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Ribbon cutting ceremony for the reopening of the Shafter Library.

# Reviewing the first half of '22 in Shafter

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The city of Shafter had an eventful year this past 2022, full of positive accomplishments, as well as some losses and challenges. There were a first for Shafter High School, with its very first football team that played for a State Championship. Shafter also saw a new member join the City Council, while also keeping an old friend, with Mayor Cathy

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Prout retaining her seat on the council.

Here's a sampling of the highs and the lows that were the year of 2022. Next week will cover the second half.

**JANUARY**

January 2022 started out on a positive note when the Shafter City Council approved an assessment

to be done regarding the Shafter Aquatic Center, which has been need of repairs for over a year. The pool had been shut down, with the contract not being renewed with the City of Shafter and the Shafter Recreation and Parks District. The SRPD did not want to renew the lease agreement, which had the District in charge of operating the center. With the termination of the

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City council members and staff at the strategic planning workshop. (April)

# Wasco's year in review - the first half

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The 2022 year started on a high note, with the Wonderful Company awarding \$1.2 million in grants to 32 nonprofit organizations in the Central Valley.

In Wasco, the Kern County Library received a grant to provide residents with books, resources and literacy programs. In addition, money was allocated to convert a

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sprinter van into a library on wheels for outreach events.

Also, in January, the City Council began preparations for redistricting due to the 2020 census.

At a special meeting, City Manager Scott Hurlbert explained that although the population in the city had not changed much, there was a shift in the districts. This was be-

cause, he said, the labor camp was relocated from one district to another, and the inmate population residence before incarceration.

Hurlbert provided an update on the four companies interested in bidding for the project of analyzing the census data and coming up with a redistricting plan.

FLO Analytics was selected subject to review and approval by the

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Chief Charlie Fivecoat at the council installation ceremony.

# Chief Charlie Fivecoat off to a good start

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

As the citizens of Wasco applaud moving forward with a police department, the leader chosen to bring this to fruition, Charlie Fivecoat, is passionate about empowering the community through a sense of security and trust.

"I am very excited to re-establish a police department for the citizens of Wasco. Law enforcement has always been my calling, and having the city's trust to build a police department from the ground up is truly a once in a career opportunity."

It will be a large undertaking launching the Wasco police department because there are many legal, managerial and political components to managing a police organization.

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# Kiwanis hosts Regional Champs

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Kiwanis Club hosted the Shafter Generals football team and its coaches at a recent meeting. The team was treated to lunch and the players, in turn, shared some of their experiences throughout the season.

Coach Jerald Pierucci talked to the members about the season, such as what it took for the players to prepare for the season and how they came together as a team to make that amazing run in the playoffs. The team also presented the club with a football, which had written Valley Champs and Southern Regional Champs on it, as well as having the signatures of the players on it, as well as coaches.

This Generals squad was not the best team on paper, with four losses in league play, even though most of the losses were by less than three points. Pierucci explained that the team really came together at the Wasco game, with the team working as a complete unit. During the entire playoffs, the Generals played a team style of football that is found in championship teams, with each phase of the game lifting up the other parts of the game. If the offense is not at the top of their game, the defense would pick up the slack and vice versa.

The Shafter Kiwanis Club is known for its teamwork as well, with the members working individually and together to benefit the community of Shafter, especially the youth of Shafter.

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# Community Calendar

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## ONGOING

**NEW:** The Shafter Library and Learning Center have book bags (10 books in each bag) that can be checked out. The bags will include books mostly for the kids but who says that adults can't enjoy them also! We have red bags for this holiday and orange bags with Halloween books. Our blue bags include books to improve reading skills, on all subjects and some picture books. We also have bilingual book bags. Please come to the library and request them.

**NEW:** The Shafter Library and Learning Center: Registration for Spring Classes will start after Jan. 3, 2023. There is going to be art, cooking, Spanish, etc. classes. Call the Library for registration after Jan. 3 at (661) 746-5055. For more information visit our webpage at <http://www.shafterlearning.com>

**NEW:** Wasco Adult Education Center Spring 2023- Registration is now open. Enroll now! High School Diploma, ESL English as a second language, citizenship, HISET English only and introduction to computers. Wasco Adult education center, 445 Poso Drive, Wasco (661) 758-7414. All Classes are FREE.

**NEW:** Emergency Medical- Register Now, Wasco Adult Education Center 1445 Poso Ave. begin your journey and explore emergency medicine. 8-week EMR Programs Jan. 17, 2023 M/W 6p.m.-9:35 p.m. or March 13, 2023 M/W 6p.m.-9:10 p.m. (661) 758-7414.

**NEW:** Shafter Woman's Club- Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May. Meetings start at 11:00 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

**NEW:** American Refuse: Free Bulky Waste pick-up service. Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup you may use the App or call (661) 758-5316

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**Free Bookkeeping Training Program** at MAOF, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation. 2130 Chester Ave., Suite 200, Bakersfield. Call 661-336-6821. Related occupations include accounts payable/accounts receivable clerks and payroll clerks. Entry requirements: At least 18 years of age, completed reading and math assessment, high school diploma or GED.

**NEW:** Bristol Hospice Bakersfield: Hospice Volunteers needed in Kern County, must be vaccinated. There is a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Please call the Volunteer Department (661) 716-4000 or email [Edward.French@bristolhospice.com](mailto:Edward.French@bristolhospice.com) or [Ashley.Charles@bristolhospice.com](mailto:Ashley.Charles@bristolhospice.com)

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## MONDAY

**NEW:** North Kern 4H- Meeting will be held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. every 2nd Monday of the month. For more information please 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.

**Shafter City Council** – Meetings are held at City Hall on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

## TUESDAY

**NEW:** Shafter City Council Meetings are held every First and Third Tuesday of each month at the Shafter Council Chamber, 336 Pacific Ave. Shafter.

**Wasco City Council Meetings** every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. Wasco 6:00 p.m.

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

**Senior Lunch Program** – Every first and third Tuesday of the month: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

## WEDNESDAY

**Shafter Rotary** – Meeting at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

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

## 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. The agenda is on the WHS website.

**Wasco Recreation and Park Board** – Meetings are 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.

## 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.

## SATURDAY

**NEW:** Christmas at the Depot-150 Central Valley Highway. See this year's beautiful display of decorated trees. Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31 from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. Free Admittance. Special Shafter Brass Band Dec. 10, start 11 a.m. Be sure to come vote on your favorite tree.

**NEW:** Shafter Historic Green Hotel will be open on to tours on the first Saturdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, please email [thegreenhotel@gmail.com](mailto:thegreenhotel@gmail.com) or phone (661) 746-1913 and leave a message.

# Mystery history

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## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### DEC. 18

Mario Noe Medina, 32, of Shafter, was arrested at Sunset Avenue and Central Valley Highway for driving with a suspended license and driving an unregistered vehicle.

#### DEC. 19

Enrique Duran Jr., 39, of Shafter, was arrested on West Los Angeles for driving with a suspended license.

Jorge Celio Duran, 45, of Shafter, was arrested at East Lerdo and Pacific Avenue on an outside agency warrant.

Karl Lopez, 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Lerdo Highway for using/under the influence of a controlled substance.

#### DEC. 20

Rodolfo Delgadoberm, 48, of Shafter, was arrested at South Shafter and Richland for driving without a license.

Albina Rodriguez, 34, of Shafter, was arrested at East

Lerdo Highway and Beech Avenue for driving without a license.

Brian Burr, 26, of Shafter, was arrested at North Valley and Terra Vista Lane on an outside warrant.

Jessenia Reyes, 33, of Shafter, was arrested on Lerdo Highway for driving without a license and failure to stop at a red light.

Arturo Rendon, 30, of Shafter, was arrested at East Lerdo Highway and James Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license.

Guillermo Zamora Jr., 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Golden West Avenue for using a false ID of others, on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and possession of controlled substance.

#### DEC. 21

Everardo Gomez, 37, of Shafter, was arrested at West Tulare and Enns avenue for disorderly conduct: under the

influence of a drug.

#### DEC. 22

Reginaldo Trujillo, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Golden West Avenue for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Ignacio Brisenio Ramirez, 42, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block East Marengo Avenue on an outside agency warrant.

Arthur Joseph Martinez, 38, of Shafter, was arrested on the East Lerdo Highway and Mannel Avenue for possession of a controlled substance.

Juan Manuel Nava Valencia, 42, of Shafter, was arrested at Riverside Street and East Marengo Avenue for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and a controlled substance.

David Wayne Rosales, 63, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30300 block of Riverside Street on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

#### DEC. 23

Francine Yasmeen Sanchez, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Chris Court for disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug and drug violations.

#### DEC. 24

Eduardo Retana, 39, was arrested in the 6100 block of Olive Tree Court on an outside agency warrant.

#### DEC. 26

Elivorio Efrain Rodriguez, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of West Tulare Avenue for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful paraphernalia.

Jose Adrian Montes Chavez, 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on an outside agency warrant.

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

#### DEC. 19

Bernardo Montanez, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Griffith Avenue

on felony bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### DEC. 22

Israel Noel Esquivel, 25, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Palm Avenue and 5th Street on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### DEC. 24

Fernando Jr Ferreira, 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 200 block of Mesquite Court for felony CCW in vehicle, CCW on person, manufacture undetectable firearm, manufacture large capacity

magazine, and misdemeanor battery on spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gabriel Marroquin, 42, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2600 block of Eucalyptus Drive for misdemeanor battery on a person. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### DEC. 25

Rudy Saldana, 46, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1500 block of Elm Street for misdemeanor contempt of court: disobeying court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

## CORRECTION

Do to an editing error, the relationship between the Wonderful Company and the city's rail spur was misstated in last week's paper. The spur, near the Wonderful development in South Shafter, is owned by the city, not by Wonderful, and the company may be interested in purchasing the land.

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# Local club donates food baskets

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Kiwanis Club held their annual Food Basket Giveaway earlier this month, blessing 75 families with food baskets for the holidays. The club partnered with Shafter Healthy Start, which identified the families in need this holiday season.

According to Ben Wilson, who was in charge of the event, each family received boxes of canned goods, as well as miscellaneous items, such as boxes of pasta and cereal.

The baskets were filled with donations from the community. Food drives were held at the local elementary schools, with students collecting the items for the needy recipients.

Together, the schools collected enough food for almost 100 boxes. "We had enough

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to give larger families extra boxes of food," said Wilson.

After the food drives were held, the bounty was delivered to the Shafter Kiwanis Club, which organized the distribution of the packages.

They had a lot of help packing the boxes from the Shafter High Key Club and the girls volleyball team, as well as members of the Shafter Healthy Start and Kiwanis club members.

The Shafter High Key Club is an extension of the Shafter Kiwanis Club, with its members committed to serving the community, especially its youth. "The Key Club is modeled after the Kiwanis Club, doing community service projects throughout the year," Wilson said.



Each box contained canned goods, as well as boxes of pasta and other essentials.

# Nourishing the needy

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Campesinxs a Campesinos, in collaboration with the United Farm Workers union, sponsored a fresh fruit and vegetable food drive to benefit the farmworkers in Wasco and nearby communities.

The project's founder, Carmen Obeso, has a special connection with the farmworkers, as she is one, too.

"Like many others, I work picking strawberries. We hosted this event on the weekend because we all work during the week."

She said that during covid, the food drives were held on a weekday or early morning, making it difficult for the farmworker community to participate and take home much-needed food essentials.

"That was when a group of us got together and began asking for donations. Our goal was to support the farmworkers."

She said they first started dispensing to 100 families. The project has grown to provide for 500 to 600 families each month. "We are distributing in four cities, in-



Fresh fruit and vegetables were distributed to farmworker families in need.

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cluding Wasco, Lamont, Taft and Oxnard," Obeso said.

Their volunteer base has also grown; they now have around 200 of them, with the majority being farmworkers.

"Today, we had 50 volunteers come and help. We are all volunteers from the heart. None of us receives a salary. Even though we work full-time during the week, we are still here on the weekends."

She said this is the off-season, and many farmworkers are unemployed.

"This is when they need the help most," Obeso said.

Obeso said they have organized this project for the last 2 1/2 years with much success.

Gabriel Leal is the head leader of the volunteers in Wasco.

"I also work in the fields picking grapes, vegetables, mandarins, blueberries. Almost all of the agricultural foods, I work."

He said he has always liked to help other farmworkers, and his efforts started during the pandemic. Ever since, he has continued



Roman Pinal, Carmen Obeso and Eduardo Rosas loaded a vehicle with the produce.

to be a part of the project.

"I help Wasco because there are a lot of farmworkers that live here. We give away almost \$100 of fresh fruits and vegetables at each event," Leal said.

He continued, "A lot of families just don't have the resources. Sometimes they have to choose between paying rent and bills or buying food."

Roman Pinal is a representative for the UFW. He said whenever there is an event to do something positive for farmworkers, he is happy to be there.

"Today, the necessity is apparent given the long lines of cars. People are talking about how low the wages are and how high inflation is," Pinal said.

Those who came to receive the food had similar stories about their struggles to keep afloat in these challenging economic times.

Wasco farmworker Alicia Gomez said

she is on disability after an injury at work.

"I'm not working and only get \$160 a week. It is a blessing what they are doing for us. The people need it. Life is tough, and I'm grateful."

"Food is so expensive. I pay \$1500 in rent monthly and am behind by two months. I just don't have enough every month."

Another Wasco-based farmworker, Luis Santos Cruz, is also unemployed.

"I have kids, and this supplements my income. I don't get unemployment, so this saves me money I can use to pay my bills."

He continued, "It's just hard to live without the basic essentials like food."

With the many farmworkers in Wasco that find it difficult to survive on a meager wage, Leal hopes that the project will have a regular presence in town.

"As long as we can, we will continue to serve Wasco."

# Wasco students learn charity at home

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High School AG Prep Leadership Club hosted a food drive to benefit those in the community affected by food insecurity.

The students practiced hard work, responsibility and caring for others. These values are key to the APLC.

The president of the club, Emily Moldenhauer, said the experience was an opportunity to take action and advocate for your beliefs.

"For me, it gives me a sense of joy."

Club members also receive school credit, which makes them more competitive when applying for high-level universities.

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Joshua Cooley, community service director for the APLC, said, "We distributed boxes of canned goods, clothes, shoes and essential items like personal hygiene products."

With his club's support, including the club officers, Cooley has organized these events for the past few years.

He said he was motivated to do this because the community matters to him.

"I care about Wasco and know there are families and individuals in need."

Cooley added, "I feel what we are doing is making Wasco a better place by bringing different organizations and clubs to team up and support the residents of our town."

Some event sponsors included North Kern 4H, Celebration Church of the North West, Wonderful Company and Wasco citizens.

Many students contributed to the effort.

Volunteer FFA club member Arturo Nunez said it's a good thing to do to help others that are less fortunate.

"It's the season of giving, and I love Wasco. This is making an impact on the people living here," Nunez said.

He said he is learning communication, working as a team and being kind to others.



Emily Moldenhauer and Joshua Cooley said they love being of service.

"I feel empowered. There is a lot of negativity out there in the world, and events like this help lift people's spirits. It shows that there is still good in the world."

Cooley echoed this sentiment.

"We bring peace after a series of violent crimes in Wasco. By bringing light to dark situations, we create awareness by helping each other as the need arises."

He added that in Wasco, many residents live with food insecurity.

Maria Perez is one of them.

"I am happy, especially now that it is hard to afford things like food. This helps me a lot because I am a single mom of four children," Perez said.

"The best part is that you don't expect it; out of nowhere, you drive through, and there is help for you."

Marisol Gonzalez said this was great be-



Arturo Nunez helped load the food boxes.

cause she is out of work.

"We always struggle with money. I think this event is wonderful. It comes just in time for the holiday season."

Some said the food would help with their Christmas meal.

"It saves me money during these difficult times over the holidays. I received a box of food and a warm sweater for my daughter," Evelia Lopez said.

There was a good amount of people that contributed to the cause.

"We worked really hard to put this together," Nunez said.

The club hopes to carry on with the tradition of serving the city of Wasco for many years to come.

"Sometimes all it takes is a loving heart and the passion to make a difference," Cooley said.



The Lopez family took home food and clothing.

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# A tour of homes alive with Christmas

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Recreation and Parks District hosted a "Light up Wasco" event where guests were treated to a tour of the best Christmas-themed, decorated homes. Santa made a special appearance, and there was gingerbread, life-size characters, hot chocolate and cookies.

A Dial-a-Ride bus transported families around Wasco, where they had a chance



Dial-a-Ride bus driver Eber Reyes.

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to view and vote on their favorite homes, which were colorfully lit with lights and adorned with Christmas characters like Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Santa's elves.

Eighteen homes located throughout Wasco participated in the contest. The top three winners received prizes for their efforts to stand out above the rest.

"There was lots of holiday cheer," WRPD District Manager Chris Serna said. "It's just a wonderful time in the year to bring this festivity to Wasco."

"It's great to see the little smiles on the kid's faces and their excitement to see Santa. That's just priceless to me. It was all just in jolly good fun."

On the bus, there was lots of laughter and singing to holiday music. A caravan of cars trailed the bus for those that provided their own transportation.

"It was our first annual tour, and we look forward to making it a tradition," Serna said.

Rachel Gonzalez rode on the bus. "I hope they continue to do it again. We need more activities like this," Gonzalez



One of 18 homes that participated in the contest.

said.

Council member Gilberto Reyna said the Light Up Wasco bus tour was a great way to view our city's many beautiful, Christmas-decorated homes.

"This event brought our community together for a fun evening singing Christmas songs and picture opportunities. Seeing our city lit up with the Christmas spirit, Santa

and the gingerbread men, a bus packed with children and adults, and a parade of vehicles was fantastic.

"Thank you to the participants, the City of Wasco, and the Recreation and Parks District for this special event and the start of a new Wasco tradition. And to the sponsors California Home Pros and H & H Automotive. Well done."

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## Event spreads joy to kids

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Wasco Tribune

LifeHouse Church hosted a toy giveaway and helped make Christmas special for the little ones in Wasco. Over 200 toys were distributed.

"Our goal next year is to give away 500 toys and be able to reach more children and their families," Pastor Manuel Cantu said.

The best part for him was seeing the kids walk away with big smiles.

"You could feel the joy in their hearts."

He said he wants to make it a tradition and that an important message goes along with it.

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"We want to continue blessing the community and show the love of Christ during Christmas and that there is a church family that cares."

Cantu added, "Our motto is not to use people to build up the church but to use the church to build them up."

Cantu was mayor of McFarland from 2010 to 2019. He said that experience pushed him to find a deeper purpose in helping others.

"Now I get to do that here in Wasco. With this event, we can share the love through Jesus Christ any day and every day of the year."

The families and children who received the toys were very grateful.

Karla Sedano brought her four children.

"It's nice that they do this during these difficult times, and it's great for the kids. They each got a toy that they wanted," Sedano said.

Maria Marvan came with three children.

"It's very sweet. I am a church member, and this is just one of the services the church does for the community."

She added, "My children were very happy and excited about their gift."

Gina Zazuta also brought her three children.

"We go to this church, and it's a very grand gesture. They always do things for the kids. It is a really nice organization because of how much attention the church gives them."

Veronica Camarena said, "This is a big help to families that



Sonia Amador said the event was a way to share love. RIGHT: Daniel Zazuta was happy to receive his toy.



don't have an opportunity to buy their children gifts."

Maria Guadalupe Lopez Benitz liked her toy.

"It's going to be fun playing with it. All my sisters got one."

The many volunteers received as much satisfaction as those that received the gifts.

Destiny Aguilar said, "It was amazing seeing the kid's faces light up."

Another volunteer, Richard Vega, shared, "I feel like I am making an important impact on my community to bless others in need."



A young one posed with the friendly bear mascot proudly displaying his toy.

He said it was a great turnout.

"It was more than I expected."

Ryan Zamora, a volunteer and member of the church, expressed that it was a beautiful experience to see God moving.

"To see the joy on the kid's faces as they received their gift was priceless. This is the heart of giving, and that is why we are here; to give."

"I know America goes day by day from paycheck to paycheck. These are tough times with inflation, with taxes and gas going up. It gives us peace of mind that it's going to a family in need and is very fulfilling."

Pastor Cantu expressed his gratitude to everyone that lent a hand to make the event so special.

"I want to thank our church family and the many other organization for their help and for making Wasco a city of hope, love and joy, especially during this holiday season."

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The hourglass

**PASTOR RUBEN ZARTMAN**  
Ebenezer Reformed Church

Time keeps passing. Here we are, nearly into 2023. Moving into a new year can bring renewed optimism and a sense of new beginnings. People with this outlook see opportunities and a chance to start again. Or it might bring a certain heaviness. Another year is ended, so much still hasn't been done, and our window of opportunity is smaller than it was.

The Bible embraces both of those perspectives. In the Old Testament, the Passover festival commemorating Israel's deliverance from Egypt started a new way of counting years (Exodus 12:2). Each new year brought a reminder of a whole new life God had given. That was certainly cause for celebration!

There's also Psalm 102:24-27. In that passage, the afflicted sufferer laments that his days have been shortened and sees in the passage of time an indication that heaven and earth will themselves come to an end.



If you've ever used a sand glass to keep track of time in a game or for cooking, you know the feeling of those grains of sand diminishing and disappearing, until only a few grains are left, and then time is over. Opportunity has ended.

Both the optimistic and the pessimistic attitudes toward a new year contain an element of truth. It is good to move forward, to tackle new things, to have a fresh start in our lives. It is

also necessary to let the past go, to acknowledge lost opportunities, to adjust expectations to hard truth. Neither by itself is enough.

But you can't just add a little realism to your cheerful feelings or balance your sadness with a New Year's Resolution. Something more is needed.

From the way a shortened life and fleeting time bring sadness, the author of Psalm 102 rises to something greater. Although heaven and earth will pass, yet God will endure: "You are the same, and Your years will have no end."

The unchanging faithfulness of God gives us a reason to hope in 2023. If we're sad, it gives us a reason to cheerfully persevere. If we're feeling hopeful, it grounds that feeling in something too solid to be taken away by the setbacks that are bound to come.

Time keeps passing. But God is still the same.

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



RECRUITMENT

The Wasco City Council is recruiting for three (3) individuals to serve on the Wasco Planning Commission, a full term expiring December 31, 2026.

The Wasco Planning Commission is a five-member body appointed by the City Council. It serves as a policy advisory capacity to the City Council. The Commission retains jurisdiction over various land use matters, including the consideration of conditional use permits, subdivision maps, and certain design review matters.

Members are nominated and appointed by the full Council and must be residents of the City throughout their term. Applicants are advised that a Statement of Economic Interests (F.P.C. Form 700) will be required upon assuming office. Pursuant to State law, any person newly appointed shall successfully complete a course in ethics training approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Attorney General. Each member is required to complete this training every two years.

Applications are available online on the City website: <https://www.cityofwasco.org/FormCenter/Applications-9/Commission-Committee-Board-Application-50> and must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2023.

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)

/s/ Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk

OBITUARIES

**Nellie "Juanita" McCaslin**  
Dec. 1, 1936 – Dec. 23, 2022

Nellie "Juanita" McCaslin, 86, passed away on Dec. 23, 2022, at her home with her husband of 67 years by her side.

Juanita was born on Dec. 1, 1936, in Belzoni, Miss., to Opal and Mark Hanson Sr. Juanita was the eldest of her three siblings: her brother, Mark Jr., and her two sisters, Jo Ann and Edna Mae. In 1952, at the age of 15, Juanita and her family moved to California.

Juanita went on to meet Billy Wayne McCaslin at Minter Field in 1954 after a softball game. Juanita and Billy got married in a small church in Buttonwil-



low on April 2, 1955. They were then blessed with three sons: Larry, Jerry and Garry.

Juanita helped Billy start Bill McCaslin Harvesting in 1956, McCaslin Trucking in 1957, BJ Farms in 1978 and M&M Farms in 1980. She did the bookkeeping for all the companies and did the bookkeeping for two

churches. Juanita loved the Lord, gospel music, playing the piano and bass guitar, as well as working in her beautiful rose garden. Juanita raised her children and grandchildren with much love, faith and compassion.

Juanita is survived by her husband, Billy McCaslin; her brother, Mark Hanson Jr.; her two sons, Jerry and Garry McCaslin; eight grandkids, 13 great-grandkids and one great-grandson.

Juanita was proceeded in death by her parents, Opal and Mark Hanson Sr.; her two sisters, Jo Ann and Edna Mae; and her eldest son, Larry McCaslin.

The Lord blessed and guided her all her life. Juanita will be remembered

for her kindness, strength, compassion, and selflessness. Most of all, her love for Jesus Christ.

We want to thank all the employees at Hoffman Hospice for their outstanding job of making this situation as easy as possible.

Proverbs 3:5: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding."

Proverbs 3:6: "In all ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Juanita's funeral service will be held at the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church on Friday, Jan. 6, beginning at 10 a.m.; graveside committal will follow at Shafter Memorial Park. Peters Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Alma Virginia Nixon**  
July 21, 1928 – Dec. 23, 2022

Virginia A. Nixon was born July 21, 1928, in Santa Rita, NM. She entered eternal life Dec. 23, 2022, in Shafter, surrounded by her loving family. She was 94 years old, the oldest of four children born to Opal D. and Jesse E. Carr.

Virginia's family moved from state to state and settled in Shafter in 1944. Virginia attended Shafter High School and began attending Jesus Saves International Church (Shafter Pentecostal Church of God), where she met the love of her life, Riland Nixon.

Virginia graduated high school her junior year and began attending Pentecostal Bible Institute in Gilroy. She married Riland on April 16,



1948. Virginia was a homemaker and raised her children that she loved greatly.

In 1977, she went to work at Lerdo School as a cafeteria helper and helped her husband clean classrooms. The Lerdo School staff was like family to them. Upon retirement, they began to travel in their motor home with family and friends from state to state, all the way to Florida and back.

They would go to Arizona and become snowbirds, staying all winter, then head to Pismo Beach where they would stay months at a time.

Virginia loved cooking for her family; her specialties were chocolate gravy, homemade biscuits and chicken fried steak, to name just a few. She loved life, her Lord, her husband, her children, her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. She also loved her friends and her church family. She said selling out to God was the best thing she had ever done in her life, and she was so thankful for His goodness to her and her family.

Virginia is survived by her sons, Jerry D. Nixon and wife Linda of Bakersfield; Riland Steve Nixon and wife Christine of Ba-

kersfield; daughters Sherry L. White of Bakersfield and Lori A. Seymour and husband Steve Seymour of Shafter; sister Joyce Carr Beck of South Carolina; brother-in-law Jimmy Nixon and wife Joyce of Oregon; brother-in-law Billy Nixon and wife Kaye of Anaheim; ; eight Grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 64 years of marriage, Riland, two brothers, Leon and Vernon Carr, and granddaughter Cassandra White. Viewing for Virginia will be prior to the service on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 8:30 to 10 a.m. Funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Jesus Saves International Church followed by interment at Shafter Memorial Park.

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John "Stephen" Fuller

Sept. 6, 1954 – Dec. 26, 2022

Stephen, 68, of Shafter was born Sept. 6, 1954, and passed away Dec. 26, 2022. Stephen was "a man of few words," but loved by so many. His funeral arrangements are pending.

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DEATH NOTICES

Loretta J. Rogers, 92, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 22, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Jose Campos Contreras, 74, of Seagoville, Texas, passed away Dec. 22, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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# Wasco's year in review

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city attorney.  
February saw the City Council continue discussing and analyzing a proposed city sanitation rate increase.  
This was because rates had not been increased in five years. Over that time, the costs to provide those services increased significantly.  
In addition, the city now must comply with SB 1383, which establishes aggressive statewide targets to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills, a reduction of 75% by 2025.  
The city staff report noted that to comply, residential and commercial services rate increases are necessary.  
The proposed increased rate adjustment would be a cumulative increase of 78% for residential and 180% for commercial accounts.  
While the City needs to raise rates at this time, it may also consider outsourcing the City's municipal solid waste operations to the private sector as a potential means for reducing solid waste rates.  
Mayor Gilberto Reyna said of the pro-



**Mayor Gilberto Reyna participated in a discussion about the proposed city sanitation rate increase. (February)**

posed increases, "Historically, we have not been collecting enough money to break even, and that is why we need to raise the rates."  
In March, the council conducted the first public hearing regarding the introduction and overview of the upcoming redistricting process.  
Flo Analytics created a modular tool on the City of Wasco web page. It allowed community members to draw preliminary redistricting maps to submit for their input.  
"The goal is to keep the districts as compact as possible, preserve communities of mutual interest, and preserve the use of existing administrative and natural boundaries," Alex Brasch of Flo Analytics said.  
Based upon public and city council input, Flo Analytics produced five draft maps that were posted on the city's redistricting webpage.  
The final map was posted and then presented at a public hearing. It incorporated city council, public input, and the revised draft maps elements.  
"All statutory redistricting criteria will be upheld, including the Voting Rights Act, and be vetted by legal professionals reflecting public sentiment. It will be a compromise," Brasch said.  
April was a month when the council held a strategic planning workshop to plan for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.  
Many issues were discussed and prioritized for the upcoming months while committed to their mission, vision and core values.  
The city's vision is to provide its citizens and business community with effective municipal services while maintaining a historical sense of community values.  
Community values are

trust, respect, integrity, teamwork, ownership and innovation.  
"We are committed to a purpose greater than ourselves," Hurlbert said.  
"What we strive to do is to make a positive difference and leave a proud legacy."  
The 2022/2023 six areas of focus were 1) improve and maintain the city's infrastructure, 2) enhance and modernize city facilities, 3) enhance financial stability and sustainability, 4) implement strategic economic development, 5) enhance employee development and retention and 6) define and prioritize community-building initiatives.  
The workshop's goal was to establish a concise and prioritized list to guide the council and staff in creating the 2022/2023 budget and capital improvement program.  
It was interactive, with several exercises for the council and staff attending.  
One of the exercises was for the council to provide their top three ideas, projects, concerns and initiatives they were thinking  
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**Flo Analytics was selected to lead the project analyzing the census data and developing a redistricting plan. (January)**



**City manager Scott Hurlbert at the first public hearing regarding the introduction and overview of the redistricting process. (March)**

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING BEFORE THE  
KERN COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS**  
A public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern on January 24, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 11115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider the following request(s):  
Kern County Public Works; Streets and Highways - Nonsummary Vacation - Map No. 33; A Nonsummary Vacation of three segments of McCombs Road, west and east of Highway 43 to facilitate the California High-Speed Rail development; property located at McCombs Road between Griffith Avenue and Root Avenue in the Wasco area (A complete legal description is on file with the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department.) (Environmental Review: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3)) Nicole Huisken, Planner II (661) 862-8738 or HuiskenN@kerncounty.com  
The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and that, therefore, under the provisions of Section 15061(b)(3), State CEQA Guidelines, such activity is not covered by the requirements set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act.  
Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact the Staff planner (listed above) assigned to this case at the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department. We encourage the submittal of written comments by January 4, 2023, so that those comments may be considered when Staff formulates its recommendation; however, written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301.  
Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard in said matter may appear at said hearing or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.  
By order of the Board of Supervisors.

DATED December 16, 2022  
/s/KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Kern  
Publish Wasco Tribune December 22, 2022  
**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NUMBER:  
SCV-22-000029**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Haley Adams filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name  
Haley Adams  
Proposed Name  
Haley Barrera  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
a. Date: 2/17/2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: B  
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Superior Court-North Div., Shafter-Wasco Branch, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Wasco Tribune Date: 12/14/22  
/s/Marcos R. Camacho  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Publish Wasco Tribune December 22, 2022 and January 5, 12, 2023  
**PUBLIC NOTICE  
City of Wasco  
County of Kern, State of California  
NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTORS,  
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SUPPLIERS AND WORKERS  
CONTRACT NO. 675-2021**  
The City of Wasco is actively soliciting bids from prospective subcontractors or materials suppliers whose businesses qualify as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and/or qualify as Section 3 Business Concerns, as well as individuals who qualify as Section 3 Residents

in connection with the Community Development 16th Street Rehabilitation project to be located in the County of Kern and funded by the HUD.  
A Section 3 Business Concern is a business:  
that is 51% or more owned by Section 3 Residents; or  
whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently Section 3 Residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business were Section 3 Residents; or  
that provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25% of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to businesses that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) in this definition of a Section 3 Business Concern.  
A Section 3 Resident is:  
a resident of public housing located in Kern County, or  
an individual who resides in the County of Kern and who is a low or very-low income person.  
Qualified individuals and firms may obtain a list of plan-holding general contractors from the City of Wasco City Clerk via email: CityClerk@cityofwasco.org until 2:00 p.m. February 1, 2023. General Contractors should be contacted directly for possible use in their bid proposals on this project.  
The City of Wasco and prospective General Contractors are seeking such subcontractors in compliance with the procurement standards found at 24 CFR 85.36(e) and Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, which provide that Small Businesses (SBs) and Section 3 Business Concerns/Residents be given the maximum practical opportunity to participate in HUD funded contracts.  
Hiring is anticipated for the following trades:  
Laborers, Cement Masons, Equipment Operators and Drivers.  
Subcontracts may be let for the following categories of work on this project: Concrete, Paving, Traffic Control, Grinding, Trucking.  
CITY OF WASCO, DEPUTY CITY CLERK  
/s/ Monica Flores  
DATED 12/22/2022  
Publish Wasco Tribune December 29, 2022 and January 5, 12, 19, 2023  
**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NUMBER:  
BCV-22 103093**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Jorge Aguilar Sanchez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name

Jorge Aguilar Sanchez  
Proposed Name  
Jorge Aguilar  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
a. Date: 2/6/23 Time: 830 AM Dept: L  
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 1215 TRUXTUN AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 Kern County Superior Court Metro Division  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Wasco Tribune Date: 12/01/2022  
/s/Gina Cervantes  
SUPERIOR COURT Court Commissioner  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
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2022-B7906**  
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County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
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Wasco, CA 93280  
Esperanza Melendez  
601 Cedar Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Esperanza Melendez  
Date Statement Filed: 12/05/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/05/2027  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: A Goodwin  
Publish Wasco Tribune December 15, 22, 29, 2022 and January 5, 2023  
**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Reyes Automotive Service  
2022-B7938**  
315 High Street  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
315 High Street  
Delano, CA 93215  
Henry Silva Reyes  
315 High Street  
Delano, CA 93215  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 07/07/1943  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Henry Silva Reyes  
Date Statement Filed: 12/06/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/06/2027  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: J Lozano  
Publish Wasco Tribune December 22, 29, 2022 and January 5, 12, 2023  
**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Kika's LLC  
2022-B8070**  
1869 San Clemente Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
1869 San Clemente Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Kika's LLC  
1869 San Clemente Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
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Organizer Marcus Ballard and Mayor Pro Tem John P. Pallares at the Juneteenth celebration. (June)



The Community Health Initiative of Dignity Health team, with Mayor Gilberto Reyna, presented a workshop to shed light on mental health. (May)

# Wasco's year in review

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about and/or were hearing from their constituents.

The top issue was overwhelmingly community public safety. "The real underlying question is how do we create a community that feels safe," Hurlbert said.

Other highlighted topics were roads, water, infrastructure, downtown beautification, and consistent work as planned.

The council and staff were optimistic about the future.

"We have the right people in the right places. I am happy you are all here," Mayor Reyna said.

In May, Community Health Initiative of Dignity Health, in partnership with St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, held a free mental health workshop.

The goal was to raise awareness and educate the public to combat stigma.

It was the third workshop that had taken place in Wasco earlier in the year.

The workshop's theme was to explore the impact of emotions on one's mental health.

The event was interactive; there were breathing exercises and other tools to teach coping skills and how to better deal with emotions positively.

Attendees learned about their available resources, even if they didn't have health insurance.

The workshop was led in Spanish.

Mayor Reyna said in the near future, he hopes to collaborate with other organizations to provide mental health workshops in English.

"It is my intention for the Wasco community to become healthier."

In June, community leaders of

Wasco hosted their second annual Juneteenth event. It was a free event for everyone to enjoy.

Juneteenth is a holiday that takes place on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US.

One of the organizers, Marcus Ballard, said his team organized the event to showcase the holiday, which was established last year. It was also intended to be a platform to honor the rich black history of Wasco.

Numerous schools and non-profits were there to provide youth with options post-high school graduation.

There were live performances, guest speakers, gospel music, a vendor fair and an assortment of food.

It was an opportunity for Wasco to shine in a gathering that highlighted all the positivity the town offers.



At the Juneteenth event, spoken word artist KeKe West presented a powerful poem inspired by the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (June)

# Chief Charlie Fivecoat off to a good start

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One of his first tasks will include establishing an agreement with the county for the transition process.

"This process will require the cooperation of the Kern County Sheriff's Office with the City of Wasco to ensure a smooth transition."

He hopes to improve communication with the community.

"Police personnel need to engage our citizens every day and build relationships that foster trust with the people we serve."

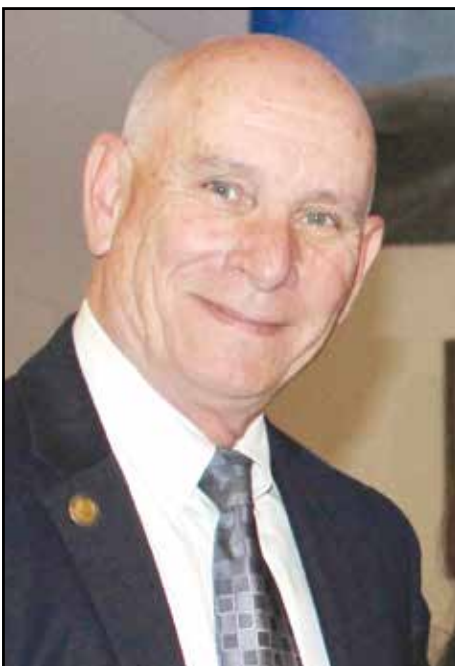
Chief Fivecoat said one can only accomplish this trust building if you are freely available and open to talking with all citizens on a regular basis.

"Our officers must have respect for our citizens and earn the trust and respect of our citizens. It is a continuous process without end."

There will be challenges.

"The current state of the criminal justice system in California is broken. Our laws do not adequately protect victims, and too often, the rights of the offender take precedence over our citizens."

In his opinion, the California legislature has decriminalized many of the laws used to protect the public, and the old model of



Chief Charlie Fivecoat at the council installation ceremony.

arrest and incarcerate will not work alone.

"The community and the police department have to work together to limit criminal activity in our city," he said. "As the chief, I

must find prevention strategies and alternatives to our crime problems."

Fivecoat looks forward to working individually with people to find mutual solutions to the city's crime problems and build public confidence in their police department.

He has many goals he would like to realize and said the start-up of the Police Department is only the first phase.

"I would like to introduce community programs like a 'Citizen Services Unit' to assist patrol personnel and to administer other programs such as the 'Are You OK' program. Re-instituting the Police Activities League is a high priority."

He expressed that he is wholeheartedly grateful that the council voted to hire him for the position because of his qualifications.

"There is a lot of work to be done, and my law enforcement experience and professional reputation will help move the effort forward."

When the department launches, his focus will be on community engagement, as he views it as an absolute necessity and that it must be continuous.

"The police department is only as good as the citizens are willing to support. Public

trust and honest communication is the only path to success."

He thinks the department, with the help of the citizens of Wasco, can work to prevent crime and focus on issues directly impacting the local community.

He wants to send a message to criminals that he will be tough on crime.

"The Police Department has a duty to our citizens to protect them from criminal behavior. I would prefer that no one goes to jail. However, be assured if you victimize people, I will use every tool available to hold you accountable and put you in jail."

There will be gang officers on the new force, he said. "But all of our staff will be trained regarding the gang issues affecting our city."

His strategy to fight gang-related criminal activity will be to work in concert with other local, state, and federal agencies to abate our gang issues.

He is looking forward to forming the new force.

"I am honored to represent the citizens of Wasco as their chief of police. The success of our new department will depend on good communication and trust between all of us."

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# Reviewing the first half of '22 in Shafter

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agreement, it was unclear what would happen with the center and its swimming pool. January also saw the arrest of former Shafter code enforcement officer, Matt Maldonado. Maldonado was charged with five counts of annoying/molesting of a minor. Maldonado was arrested after an investigation was conducted after Eli Espericueta turned over video of a practice session that took place at Espericueta's residence in his garage. It was alleged that Maldonado touched two female wrestlers inappropriately during the session. It was reported that Maldonado had been investigated a few years ago when he held the same position in the city of Wasco. The investigation was confirmed by Sergeant Shin of the Wasco substation of the Kern County Sheriff's Office. No charges were ever filed in that investigation.

At the end of January, the city of Shafter held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the reopening of the library. The Kern County Library system had decided not to reopen the Shafter Branch of the Kern County Library, leaving the residents of Shafter without an opportunity to use a library in town, the nearest library being in the city of Wasco. The residents of Shafter, along with the Shafter City Council, and a partnership with Bakersfield College, the library reopened as the Shafter Municipal Library. The library is no longer affiliated with the County's library system. With the



A \$5 million grant was approved to renovate the Shafter Aquatic Center.

agreement with Bakersfield College, the college will man the library with staff, and will also hold a few classes in the space as well. This partnership gives the Shafter Library new life, with residents young and old able to utilize the amazing new library.

## FEBRUARY

February saw the first of many hearings and workshops regarding the new Trash Collection system to hit the city of Shafter, doing away with alley service and have all residents on a Three-Cart system, with residents responsible for bringing their carts to the curb on collection days. This caused an

uproar within the community, with a lot of people saying that they are not able to bring carts out to the curb, and also stating that when they purchased their homes, it was under the assumption that trash collection would take place in the alleys. Workshops by American Refuse's Lynnda Martin explained the changes to residents and said that a new state law required all residents to be on the Three Cart system beginning in 2023.

Also in February, the Shafter Boxing Club saw one of its members capture a national title in his weight division. "Fast Eddie" Rodriguez won his eighth title in boxing, becoming the winningest boxer in Shafter Boxing Club history. Rodriguez competed in the 15/16 Silver Gloves championships, held in Independence, Mo. Rodriguez has helped the city of Shafter grow a powerhouse, with much bigger clubs taking notice of the small city of Shafter and its winning boxers. This club has grown under the tutelage of Mike Ayon and his staff of volunteers. Ayon began the club over 10 years ago, teaching kids in his backyard and his garage, giving them something to do to keep them fit and off of the streets. This program



"Fast Eddie" Rodriguez won his eighth title in boxing as part of the Shafter Boxing Club.

has helped the city and its kids put Shafter on the boxing world map.

February also saw the tenure of Wasco Tribune Editor Toni DeRosa come to an end. DeRosa had worked for the newspaper as an editor in Arvin when Reed Publications had the papers, and moved to Wasco to work that position for the Wasco Tribune for the Shafter-Wasco Publishing Co.

Derosa stepped down from her post to spend more time with family and enjoy her retirement years, thankful for the wonderful times that she had had with her newspaper family.

The All Seated in a Barn organization, a non-profit organization that rescues horses and other equines, relocated to Shafter, bringing its service to the community with special events, animal adoptions and special programs introducing the horses and donkeys to kids and adults, making it possible for people to learn about the benefits of spending time with these gentle giants. Headed up by Tahlia Fischer, the company hosts weddings, arranges adoptions, fundraising events, and a special therapy program.

## MARCH

In March, the city of Shafter received wonderful news with the approval for a grant worth \$5 million that will be used to do improvements to the Shafter Aquatic Center. The pool has been closed for two years, with it in dire need of resurfacing, improvements made to the landscaping, as well as concessions and changing rooms. The Shafter High School swimming teams

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Faith Bazaldua was named Shafter's Distinguished Young Woman.



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have not had a home pool since the closure of the pool at the center. This would be a real boost to the program with the improvements made to the center.

This was also the month in which the Ford Theater hosted the smash hit Newsies, which was produced by the Shafter Young Adults Theater. The show played to packed houses, with the group showcasing the talent that is found in the city of Shafter. The play depicts the newspaper business in the early 20th century, with a rise in prices in the newspaper leading the newsboys who sell the papers to strike. The play had an amazing cast that makes it apparent that programs such as these benefit children and young adults who have a passion for the fine arts.

Also in March, the Shafter High seniors were able to return to in-person classes, with the restrictions being lifted that hindered students' ability to get an education with in-person instruction. The city also celebrated the dedication of the expansion that took place at the Shafter Learning Center and Library. The Center now has a courtyard area, as well as additional classrooms and a beautiful mural that was done by local artist Lorena Castillo. The expansion was made possible by GAF Materials, a company that has been instrumental in the growth of the city of Shafter's educational buildings and materials.

## APRIL

April saw a new Shafter's Distinguished Young Woman being named. Faith Bazaldúa, who was sponsored by San Joaquin Roofing, was given the title, along with over \$1,200 in scholarship money. Bazaldúa won the Self Expression phase of the contest, along with the grand prize. She also won the opportunity to represent Shafter in the State competition.

Of course, April is also the month that we celebrate the Easter holiday. This year saw the return of the annual Sunrise Easter service that is held at Mannel Park at sunrise. A large crowd gathered to watch the sun rise over the trees and sings hymns and hear a wonderful message of hope and faith.



The Shafter Cinco de Mayo festival returned to the streets of the city.

## MAY

May saw the return of one of the most popular events annually in Shafter. The Shafter Cinco de Mayo festival returned to the streets of Shafter, complete with a big parade, as well as special events at Mannel Park. The festival included great music, wonderful food, and numerous vendors that sold everything from clothing, jewelry and house décor, to beauty products and home-made products. Manuel Garcia was the Grand Marshal for the festivities, with the rich history of Shafter on display.

The Shafter High Drama Club had performances of the Broadway hit "The Drowsy Chaperone" at the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center, with the cast giving spot-on performances for the packed audiences. David Bloehmof starred in the production as Robert Martin, the oil baron who was engaged to the famous Janet Vandergraff, who decided to give up the stage to marry Martin. Comedy, drama, and wackiness ensues

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Shafter High School graduated its 2022 class.

as forces were at work against the happy couple getting married. It was a smash hit for school and the audience. May also saw a fire in which a potato warehouse across from Generals Headquarters burned down. The cause of the fire is believed to be arson, possibly by a vagrant or squatter. This was the fifth fire in the city of Shafter in the last few months, with a couple of the fires with causes unknown. An investigation was done but no arrests were made in the case.

## JUNE

June saw the graduating class of 2022 walking across the stage at Shafter High, welcoming the Generals back, even with the renovations being done on the home stadium. Principal Russell Shipley welcomed one of the largest graduating classes in the history of Shafter High School.

In June, there was also a verdict in the case of Steven Flores Garza, who was convicted of second-degree murder. Garza was eventually sentenced to 35 years to life in prison for the crime. Garza had already been charged for DUIs five times, making this an even bigger tragedy, considering that he should have never been on the road to have a chance to cost people their lives.

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Aladdin needs a home

Come out to the Shafter Animal Shelter and meet this adorable guy named Aladdin. Aladdin is a 1-year-old German shepherd who is looking for a loving home. He is a little shy since coming to the shelter but would love to learn about toys and long walks.

Aladdin has passed all of his Safer Dog Evaluations and is ready for his forever home. He would love to have a family with an active life and a big yard for him to run around in. If you would like to meet Aladdin, come down to the shelter, 18849 S. Shafter Ave. You can also call at 661-746-2140 for more information. The hours at the shelter are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesdays, 1 to 7 p.m.

-- Jamie Stewart



PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE  
SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following:  
Extension of Time for Temporary Land Use Permit No. 20-112: So-CalGas Company is requesting a one (1) year extension of time for a temporary construction yard on property located at 5511 and 5501 E. Lerdo Highway at the southeast corner of Carver Street and E. Lerdo Highway. A Categorical Exemption has been prepared for the project.

Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines. Copies of the project are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Mitzy Cuxum, Senior Planner (661) 746-5002 at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at mcuxum@shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing.

In compliance with AB 361 and the Resolution Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, adopted by the City of Shafter City Council, public meetings are currently Teleconference/Video Conference Meetings aligned with local and federal guidelines and social distancing recommendations for the containment of the Coronavirus. You are strongly encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meeting live via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/. If you wish to make a public comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Planning Commission meeting.

Dated: December 22, 2022  
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press December 29, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF SHAFTER  
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 20, 2022, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 745. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance.  
Summary of Ordinance No. 745: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter Making Findings and Adopting Specific Plan Amendment No. 22-05 to the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan as Provided in Exhibit "A". A printed certified copy of Ordinance

No. 745 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 December 20, 2022, with the following vote:  
AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Lopez, and Prout.  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
Dated: December 22, 2022  
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press December 29, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF SHAFTER  
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 20, 2022, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 744. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance.  
Summary of Ordinance No. 744: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California Making Findings and Adopting Specific Plan Amendment No. 21-03 to the Heritage Ranch Specific Plan as Provided in Exhibit "A".  
A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 744 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 December 20, 2022, with the following vote:  
AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Lopez, and Prout.  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
Dated: December 22, 2022  
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press December 29, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF SHAFTER  
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 20, 2022, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 735. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance.  
Summary of Ordinance No. 735: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter Amending Titles 16 (Subdivision Ordinance) and 17 (Zoning Ordinance) of the City of Shafter Municipal Code (1) in Response to Changes in State Law Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units, Junior Accessory Dwelling Units, and Landscaping; (2) for Consistency with the California Building Code; (3) for Internal Consistency Between Sections of Title 17 Regarding Section Numbering; and (4) to Place Recent Title 16 Text Changes in a Different Section for Clarity.  
A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 735 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 December 20, 2022, with the following vote:  
AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Lopez, and Prout.  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
Dated: December 22, 2022  
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press December 29, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Divers Pool Service  
2022-B7798  
Diver's Pool Service  
2022-B7799  
Divers Pool Services  
2022-B7800

4516 Coral Reef Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
4516 Coral Reef Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
Carranza's Investments, LLC  
4516 Coral Reef Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
State of Incorporation or Organiza-

tion: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: 12/01/2022  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Israel Carranza, Member  
Date Statement Filed: 12/01/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/01/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: C Martinez  
Publish Shafter Press December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Statement of Abandonment Of  
Divers Pool Service LLC

10724 Arden Villa Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
10724 Arden Villa Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
Divers Pool Service LLC  
10724 Arden Villa Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)  
Business was conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
/s/Abdo Ali, Managing Member  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B4167  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 06/22/2021  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/01/2022  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/C Martinez, Deputy  
Publish Shafter Press December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Dragons Mane  
2022-B7883

5701 Young St Ste 19  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
806 Jasmine Park Dr Apt 2  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Alicia Ann Villalobos  
806 Jasmine Parke Dr Apt 2  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Alicia Ann Villalobos  
Date Statement Filed: 12/05/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/05/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press December 15, 22, 29, 2022 and January 5, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Statement of Abandonment Of  
Xscape Salon and Boutique

7737 Meany Avenue Ste B-1  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
PO Box 22191  
Bakersfield, CA 93390  
TKA Holdings, LLC  
2900 Pacini St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)  
Business was conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
/s/Kari Auge, Managing Member  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B5175

Original FBN Statement Filed on: 07/30/2021  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/07/2022  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/C Martinez, Deputy  
Publish Shafter Press December 15, 22, 29, 2022 and January 5, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Booshie Babies  
2022-B8009

15039 Rye Field Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
15039 Rye Field Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Lisa Michelle Parrish  
15039 Rye Field Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Lisa Michelle Parrish  
Date Statement Filed: 12/09/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/09/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: C Martinez  
Publish Shafter Press December 22, 29, 2022 and January 5, 12, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Skull and Steel  
2022-B8008

15039 Rye Field Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
15039 Rye Field Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Kyle Steven Parrish  
15039 Rye Field Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Kyle Steven Parrish  
Date Statement Filed: 12/09/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/09/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: C Martinez  
Publish Shafter Press December 22, 29, 2022 and January 5, 12, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Cakes by Karen  
2022-B7729

3109 Blue Creek Lane  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
3109 Blue Creek Lane  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Cakes by Karen L.L.C.  
3109 Blue Creek Lane  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: 10/23/2019  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Karen Cabrera, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 11/28/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 11/28/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: C Martinez  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Elite Trailer Rentals  
2022-B8055

828 Minter Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
828 Minter Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Eduardo Solis-Zarate  
828 Minter Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Eduardo Solis-Zarate  
Date Statement Filed: 12/13/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/13/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: A Goodwin  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Bakersfield Handyman Services  
2022-B8134

6200 Victor St. Building F Apt 103  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
6200 Victor St. Building F Apt 103  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
Robert Bernard Jenkins  
408 Mark Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 12/12/2022  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Robert Bernard Jenkins  
Date Statement Filed: 12/16/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/16/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
McKee Ranch  
2022-B8245

16619 Johnson Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
16619 Johnson Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
David Daniel  
16619 Johnson Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Carl R. Daniel and  
Patricia A. Daniel,  
Trustees of the Carl R. and  
Patricia A. Daniel  
Family Trust  
16201 Johnson Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/David Daniel  
Date Statement Filed: 12/22/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/22/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: C Martinez  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Shafter Home Improvement  
2022-B8135

408 Mark Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
408 Mark Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Robert Bernard Jenkins  
408 Mark Ave  
Shafter, Ca 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 12/12/2022  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Robert Bernard Jenkins  
Date Statement Filed: 12/16/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/16/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
In A Jam? Towing LLC  
2022-B8136

262 Rodriguez Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
262 Rodriguez Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
In A Jam? Towing LLC  
262 Rodriguez Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: 12/06/2021  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Joshua Anthony Medina  
Date Statement Filed: 12/16/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 12/16/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Sweet Honey Bees  
2022-B7736

638 Vasquez Ave.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
638 Vasquez Ave.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Maria B Prieto Fraire  
638 Vasquez Ave.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 11/28/2022  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Maria B Prieto Fraire  
Date Statement Filed: 11/28/2022  
Date Statement Expires: 11/28/2027  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: C Martinez  
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