism: damaging property.

### JAN. 17

Juan Jose Flores, 48, of Shafter, was arrested at North Central Valley Highway and West Tulare Avenue on an outside warrant and a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

### JAN. 19

Julian Bazan III, 41, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Le-

rdo Highway for attempted murder: premeditated. Jesse Rene Diaz, of Shafter, was arrested at the 7th Standard and Highway 99 on an outside agency warrant.

### JAN. 20

Miguel Angel Maldonado, 20, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway for evading a peace officer with wanton carelessness and failing to stop at a red light.

### JAN. 21

Omar Chavez, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

## WASCO

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

### JAN. 15

Pearla Cardenas, 31, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of 7th Street for her misdmenao bench warrant. She was cited and

released at the scene.

David Rodriguez Cruz, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Highway 46 for misdmenao drive with a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Brian Marshall Henry, 40, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Poplar Avenue for his felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### JAN. 16

Juan Garcia Pizano, 43,

of Wasco, was arrested in the 2000 block of Highway 46 for his felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Ryan Sims, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Poso Drive for his felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### JAN. 17

Juan Sanchez Andres, 42, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Griffith

Avenue for misdemeanor violation of court order to prevent domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Ricardo Ortiz, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of 12th Street for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

### JAN. 18

Brandon Parks, 32, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Garden

Street and Martin Court for felony possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### JAN. 19

James Joseph Wood, 43, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Cherrytree Way for felony possession of stolen vehicle, altering registration and on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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# California Home Pros expands, moves

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

For over two decades, Tilo and Jenny Cortez have served the greater Kern County Community and beyond with their real estate and property management company, California Home Pros. With a commitment to excellence of the highest quality, they have helped many families achieve the American dream of owning their own home.

Their business continues to expand, and the company purchased the old PG&E building to grow its business and renovated the location for its new office last year. To celebrate, they will host a joint grand opening and pop-up with Pop's Barber Shop on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 1 p.m., in the parking lot at 1136 7th St.

This outreach event aligns with the Cortez's mission of community service. Both are longtime Wasco residents and have contributed immensely to Wasco over the years. In 2022, they were honored as the Grand Marshals for the Wasco Rose Parade. Tilo also served as mayor and was on

## WASCO

the City Council as a member for 17 years.

Jenny said, "It's important for us to give back. If you are going to live in a community, you should do your best to make it the best place it could be for everybody."

The Cortez way is to take their clients through a methodical process that gets them where they want to be.

"The first step is getting a potential buyer pre-qualified, and our business partner Sherry Knapp with California Home Loans is the lender that pre-qualifies them," Jenny said.

"We've been in business for so many years that we've seen pretty much every scenario, and even when someone doesn't qualify, when they come in, we work with them and put them on a path to qualify. Whether it's their dream or first home, we will walk them through the entire process."

She said it's key to keep in mind a buyer's budget. "We want them to have a house payment they can comfortably afford."

Next is finding where the buyer would



**Tilo and Jenny Cortez have been licensed real estate agents since the mid-1990s.**

like to live, local or anywhere in the state. However, the company focuses mainly on Kern County, including Wasco, Shafter, Bakersfield, Taft, Tehachapi, Delano and Maricopa.

"We show homes in those areas but also list homes for sale there. All our agents are realtors, which means they have had extra

training above and beyond just getting their real estate license."

Jenny explained that when they list a home, they do a market analysis to ensure her sellers are listing at the best price for them.

"We market it on the multiple listing service, which reaches all the real estate agencies in Kern County. And the listings will also appear on Zillow and Realtor.com. We feel that the more exposure we get for our listing, the better it will be for our clients."

Recently, California Home Pros started doing property management, handling people's rentals and leasing, screening the renters and doing everything necessary to get people into the rentals.

"We have a system that does full background, eviction and credit checks, and we make sure that the people you put into those homes are responsible renters."

*California Home Pros is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and weekends and nights by appointment. For more information, call 661-758-9009.*

# Remembering Cherylee Wegman-Craig

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The most vivid memory was that "She always had a strong opinion; if you asked, she would tell you her opinion."

WUESD superintendent Brad Maberrey, who knew her for 10 years, commented on the type of public servant she was, "She was an extremely dedicated professional and had the best interest for the district and the community. In all my dealings with her, that was her primary focus. She was in it for the right reasons: the betterment of our kids and community."

He said he had fond memories of her, "Just the energy that she brought to our meetings. She had a good but dry sense of humor and was just somebody you could have a casual conversation with just as easily as a professional conversation. She was able to switch those gears and was just someone you could talk to."

Maberrey highlighted that she had the respect of her peers. "With my relationship with her as a board member before her passing, she was elected as our president of the board for this upcoming school year, which shows that even with her failing health, she was committed to serving as president of the board and was thought of well enough to have been voted into that position by her peers."

Cherylee was an active member of the Wasco Elks Lodge and spent much time with that organization. Jerry Bozarth was a fellow member who had known her since the 1960s. "Her dedication was at a high level; whatever she was doing, she was dedicated. Anything she put her mind on, she made sure she got it done. Over the years knowing her, she was always a special person. She didn't know any enemies. She was always good to all of us. And she will be deeply missed by this whole city of Wasco."

Oscar Luna, WUESD assistant superintendent, was a close acquaintance for over 10 years and said Cherylee was an unsung hero and a true advocate for the Wasco community.

He said her leadership style was unique. "She was very consequential in her leadership because she was not afraid to do what was best for the community at all times regardless of the consequences, opinions or the pushback."

Luna added that she had qualities that made her effective as a community activist. "She was community-centered. She had a true passion for the community of Wasco, which was second to none."

Cherylee shared her love of reading with Luna. "She and I exchanged books. In



**Cherylee R. Wegman-Craig was loved by the community.**

the last couple of years, she would give me books about leadership, faith-based and general meaningful life books. That was something I enjoyed about her."

He said of her legacy, "She would always say 'Don't forget always to do what is best for the students and our community.' She would remind me that that should be the nucleus of our work."

WUESD assistant superintendent Danny Arrellano shared, "Apart from being my boss as a board member, Cherylee was a longtime mentor and friend. I have known her and her family for over 30 years. She was an exceptional woman who contributed greatly to the success of the board. She was known for being sweet and kind and loved a good laugh, but she was also a straight shooter and told you what she thought about you. That's what I admired most about her. Her leadership and vision will be greatly missed, and her legacy will continue to inspire those who knew her. She was truly a remarkable person, and her presence will be deeply missed."

Kern County Supervisors David Couch

friend of Cherylee of over 40 years, first because of church.

"Then I worked for her on her lawn service business for a couple of years on weekends to make extra money. I took off to college, and we stayed in contact, but I still came home on the weekends and helped her. Then we became better friends working as City Council members."

He said she was very honest. "She told you how it is. If it was black and white, that was how it was supposed to be."

"She was a giving person, willing to do extra for friends, family, and especially the community. She was just involved and wanted Wasco to be the best it could be."

Espitia said she spoke her mind. "If you were in the wrong, she would tell you and explain to you why you were wrong. And on the flip side, if you were right, she would commend you."

They were really close, he said. "When I speak of her, I get choked up. I have a lot of fond memories. There are pages I could write of her. She had a good sense of humor and was always fun to be around."

He said one of his best stories about her was when she went on a lobbying trip. "Going to Sacramento and her working with legislators, wanting to bring back grants and information that would be in the best interest of our community."

When asked how he thought she would like to be remembered, he said, "There are too many. Like how she always rode around in her pink trucks when she had her lawn service or the countless hours she put in as a council member or as the first female mayor of Wasco. She will be greatly missed."

## Suspect arrested in stabbing

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

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A 41-year-old Shafter man was jailed Friday in the stabbing of another that evening. The man was taken to a local hospital but was later released, police said.

Shafter police were called to the 100 block of South Shafter Avenue, and found a victim with

bodily injury.

A weapon suspected of being used in the attack was found at the time of the arrest.

Bazan is being held on bail set at \$575,000. The investigation is ongoing, and the Shafter Police Department is urging anyone with information regarding this case to contact them at 661-746-8500.

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### WASCO

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

**JAN. 20**

Daniel Aaron Lopez, 55, of Wasco, was arrested in the

1000 block of Poplar Avenue for misdemeanor battery on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Enriqueta Hernandez Lopez, 58, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Poplar Avenue for

misdemeanor battery on a spouse. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Ramon Santiago Sedano, 74, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 7th Street for felony stalking and on a misdemeanor

violation of court order to prevent domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jose Moreno Villegas, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Highway 46 for felony posses-

sion of a stolen vehicle, vehicle theft and on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**JAN. 21**

Emilano Martinez, 46, of Wasco, was arrested near

the intersection of Carnation Street and Sunflower Court for felony possession of a firearm, convict in possession of firearm and misdemeanor contempt of court. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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# Knights place symbolic crosses for cause

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The Knights of Columbus set up hundreds of crosses on the lawn of St. John the Evangelist Church as a visual tribute to lives lost to abortion. This observance aligns with National Sanctity of Human Life Day to encourage reflection on the value of human life amid the ongoing abortion debate.

"The Knights have been doing these for four or five years," Knights member Joe Blanchard said. "It's been just our way of letting people know about the sanctity of life, that we support the womb to the tomb, that all life is special, and we like to try to protect it."

"We collaborate with other Knights of Columbus organizations in Bakersfield to support the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center and try to give financial contributions. We have a rosary service, and we pray for the unborn."

"It's always going to be an issue, and we want to try to help out any way we can to raise awareness. I was very happy to par-

ticipate. The event was well received. We had lots of participation, not only from the Knights but also from our high school youth group, so they understand the position that abortion is wrong."

Gilberto Reyna has been a member of the Knights of Columbus St. John's Council since 1999 and said, "These crosses together create a powerful image that brings attention to the many human lives still being lost to abortion."

"The Knights of Columbus believe in human life's sanctity from conception to natural death. By being a part of this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we are spreading our message about how valuable all human life is."

The council provides financial support to the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, which offers support to expectant mothers and fathers who may be considering an abortion. Their services include parenting classes, free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, adoption guidance and baby essentials such as diapers, clothes, shoes



Knights of Columbus members arrange the crosses on the parish lawn.

and carriers.

"When available, all are free of charge. In a combined effort with our parishio-

ners, our St. John's Council has raised funds and, to date, has donated \$4,400 to the Pregnancy Center."

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## Super Students at Clemens

Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to all friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. From left, school mascot Whiskers, 1st grade teacher Rosario Alvarado, Jesus Barrios (5th grade), Julian Hernandez (1st), Esmeralda Cruz (3rd), Zayden C. Yanez (transitional kindergarten), Norman Cervacio (2nd), Noel Hernandez (4th) and school counselor Lisa Hill

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wasco City Council is recruiting one (1) individual to serve on the Wasco Parks and Recreation Board due to the appointed member, Kayla Castillo, whose term expired on November 30, 2023; this position is a four-year term.

Members are nominated and appointed by the full City Council, must be residents of the City throughout their term, and must attend a monthly meeting.

**Applications are available online on the City website:**  
<https://www.cityofwasco.org/FormCenter/Applications-9/Commission-Committee-Board-Application-50>

Applications will be accepted for submission until the open position is filled.

For further information and assistance regarding this appointment, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 or by email at [cityclerk@cityofwasco.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofwasco.org)



The team was overjoyed with their big win. RIGHT: The girls stunting during their performance.

# Tiger cheer secures first-ever Valley title

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

The Wasco High School varsity cheer team competed in the California Interscholastic Federation Valley Championship and won, making history by being the first in the school ever to earn this title.

Cheer Advisor Hailey Coyle said, "I am extremely proud of the girls and coaches on this huge accomplishment. This team is so deserving of this title. It takes a lot of hard work, long practices, dedication and drive to achieve something like this. Cheer is not easy. It's not easy competing, and it's even harder to go head-to-head with 18 other talented teams. Our girls shined. They hit their routine and represented the community of Wasco so well."

Amaia Marquez, senior co-captain, said, "It feels so amazing to win Valley after all our hard work and dedication, with blood, sweat and tears put into our routine. The tough practices when a stunt isn't hitting, and you feel so unmotivated, yet you push through because at the end of the day, you're a team, and every day won't be perfect."

"The days we had to have three-hour practices and then get ready to cheer for other sports with a smile on our faces were exhausting but so worth it in the end. I'm so glad I got to experience this my senior year and end the season by starting a legacy. Stepping onto the mat was so nerve-racking I could barely feel my legs. Knowing this would be the final time we would perform this routine, all I wanted was to hit. And that's exactly what we did."

"Out of the other 18 teams, we were number one. My connection with the team was like no other; it was easy to get along with each of them. I'll miss all my Tiger babies. I'm so proud of them, and I can't wait for the next season to see them all shine."

Madison Martinez said, "The competition was mentally tough because we had never participated in the CIF competition before. This being my senior year and my first and last year on this cheer team made me even more nervous going into the competition. But thanks to our coaches, they

taught us how to turn the nerves into excitement and put all of our energy into this performance; it was seriously so exciting seeing that we hit that routine. My love for this team has grown so much, and I am so proud of us."

Another cheer team member, Ava Melendrez, said, "Winning Valley is an amazing feeling. It is an experience I can never forget. Thanks to my team, winning was like a dream. I am so proud of my team and everything we have accomplished."

She added that she built lifelong friendships that will be everlasting. "My closest friends have been met through cheer. These girls are my family, and I am not sure what I would do without them; they make me confident and content with myself. I love them."

Melendrez said she appreciates the coaches. "My coaches are my at-school parents. They make sure I am always okay. My coaches always push me to improve, whether in dancing, stunting or as a person. They helped me bring out the true me, and for this, I can say thank you, Syd, Hailey and Victoria. You guys are amazing coaches and even more amazing people."

Coach Sydney Bocker said, "They are always cheering for everyone else, so it's exciting to be able to cheer for them finally. The girls are now considered section champions, just like our football team this year."

She shared a special moment from the competition, "After we performed and ran out of the gym, all of the girls were crying and hugging to show how proud they were of each other. They felt so confident in that moment that they knew that no matter the outcome, they went out there and represented their school with pride and left everything they had out there. This made me a proud coach because it showed that they truly understand the importance of teamwork and how it takes every person on the team to make the routine successful."

Coach Victoria Bernal said, "I am very excited that the girls did such a good job. Wasco's name in the cheer realm is more



Cheer Advisor Hailey Coyle and Coaches Sydney Bocker and Victoria Bernal proudly holding their championship plaque.

well-known, and our name is now on the map. I'm excited for what's to come next year and the years to follow."

Bernal believes the girls earned it. "They worked so hard all season. We had girls who had never cheered before that were moved up from JV to Varsity, so seeing their growth and commitment to this competition and this win makes me proud as a coach and very assured that they deserved the win."

Activities Director Joshua Huddleston expressed his joy, "The Wasco cheer team makes us proud every time they put on the uniforms. I'm beyond proud of the cheerleaders and coaches. It was a lot of fun to see them show the entire section what they can do, and it was great to see them experience the reward of all their hard work and dedication."

Principal Rusvel Prado, added, "We are incredibly proud of our Wasco High School cheerleading team for their remarkable achievement in winning the first-ever Valley Championship in cheerleading. This accomplishment is a testament to their dedication, hard work and Tiger spirit. This remarkable achievement is undoubtedly something that the cheerleaders, coaches and the entire community can take great pride in... well done to the ladies, coaches and parents. It's a great day to be a Tiger."

**EDITOR'S NOTE | JAMIE STEWART**

## One man's vandalism is another man's religion?

An article last week in The Press included pictures of a few residents' gravesites being defaced in the name of religion. It happened out at the Shafter Cemetery. I love that cemetery and have family buried out there, so I would never try to say anything against the cemetery or the wonderful staff that works out there.

I do want to make clear that what happened recently shouldn't be ignored or swept under the rug, which, with indications that this was not the first time this has happened, might have been the case in the past.

For anyone who may not have read the article, dozens of graves at the Shafter Cemetery were defaced, some with chunks of meat wrapped in twine, and others with broken eggs all over the headstone.

After talking with the Shafter Police Department, a spokesperson for the department said that they had dealt with this in the past and that this was not considered vandalism. They said that it was a case of an

individual or group practicing an alternative religion. I was really shocked by this. I have had experience with a couple of different groups in the past that have had these practices in their beliefs. But, I don't believe that you should be able to tamper with graves of people that you may not even know, or that have nothing whatsoever to do with that particular religion.

Some research led to a couple of examples that seem to negate the ruling by the police department. Former President Obama signed into law a bill that amended the Freedom of Religion Act, making it illegal to deface a place of worship or cemetery in the practice of one's religion. There is also a California Penal Code No. 594.3 states, "Vandalism of a place of worship or cemetery is illegal, and any person who knowingly commits any act of vandalism to a church, synagogue, temple or cemetery is guilty of a crime."

I have had a few people call me outraged that something like this is going on

in Shafter. I have also had a couple of family members not thrilled that I put it in the paper in the first place, fearing for repercussions. Well, I didn't think it would take too long to find it. I received a visit the other day by a "concerned citizen" who thought that my article seemed to be aimed at restricting people's freedoms and beliefs. I told the gentleman that I didn't want to impede on anyone's beliefs, but I didn't agree with anyone pushing their beliefs and practices on people that are not involved in that religion. The person or persons who did this didn't even know the majority of the people whose graves were affected.

I wasn't surprised when I next received some friendly advice from the visitor. "I would put an article correcting the story or you could certainly find out more than you want to about my religion," this unidentified person.

I will not bow down to anyone who has worked on this earth whose name is not Jesus. I stand by my

article and am actually expecting a little more done on the legal side with these laws and penal codes are considered.

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The Wasco High School varsity soccer Lady Tigers 2023-2024 team. ABOVE: Junior Celeste Castro sending a pass versus Bakersfield Christian High School.

# Lady Tigers find bonding brings success

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

## WASCO

The Wasco High School varsity girls soccer team is blazing a trail of success this season, emerging as the top leader in the South Sequoia League. With an impressive record of five wins and one loss, they have firmly secured the top spot and are poised for further triumphs.

Jose Castro has been the head coach for the last four years. He said the team's success can be attributed to the girl's willingness to try and learn.

"We have been working off-season for the last two years and have been joining a local league in Bakersfield during this time. That's pretty much what has kept us going

and playing together."

He highlights key moments and strategies that have been crucial in securing victories. "We have very good ball movements in most of the games. Our girls are passing at 75 to 80% efficiency, and we have gained some speed with some of the freshmen that came in this year."

"The core of the team is a group of juniors working together for three years. When we gained the speed with the freshmen, our offense has gotten much better."

Some standout players who have significantly impacted the team's performance include senior Amberly Placencia, junior Celeste Castro and sophomore Yatzary

Orpineda. "And our freshmen who have three more years to grow," Castro emphasized.

He said teamwork plays a big role in the game. "Teamwork and discipline are everything. When one of the girls makes a mistake, teammates are always there to put in extra work for them. We have a high rate of commitment, and our attendance has been very high."

It's not about winning, the coach explained.

"Winning brings in an aspect of competition that allows them to work harder, but then we do have camaraderie time where the girls have bonded together at one of their teammate's houses, another time at the local park playing another

sport like volleyball and softball. So bonding and relationships are going to make it all happen. They will build friendships they will remember and cherish for a long time."

He's proud of his student-athletes. "Another positivity is the intelligence of our girls. The majority are doing great academically. This is probably the highest GPA average I have coached as a group. As students, that comes in number one."

Castro said about his aspirations for the remainder of the season, "The ultimate goal is to take league this year and go well into the playoffs for the Valley Championship. Our girls have developed into a cohesive team where we can look forward optimistically."

# Tigers nearly sweep Generals wrestlers

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune

## REGIONAL

The Wasco High Tigers nearly swept the Shafter Generals on the mat on Thursday night, winning the boys varsity match 68-2 and edging out the Lady Generals in the girls varsity match, 48-32.

The Tigers' boys squad continued their domination of the SSL and being one of the top teams in the county in their division. The Tigers, who qualified 12 wrestlers for the Central Section Masters tournament last year, are well on their way to at least equaling that feat. They are strong at

every weight class and don't have any that they are not competitive in, which is great for team matches and also bodes well for the postseason.

On the girls side, the Wasco won the match 48-32, but, to the Lady Generals' credit, the Shafter wrestlers won the majority of the matches that were contested. There were four weight classes where Shafter forfeited and gave Wasco the winning points. This gave the Tigers at least 24 points without having to wrestle. Head Coach Eli Espericueta commented, "Yeah, you know what they will say that they won. But we know what happened and who won the matches."

The contested matches were really tough, with Wasco winning a close one at 117 lbs., with rising star Mikayla Weller of Shafter losing for one of her only losses on the season. The rest of the matches were dominated by the Lady Generals, with major decisions and pins by the majority of the girls, including Olivia Ruelas at 107 lbs.,



Julissa Gonzalez gives a smile as she pins her opponent.

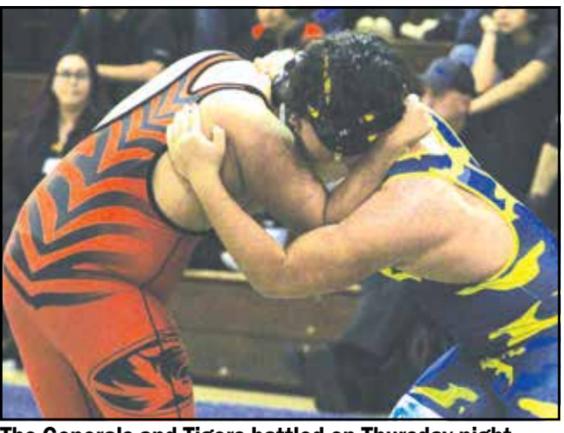
Brandy Ortega at 137 lbs. and Julissa Gonzales, at 147lb.

Gonzalez, who placed seventh at the State Wrestling Tournament last year and is one of the top ranked girls this year, actually wrestles at 132 lbs. But, for this match, Gonzalez went up three weight classes to help out her team and still got a dominating pin in her match.

The Wasco teams also were victorious in the junior varsity matches, with the Tigers winning both matches by at least 20

points.

The Tigers' boys and girls will be gearing up for the upcoming postseason, as will the Shafter Generals teams. The first step for the squads are the Section tournaments, which will be at different sites for the girls and the boys. The Boys Divisional will be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at Hoover High School in Fresno. The girls tourney is on the same dates but will be held at Golden West High School in Visalia.



The Generals and Tigers battled on Thursday night.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF SHAFTER**  
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 16, 2024, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 750. The following is the official summary of the adopted Ordinance.

Summary of Ordinance No. 750: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California, approving and adopting execution of a First Amendment to Development Agreement No. 21-20 for Tentative Tract No. 6490.

A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 750 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The Ordinance was passed by the City Council on January 16, 2024, with the following vote:

AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Olvera, and Prout.  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
Dated: January 18, 2024  
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press January 25, 2024

Date Statement Expires:  
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
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**2024-B0379**

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County: Kern  
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Shafter, CA 93263  
Jose Luis Llamas Guzman  
289 Nickel Street  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Jose Luis Llamas Guzman  
Date Statement Filed: 01/16/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
01/16/2029  
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement**  
**Tower Motel and Apartments**

3215 Chester Ave  
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County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
3215 Chester Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Bakersfield Properties, Inc.  
21405 Devonshire Ste 209  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
Business was conducted by: Corporation  
/s/Lovepreet Deol, President  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B7494  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/29/2023

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 01/09/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/P Del Villar  
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**Tower Motel**  
**2024-B0233**

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Bakersfield Properties, Inc.  
21405 Devonshire Ste 209  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
State or incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: 06/21/2013  
/s/Lovepreet Deol, President  
Date Statement Filed: 01/09/2024  
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**Dollar Mart**  
**2023-B7493**

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Firendley LLC  
226 Central Ave, Unit B  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State or incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: 11/27/2023

/s/Saleh Alhassan, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 11/29/2023  
Date Statement Expires:  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Freeline Design Group LLC**  
**2023-B7725**

814 18th Street  
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Freeline Design Group LLC  
814 18th Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
State or incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: 12/11/2023  
/s/Jeremy Stevens, CEO  
Date Statement Filed: 12/12/2023  
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The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Cruz Mendoza  
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2630 Park Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
Drakob LLC  
2630 Park Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: 08/27/2023  
/s/Jacob Carlos Arevalo, Managing Member  
Date Statement Filed: 12/18/2023  
Date Statement Expires:  
12/18/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Kern-Tulare Water District Amended Rules and Regulations Summary of Changes

The Kern-Tulare Water District Board of Directors approved the Amended Rules and Regulations for the Sale and Distribution of Water at its regular meeting on January 11, 2024. The document has been revised to 1) clarify procedures during a District al-

location of surface water and 2) implement the District's groundwater pumping charge. Modifications were made to the following sections: Article I. Definitions, Article II. Allocation and Use of Water, Article V. Groundwater Extraction, and Article VI. Water Tolls and Assessments. Article I was amended to add and define the term "Allocation Period." Article II. Section 2.02 Allocation of Water was amended to add subsection (b) Allocation Period and to provide clarifying language to District procedures during an Allocation Period under subsections (c) Allocation Adjustments, (d) Assignment of Water, (e) Private Wells Connected to District Facilities, and (f) Transferring Water in From Sources Outside the District. Article V Section 5.01 Groundwater Measurement was amended in subsection (a) Groundwater Measurement to clarify the units for groundwater flow meters and remove the previous date requirement. Subsections (b) Meter Maintenance and Calibration and (c) Meter Access were revised to add rules and notifying to support compliance with meter calibration procedures and ensure access to meters. Article VI. Water Tolls and Assessments Section 6.01 Establishment of Water Tolls and Assessments was amended to add clarifying language to how the Board establishes and may revise water tolls throughout the year in subsections (a) Water Tolls, (b) Standby Charges, (c) Special Assessments, and (d) Groundwater Extraction Fee. The full document can be found on the District's Website at: <https://kern-tulare.com/index.php/growers-resources>. A copy can also be found at the District's Office at: 5001 California Ave, Ste 102 Bakersfield CA 93309.  
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# Inspiring the next generation of innovators

**From Page 1**  
 science teacher, spearheaded the fair. "It was amazing. All the students showed a continuous commitment to the community for science."

He added that the students took away benefits from their participation. "They developed their public speaking, critical thinking and analytical skills. It inspired their creativity, not only visual creativity, but many of our students were creative with how they collected their data."

"For our middle school kids, it prepared them for high school because they can hone their scientific thinking skills and back up a hypothesis with data. It boosts their communication skills, both written and oral, as well as their research skills. It supports mathematical thinking and their ability to tackle complex problems."

Kenelee Henderson came to support her great-nephews. "I'm a retired science teacher, and I love that they're interested in science, are curious and want to participate. I thought it was great that they learned and had fun."

She believes the district is doing a good job. "It's a sign that the schools are encouraging the students interested in science, and I think having this local science fair is fantastic."



**Leslie Calderon, with her mother Magdalena, said she enjoyed using her creativity. RIGHT: First grader Leah Valencia grinned while clutching her trophy.**



It was an opportunity for the students to shine when they presented their science projects. Leslie Calderon said her "The Effect of Different Temperatures on Evaporation Rates" project was a chance to use her imagination.

"I used cotton balls to form clouds and yellow construction paper to make the sun for my display board. I used blue glitter and blue gems to form raindrops, which my mom gave me the idea. It was nice to work with her."

Sandra Bailey is the assistant principal for Palm Avenue Middle School. She commented, "It's great seeing all of the kids come. They're very proud of what they've done. It takes a lot of courage, especially for the little ones, to come and present, and Mr. Mildenerger does a wonderful job setting it all up for the whole WUESD K-8th grade."

There were awards for the best projects, and first-grader Leah Valencia won in her division. Her mother, Carina Valencia, said, "I feel thrilled. It's her first time in the science fair, and she put a lot of effort into it and, more than anything, a lot of love."

Third grader Antonio Escudero-Caballero was a sweepstakes winner who placed in the third to fifth-grade level category. His aunt, Maria Caballero, was excited and said, "I'm proud of him. He worked really hard. He wants to be an astronaut, so he's learning all about rockets, and his project dealt with how Newton's second law of motion relates to rocket performance."

"This science fair reinforces that interest and love of knowing the possibilities that are out there for students like him in careers in science. It was a great learning experience for him, and he's already excited about next year."

## Carlos needs a forever home



Carlos came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. He is approximately 4 to 6 months old, and is a male labrador mix. He is great with staff and other dogs. At the time, it is unknown if Carlos is house/crate trained. Dogs are not tested with children. His behavior toward children is unknown. Carlos will

be available for adoption on Thursday, Jan. 25.

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More information is available by emailing [rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org](mailto:rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org) or [asilva@cityofwasco.org](mailto:asilva@cityofwasco.org).  
 -Wasco Animal Shelter

## DEATH NOTICES

**Ronnie Lee Huff**, 74, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 20, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Elsie Ingram**, 85, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 20, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Guadalupe Sanchez Castillo**, 50, of Lost Hills, passed away Jan. 17, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Bart Franklin Wilburn, Jr.**, 54, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 18, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Michael Joseph Hampton**, 39, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 18, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Warren Irwin Norton**, 85, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 22, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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Golden Oak's Maritza Sepulveda and Marco Lopez were honored as Terrific Kids.



Sugey Lopez and Mia Barron from Redwood Elementary and Assistant Principal Antonio Juarez.



Maple School honorees were Giulietta Scialabba, Millie Wankum, Tegan Criner and Darbi Espinosa.

# Kiwanis recognizes some Terrific Kids

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

## SHAFTER

The Shafter Kiwanis Club recognized a special group of students on Wednesday as they held their monthly Terrific Kids Luncheon. A different character trait is featured each month, with students exhibiting those traits honored for their achievements. Students are nominated by teachers and staff of each school in the Richland School District as well as Maple School and GROW Academy of Shafter.

This month, the focus trait was Inclusive. Among those students honored were Martiza Sepulveda and Marco Lopez from Golden Oak Elementary, who were presented their awards by Assistant Principal Jose Montelongo.

From Richland Junior High, Dean of Students Mylum Nicholson presented awards to Alan Vargas and Leonardo Medina.

Principal Christie Nelson of Maple School presented awards to students Gi-

ulietta Scialabba, Millie Wankum, Tegan Criner and Darbi Espinosa.

From Sequoia Elementary School, Assistant Principal Tonia Aguilera presented awards to Rozelyn Lopez and Ethan Cortinas.

Representing Redwood Elementary School, Assistant Principal Antonio Juarez gave out awards to Sugey Lopez and Mia Barron.

Students honored from GROW Academy of Shafter were Valeria Reyna, Noah Reyes and Isabella Esquivel.

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.

Those traits that the Kiwanis and the school's teachers are looking for include Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable.

May's trait is Respectful. Teachers from the Richland School District nominate students who exhibit that trait. Each student receives a certificate, a pencil, bumper sticker and a t-shirt.



Richland Junior High's Mylum Nicholson with students Alan Vargas and Leonardo Medina.



GROW Academy's Valeria Reyna, Noah Reyes and Isabella Esquivel were given awards.



Sequoia Elementary's Tonia Aguilera with students Rozelyn Lopez and Ethan Cortinas.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

Owner: Wasco Union Elementary School District  
Publish Dates: Week of January 15, 2024

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

@ 11:00am PST  
@ 11:00am PST

@ Bid Due Deadline: February 9, 2024  
@ Bid Due PST

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

Project Name: Structured Cabling for Wasco Union Elementary School District

Project Number: 0059-24C.1

Plans on File: <https://projects.infinitycomm.com> & <https://portal.usac.org/suite/>

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

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted on January 30, 2024, at 10:00am, at John L. Prueitt Elementary located at: 3501 7th Street, Wasco, CA 93280.

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

All questions concerning this project shall be requested through the project website at <https://projects.infinitycomm.com>. All requests for information shall be submitted not less than five (5) days prior to the opening of the bid. Any questions submitted after the question deadline will not be answered. All questions will be submitted through the project website. Bidders shall submit only one question submittal.

All questions shall be included in the single submittal. DO NOT submit multiple question submittals. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the bidders response being negatively scored or rejected completely for failure to comply with the requirements of the RFP.

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

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

### SPIN is "current".

This project is anticipated to start after April 1, 2024, and is anticipated to have a duration of 120 days. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than the project finish date. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$500.00/day are included in this contract. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than August 2025. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. Each bid package will be awarded separately and independent of one another. The OWNER may, at their option, choose to award the projects to one contractor or any combination of contractors.

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

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded (CONTRACTOR), and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all works employed by them in the execution of the contract. It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to determine any rate change that may have or will occur during the intervening period between each issuance of written rates by the Director of Industrial Relations. During the Work and pursuant to Labor Code §1771.4(a)(4), the Department of Industrial Relations shall monitor compliance with prevailing wage rate requirements and enforce the Contractor's prevailing wage rate obligations.

Each Bidder must be a DIR Registered Contractor when submitting a Bid Proposal. The Bid Proposal of a Bidder who is not a DIR Registered Contractor when the Bid Proposal is submitted will be rejected for non-responsiveness. All Subcontractors identified in a Bidder's Subcontractors' List must be DIR Registered contractors at the time the Bid Proposal is submitted. The foregoing notwithstanding, a Bid Proposal is not subject to rejection for non-responsiveness for listing Subcontractor in the Subcontractors List who is/are not DIR Registered contractors if such Subcontractor(s) complete DIR Registration pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2). Further, a Bid Proposal is not subject to rejection if the Bidder submitting the Bid Proposal listed any Subcontractor(s) who is/are not DIR Registered contractors and such Subcontractor(s) do not become DIR Registered pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2), but the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, must request consent of the District to substitute a DIR Registered Subcontractor for the non-DIR Registered Subcontractor pursuant

to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(3), without adjustment of the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations, including but not limited to prevailing wage compliance and Skilled and Trained Workforce requirements. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) DAYS after the date set for the opening of the bids.

A BID BOND shall be required and shall be supplied with the CONTRACTOR'S bid on the day of the bid. All bids shall be presented under sealed cover and accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, a cashier's check, certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the trustees. The security shall be in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the amount bid. A bid shall not be considered unless one of the forms of bidder's security is enclosed with it.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Contract Code, Sections 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute certain securities for any funds withheld by OWNER to ensure their performance under the contract. At the request and expense of CONTRACTOR, securities equivalent to any amount withheld shall be deposited, at the discretion of the OWNER, with either OWNER or with a state or federally chartered bank, as the escrow agent, who shall then pay any funds otherwise subject for retention to CONTRACTOR. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to the CONTRACTOR.

Securities eligible to investment shall include those listed in Government Code, Section 61430, bank and savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by CONTRACTOR and OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for funds withheld and shall receive any interest on them. The escrow agreement shall be essentially similar to the one indicated in the General Conditions.

In accordance with Education Code section 17076.11, this district has a participation goal for disabled veteran business enterprises of at least 3 percent per year of the overall dollar amount of funds allocated to the district by the State Allocation Board pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 for construction or modernization and expended each year by the school district. Prior to, and as a condition

precedent for final payment under any contract for such project, the contractor shall provide appropriate documentation to the district identifying the amount paid to disabled veteran business enterprises in conjunction with the contract, so that the district can assess its success at meeting this goal.  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Cisco's Mobile Rig Service 2024-B0499

1010 Palm Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
1010 Palm Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Francisco Gerardo Garcia Jr.  
1010 Palm Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Francisco Gerardo Garcia Jr.  
Date Statement Filed: 01/22/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/22/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
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By: Z Arellano  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement TNM Hay and Feed Sales 2024-B0218

763 Oak Avenue  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
763 Oak Avenue  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Todd Northrup Millar  
763 Oak Avenue  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 03/01/2010  
/s/Todd Northrup Millar  
Date Statement Filed: 01/09/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/09/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Trustees of the Wasco Union Elementary School District will receive bids to purchase certain school supplies for the 2022/2023 year in accordance with specifications on file at the office of said school district. Bids shall be sealed and marked "SCHOOL SUPPLY BID FOR 2022/2023" and filed with the Wasco Union Elementary School District Office, 1102 Fifth Street, Wasco, CA 93280, before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Bids will be accepted until this time. All prices shall be F.O.B. Wasco and exclude applicable taxes. Bids will be accepted and awarded by the Superintendent at a later date. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids, or any part of any bid, and to set and act as sole judge of the merit and qualifi-

cations of the materials and supplies offered.  
Signed, Authorized Agent  
Wasco Union Elementary School District  
1102 Fifth Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
(661) 758-7100  
Attn: Polly Kelley Hughes  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Firmes Barber Shop

917 11th Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
PO Box 698  
Richgrove, CA 93261  
Edwin Lopez  
290 Wheatland Dr  
Richgrove, CA 93261  
Business was conducted by: Individual  
/s/Edwin Lopez, Owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B7745  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/29/2022  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 01/09/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/P Del Villar  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Delano 76 Inc 2024-B0259

2200 Girard St  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
201 Norwalk St  
Delano, CA 93215  
Delano 76 Inc  
2200 Girard St  
Delano, CA 93215  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Saleh Saeed, President  
Date Statement Filed: 01/10/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/10/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Prime Performance Academy 2023-B7657

1121 Main Street  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
2227 Santa Barbara Circle  
Delano, CA 93215  
Angel Isaiah Jasso  
2227 Santa Barbara Circle  
Delano, CA 93215  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 09/01/2023  
/s/Angel Isaiah Jasso  
Date Statement Filed: 12/08/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 12/08/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Tortilleria M8A 2023-B7828

1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Yuridian Ochoa Castillo  
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Efren Montijo  
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by: Married Couple  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Yuridian Ochoa  
Date Statement Filed: 12/19/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 12/19/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement R & M Farm Service 2024-B0115 R & M Organics 2024-B0116

2312 Alpine Meadow Court  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
PO Box 700  
Wasco, CA 93280  
R & M Farm Service, Inc.  
2312 Alpine Meadow Court  
Wasco, CA 93280  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2006  
/s/Miguel Martin, President  
Date Statement Filed: 01/04/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/04/2029  
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement El Molino Mexican Imports 2024-B0012

804 7th St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
645 Redwood Dr  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Benjamin Perez  
1663 E Granada Ave  
Fresno, CA 93720  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 12/07/2021  
/s/Benjamin Perez  
Date Statement Filed: 01/02/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/02/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
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