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# A colorful start to this years Rose Festival

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

The Wasco Recreation and Parks District's Run for the Roses Color Blast Fun Run proved to be a lively and vibrant morning for participants of all ages and skill levels. Some enjoyed a leisurely 3K walk, while others took on the more challenging 5K run. Whether walking or

running, the event provided a unique opportunity for the community to come together in anticipation of the exciting Rose Festival activities that would follow. The WRPD's district manager, Chris Serna, expressed her enthusiasm. "We had a great turnout this morning with about 50 runners. We had the WRPD Trailblaz-

ers cross country team and people from the community supporting the fun run fundraiser for the annual fireworks event. Our volunteers included the ChainBreakers softball team, local college students, high school students, and even our own kids. It's great to see so many people contributing to this community effort." Reflecting on the event's spirit, Serna noted the delight it brought to everyone.

"It was an explosion of colors, and it was just what we were hoping for. I think everyone left really happy and had a great, colorful time. This is what kicks off the festivities at Barker Park. It's a tradition we started and one we hope to continue for many years to come." Many moments stood out during the fun run, but for Serna, one in particular

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## Rihanna Sanchez crowned Miss Wasco Rose Queen



The 2024 Miss Wasco Rose Queen Rihanna Sanchez waves joyfully to the crowd after her crowning moment.

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

The 2024 Miss Wasco Rose Queen Pageant took place with great excitement at the historic Wasco High School Auditorium. Thirteen remarkable young women competed in categories including physical fitness, talent, interview, and poise and appearance. Dating back to 1969, this year's theme was Christmas. All the contestants shone brightly on stage, but Rihanna Sanchez

won the coveted crown. "It feels unreal and very exciting to be a part of this long-time tradition. I'm very thankful for my support system at home and for my directors. I'm ready to represent my town in such a positive and uplifting way." "I am honored to be Miss Wasco Rose Queen. All the past queens have been inspiring and made a positive im-

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City Manager Scott Hurlbert hands out candy to the Ramirez family children during the Rose Festival Parade.

## Parade combines tradition and spirit

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

This year's Wasco Rose Festival Parade saw record-breaking participation with 60 entries, 950 participants and 92 vehicles. The 2024 Grand Marshals, James and Helen Medrano, Mike and Chris McCurdy, and the Honorary Grand Marshals, the Wasco Knights of Columbus, along with the newly crowned 2024 Miss Wasco Rose Queen Rihanna Sanchez, were celebrated guests. Thousands of spectators, both local and from afar, lined the streets to cheer on festive floats, school marching bands, classic cars, trucks and the Honor

Guard. The Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, involved for decades, was led by Captain Ray Harper. "It's an honor to be a part of this group and to be able to participate," he said. "We do these throughout, and Wasco is one of our favorite parades. We train our horses for it." Eleazar Del Toro Ramirez from Buttonwillow took third place with his vehicle, El Presidente UTV. "It's covered in artwork dedicated to historical figures of Mexico and the Aztec calendar. The



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## The winners

The competition was fierce, and after careful deliberation, the parade judges selected the winners:  
**Car Clubs:** 1st - Rusty Volks Car Club, 2nd - Mopar Goddess, 3rd - Off Road Car Club  
**Equestrian:** 1st - Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, 2nd - Juan Sandoval, 3rd - Luis Ramos  
**Floats:** 1st - Wasco FFA, 2nd - 2024

Rose Queen, 3rd - LifeHouse Church  
**Schools:** 1st - John L. Prueitt Elementary, 2nd - Semitropic Elementary, 3rd - James A. Forrest Elementary  
**Other Organizations:** 1st - Wasco golf cart Crew, 2nd - Wasco Tigers Taekwondo, 3rd - Planet Dance Studio  
**Other Vehicles:** 1st - Mike and Chris McCurdy, 2nd - James and Helen Medrano, 3rd - City of Wasco

# Hundreds celebrate another First Friday

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**WASCO**

Shafter held its First Friday event on Sept. 6, attracting hundreds of residents downtown. In the heat, the crowd was enthusiastic and enjoyed a variety of offerings at the event. There was plenty of food, activities and entertainment for all ages. The Shafter Recreation Department had a booth that offered a variety of activities for the kids, including sitdown scooters, as well as having a line-dance session that let residents have fun on a big dance floor. City workers were on hand signing residents up for their new red alert system

that notifies residents of a variety of happenings in the city. There was plenty of entertainment as well, with live music at the gazebo area downtown. Originally the brainchild of Mayor Chad Givens, the First Friday events have continued to provide residents with a safe, fun way to spend a night out without having to go out of town to do it. For car enthusiasts, there was a large collection of classic cars on display, from hot rods, to antique classics. "You can see by the crowds that there are so many families here - and families is

what these events are about," Givens said, noting that even though the weather has been a lot hotter this year, the attendance and enthusiasm still has been great. Plenty of attendees said that the events are a welcome addition to the calendar. "These First Friday things are just fantastic," said Esmerelda Munoz, who was there with her two grandchildren. "It is nice to have something to do in town for the kids." Givens said that the next event will be held in October on East Ash, near the former Modified Correctional Facility site. It will include a Trunk or Treat, a Scary House for the kids, and other fun family activities.



There was live entertainment at the event.

# Community Calendar

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune encourage local organizations to let the public know about coming events and activities through this column. Drop off or mail items at the office, 455 Kern St., Suite E, in Shafter, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 661-292-5100 or email [esoriano@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com). Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on [TheShafterPress.com](http://TheShafterPress.com) and [WascoTrib.com](http://WascoTrib.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Shafter High reunion** – Class of 1994 reunion early sale, \$40 per person for dinner and raffle. Saturday, Oct. 19, at 5 p.m. at Hodels's Bakersfield. For more information or to make a payment, email [SHS94classreunion@gmail.com](mailto:SHS94classreunion@gmail.com), Class Treasurer Wendy (Gilley) Stacey.

## ONGOING

**Downtown Shafter Summer Fun Series** – First Friday, Oct. 4, 5-9 p.m. Live music, vendors and more.

**Wardrobe for Wildcats** – Semitropic School is seeking donations to provide two full uniforms, school t-shirt and school sweatshirt to each Semitropic School student for the 2024-25 school year. All donations will directly benefit students at the school and are tax deductible. Bring a donation directly by the school at 25300 Hwy. 46 in Wasco or contact Melody Gebhardt at 661-746-4439.

**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

**Senior Sack Program** – First and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Griffith Avenue Baptist Church in Wasco.

**Shafter Recreation and Parks District** – Meetings 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 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 farmers 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 residentes 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.

# Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to [The Press](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com), 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:** Manuel Ramirez worked for Shafter Public Works in 1984.



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## ARREST REPORT

### SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### SEPT. 8

Fernando Quevedo, 26, of Shafter, was arrested at South Shafter Avenue and Orange Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Alfredo Moreno III, 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of East Lerdo Highway for disordering conduct: alcohol.

#### SEPT. 7

Jose Luis Fernandez, 58, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of Ohannesson for contempt for disobeying a court order.

Francisco Javier Torres, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of East Euclid for stalking and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

#### SEPT. 6

Frank Anthony Rodriguez, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of North Wall Street for battery and violating a domestic court order.

#### SEPT. 5

Matthew Troy McBean, 41, of Shafter, was arrested in the 6600 block of East Lerdo Highway for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

#### SEPT. 4

Francisco Cervantes Garcia, 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange for inflicting corporal injury onto a spouse.

#### SEPT. 3

Ivancho Marius, 37, of Shafter, was arrested on the corner of James Street and Central Avenue for conspiracy to commit a crime, credit card fraud, possession of burglary tools, possession of a code-grabbing device and showing a false ID.

Iuliana Ionescu, 29, of Shafter, was arrested on the corner of James Street and Central Avenue for conspiracy to commit a crime, credit card fraud, possession of burglary tools, possession of a code grabbing device and showing a false ID.

#### SEPT. 2

Luis Angel Garza Jasso, 40, of Shafter, was arrested on

the corner of South Shafter Avenue and West Orange for disorderly conduct: under the influence.

#### SEPT. 2

Miguel Garza III, 33, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant

### BUTTONWILLOW

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

#### SEPT. 2

Marvin Morales, 25, of Lost Hills, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Power Street in Lost Hills for assault with a deadly weapon not a firearm and vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### SEPT. 3

Bryant Gerardo Juarez, 19, of Shafter, was arrested in the 2800 block of Zachary Avenue in Shafter for possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### SEPT. 3

Jessie Cruz, 66, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Scaroni Avenue and Lerdo Highway in Shafter for driving on a suspended license, no registration and failing to update annual sex offender status. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### WASCO

As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

#### SEPT. 02

Milton Ramirez, 39, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and Highway 43 for a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### SEPT. 03

Joacy Ori Giral, 24, was arrested at 2210 1st Street for loitering on private property. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Cuberto Barboza Cabezas, 31, was arrested at 748 F Street for a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

#### SEPT. 04

Abel Guerra Martinez, 34, was arrested at 1511 G Street for loitering on private property, receiving stolen property, and mail theft. He was

booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Francisco Villagra Rivas, 50, was arrested at the 900 block of F Street for a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Juan Daniel Vargas, 27, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and E Street on a felony bench warrant and for providing false identification to a police officer. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### SEPT. 5

Juan Daniel Vargas, 27, was arrested in the 1000 block of D Street on a felony bench warrant and for vandalism. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Maria Elena Larazamudio, 45, was arrested at the intersection of 9th and D streets for driving with a suspended license. She was cited and released at the scene.

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Juan Pablo Torres, 43, was arrested at the 800 block of 6th Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Manuel Magallanes, 25, was arrested at the 900 block of D Street for possession of a controlled substance, destroying evidence and obstructing/resisting a peace officer.

Ashley Crouch, 37, was arrested at 400 North Central Avenue for possession of a stolen vehicle and a felony bench warrant. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### SEPT. 6

Jesus Andres Perez, 37, was arrested in the 1000 block of 9th Street for disorderly conduct and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice

Facility.

Victor Adame, 21, was arrested in the 1500 block of Highway 46 for bringing drugs into a jail and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Raymond Bruno Zamora, 27, was arrested in the 1000 block of G Street on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### SEPT. 7

Karissa Antonett Aguilar, 24, was arrested at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Sequoia Drive for driving under the influence of alcohol, operating a vehicle with no valid license and failing to stop at a stop sign. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Francisco Ortiz Medina, 37, was arrested at the intersection of Woodside Drive

and 5th Street for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Edwin Donovan Rosas Sanchez, 20, was arrested at the intersection of McCombs Road and Root Avenue for reckless driving and evading a peace officer. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### SEPT. 08

Frank Mathew Gonzales, 37, was arrested at the intersection of 6th and F streets for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Julio Cesar Valle-Pineda, 36, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Palm Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility

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Chairs and blankets covered the grassy field. RIGHT: "Lego:Batman" was playing on the the football field's big screen.

# Drive-in makes a comeback at SHS

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High football team had a bye this past week, opening up the stadium for a free night on Friday. The school decided to take advantage of the opportunity and hosted Community Movie Night at the stadium, playing "Lego: Batman" on the new scoreboard, giving the crowd a nostalgic time of watching a movie out-

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doors. The admission for the event was free, with several vendors on hand selling a variety of goodies. There was, of course, popcorn, cotton candy, a variety of Mexican food by Mago's Kitchen, frozen lemonades, drinks and other movie-time treats. Over 200 people took the opportunity to watch the movie, with chairs and blan-

kets strewn across the football field, with some attendees choosing to watch from the concession area or the stands. "We wanted to show the community how we appreciate their support for our Generals and thought that this was a great way to show that gratitude," said Principal Russell Shipley, "This really takes me back," said Alonzo Ballendon, who was there with his two children. "I used to love going to the drive-

in theater, piling up in my dad's truck. We would park with the bed facing the screen, get our drinks and snacks out, and have a great time. It was a neat way to have a great night out without spending a whole lot of money." The Generals will back in action on Friday, Sept. 13, traveling to Dos Palos to take on the Broncos. The Generals are currently ranked number one in Division V, with the Broncos ranked number four.

# Inductees set for Hall of Fame dinner

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Union High School Athletic Hall of Fame will celebrate its Class of 2024 with an Induction Dinner and Ceremony on Saturday night, Oct. 26. Tickets are now on sale for this biannual event, honoring a remarkable group of athletes and coaches. It will be an evening of recognition and nostalgia, commemorating those who have shaped WHS's athletic legacy.

**WASCO**

- Veronica Sanchez (cross country, track)
- Kayla Wilburn (volleyball, basketball)
- 2012 Football Team

The Hall of Fame Executive Board includes Vice President Sharon Sharp, Treasurer Bobby Salinas and Secretary Shannon Sandoval. Committee members are Joe Hively, David Lucas, Wanda Eskew, Josh Huddleston, David Ward, Ryan Newman, Bill Peck and Jeff Wedel.



The 2012 Wasco High School Valley Championship team.

Each inductee will be recognized with a medal and a commemorative plaque. All of the inductees or someone on their behalf will present, and a biography and video montage chronicling their accomplishments will be shown.

Tallon said a highlight of the evening is "when you see old teams and athletes come together almost in a reunion-type format. It's great to see them reminisce and catch up."

He noted that two ceremonies ago, the Hall of Fame decided to have the Induction Ceremony on the WHS campus, "which is nice because some people may not have been back on campus in many years, and they get to see how beautiful

the campus is today." Tallon said that attending the event allows attendees to see all the athletes honored in a heartfelt ceremony while continuing to support the Hall of Fame, a small nonprofit. "The nonprofit coordinates each induction class every two years and maintains the history of the Hall of Fame on a website," he explained. The WUHS Athletic HOF was established to permanently identify and honor individuals who exhibited high ethical standards and integrity while achieving

athletic excellence at Wasco Union High School. "We just hope you'll come out and support us that evening as we honor the members of this class." Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The event will take place at the high school cafeteria at 1900 7th St. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased at wascohathletichof.com/induction-dinner until sold out. For more information, email wascoathletichof@gmail.com.

# Rihanna Sanchez crowned Rose Queen

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... pact here in Wasco, and I hope to do the same. Being queen is a privilege, and I thank my Rosy Reindeers for making this journey possible."

Cedes Saldaña, the first runner-up, shared her surprise and gratitude: "When they announced my name, I was shocked. I remember looking up at my family and feeling incredibly blessed to be part of a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It was truly amazing to share this moment with such wonderful girls."

The second runner-up, Klarissa Gomez, expressed her appreciation: "I feel honored and blessed. I couldn't have done it without my family. They have been supportive throughout the whole journey."

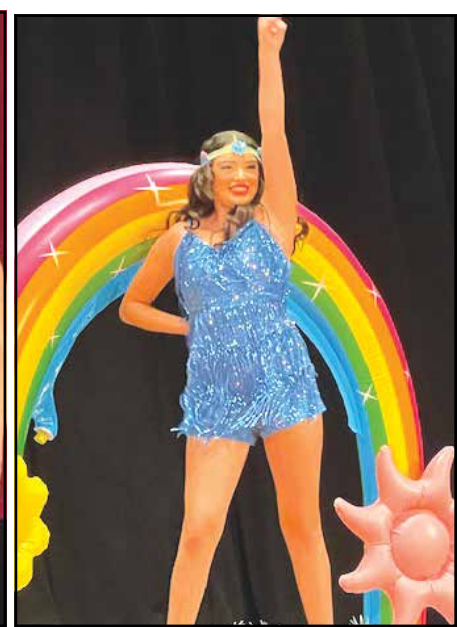
Contestant Daisy Asensio, reflected on her unforgettable experience: "I was a little nervous, but I knew I had my girls by my side. I couldn't wait for everybody to see it."

Briana Gonzalez enjoyed performing the physical fitness dance: "It was called 'Rocking Around.' I loved the energy of the dance and the incorporation of the escorts. I also appreciated the directors for putting in so much effort. I know it wasn't easy."

Amalia Cantu, who came to see her granddaughter as a contestant and her grandson as an escort, shared her



Cedes Saldaña, the first runner-up, radiates grace and poise in her formal gown. MIDDLE: The Mistress of Ceremonies Alissa Carlson Schwartz and the 2023 Miss Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda Rodriguez. RIGHT: Daisy Asensio dazzles with a vibrant rainbow-themed dance routine in the talent competition.



long-standing affection for the pageant: "Even if I didn't know anyone, I would still come because it's the best event in town. I like to see all the girls. They work so hard. All of them deserve the crown."

Crissenda Melendrez attended to support her daughter Ava: "She did an amazing job, and it paid off tonight. She gave it her all. And seeing her smile from ear to

ear and doing what she loves to do was my favorite."

The Melendrez family made it a special occasion, with relatives traveling from as far as Los Angeles and Orange County to see Ava perform: "Seeing us together as a whole shows her that she always has our support, and we will be there to support her with all her endeavors in life."

Pageant Director Hailey Coyle praised the event's success: "We're so proud of all the contestants. We also want to thank the many volunteers who helped us put it on and the community for the pageant's success. It couldn't have happened without them. It was a packed house, and the support for the girls was just great - that's what we do it for."

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OHF members Traci Mills-Clendenen and Orquidea Ocampo gave it their all to create a festival that the community would remember for years. MIDDLE: Teresa Ramirez sells children's toys and has participated in the festival for twenty years. RIGHT: Lily and Mike Flores from Wasco returned this year, anticipating another sell-out after their success last time.

# Barker Park comes alive at Rose Festival

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

After a bustling morning with the Run for the Roses Color Blast Fun Run, a pancake breakfast, and the Rose Festival Parade, the community came together at Barker Park for the Wasco Rose Festival. Guests enjoyed a car show featuring 32 vehicles, from a Lamborghini to a Ferrari, along with numerous vendors, live music, cold drinks and delicious food.

Stephanie Mixco, who coordinated the Barker Park festivities, expressed her enthusiasm. "I'm very excited. It was a lot of hard work gathering over twenty food vendors and about fifty retail vendors. I'm thankful we're having a good turnout despite the hot weather. I'm happy everyone is enjoying the event and having a great time."

Vendors embraced the opportunity to showcase their products and engage with the community. Axzay Villareal, who sold sculptures and mosaic art, shared her motivation. "I wanted to be a part of the celebration, share my art with the community, and hopefully sell some of it. This is home, and it made me happy to be part of this important history."

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Kyle Day of The Honey Comb, a vendor from out of town, sold unfiltered boutique honey. "It was a rewarding experience. The residents of Wasco are so nice and welcoming. They were excited to learn about my family's honey. Sales were great, and the community really showed their support. I would definitely come back."

For many attendees, the event held special meaning. Aly Jasso noted, "It was really packed, and seeing the community so united was nice. The organizers did a great job. There was a lot to do and many food options and WHS seniors helped keep the park clean. Everyone was so friendly."

Longtime resident Ray Romero appreciated the festive atmosphere. "The best part was the food; DJ Nonsense is always great. He plays good, up-to-date music. I enjoyed today's event. It was well-organized, and there was a real sense of community. Everyone comes together once a year for the parade and good food at the park. It's just a lot of fun."

The Barker Park event was the result of a collaborative effort by the Wasco Rose Festival team and the Orange Heart Foun-



DJ Nonsense set the tone for a fun time with his upbeat music at the Rose Festival.

dation, which worked tirelessly to ensure a memorable experience for all attendees.

Members of the Wasco Rose Festival team included Juan Gallardo, Christi Johnson, Traci Mills-Clendenen, Stephanie Mixco, Kishna and Stephen Nored, Sharon Sharp and Camilo Vasquez. The Orange Heart Foundation volunteers was composed of Orquidea Ocampo, Traci

Mills-Clendenen and Ruvy Ocampo. "We were all one team to make the entire Rose Festival happen," Mixco said.

Sponsors played a vital role in making the Wasco Rose Festival a success. Sharp explained, "We started reaching out to partners in April, and Wasco Rotary was the first to confirm. They are our top 'White Meidiland Rose' 2024 Sponsor of the Rose Festival."

"Some cities have a Chamber of Commerce and paid staff to put on events like this, but in Wasco, it's all community members volunteering their time. Without sponsors like Wasco Rotary Club, we couldn't grow this event year after year."

The 'Angel Face Rose' sponsors included California Home Pros, Kern Labor Contracting, Neuhouse Farms and Portwood Farms.

Sharp also acknowledged others who contributed to the festival's success, including all of the volunteers, the City of Wasco, Wasco Police Department, Hall Ambulance, Bakersfield Young Marines, Kern County Fire Department, DJ Nonsense, teachers Denise Fahey, Leslie Martinez and Hayleigh Tayack, and everyone who participated in the parade and donated to Toys for Tigers.

# Wasco Museum gives glimpse of history

**JAMIE STEWART**  
Wasco Tribune



Director Marlene Swan with some of the displays at the museum.

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During the Wasco Rose Festival, the Wasco Historical Society Museum held an open house on Saturday, giving residents a chance to take a peek back in time, with a variety of artifacts on display.

Director Marlene Swan said that they had a pretty good crowd. "We got more people in then we usually do on a Saturday," she said.

Upon visiting, there were two young residents who were watching a video about the history of Wasco, which they really enjoyed. "It was really neat seeing what it was like back then," said Araceli Cervantes.

Cervantes and Jakelyne Moreno checked out some of the other displays in addition to watching the video.

The museum has displays representing different decades, as well as different occupations. There is a terrifying dental

chair and equipment that is a big draw.

Established in 1946, the museum is dedicated to preserving and displaying the history of the community and its surrounding area.

The museum contains a variety of displays of items collected over the years, including photographs, documents, artifacts and memorabilia, allowing visitors to learn about the area's history.

The museum's main exhibit focuses on the history of Wasco and its people, from its founding in 1869 to the present day. It features historic photographs, artifacts from the town's past, and documents that tell the story of Wasco's past.

The museum also houses several other exhibits, including a display about the local Native American tribe, the Yokuts, and their culture and history. There is also a special display about the early pioneers who settled in the area.

# Festival hits the jackpot with Casino Night

**JAMIE STEWART**  
Wasco Tribune

The organizers of the Wasco Rose Festival were looking for an event for Saturday evening to finish off the jam-packed Satur-

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day of the festival when they decided to hold a Casino Night. It was the first time, and for all concerned, it was a big winner.

Over 200 people were at the Wasco Elks Lodge, playing a variety of casino games, earning tickets for a chance at a cache of prizes.

According to Erik Brown, an Elks member and one of the organizers of the event, attendees received a stack of "funny money" which the players played at the different table games, including blackjack, roulette, craps, the Wheel of Fortune and poker.

Players won chips while playing and at the end of the evening, they turned the chips into raffle tickets for a collection of prizes.

Another organizer, and emcee of the event, Carlos Lopez, said that he was very happy with the turnout and thinks this will be the first of many Casino Nights at the festival. "We



Rosie Chavez and Nidia Zamudio enjoying the evening.



Carlos Lopez and Jeffrey Montoya of the Wasco Elks.

had some great sponsors, volunteers and so much support from the community," he said. Among the sponsors for the event were Garza's Lawn Service, Pizza Factory Wasco, Arely's Quince Vibes, Hector's Plumbing and Glen Wegman.

There was also a full bar and food at the

event. One of the winners of the evening was Orquidea Campo, of the Orange Heart Foundation, who won one of the prize packages. "Yeah, I spent \$7,000 of funny money winning the electric griddle." She said the event was so much fun and said that it was a big success.



2024 Miss Wasco Rose Queen Rihanna Sanchez with first runner-up Cedes Saldaña and second runner-up Klarissa Gomez. RIGHT: Grand Marshals Mike and Chris McCurdy, Helen and James Medrano, Claribel Gutierrez from Assemblymember Jasmeet Bain's office, the 2024 Miss Wasco Rose Queen Rihanna Sanchez and the Honorary Grand Marshals, the Knights of Columbus.

# Elk Ladies celebrate Grand Marshals

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Elk Ladies hosted "Stop and Smell the Roses" as part of the Wasco Rose Festival, featuring an honorary guest reception. The evening celebrated the 2024 Grand Marshals Helen and James Medrano, Mike and Chris McCurdy, the Honorary Grand Marshals organization, the Wasco Knights of Columbus, the 2024 Miss Wasco Rose Queen and her court and local artists.

The 2024 Miss Wasco Rose Queen, Rihanna Sanchez, made her first official appearance and gave her inaugural speech, joined by first runner-up Cedes Saldaña and second runner-up Klarissa Gomez.

Representatives from the offices of Rep. David Valadao, state Sen. Melissa Hurtado and Assemblymember Jasmeet Bain presented certificates of recognition to the Grand Marshals and the Honorary Grand Marshal for their service to the community.

Guests enjoyed specialty dishes prepared by the Elk Ladies while mingling with friends, family and community members who came to support the honorees.

James Medrano expressed his gratitude. "I'm humbled and flattered with the nomination. I love Wasco and don't think I will ever leave."

He praised the event, noting, "It's a great event. The ladies did a fantastic job in celebrating the Marshals, the queen,

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and the artists. The McCurdy's are good Christian, community-oriented people, and the Knights of Columbus believe in selfless service."

Camilo Vasquez, who served in the VFW with James, remarked on the Medrano's recognition: "It's remarkable how many lives they have touched through their coaching and just being there. I couldn't think of a better couple. About James, he said, "He is a humble guy, and that is really what I admire about him. He deserves to be praised."

Mike McCurdy said, "I never thought I would get this nomination. We're very thankful. We've been here all our lives. It doesn't get any better. I feel very honored for this position because the city of Wasco is very special to me, having grown up here my whole life.

"The best was having my whole family here tonight. My two sons, daughters-in-law, niece, nephews, my sister-in-law and then receiving the certificates. It's something we'll honor for years to come."

Chris McCurdy added, "It was very nice. I enjoyed seeing everybody and visiting. I felt very blessed to have great friends here, longtime friends who said nice things about Mike and me. I want to thank the Elk Ladies and everyone for the awards. I didn't expect that."

Rhonda Jones, a close friend of the McCurdy's, shared, "They've been generous



Candy Wilson and Marlene Swan of the Wasco Elk Ladies handled wine ticket sales at the event.

with their time and money, and have always given back to the city they call home. They're good people. We have a good time with them. We've known them for over 35 years, and I can't think of anybody more deserving than them."

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Hector Avila described the evening as "overwhelming from the beginning to the end. I've never been the guest of honor, so it was just a surreal moment. There

was just a feeling of happiness, of everyone coming together to pay tribute to the Knights. I was extremely proud." He added, "I enjoyed hearing the stories about the Grand Marshals – how they met and their love stories. It was a special evening, and I was glad to share it with some of my fellow brother Knights as we were recognized for our efforts and sacrifices for the community."

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna reflected, "As a twenty-five-year member of the Knights it was exhilarating to receive the news that we had been selected as Honorary Grand Marshals. It was a great privilege to be recognized alongside great pillars of our community, Grand Marshals Mike and Chris McCurdy and James and Helen Medrano. The reception, put on by the Wasco Elks Ladies, was a delightful evening and a great success; I congratulate them all."

Liz Gerber, Wasco Elk Ladies event chairwoman, expressed her excitement, "I am so pleased we had a great turnout. I saw a lot of people here who had never been before, and they loved it—the food, everything was great. You could feel the Wasco love here tonight! And we are beyond ecstatic that our candidate won the title of queen." She also highlighted the art on display: "We honored artists from Wasco, showcasing everything from embroidered stitchery to paintings. These are all privately owned pieces of art that we shared with the community."

# Home buying focus of VCCDC seminar

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Homeownership is critical to financial stability and wealth building, with homeowners often holding 45 times the net worth of renters. To help local residents achieve this, VCCDC will host its 2nd Annual Kern County Home Ownership Conference on Saturday, Sept. 14, focusing on homeownership and financial empowerment.

Keily Victoria, director of program development at the Ventura County Community Development Corporation, said, "We are a nonprofit dedicated to empowering low- and moderate-income families through home ownership and financial education. Our approach includes free classes, financial coaching, mortgage lending and down payment assistance. Since our expansion into Kern County in 2019, we have been committed to serving communities like Wasco, addressing the urgent need for education on credit improvement, financial management and homeownership requirements."

A key offering of VCCDC is its HUD-approved homebuyer classes. The classes, available in English, Spanish and virtual formats, demystify the home-buying process, helping attendees understand requirements, available resources and the necessary steps to purchase a home.

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In addition to group classes, VCCDC provides individualized financial coaching. Participants work with a HUD-certified homeownership specialist who assesses their credit, reviews their budget, determines what they can afford regarding a mortgage and receives a custom action plan to prepare for homeownership.

The nonprofit is a leader in assisting first-time homebuyers with specialized products. Unlike traditional loans that require a 20% down payment, VCCDC offers options that require significantly lower down payments and are accessible to those with lower credit scores. Victoria explained, "We work with state, federal, and local agencies to distribute funds designated for homebuyers, and we collaborate with public and private entities to develop additional programs."

One such program is the WISH Grant, facilitated through the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. This matching grant allows buyers to receive \$4 for every dollar they contribute, up to \$30,000, with the grant being forgivable after five years of residence. Another program, CAL Home, provides up to \$30,000 in deferred loans to low-income households, with no payments required for 30 years and a favorable simple interest rate of 3%.

Eligibility for these programs typically


extends to homebuyers earning up to 80% of the area median income. For instance, a family of four in Wasco making less than \$70,300 may qualify for assistance. Prospective buyers must also qualify for a mortgage to access these funds.

On Saturday, VCCDC will host its homeownership conference at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bakersfield from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3100 Camino del Rio Court. Attendees can participate in a panel of experts and workshops on credit, down payment assistance programs and the home buying process. An exhibit hall featuring various partners will provide additional resources, and the loan center will offer free pre-qualification services. The first 250 attendees will enjoy a complimentary lunch.

Victoria encourages Wasco residents to attend: "We are thrilled to offer this free event where community members can ask questions, learn about resources and gain valuable

insights into making homeownership a reality. It's family-friendly, and we welcome everyone to bring their kids."

For more information or to register, visit [VCCDC.org](http://VCCDC.org) or call 661-601-7805.



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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 resignation of the appointed member, Miguel A. Raya, to fill the remainder of the term through November 30, 2025.

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

**Applications are available online on the City website:**  
[www.cityofwasco.org/FormCenter/Applications-9/Commission-Committee-Board-Application-50](http://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)

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Hoop Dreams towered over the competition. RIGHT: The semifinal ended with Fuerza beating Orange Hearts by 2 points.

# Basketball tourney champs crowned

**JAMIE STEWART**  
Wasco Tribune

Second to None and the Orange Hearts Foundation sponsored a basketball tournament as part of the Wasco Rose Festival events, held at the Richard Reding Gymnasium at Palm Avenue Middle School.

The event crowned their champions on Sunday when a Bakersfield-based team, Hoop Dreams, took the title with a convincing 102-54 win in the finals. A team

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from Los Angeles, Fuerza, took second place in the event. A great semifinal between Fuerza and the Orange Hearts team ended with Fuerza barely squeaking out a win, 62-60.

Hoop Dreams went through the event undefeated and pretty much untested, dominating their games on the court. The team is made up of a couple of players who had played professionally overseas, and also a couple that had spent time in the

NBA system. Members of the team were Rick Copeland, Adan Arredando, Steve Alford, Chris Clayton, Jack Jacks and Jerri-co Reyes.

Fuerza had to hold off a tough Orange Hearts team in the semifinal, and then 10 minutes later had to take on the top-ranked Hoop Dreams squad.

According to event coordinator Eddie Velasquez, the event drew 10 teams to the tournament this year, with the level of competition the greatest ever. "We have

some real talent this year, with the Hoop Dreams team, and the team from Los Angeles. It has been a great tournament."

Velasquez is the director of Second to None, a championship-winning youth basketball organization that is involved in several tournaments a year, including regionals and state tournaments.

Hoop Dreams won a gold basketball trophy, along with the championship title. The trophy was presented to the team by Miss Wasco Rihanna Sanchez.

# Tigers beat Morro Bay on the road

**JAMIE STEWART**  
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High Tigers traveled to Morro Bay on Friday night and came away with a 32-28 win, improving to 2-1 in the young season.

The Tigers' offense showed a more balanced attack than in recent years, with

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quarterback Miguel Gomez mixing a strong running game with timely passing.

Early in the game, the Tigers took advantage of a turnover in Pirates territory, turning it into a 12-7 lead in the second quarter. But, before halftime, the Pirates retook the lead, scoring on one of quarter-

back Sands Dougherty's four touchdown passes on the night, going into the locker room with a 14-12 lead.

Morro Bay extended the lead to 21-12 in the third quarter. But, the fourth quarter belonged to the Tigers, with Gomez using a ball control offense that chewed up yardage and resulted in 20 fourth-quarter points for the Tigers, including a 26-yard touchdown

pass by Gomez, securing the win.

Head Coach Chad Martinez and company will be returning to their home field on Friday night, taking on the Tehachapi Warriors, who clobbered Taft last week, 42-0.

Wasco will look to extend their home-field winning streak to six games, including four straight wins from last year.

# Lady Generals looking to repeat this year

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Lady Generals volleyball team made it to the Central Section Championship match last year, losing a close match to Bakersfield Christian. This season, after losing a couple of players to graduation, the team has come back looking to finish the job.

The Lady Generals are currently 13-1-1 on the season, having just begun the South Sequoia League season last week with a straight set win over the Titans of Chavez on Thursday.

The squad is ranked seventh in the Bakersfield area, including all divisions, Divisions I through V.

Led by Sydnee Macias, Annemarie Piuser, Kaitlyn Arizmendez and Kyla Schooley, the team has picked up where they left off last year. Their only loss of the season was in a tournament against highly ranked Independence High School.

Just a few years ago, the Lady Generals volleyball team was in the cellar of the SSL, struggling to find wins during the season. Behind Head Coach Sabrina Macias and her staff, the team has been transformed. A lot of the success has to do with a focus on fundamentals and the importance of having everyone know how to play several different positions and having a variety of skills in the game.

"This year, we have a talented roster of 15 players, including many returners from last season," Macias said. The team features four seniors, eight juniors, two sophomores and one freshman.



The Lady Generals in a time out just two points from match point.

"I am proud to announce that we recently secured the Ridgeview Tournament Championship for the second consecutive year," she noted.

"Several players have been instrumental in our success this season. Sydnee

Macias leads in kills and ranks second in hitting percentage in the Central Section. Annemarie Piuser follows closely, standing seventh in kills and fourth in aces within the same section. Kaitlyn Arizmendez ranks third in assists, while Macy is posi-

tioned in the top 40 for digs. Additionally, Kyla Schooley is eighth in blocks in the Central Section."

This week, the team moves from tournaments to the regular schedule, with away games against Taft and McFarland.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of:**  
**Kathleen Bradford**  
**Case Number: BPB-24-003007**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Kathleen Bradford  
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Jimmie Bradford, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern  
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Jimmie Bradford, Jr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration

of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:  
a. Date: 9/19/2024 Time: 8:30a.m. b. Address: J-1  
b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305.  
7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. Attorney for petitioner: Robert H. Brumfield, III 1810 Westwind Drive, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301 661-316-3010  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement**  
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**2024-B4850**

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Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Claudia Amador  
Date Statement Filed: 08/05/2024  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE**  
The following property will be sold by written bid by 9:00 a.m. MST on 09/19/2024



# A vibrant, colorful start to Rose Festival

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made a lasting impression. "It was watching those faces come through the finish line full of color and joy. It's always something fun to see. We at the WRPD always enjoy putting on these events for the community. The end result is gratifying, and the work we put in is always worth it."

Brenda Esparza, who completed the 5K in 32 minutes, said, "This run was fantastic. I loved seeing people bring their dogs—it added a special touch. I thought that was really cute. But it was the little kids who motivated us the most. If they can do it, we can do it, too."

German Rios, a Wasco High School history teacher, hadn't run in years after spending four years in Sacramento. "What better way to get back into running than in a community event like this?" he said,

adding, "I embraced running through the colors and danced through it with the help of the music, which added to the festive energy. Plus, having people cheer us on was great."

"Seeing my dog Rayo run with me, alongside my fiancée, Ana Orozco, who came to support me, was a highlight. I'm looking forward to the next one. I hope there's more."

First-place winner Aldo Ramirez, who finished the 5K in 18 minutes, expressed his excitement. "I'm not an experienced runner, and this was my first time doing something like this. It was awesome. I was just trying to support my community. After this, I'll be heading to Barker Park, visiting booths while wearing my colors. I'm proud to say I ran the 5K and represented the beautiful city of Wasco."



First-place winner Aldo Ramirez said it felt good to have the support of his family.

# Parade brings tradition and spirit together

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parade was a great opportunity to show it off to the people of Wasco. I appreciate those who took out their cameras to take photos and uploaded them to their social media pages. It felt really good to receive admiration for my car. It was an amazing day, and I'm excited for next year."

Jesse Flores, owner of Carnitas el Jesse, shared, "I felt the love of the community. The crowd was cheering us on, and they were grateful that we were giving away t-shirts and hats. It made me proud to be a Wasconian."

Spectators were impressed with the lineup, including the Ramirez family, who attend every year. "It's a tradition for us. Our kids love it. My little girl goes crazy over the queen."

Ashley Vega took the train from Bakersfield with her boyfriend. "We came because we love the roses and wanted to see what Wasco was about. We enjoyed the families, music, lowriders and food. We came early to get a good spot for the parade and the shade."

Gayle Coleman, a regular attendee, said, "With the roses, the Rose Queen, the bands, and the floats, it's beautiful to see the community keeping it going. I loved this year's theme, 'Small Town, Big Ideas.' It means unity, celebration and seeing everyone smile."

Genesis Espinosa of Wasco LifeHouse Youth distributed sno cones and motivational biblical stickers. "We're trying to build connections and empower the young people of Wasco."

Kelly Fargo, VP of Community Rela-

tions at Strata Credit Union, served as a judge. "Every float told a story of tradition and the spirit of Wasco. What a privilege to participate in such a special event. It was so much fun!"

Jenny Cortez of CAL Home Pros hosted the judges and said, "This is our second year. It's one of our community's best traditions."

The competition was fierce, and after careful deliberation, the parade judges selected the winners:

Car Clubs: 1st - Rusty Volks Car Club, 2nd - Mopar Goddess, 3rd - Off Road Car Club

Equestrian: 1st - Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, 2nd - Juan Sandoval, 3rd - Luis Ramos

Floats: 1st - Wasco FFA, 2nd - 2024 Rose Queen, 3rd - LifeHouse Church

Schools: 1st - John L. Prueitt Elementary, 2nd - Semitropic Elementary, 3rd - James A. Forrest Elementary

Other Organizations: 1st - Wasco Golf-cart Crew, 2nd - Wasco Tigers Taekwondo, 3rd - Planet Dance Studio

Other Vehicles: 1st - Mike and Chris McCurdy, 2nd - James and Helen Medrano, 3rd - City of Wasco

Christi Johnson of the Wasco Rose Festival Group expressed gratitude to everyone involved: "I want to thank everyone who participated and those who came out to watch. A special thank you to all the judges — Kelly Fargo, Sherry Knapp, Ludy Landois, Miriam Lopez, Lupe Macias, Rusvel Prado, and Blanca Soto — the announcer, Steve Dobbs, and Tilo and Jenny Cortez for hosting our judges."

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Manuel Valdovinos

Case Number: BPB-24-003020

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Manuel Valdovinos

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Kerina Valdovinos in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Kerina Valdovinos be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: 09/26/2024 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: J-1

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

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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

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

10. Attorney for petitioner: Kurt Van Sciver, Esq. 5500 Ming Avenue, Suite 362 Bakersfield, CA 93309 661-412-7729 Publish Shafter Press August 29, September 5, 12, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 758

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN THE CITY OF SHAFTER COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 0813,

COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX IN SUCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT Notice is hereby given that on September 3, 2024, the City Council of the City of Shafter adopted Ordinance No. 758 authorizing the levy of special taxes in the City of Shafter Community Facilities District No. 0813, County of Kern, State of California (the "District"). The following is a summary of the adopted Ordinance: The City Council of the City of Shafter has conducted proceedings to form the District. By passing Ordinance No. 758, the City Council of the City of Shafter authorizes and levies the special tax within the District. The special tax revenue shall be used to pay for the costs of certain public services, the payment of the costs of the City in administering the District, and the costs of collecting and administering the special tax. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Shafter by the following vote:

AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Olvera, and Prout. NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAINING: None Please note that the above is simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Dated: September 4, 2024 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press September 12, 2024

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#### Fist City Pizza

5519 Sunny Glen Ct Bakersfield, CA 93313 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 5519 Sunny Glen Ct Bakersfield, CA 93313 Bethany Anne Carrillo 5519 Sunny Glen Ct Bakersfield, CA 93313 Gena Nicole Esquibel 5519 Sunny Glen Ct Bakersfield, CA 93313 Business was conducted by: Married Couple /s/Bethany Anne Carrillo, Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B4303 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 06/30/2023 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 08/29/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024

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#### Fist City Ranch

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#### Hall of Fame Dental

3015 Calloway Dr #14 Bakersfield, CA 93312 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 3015 Calloway Dr #14 Bakersfield, CA 93312 Costes Dental Practice 3105 Calloway Dr #14 Bakersfield, CA 93312 Date Statement Filed: 08/29/2024

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Date Statement Expires: 08/29/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024

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#### AB Hair Studio

1002 19th St Suite #205 Bakersfield, CA 93301 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 1002 19th St Suite #205 Bakersfield, CA 93301 April Dawn Barton 1002 19th St Suite #205 Bakersfield, CA 93301 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/April Dawn Barton Date Statement Filed: 08/07/2024 Date Statement Expires: 08/07/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement

#### APEX Cleaning Co.

239 Beech Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern PO Box 607 Shafter, CA 93263 Danielle Marie Jaime PO Box 607 Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Danielle Marie Jaime Date Statement Filed: 08/19/2024 Date Statement Expires: 08/19/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024

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#### Lagunas Trucking

401 Atlantic Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 401 Atlantic Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Luis Lagunas Aguilar 401 Atlantic Ave Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 03/05/2019 /s/Luis Lagunas Aguilar Date Statement Filed: 09/03/2024 Date Statement Expires: 09/03/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Honesto Publish Shafter Press September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement

#### The Way Garage Doors & Repairs

3208 Allen Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93314 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 3208 Allen Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93314 Oscar Ortega 3208 Allen Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93314 Sarina Maree Ortega 3208 Allen Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Married Couple Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Oscar Ortega Date Statement Filed: 08/22/2024 Date Statement Expires: 08/22/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Honesto Publish Shafter Press September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

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State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 10/17/2022 /s/Mark Davis, Owner/Pres. Date Statement Filed: 09/03/2024 Date Statement Expires: 09/03/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Honesto Publish Shafter Press September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2024

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#### Kumon of Bakersfield-Riverlakes

5549 Calloway Dr Suite 300 Bakersfield, CA 93312 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 5549 Calloway Dr Suite 300 Bakersfield, CA 93312 Academic Enrichment Center of Bakersfield LLC 5549 Calloway Dr Suite 300 Bakersfield, CA 93312 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 04/18/2019 /s/Julissa Bhakta, CEO Date Statement Filed: 08/23/2024 Date Statement Expires: 08/23/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Honesto Publish Shafter Press September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

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#### Kumon of Bakersfield-Riverlakes

5549 Calloway Drive Ste 300 Bakersfield, CA 93312 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 5549 Calloway Drive Ste 300 Bakersfield, CA 93312 Business was conducted by: Limited Liability Company /s/Julissa Bhakta, Center Director Original FBN Statement File Number: 2024-B4449 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 07/17/2024 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 08/23/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Honesto Publish Shafter Press September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

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#### Pumpkin and Sweet Pea's Bakery

5601 California Ave Ste 300 Bakersfield, CA 93309 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 5601 California Ave Ste 300 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Bumble Tea and Company LLC 5601 California Ave Ste 300 Bakersfield, CA 93309 State of incorp. or org.: CA Sherene Paula Malapad Mendoza 5601 California Ave Ste 300 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Date Statement Filed: 07/12/2024 Date Statement Expires: 07/12/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/Z Arellano Publish Shafter Press August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2024

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#### Monarch Memorial

2801 F St. Bakersfield, CA 93301 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 844 E. Lerdo Hwy. Shafter, CA 93263 Monarch Partnership, Inc. 844 E. Lerdo Hwy. Shafter, CA 93263 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 08/19/2024 /s/Richard C. Woody, CEO Date Statement Filed: 08/19/2024 Date Statement Expires: 08/19/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez Publish Shafter Press August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2024

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#### Patriot Pilot Car

11612 Lone Oak Dr Bakersfield, CA 93312 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 11612 Lone Oak Dr Bakersfield, CA 93312 Shane M Jolley 11612 Lone Oak Dr Bakersfield, CA 93312 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Shane M Jolley Date Statement Filed: 08/13/2024 Date Statement Expires: 08/13/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2024

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