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Possible body of cop found in car

JAMIES STEWART

The Shafter Press

The body of a man thought to be a Kern County sheriff's deputy was found in a car parked in the Gossamer Grove area Tuesday afternoon, and an unusual law enforcement presence followed at the

At approximately 2:45 p.m., the Shafter Police Department received a call re-

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garding a death investigation. According to Acting Chief Randy Milligan of the Shafter Police Department, the dispatcher received a call for assistance from the Kern County Sheriff's Department.

Upon arrival, the officers found a vehicle parked on the side of the road off of Seventh Standard Road. After a search, a body of a deceased male was found in the

Shafter police put out a statement to residents in the area to proceed with caution or avoid the area due to the heavy police presence of dozens of vehicles.

No announcement was made, but an anonymous source told The Shafter Press that the deceased man was a Kern County sheriff's deputy. The presence of over 100 law enforcement vehicles surround-

ing Kern Medical Center, where the deceased man's body was taken after leaving the incident scene, seemed to confirm the report, since this is a rare event, and is customary when a law enforcement officer has passed away.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Shafter police communications center at 661-327-7111.

Updates to this story at TheShafterPress.com





Daniel Aguilar and Frida Giron-Reyes were recipients of the Outstanding English Composition Awards. RIGHT: Ludwika Escalona received the Shafter High Class of 1963 Scholarship.

SHS honors seniors with scholarships

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter High School Senior Awards took place last Thursday, giving Shafter's seniors a total of over \$100,000 in scholarships. The event was held at the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center on the high school campus.

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Over 150 seniors were presented with scholarships, giving them a head start on their future educational journey. Principal Russell Shipley welcomed the family and friends of the students. "I am so excited and proud of this graduating class. They have been through

so many challenges and obstacles, only to come out of the experience better young men and women."

Among the honorees was Jesus Figueroa, who was presented with 11 scholarships, including the Fred Houston Memorial Scholarship and the CIF Central Section Scholarship. [See separate story.]

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Figueroa named Scholar Athlete of the Year

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter Generals' Jesus Figueroa added to his accolades last week **SHAFTER** the Central Section's Scholar Athlete

of the Year. Figueroa was named to the South Sequoia League's First Team for his prowess on the champion Shafter High Generals football team. He also excels in track and

field, competing in running and jumping events, just missing qualifying for the State Track Meet this weekend in Clovis. Figueroa is not only a star on the field and track. He is also a star

in the classroom. He was honored

at the recent Shafter High Senior

Awards with 11 scholarships, in-



Jesus Figueroa with Generals Head Coach Jerald Pierucci.

cluding the Bakersfield College Scholarship, the CIF Central Section Scholarship and the Fred

Houston Memorial Scholarship. He is also in the top four See GENERAL Page 5



Councilmember Gilberto Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Valentin Medina, Miguel Raya and Councilmember

Council fills WRPD board vacancy

VERONICA JACUINDE

Miguel Raya was appointed by a City Council committee to serve on the Wasco Recreation and Parks District board, filling the unexpired term expiring Nov. 30, 2025.

The city was looking to fill a vacancy on the WRPD board due to the resignation

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of the appointed member, Sharon Sharp, to fill the remainder of the term expiring at the same time. The city received applications from Carlos Barraza, Rosalio Armendariz and Miguel Raya. All three candi-

dates were found to be qualified. Carlos Barraza requested to withdraw his application, leaving the two applicants for consideration.

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Baccalaureate blesses graduates

VERONICA JACUINDE Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School held its baccalaureate on Sunday night. It was a way to celebrate graduation in a religious ceremony to bless the graduates, sharing a message of a higher power and the love of Jesus

The speakers were Nino Vasquez and Hector Bernal from Templo Immanuel, Pastor La Ronna Rhodes from Westside Family Fellowship and Ross Shafer former longtime Wasco High School counselor.

Miranda Cortez is the



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manager and one of the key organizers. "This is a tradition students and families look forward to every year. I think it's special because it's a way to come together as a community, a good way to kick off graduation week and a

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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.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 661-292-5100 or email esoriano@TheShafterPress.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on TheShafterPress.com and WascoTrib.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Fest - Shafter Community Action Partnership of Kern at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid Ave., Thursday, May 23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Dress professionally, bring copies of your resume or master application, bring black ink pen and notebook. Children are *not* permitted. For more information, visit jobfestkern.com.

ONGOING

Kids Summer Program - Free registration at Shafter Youth Center. Full or half days available Monday, June 3-Friday, Aug. 2, ages 6 and older. For more information, call 661-746-8235 or register online at capk.org.

Downtown Shafter Summer Fun Series -First Fridays, June 14, Aug. 2, Sept. 6 and Oct. 4. 5-9 p.m. Live music, vendors and more.

Farmers Market — Downtown Shafter Square, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., every Saturday, June 15-Aug. 31.

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

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. [This week's meeting is at Gossamer Grove; see above for details.]

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall. Shafter Woman's Club - Meetings are held

the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

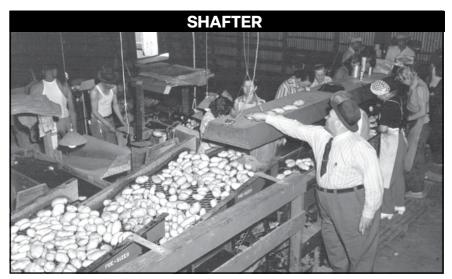
Depot Museum - Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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

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

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/ or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to The Press, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@The ShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: Shafter's 1938 sugar beets harvest at a shed on Lerdo Highway. Answered by Shafter resident





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ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter

Police Department **MAY 11**

Patricia Gonzalez, 26, of Shafter, was arrested at Eielson Street and Elizabeth Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

Efrain Cano Chacon, 43, of Shafter, was arrested at Mannel Ave.nue and Rodriguez Strett on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor

charge.

MAY 14 Kenia Jacquelina Chavez, 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Nickel Street for vandalism more than \$400 and trespassing and occupying

Desiree Marie Diaz, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue on an outside warrant and bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

property without consent.

MAY 17

Maria Velasco, 31, of Shafter, was arrested at Central Valley Highway and North Shafter Avenue for shoplifting, on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and for possession of a controlled substance.

Mayra Flores, 41, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Walnut Street for inflicting corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant/dating relationship.

Jesus Manuel Martinez, 41,

of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of West Los Angeles

Jeovany Espinoza, 25, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1000 block of 4th Street for threatening a crime with intent to terrorize

BUTTONWILLOW

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

MAY 13

Eduardo Ramirez Quiroz, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 26000 block of Lerdo Highway for being under the Influence of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MAY 14

Lilyan Samir Hassan, 38, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 200 block of East 1st Street for disorderly conduct. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MAY 18

William Leo Cox, 53, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Imperial Street in Shafter for driving on a suspended license, no registration, and on two misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

MAY 14

Victor Manuel Villanueva, 55, was arrested at the intersection of 7th and E streets for disorderly conduct: alcohol. He was booked into the Lerdo

Pre-Trial Facility.

Elijah Gonzalez Sr., 33, was arrested during a traffic enforcement stop at 7th Street and Rosewood for driving with a vehicle with tinted windows and driving with a suspended license. Gonzalez was cited and released at the scene.

MAY 15

Pamela Elaine Figueroa, 41, was arrested during a call for service in the 900 block of Broadway Street for a possession of paraphernalia. She was cited and released at the scene.

Carlos Roberta Acosta, 22, Edgar Medina, 21, and Julia Sanchez, 23, were arrested during a call for service in the 1500 block of 3rd Street for disorderly conduct: alcohol and obstructing /resisting a peace officer. They were booked at the Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility.

Jose Ocampo, 49, was arrested in 1300 9th Place for a misdemeanor and felony vandalism. He was booked at the Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility.

In May 9's Press, a caption misidentified the action and the athlete involved in a play during the Shafter-Wasco baseball game. Wasco's second baseman, Gerardo Aldana, made the tag to get an out during the game. Aldana is the only freshman

CORRECTION

on the Wasco varsity team. The Press regrets the error.

MAY 16

Joseph Anthony Gamboa, 26, was arrested in the 1300 block of D Street for felon in possession of a loaded firearm, possession of a controlled substance while armed and obstructing/resisting a peace officer. He was booked into the Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility.

Joseph Castillo, 38, was arrested at the intersection of 7th and D streets on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Paul Gutierrez, 28, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Adams Street on a felony bench warrant. Hwe was booked at the Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility.

Manuel Magallenas, 25, was arrested at the intersection of Parkside Drive and Redwood Avenue on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility.

MAY 18

Ebonisha Alisha Thomas, 40, was arrested at 1750 Poplar Avenue on several felony bench warrants. She was booked into the Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility.

Ariel Diaz Jr., 34, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Griffith Avenue for driving under the Influence. Diaz was transported and booked into the Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility.

Efrain Camacho Mora, 36, was arrested in the 1800 block of Bautista Avenue fordDriving under the influence, hit and run, obstructing/resisting a peace officer and intimidating a peace officer. He was booked into the Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility.

al Facility.

MAY 19 Adrian Munoz, 29, was arrested at the intersection of Beckes Street and Parkside Drive for obstructing/resisting a peace officer. Munoz was booked into the Lerdo Pre-Tri-

Elijah Gonzalez Sr., 33, was arrested during a traffic enforcement stop in the 1200 block of Poso Drive for driving with a vehicle with tinted windows and driving with a suspended license. Gonzalez was cited and released at the scene.

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Italy lives on in family's dream business

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

A new business opened in Shafter last weekend, a balloon and gift shop located on Central Avenue next door to Sno-Fun. Owned and operated by Judith and Noe Gonzalez, the store sells balloons, greeting cards, t-shirts and gifts for the family.

A ribbon-cutting took place on Friday, with Mayor Chad Givens, Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Prout and Councilmember Pete Espinoza on hand, as well as a good number of the community.

Gonzalez said that he is so excited to be open, not only for the opportunity to give back to the city, but also for his daughter, Italy, who was diagnosed with leukemia a few years ago and underwent two bone

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marrow transplants. She passed away in February, but Gonzalez said that their family's dream will live on in her memory.

When she was in the hospital, her mother Judith and Italy would talk for hours about the store that they would open up when she got older. In their plan, Judith, who has been doing balloons for years, would take care of the balloons, and Italy would advise on what gifts to bring into the store. "You know kids nowadays are so plugged in with the social media, and Italy was no different. She knew so much about what is 'in' with the girls her age and couldn't wait to open that shop," her mother said.

The dream has become a reality, just as



The store was already keeping busy.

they had laid it out, except for the name. In their original plans, the business was called Balloons by Judith, but now it is called Italy's Balloon Bar.

Blue lights, proclamations support police

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The community showed its support for their Shafter Police Department last week as they participated in National Police Week. In addition to the proclamations given out by Mayor Chad Givens to the different departments in the police force, residents participated in Project Blue Light.

Police dispatchers and police officers were honored for their sacrifices in making Shafter one of the safest cities in the county, if not the state of California.

Retired Assistant Police Chief Diana Burnett provided blue lights to put in porch lights as part of Project Blue Light, a tribute to officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice as well as a show of support to those who continue to work protecting

Several neighborhoods in Shafter, in-



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cluding Oak Court and the surrounding streets, bathed the night in blue light, honoring those who sacrificed their lives for the protection of their communities. The action also honored those who continue

Residents are asked to show your support by placing a blue candle in a window or decorating a tree outside their home with blue lights to remind everyone that law enforcement officers serve and protect every day of the year.

The idea for Project Blue Light began in 1989 when Dolly Craig wrote to Con-Project Blue Light is a simple gesture. cerns of Police Survivors to say that she forcement protectors," Burnett said.

would be putting two blue candles in her living room window during the holiday season: one for her son-in-law, Daniel Gleason, who had been killed in the line of duty while serving the Philadelphia Police Department in 1986, and one for her daughter and Danny's wife, Pam, who was

killed in an automobile accident in 1989. Craig is now deceased as well, but her idea is her legacy. Project Blue Light now burns bright in the hearts of the nearly 15,000 surviving families of America's fallen law enforcement officers who represent COPS.

Since Project Blue Light was introduced by the organization, it has been embraced by many law enforcement organizations and their families. "This is such a great way to honor our law enforcement heroes, and letting the community be involved in an effort like this one, bringing the community together with their law en-

Director sparks a love for music

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Greg "Sparky" Sparks is a dedicated educator who brings enthusiasm and passion to his role as the music director at Wasco High School. Energetic with a vibrant personality, he takes great pride in instilling a deep appreciation for music and love for the art form in his students.

He is originally from Maryland and moved here in 2003. He decided to make a move that bettered his family, finding his way to Wasco. "There is not a better community I could have moved to. This is such an incredible community with such incredible family-oriented people that I really enjoy here. For me, now it's about teaching kids. I love this community and have never thought about teaching anywhere else."

Sparks has a long history as a teacher. "Since 14 working with little kids, but with a teaching credential since 1995."

started learning music at a very young age to treat a medical condition. "When I was five years old, I was diagnosed with ADHD. In those years, in 1972, there wasn't a good outlook for kids with ADHD.

"After an interview with a psychologist, my mother was told that if we didn't get me on a program, I would probably turn out to be a drug addict or an alcoholic.

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"That night after the interview, my mom took me to a local drum corps and made me join. She made sure I was involved with something. That was the first time I was ever good at anything naturally. I've been playing the drums since I was five. My mom saved my life."

Sparks played in the drum corps until he entered high school. There, he was in a very competitive marching band. He didn't want to go to college, so he worked two years at many different jobs, trying to figure out who he was. At around age 20, he realized the only time he was happy was when he was working with high school drum lines. That was when he decided to pursue a teaching certificate at West Virginia University.

Sparks teaches choir, steel band, beginning band, music appreciation, beginning steel drums and band. He said being a music director means everything to him. "If I taught any other subject, I don't know if I would still be a teacher."

He said what he loves most about being a music director is just enjoying music. "It's incredible to start my day with steel drums. It's incredible to see the kids succeed. For me, that is one of the biggest things. I'm very hard on the kids when I don't think they are maximizing their potential. And I



WHS Music Director Greg "Sparky" Sparks brings multicultural music to Wasco.

fuss at them because they all have the potential to be great, and my mother showed me never to accept mediocrity." He hopes that students take away from

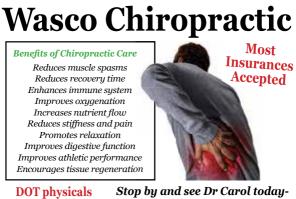
his class a love of music for the rest of their

lives no matter how it's done, "whether in church, choir, singing in the shower or just randomly dancing to music. I want music to be a big part of their lives in whatever capacity. Music makes us human."





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A group photo of volunteers and attendees of last year's Bike Rodeo event.

Keeping kids safe with fun and education

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

The city's Code Compliance Division is thrilled to present a Summer Safety Event on Monday, June 17, at Barker Park for children ages 5 to 12. With a fresh twist on their traditional Bike Rodeo, this year's activities include fire and water safety education, along with bike raffles, bike repairs, swimming, lunch, snow cones, free helmets and information booths for a fun and interactive morning of learning how to stay smart and safe this summer.

"This year, we are incorporating fire and water safety, along with our typical bike safety education," Code Compliance Officer Christian Tovar said. "With our water education component, as the temperature rises and kiddos are out at pools, we want them to be aware of the dangers like knowing not to be running around a pool, knowing to have someone supervising them, not leaving younger siblings alone around the pool, not entering a pool without knowing how to swim or without floaties, not knowing their limitations when it comes to their swimming, all of this so they are not putting themselves at risk of drowning so that they can enjoy a cool off safely."

Some of the water education curricula that will be offered includes drowning

prevention and the steps in the chain of drowning survival. "This is teaching them skills on what the chain of an emergency is, whether or not they know how to swim or know who to call in case of an emergency, that they are aware of water safety equipment that may be available to them, like a reaching pully, a ring buoy, a life jacket or a throwing bag."

Another exciting participant in the Summer Safety event is the Kern County Fire Department. They will conduct fire safety and sharing fire prevention strategies, proper fireworks use and information regarding illegal fireworks.

This year, there will be a bicycle obstacle course, a station teaching proper bike handling techniques and a helmet-fitting area. A highlight will be bike raffles and free helmets while supplies last. Bike Bakersfield will be doing bike repairs, such as fixing flat tires and chains, cog repairs and bike adjustments.

"The event will also have an open swim so they can bring out their bathing suits to cool off," Tovar said.

The Wasco Police Department will join with some of their vehicles on display for the kids to check out. Volunteers from the Wasco State Prison will help run the helmet-fitting station. Wasco Animal Control



Two happy winners of the bike raffles with Chief of Police Charles Fivecoat and Code Compliance Officer Christian Tovar cheering in the background.

will offer free adoptions. The Bakersfield Police Department will bring their life-interrupted trailer, which illustrates the effects of drunk driving by showing a car hit by someone who has been drunk driving.

Tovar said a lot of information will be shared. "We're trying to have the kids leave with a basic knowledge to have a safe summer, to enjoy themselves, and to know that they are going to be safe. There will be information booths like Kern Family Health Care and California

Rural Legal Assistance, providing different information to parents about tenant

The event is possible through partnerships with Kern Family Health Care, AERA, California Rail Builders, Wasco Toys for Tigers and Bike Bakersfield. Registration for the event starts at 9

a.m. at 1280 Poplar Ave. For more information, call Code Compliance Officers Christian Tovar at 661-758-7213 or Sergio Gonzalez at 661-758-7216.

WHS pathway students sign pledge

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School hosted its first annual SkillsUSA National Signing Day, honoring 17 seniors who have trained in the skilled pathways of culinary, multimedia, public safety, construction or allied health and are continuing in those pathways after high school through additional college programs, internships and jobs. These seniors signed a pledge to continue in their pathways as adults and were given certificates celebrating their hard work and dedication.

The students are: Emma Brown, Evelyn Torres, Jorge Cabrera, Visleydy Martinez Osuna, Lizette Mendoza, Brayan Sanchez, Yahaira Ruiz, Alexander Gomez, Giselle Valencia, Aily Curiel Delgado, Bianca Rosette, Montserrat Villagomez, Ivy Gutierrez, Maria Arvizu, Marco Pimental, Andrea Duran and Jeremy Nunez.

"SkillsUSA is a student-led organization that fills the gap between what employers find in prospective employees and what they actually still need. Our WHS students have been training and earning college credits in the pathways offered here. They are being trained in skilled labor jobs that are in high demand," Chef Lora Peñaloza, culinary instructor, said.

"The event is significant because it is the first time that our Wasco SkillsUSA Chapter is joining seniors around the nation to pledge to continue in the skilled pathways after graduation through additional college programs, internships and jobs. We





SkillsUSA President Emma Brown and Chef Lora Peñaloza, culinary instructor, said the night celebrated the student's achievements and commitment to the skilled trades. RIGHT: Lizette Mendoza, with Julianna Villasana, said the pathways program at Wasco High was challenging but a challenge worth taking.

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honor their hard work and dedication tonight by having them sign their letters of intent and present them with certificates."

She said signing the pledge is remarkable because many seniors don't know what they want to do with their lives. "Here we have seniors who not only are ready to join the workforce but are committed to a specific profession and already have years of on-the-job training experience."

Chef Lora also added that she is in-

credibly proud of the students' accomplishments and "their contributions to growing our chapter, which will benefit all of the incoming students."

She said the signing inspires the next generation of WHS SkillsUSA students. "It's inspirational because it shows that these

classes are not just electives to take for fun; they provide training that can build

Student Lizette Mendoza took the allied health pathway and signed the pledge to continue her studies in psychiatry at Bakersfield College to become a pediatric nurse. She said the WHS program prepared her "100%."

their future careers."

"They were positive and impacted me so much. They pushed me and didn't doubt me. They knew I could do it even if I were afraid. I'm grateful to experience their support and encouragement."

She said about the honor of signing the pledge, "I feel very emotional but very proud of my officers, my advisors, and everyone included in SkillsUSA and the board, especially. I'm happy I decided to pursue my journey in pathways."

When asked why she signed the pledge, she said, "It is the right path for me, and I think I will succeed."

SkillsUSA President Emma Brown

signed the pledge to pursue nursing at California State University at Bakers-

She shared her experience in the SkillsUSA program at WHS: "I learned a lot. I became a leader. It made my high school years that much better, and it opened up a

lot of opportunities." She said signing the pledge to move forward with allied health is a turning point. "Because it shows my dedication to my future career."

As president, she has been able to become more involved with the school and community, which is one of the main focuses of the SkillsUSA program.

She said it was a privilege to be recognized for signing the pledge at the ceremony. "I've been in this program for three years, and I've watched it grow from only two pathways to five. It was also an honor to participate as the opening speaker and be with my friends and family who were here tonight."

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Teacher's case delayed

A teacher at Sequoia Elementary School saw her case in a Bakersfield Superior Court postponed for the third time last week.

Candie Springer is now scheduled for a preliminary hearing Thursday, June 6, on a felony count of child

cruelty and a misdemeanor count of

allowing an unlicensed driver to op-

Last year, Springer allowed her then-15-year-old son to take her car

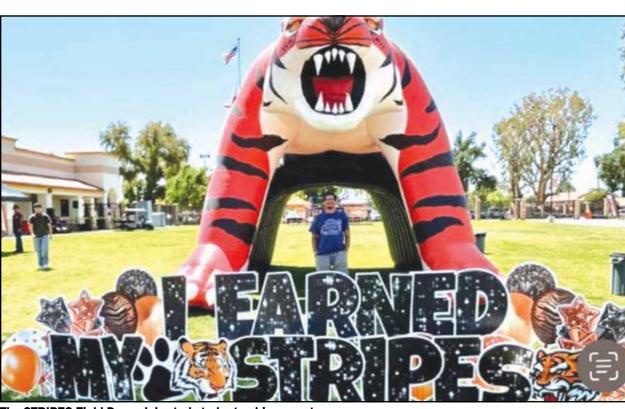
for what she thought would be a quick trip to the market. Jace Springer instead picked up friends, sped on city streets and led po-

lice on a chase that ended with the car

crashing into a tree. A passenger died.

Jace Springer accepted a plea agreement in juvenile court last year and was ordered to complete 200 hours in a juvenile work program and follow probation terms. The plea resulted in convictions on charges including vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence.

-Jamie Stewart



The STRIPES Field Day celebrated student achievement.

STRIPES students earn fun day under the sun

VERONICA JACUINDE Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School brated over 280 students at the first STRIPES Field Day earlier this month. Students who earned five or more STRIPES this school year were treated to lunch in the sun on the administration lawn, along with field games, La Rosa ice cream and music from DJ David Armendariz.

Principal Rusvel Prado said after the May 2 event, "At Wasco High School, the STRIPES Field Day was a joyous celebration under the sun, rewarding students who earned ALL their STRIPES with a lunch period filled with fun and excitement. The STRIPES committee did a wonderful job organizing a variety of engaging activities, ensuring a memorable experience for everyone involved."

Senior Ramiro Lopez had a good time at the special event. "It was pretty fun having the chance to enjoy lots of games and food with friends and seeing classmates having fun. It was a good way to end my senior year."

On behalf of the STRIPES committee, Allie Rios expressed appreciation to the MOT department for

helping set up and clean, Jose Quintana and his cafeteria staff for preparing lunches, Angie Benavides for taking pictures throughout the event, Irma Prado for serving as the official ice cream girl, Chris Ruiz, Priscilla Fernandez and Rosa Ocampo for lending their field games and Hailey Coyle and the ASB team for decorating the event.

"Additionally, we would like to thank the entire WHS staff for submitting STRIPES all year and making this happen. Without you all recognizing our students, this event would not have been able to take place," Rios said.

The STRIPES program recognizes students who exhibit consistently high character in areas such as engaged learning, being prompt and present, involvement on campus and being technologically responsible. This was the second year of the program. To date, 94% of the student body has received at least one STRIPE. Additionally, 63 seniors earned their STRIPES cords to be worn at graduation, recognizing their having received all seven STRIPES this year.

STRIPES stands fo: S - Show respect: Following directions the first time, doing the right thing, respecting others/property, 2) T - Technologically responsible: Bringing charger and charged Chromebook to class, following cell phone policy, 3) R - Ready for college & career: Visiting the Career Center, focusing in class, meeting with counselor, 4) I - Involved on campus: Joining a club or sport, making rally posters, participating in dress up days, 5) P - Prompt and present: Being seated and ready to work when the bell rings, having no tardies, 6) E - Engaged learner: Coming prepared with all needed materials, asking questions, participating in class and 7) S -Service minded: Throwing away their trash, leaving classroom clean, helping others, opening doors.

Sophomore Hailey Magana Casillas said, "It was fun. I liked how they had a day for us to celebrate our success in the things we do on campus that not many people see. It was fun to be around my friends and play."

Rios added, "We are looking forward to the very bright future of the STRIPES program and cannot wait to continue to watch it grow."





General named Scholar Athlete of the Year

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students in his class based on grade point average.

Figueroa was an essential part

of the champion Shafter High football team, a contributor on both the offensive and defensive side of

hardest-working high school student-athletes within the California Interscholastic Federation, demonstrating academic excellence, leadership and good citizenship.

Figueroa represents one of the

At the May 6 awards dinner in Tulare, 44 student athletes were awarded a minimum of \$500 in

scholarships by the Central Section. To qualify for these scholarships, students must be a graduating senior, have participated in at least one varsity sport for two years, displayed good citizenship in school and volunteer activities, and carry a 3.5 minimum unweighted GPA. Many of these students have been involved in honors classes and extracurricular activities, and even held jobs that helped their families throughout high

Crystal Creamery has been a sponsor of the CIF since 2012, providing both financial support for student athletes and milk to fuel athletic performance and recovery.



Jesus Figueroa was named the Central Section's top Scholar Athlete.



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PET OF THE WEEK Mona needs a loving home

Mona came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. She is approximately a 2-4-year-old female dachshund mix. She is great with staff and other dogs. At the time, it is unknown if Mona is house/ crate trained. Dogs are not tested with children; her behavior towards children is unknown. Mona will be available for

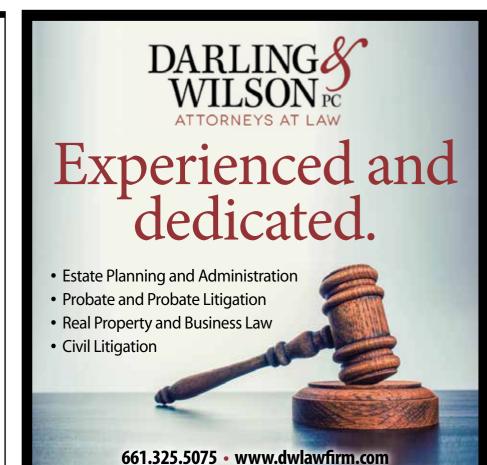
adoption on Thursday, May 23. Everyone is welcome to adopt from our facility, and we like to give everyone the same opportunity to adopt. Adopters can be from out of town and/ or local. We do not place holds for adoptions. Adopters are responsible for transportation.

Adoptions are on a first-come, firstserve basis, beginning at 8 a.m. on the date they are available. You are welcome to call us the day before their availability to ensure the pet is still for adoption.

More information is available by

emailing rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org. -Wasco Animal Shelter





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Jeneve and her father, Esgar Rodriguez, with Miss Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda Rodriguez, enjoyed dressing up for the occasion. MIDDLE: The Delgadillo family keeps coming back because it's fun and for the memories they make. RIGHT: Adrian Felix, with his daughter Violet Castro, said he came to have a good time with her and dance together.

A father-daughter dance to remember

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

It was a magical evening, where fathers and daughters stepped onto the dance floor, hand in hand, and embraced the beauty of the moment at the Orange Heart Foundation-hosted Father-Daughter Dance. It was an opportunity to create lasting memories, fostering bonds to last a

Ysidro Castro came with his daughter Violet, "She's my baby, and I want to show her I'm always going to be here for her, and I think this is a good chance to bond with her.

"It also brings out our free spirit with each other. We don't always have to be serious. We can enjoy each other's company, laugh and have fun.'

Eddie Velasquez and his daughter Vianey said the night was special. "We've been coming to these since the very first Father-Daughter Dance. It's a tradition for me and her.'

'What I like best is that my daughter likes to dance, so this is like a semi-date to go and dance together and hang out. It's something we look forward to all year long. The older she gets, the less we hang out, so these times are special."

He said it was a good turnout. "It's always a good time to see the small town get together with all the dads and their daughters. It's good to see the guys I grew up

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with being good dads and fun dads."

For Anthony Salazar, who came with Juliana Gutierrez, it was emotional. "She's my stepdaughter, and she asked me to come with her and that meant a lot to me. It's going to build a connection that will be more like a father-daughter instead of a stepfather-stepdaughter."

"Tonight is a night for the young ladies in Wasco," Esgar Rodriguez said. "It was an honor to be Jeneve's date tonight. I will always remember how beautiful she looked. The best thing in life is the memories we make." A highlight of the dance was an appear-

ance by Miss Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda Rodriguez: "This was my first-ever Father-Daughter Dance. It was such a beautiful experience. It was so cute to see the little girls dressed up and with their dads enjoying it. They were so excited, just as I was excited to see them."

Orquidea Ocampo and her OHF team have been putting on the event for almost a decade. "We were inspired because the community didn't have a father-daughter dance, and we always tried to fill the need. We hosted the first dance in 2016."

She said it has evolved over the years. "We've had a lot of support from the community. We started it at the Wasco Recreation and Parks District, and now we are holding it at Palm Avenue Middle School





Anthony Salazar, with Juliana Gutierrez, said he will remember most the special moments he shared with her. RIGHT: Angelli, with her father, Fernando Dominguez, said it felt good dancing with her daddy.

because it's been so successful, and every year, it gets bigger and bigger."

Ocampo added that the dance is impactful for the fathers and daughters. 'They make memorable moments. It's an event that once they experience, they return year after year. They get to spend quality time together. It's just special for them; no moms are present, and this day is dedicated to the father and daughter."



Lifetime CSF award winners.

SHS honors seniors with scholarships

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Each student honored walked across the stage, collecting their scholarship, their last walk across the stage as high school seniors.

Another student that stood out during the evening was Ebelin Gomez, who received the AARP Scholarship, Dick Garber Scholarship, PLTW Engineering Award and Wonderful Education Scholars

There was a near record this year as over 200 students were awarded special cords that signify their acceptance as lifetime members of the California Scholastic Federation. They will wear these cords at

graduation on Wednesday, May 29. Thanks went out to the Lopez family who, once again this year, provided re-

freshments and desserts at the cafeteria following the awards ceremony.

The Lopez family has had several gen-

erations of alumni who have graduated from Shafter High School. They also sponsor an annual golf tournament to raise

money for their own family scholarship that is presented at the ceremony. As for the scholarships, qualifications for each award are established by the various individuals and organizations making

the presentation. Some may place empha-

sis on financial need, while others may

deem scholastic excellence to be more im-

portant. Whatever the selection processes, every award given is a tangible way to show that these donors have confidence in the students' ability and want to help them make their future education possible.

The event was led by Scholarship Coordinator Esther De La Cruz, who organizes the scholarship program. "She is truly dedicated to the students, and we thank her for all of her tireless work here at Shafter High," concluded Shipley.

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Matteo Martinez swings for a hit.

Generals advance to baseball semis

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Generals baseball team headed to the semifinals of the Central Section Division V playoffs with a 3-1

victory over SHAFTER rivals Wasco High. Shafter used a three-run second inning to put up all of the runs they would need to take care of the visiting Tigers.

The Generals used three pitchers in the contest, when starter Lukas Pena had a little trouble from the beginning of the game. Andy Gomez came in and promptly put the Tigers down in order. Gomez dominated until the sixth inning, when he walked a batter and a Tiger got a hit, putting the tying run on base.

Matteo Martinez then came in and got the Generals out of the jam, also thanks to some excellent defense, which was outstanding all game, including two double plays, a pick-off by Gomez and catcher Jacob Bernal throwing out a runner trying to steal second base, ending Wasco threats. First year Head Coach John Hill commented on his team's performance. "We were pretty solid all the way across on defense and pitching," he said. "I think we have one of the best defensive teams around. Our



He's safe!

hitting started out slow, but we got hotter later in the game. That's the thing we tell

the boys: We don't play two [innings], we play seven. That means that we fight all the way through. The boys did really well."

Shafter made the most of three hits, two errors and a walk to score three runs in the second inning against Damian Santos, the Tigers starter who went the distance. He scattered seven hits and held the Generals scoreless in the final four innings.

In the Shafter second, Alex Balderrama reached on an error and moved to third on a two-base throwing error. Jacob Gutierrez followed with an RBI-single, but he was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double. After a walk to Jesus Paez, JJ Hinojosa doubled off the base of the left-field fence to chase home Paez. No. 9 hitter Jacob Bernal followed with a single to right to score Hinojosa for a 3-1 lead.

Bernal went 2 for 3, the only Shafter

player with multiple hits. Many of the kids on the team have been playing together since the fifth grade. "When our son and his friends were in the fifth grade, we decided to start the Shafter Bombers, a traveling baseball team in Shafter," said Jennifer Garza. "So, a lot of them have been playing on the same teams all the way from grade school."

The Generals then got a pleasant surprise after the game when they found out that the No. 2 seed Yosemite had been beaten, meaning the third-seeded Generals will be able to stay home and play Firebaugh for a trip to the Valley Championship on the line.



PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Semitropic School District

1. Proposed budget will be available for public inspection: DATE(S) June 3rd LOCATION/ADDRESS 25300 Highway 46 Wasco, CA 93280 2. Public Hearing: DATE(S) June 6, 2024 TIME: 6:15p.m. LOCATION/ADDRESS 25300 Highway 46 Wasco, CA 93280 3. Budget/LCAP Adoption Date: June 13, 2024 /s/Bethany Ferguson, Superintendent

Publish Wasco Tribune May 23, 2024 **PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Date 3-15-24

Wasco Union High School District 1. Proposed budget will be available for public inspection: DATE(S) 6/1/2024 LOCATION/ADDRESS 1900 7th Street Wasco CA, 93280 2. Public Hearing: DATE(S) 6/6/2024 TIME: 6:00pm LOCATION/ADDRESS 1900 7th Street Wasco CA, 93280 3. Budget/LCAP Adoption Date: 6/20/2024

/s/Kevin Tallon, Superintendent

Publish Wasco Tribune May 23,

Date 4/15/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE The Wasco Union High School District (WUHSD) will receive written comments for thirty (30) calendar days beginning on May 13, 2024, for the consideration of the Enhanced Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment also referred to as a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Equivalent Report for the construction and operation of a Proposed School Farm located at 3717 7th Street in Wasco, CA as required by California Education Code section 17213.0(a) The proposed School Fann site

is located on approximately 30 acres just south of a residential and farmyard area of 3717 7th Street in Wasco, CA. The property description is as follows: The Proposed School Farm area (site) is located approximately 320

feet southwest of the intersection of 7th Street and Magnolia Avenue at 3717 7th Street in Wasco, CA. The project site borders are a dirt road to the west, a residential area and farmyard and fruit trees to the north (APN 487-140-47), a dirt road to the south and Magnolia Avenue to the east. The Proposed School

Farm site area is further identified as Assessor Parcel Number; 487-The Wasco Union High School District Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing to receive

comments on June 6, 2024 at

6:00 p.m. in the Board Room

located at the Wasco High School

in Room 202 at 1900 7th Street in

Wasco, California to receive further

comments for the consideration

of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Equivalent

Copies the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Equivalent Report, prepared by Soils Engineering, Inc., are available for public review during the business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the WUHSD Main Office located at 2100 7th Street in Wasco, California. Should you have any questions

please contact the WUHSD at (661) 758-8447. Kevin Tallon Superintendent. Publish Wasco Tribune May 16, 23,

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement S G Farms 2024-B2872 2111 Via Basilica Ave Delano, CA 93215

County: Kern 2111 Via Basilica Ave Delano, CA 93215 Gamdur Singh Gill 2111 Via Basilica Ave Delano, CA 93215 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 05/05/2024 /s/Gamdur Singh Gill Date Statement Filed: 05/06/2024 Statement 05/06/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

Publish Wasco Tribune May 16, 23,

Bv: M Torralba

30, June 6, 2024

Fictitious Business Name Statement V.B. Auto Truck & Diesel Repair

2024-B2172

21189 CA-46

23, 30, 2024

Individual

/s/Vidal Ballesteros

Number: 2021-B7200

Original FBN Statement

Lost Hills, CA 93249 County: Kern PO Box 559 Lost Hills, CA 93249 Vidal Ballesteros 21136 Universal St Lost Hills, CA 93249 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 12/24/1999 /s/Vidal Ballesteros Date Statement Filed: 04/03/2024 Date Statement 04/03/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business Name** Abandonment Statement V.B. Auto Truck & Diesel Repair 14692 Martin Ave

Publish Wasco Tribune May 9, 16,

Lost Hills, CA 93249 County: Kern Mailing address: 14692 Martin Ave Lost Hills, CA 93249 Vidal Ballesteros 21136 Universal St Lost Hills, CA 93249 Business was conducted By: /s/M Cedeno Publish Wasco Tribune May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024 **PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business** Name Statement Blurryvisionz

Original FBN Statement Filed on:

This statement of Abandonment

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

filed on: 04/03/2024

Aimee X. Espinoza

8007th Street

Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 800 7th Street Wasco, CA 93280 Nathan Lewis Chacon 8007th Street Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 09/01/2021 /s/Nathan Lewis Chacon Statement Filed: 04/29/2024 Date Statement Expires: 04/29/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: M Torralba Publish Wasco Tribune May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Name Statement

Magana And Son Auto Sales

2024-B2688

1791 Snapdragon Dr

Wasco, CA 93280

Fictitious Business

County: Kern 1791 Snapdragon Dr Wasco, CA 93280 Renee Magana 1791 Snapdragon Dr Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Renee Magana Statement Filed: 04/25/2024 Date Statement Expires: 04/25/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedena Publish Wasco Tribune May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

Fictitious Business Name Statement Weld and Wash 2024-B2716

PUBLIC NOTICE

2134 Campus Dr Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern 2134 Campus Dr Delano, CA 93215 Rodrigo Cruz Gonzalez 2134 Campus Dr Delano, CA 93215 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 03/15/2024 /s/Rodrigo Cruz Gonzalez Statement Filed: 04/26/2024 Date Statement Expires: 04/26/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: M Torralba Publish Wasco Tribune May 2, 9, 16,

Council fills WRPD board vacancy

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A committee consisting of Mayor Alex Garcia, Councilmember Eddie Saldaña and City Manager Scott Hurlbert interviewed both applicants. The committee recommended the appointment of Raya.

"I feel excited and happy to be able to help with the board and hopefully with the sports I have played and coached to help improve the youth programs and the parks," the new appointee said.

He looks forward to "collaborating with the staff that is already there and the board members and adding to what they have and contributing to what they have been doing already."

He was raised in Wasco, is an elementary school teacher for the Wasco school district and has played and coached sports for over twenty years.

"I have coached basketball, little league and soccer for the parks and recreation district. In middle school, I coached basketball and soccer. Currently, at Wasco High, I coach track and soccer. In the past, I also coached boys' basketball at the high school."

City Manager Scott Hurlburt said, "Both candidates were qualified. Ultimately, the council committee selected Mr. Raya. At this time, we are confident he will do a fantastic job on the board and bring a new perspective to the district."

In a presentation at the council meeting, the Wasco High School Wrestling team was recognized with a certificate and keys to the city for their triumph as the 2024 Valley Champions.

Councilmember Vincent Martinez commented, "I am very proud of these kids. Not only are they stellar athletes, but they are great young men and women. They continue to carry on the tradition of Wasco wrestling. And it all starts with the coaching. There is a reason why, year after year, Wasco so consistently dominates their league, and it is because of our outstanding coaching staff."

"Not only are they teaching these kids the techniques they need to win on the mat, but they are developing them as young men and women to be better people. They are giving these kids not the mindset to win a wrestling match but the mindset to win at life. And to me, that is far more important than any title, but winning a Valley Championship is really special, and I'm proud of everyone involved in our wrestling programs in the city of

Head coach Juan Gallardo said, "I think it's amazing to be recognized by our own town. It's a true blessing to be a part of this program, of these kids and of the coaching staff. I want to thank all the supporters, sponsors, and especially the parents for trusting me with their kids. I love the fact that they allow me to be a part of their lives."

A proclamation for Public Works Week recognized the substantial contributions public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees make to protecting the



Councilmember Gilberto Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Valentin Medina, Sharon Sharp and Councilmember Vincent Martinez.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business

Name Statement

Adrian Corral Consulting

2024-B2802

Date Statement Filed: 05/01/2024

Statement

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business

Name Statement

La Dolce Vida Doula Services

2024-B2662

La Dolce Vida Doula Services LLC

Date the business commenced: N/A

10. Attorney for petitioner:

1810 Westwind Drive, Suite 100

Robert H. Brumfield, III

Bakersfield, CA 93301

14924 Wayne Lee Ct

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Adrian Ted Corral

14924 Wayne Lee Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93314

Bakersfield, CA 93314

County: Kern

05/09/2023

05/01/2029

By: M Torralba

3812 Teal Street

County: Kern

3812 Teal Street

3812 Teal Street

Date

04/25/2029

By: M Cedeno

13929 Eberle Rd

County: Kern

Bakersfield, CA 93313

Aimee X. Espinoza

Bakersfield, CA 93304

Bakersfield, CA 93304

Bakersfield, CA 93304

State of incorp. or org.: CA

Limited Liability Company*

/s/Stephanie Hinzo, Manager Date Statement Filed: 04/25/2024

Statement

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business

Name Statement

Baize Electric Solar Technologies

2024-B2600

Expires:

Aimee X. Espinoza

/s/Adrian Corral

Bakersfield, CA 93314

661-316-3010

nation's health, safety and quality of life.

Sharon Sharp was celebrated for her six years of Wasco Recreation and Parks District board service and was presented with a glass crystal award and a key to the city.

"I am very humbled and appreciative of the council and their individual support over the years. During my time on the board, I was fortunate to sit beside and learn from Gilbert Garland, Warren McDaniel, Rick Snow, among others. It is a blessing to serve one's community, and I hope to do so one day in some capacity."

Wasco Police Lieutenant Alecio Mora provided a brief update on officer activity over the last two weeks, through May 21. "Officers responded to approximately 390 calls for service and generated 390 self-initiated activity, which is when an officer decides to take enforcement action or general contact with the public."

'In addition to that, they conducted 191 traffic stops for which 77 citations were issued," he said.

"It shows our officers are being proactive and visible."

Baccalaureate blesses WHS graduates

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good way to start senior festivities."

She also hoped to impart wisdom and encouragement to the students who attended.

For Aiden Lithfield, it did just that. "It gives hope to faith—faith for what is coming up next. I also believe it gives hope that God is out there watching out for us."

Aiden said he was grateful for the blessing. "I am grateful for the blessing that there are people in the community willing to come out here and talk to us about our future and what's coming next."

He said it was motivational to hear the stories that the speakers shared. "I learned of other people's journeys of where they are and how it inspired me to dream big, to remember where I come from and who my creator is."

Speaker Nino Vasquez encouraged the students to persevere. "As you step into adulthood, sometimes things don't go as you plan. But if they remain steadfast in their faith, God will provide what they need to come out ahead."

He said he was eager to participate. "I was excited. "I don't do a lot of public speaking. But I was honored that I was even thought of to bring a word of encouragement to these young people and I was grateful to be given this opportunity."

Bernal's message, said, was, "One of looking at Jesus and recognizing that times will be hard at different points in our lives, but the important thing is to follow Jesus. I talked about how the heart is deceitful and how we can't always follow our heart. There will be things that are so difficult; they are more than we can bear, and that is when Jesus shows up."

He said the blessing was powerful. "The power comes from giving the next generation that relationship and that ability to call on Christ. If you were to take Christ out of Christianity, you would be left with nothing, so tonight is about giving the next generation the knowledge of Christ."

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **Carla Rivas Photography** 2024-B2839 8801 Summer Creek Road

Bakersfield, CA 93311 County: Kern 8801 Summer Creek Road Bakersfield, CA 93311 Carla Dianne Rivas 8801 Summer Creek Rd Bakersfield, CA 93311 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Date the business commenced: 05/31/2009 /s/Carla Dianne Rivas Date Statement Filed: 05/02/2024 Statement Date 05/02/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: Z Arellano Publish Shafter Press May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **Maple School District** 1. Proposed budget will be available

for public inspection: DATE(S) May 20, 2024 LOCATION/ADDRESS StemLab 29161 Fresno Ave Shafter, CA 93263 2. Public Hearing: DATE(S) June 4, 2024 TIME: 4:30pm LOCATION/ADDRESS StemLab 29161 Fresno Ave Shafter, CA 93263 3. Budget/LCAP Adoption Date: June 6, 2024 /s/Bryan Easter, Superintendent Date 4/3/24 Publish Shafter Press May 23, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Stickers Bliss & Happiness 2024-B2940 5903 Canoe Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93312 County: Kern 5903 Canoe Ct Bakersfield, CA 93312 Christine Marie Walker 5903 Canoe Ct Bakersfield, CA 93312 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Christine Marie Walker Date Statement Filed: 05/08/2024 Date Statement 05/08/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: Z Arellano Publish Shafter Press May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Toro Loco Market 2024-B2937 Toro Loco Wasco 2024-B2938 1304 CA-46 Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 825 Central Valley Hwy

Shafter, CA 93263

Toro Loco Wasco Inc

Shafter, CA 93263 State of incorp. or org: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation* Date the business commenced: 05/01/2024 /s/Yousif Hussein, CEO Date Statement Filed: 05/08/2024 Statement 05/08/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: Z Arellano Publish Shafter Press May 16, 23, 30,

825 Central Valley Hwy

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **Arvin Fastrip** 2024-B2920 800 Bear Mountain Blvd

Arvin, CA 93203 County: Kern 800 Bear Mountain Blvd Arvin, CA 93203 Ynas Venture Inc 800 Bear Mountain Blvd Arvin, CA 93203 State of incorp. or org: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation* Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Salem Hawatmeh, CEO Date Statement Filed: 05/07/2024 Statement 05/07/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: Z Arellano Publish Shafter Press May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **Gangster Style Customs** Upholstery 2024-B2834 GSC Upholstery

2024-B2835 1611 Bedford Way Bakersfield, CA 93308-2523 County: Kern 1611 Bedford Way Bakersfield, CA 93308-2523 Jose Manuel Castro Jr 3705 Meadowslane Ave Bakersfield, CA 93309 Eva Maria Gonzalez 624 Central Ave Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Jose M. Castro Jr. Date Statement Filed: 05/02/2024 Date Statement Expires: 05/02/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

Fictitious Business Name Statement **Arbornaut Tree Care** 2024-B2603 620 Hofman Dr. Shafter, CA 93263

PUBLIC NOTICE

County: Kern 620 Hofman Dr. Shafter, CA 93263 Jonathan Marklane Rhodes 620 Hofman Dr. Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by:

Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Jonathan Marklane Rhodes Date Statement Filed: 04/23/2024 Date Statement 04/23/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez Publish Shafter Press May 16, 23, 30,

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Teresa Ruth White, aka Teresa White

Case Number: BPB-24-002542 1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Teresa Ruth White, aka

Teresa White 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Kathleen White in the Superior Court of California, County

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Kathleen White be appointed 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: 06/14/2024 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: J-1

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Drive, Bakersfield, 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

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

a creditor. You may want to consult

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 Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Rosendo Baiza Carrasco, aka Rosendo B. Carrasco,

aka Rosendo Carrasco Case Number: BPB-24-002545 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be

interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Rosendo Baiza Carrasco, aka Rosendo B. Carrasco, aka Rosendo Carrasco 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Frances Stegall in the

Superior Court of California, County 3. The Petition for Probate requests

that: Frances Stegall 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: 06/14/2024 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: J-1 b. Address of court: Superior Court

of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Drive, Bakersfield, 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.

interested in the estate, you may file

California law.

13929 Eberle Rd Bakersfield, CA 93313 Paul Jason Baize 13929 Eberle Rd Other California statutes and legal Bakersfield, CA 93313

authority may affect your rights as The business is conducted by: a creditor. You may want to consult Individual with an attorney knowledgeable in Date the business commenced: 10/30/2004 9. You may examine the file kept /s/Paul Jason Baize by the court. If you are a person Date Statement Filed: 04/23/2024

Statement

Expires:

Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Rick's Lock & Key

2024-B2661 237 Faber St Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern 237 Faber St

By: M Hernandez

Shafter, CA 93263 Rick Lon Larabee 237 Faber St Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced:

02/01/2001 /s/Rick Lon Larabee Date Statement Filed: 04/25/2024 Statement Date Expires: 04/25/2029

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk The business is conducted by: By: M Cedeno Date the business commenced: Publish Shafter Press May 2, 9, 16,

> Fictitious Business Name Statement Peters Funeral Home

PUBLIC NOTICE

201 S. Hill St. Arvin, CA 93203 County: Kern 844 E. Lerdo Hwy. Shafter, CA 93263 Clarmar Enterprises 844 E. Lerdo Hwy. Shafter, CA 93263

State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation* Date the business commenced: 02/01/2020 /s/Richard C. Woody, President Date Statement Filed: 04/24/2024 Statement Expires: 04/24/2029

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk The business is conducted by: By: M Hernandez Publish Shafter Press May 2, 9, 16,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Peters Funeral Home 600 Tucker Street

Arvin, CA 93203 County: Kern Mailing address: 14017th Street Wasco, CA 93280 Clarmar Enterprises 14017th Street Wasco, CA 93280 Business was conducted by: Corporation /s/Richard Colby Woody, President

Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B3264 Original FBN Statement Filed on: This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/24/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza

By: /s/M Hernandez

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Publish Shafter Press May 2, 9, 16,

PASTOR'S CORNER

God remembers and honors service

PASTORS JOSE AND BEVERLY PERELLO

Home Fellowship Church, Shafter

This weekend, we celebrate Memorial Day, the day of remembrance, where we honor the memory of our soldiers who gave their lives defending our nation and our freedom. Unfortunately, for many it is just another three-day weekend marking the beginning of the summer season, when it should be an opportunity to reflect on the gratitude and honor we owe to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the rest of us.

For most, it is not mere ingratitude, but inattention caused by stressful, busy lives and our human tendency to forget. It is good to know that our amazing God has no memory issues and, though we seldom offer Him the honor and gratitude that He is continually due, He is faithful to remember our every effort and sacrifice. Hebrews 6:10 en-

courages us that God will never forget our efforts on behalf of others. He always honors and rewards faithful service. So often, our service to others seems thankless,



Galatians 6:9-10. So, as a way of honoring our national

heroes, attend the parades, put flowers on graves and take time this weekend to re-

but God promises a good

reward, even if those we

serve seem indifferent.

"Let us not become weary

in doing good, for at the

proper time we will reap

a harvest if we do not give

up. Therefore, as we have

opportunity, let us do

good to all people, espe-

cially to those who belong

to the family of believers.

member their service and sacrifice. But let us also serve our families, our community and yes, our nation, faithfully in all the ways we can, refusing to allow any perceived ingratitude to discourage us from doing good. We declare this blessing from Psalm

20:3-5 over our fallen soldiers and over each of you, knowing that our God is faithful, fair and forgets nothing:

"May (God) remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the Lord grant all your requests!"

OBITUARIES

James Dearl Gibson Aug. 27, 1941 -May 15, 2024

James Dearl Gibson, known to most as Jim, was born Aug. 27, 1941, in Bragg City, Mo., to parents J. Harold and Marie Gibson. When Jim was 5 years old, the family relocated to Wasco, where he attended local schools, graduating from Wasco Union High School and later attending Bakersfield College.

In 1961, Jim married Rose Mary Tolbert of Shafter. During their 10 years of marriage, the couple was blessed with four children, James, Katherine, Daniel and Michael.

the love of his life, Debra Robison, and welcomed her daughters, Amanda and Maggi, as his own. Jim and Debbie were very much in love and by each other's side for over 33

Jim worked in many dif-In 1990, Jim married ferent trades. He labored in

agriculture, tree trimming, welding and truck driving. As a ready-mix driver, Jim had a hand in hundreds of residential and commercial construction projects around Kern County and along the central coast. In his free time, Jim

loved to watch westerns and football, tinker with old cars, collect antiques, restore furniture and travel. In his later years, he enjoyed his morning coffee while watching the birds and squirrels from the comfort of his patio.

Jim's memory will forever be cherished as a husband, a Daddy, and his most heartfelt role, as "Pa-

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, J. Harold and Marie Gibson; his brother Harold Dean Gibson; and his son James Dean Gibson. He is survived by his

wife, Debra Gibson; his sister, Joyce (Bill Andrews); his daughter Kathy Gibson; his son Daniel Gibson; his son Michael Gibson (Connie); his daughter Amanda (Jeff Gibbons); his daughter Maggi (Mike McInnerney); his grandchildren, Daniel, Nicole, Hailey; James, Cameron, Dorian, Skylar, Logan and Emma; his great-grandchildren, Nathan, Presley, Crimson, Indigo, Keyrah and Lylah.

DEATH NOTICES

Ricky Estavillo, 58, of San Jose, passed away May 10, in San Jose. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter. Alberto Gomez Rivera, 70, of Shafter, passed away May 5, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Jesus Verdoza Garcia, 61, of Shafter, passed away May 12, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Jose Mosqueda Mendoza, 74, of Wasco, passed away May 18, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Wasco.

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comment to the City Clerk, 336

2024-2025 Budget

PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING NOTICE COUNTY OF KERN FY 2024-2025 DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 30-day Public Review - Public Meeting and Hearing This notice is for the residents of the unincorporated County of Kern and residents of the Co-operative cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and

PUBLIC NOTICE

Tehachapi to provide opportunity to comment on the Draft Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025. The County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department - Community Development Division (PLNR) has prepared the Draft Annual Action Plan which outlines the projects to be undertaken during the fifth year of implementation of the Consolidated Plan, a plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 18, 2020, that address development, housing, and homeless needs in the community. The Draft AAP identifies an estimated total of \$7,175,156 in entitlement funds, program income (PI), and the projected use of funds for FY 2024-2025, as shown below. The FY 2024-2025 AAP funds are from the following programs: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) - \$4,536,185; PI - \$160,000;

Description, Use Code and Eligibility

 $Home\ Investment\ Partnerships\ Program\ (HOME)\ -\ \$1,720,063;\ HOME\ PI\ -\ \$350,000;$ Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) - \$408,908

Said hearing is open to the public

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A description of the proposed activities to be undertaken during the next fiscal year can be found below:

NO.	Citation	Description, use Code and Eligibility	Amount, and Target Date
		CDBG PROJECTS	
01.24.1	Oildale Area - North Chester Median Rehabilitation Improvements	Project consists of the design, rehabilitation and replacement of median landscaping and related improvements from the north end of the Chester Ave. Bridge (near Beardsley Ave) to China Grade Loop to address community needs and reduce water use on North Chester Ave. Project activities benefit a service area of 19,480 persons, 71.07% of whom are low to moderate income (2023 HUD ACS LMISD). 03K – Street Improvements; Section 570.208(a)(1)(i); 570.201(c) – Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG – \$567,784 December, 2026
03.24.1	California Infrastructure Bank Loan Payment	CDBG funds will be used to make payments (twenty-year term) in connection with the \$7.2 million California Infrastructure (I-Bank) loan the County received for the construction of street and drainage related improvements in low-income neighborhoods in unincorporated East Bakersfield and in the community of Lamont. 03K – Street Improvements; Section 570.208(a)(1)(i); 570.201(c) - Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG - \$482,630 July, 2025
03.24.2	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Feliz Dr. Street Improvements	Project consists of the design, rehabilitation and construction of street improvements to Feliz Drive and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. Project activities benefit a service area of 7,390 persons, 64.65% of whom are low to moderate income (2023 HUD ACS LMISD). 03K – Street Improvements; Section 570.208(a)(1)(i); 570.201(c) – Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG - \$300,000 December, 2025
03.24.3	East Niles Area Drip Irrigation Conversion Project (CSA 17.2)	Project consists of the replacement of existing landscaping water lines in the public right-of-way with more efficient drip irrigation to reduce water consumption and minimize financial impacts to residents and the service district. Project activities will benefit a service area of 9,585 persons, 51.33% of whom are low to moderate income (2023 HUD ACS LMISD). 03J – Water/Sewer Improvements; Section 570.208(a)(1)(i); 570.201(c) – Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG – \$114,799 December, 2025
17.24.1	City of Ridgecrest Freedom Park Inclusive Playground Improvements	Project consists of the provision of additional improvements for Freedom Park to include: design, construction and installation of a new all-inclusive playground, shaded seating with benches, tables and related improvements. Project activities benefit a service area of 885 persons, 94.92% of whom are low to moderate income (2023 HUD ACS LMISD). 03F – Park, Recreation Facilities; Section 570.208(a)(1)(i); 570.201(c) – Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG – \$148,633 December, 2025
18.24.1	City of Shafter – Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements (Phase II)	Initially funded as part of the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan, the project consists of the design, construction, and installation of multi-purpose recreation field lighting, plus expansion of an existing retention basin and installation of new underground pipelines used for storm water collection and conveyance, and related park and facility improvements. Project activities will benefit a service area of 17,695 persons, 54.25% of whom are low to moderate income (2023 HUD ACS LMISD). 03F-Park, Recreational Facilities; Section 570.208(a)(1)(i); 570.201(c) – Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG – \$120,000 July, 2024
19.24.1	South Taft Water District System Improvements (Phase V of IX)	Phase V of IX water system improvements consist of the replacement of the existing main water distribution lines (six and eight inch) running along Wood Street and the replacement of another water main in South Taft, and related improvements. The water system improvements are needed for both domestic distribution and fire protection purposes. Project activities will benefit a service area of 1,740 persons, 71.26% of whom are low to moderate income (2023 HUD ACS LMISD). 03J — Water/Sewer Improvements; Section 570.208(a)(1)(i); 570.201(c) — Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG - \$495,685 July, 2026
23.24.1	Buttonwillow County Water District Well Site No. 2 Improvements (Phase II)	Initially funded as part of the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, the project consists of the design, rehabilitation, installation and construction of existing electrical panel and related well components, including booster pump motors, generator switch and related improvements. The FY 2024-2025 proposal provides additional financial resources for implementation. Project activities will benefit 1,475 persons, 65.76% of whom are low to moderate income (2023 HUD ACS LMISD). 03J — Water/Sewer Improvements; Section 570.208(a)(1)(i); 570.201(c) - Public Facilities and Improvements	CDBG - \$220,000 December, 2024
33.24.1	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program	Housing program that provides CDBG funds as direct deferred loans for rehabilitation of dwellings owned and occupied by qualifying low and moderate income households; and as grants for demolition, on- and off-site improvements, utility hook-ups, and abandonment of septic tanks. 14A Rehab - Single Unit Residential; Section 570.208(a)(2); Eligible costs under 570.202(b)	CDBG - \$184,000 July, 2026
37.24.1	CDBG Home Access Program	Countywide program to provide grants for construction of wheelchair ramps, grab bars, and other improvements to increase accessibility of residences for physically disabled (must be verified by a physician) persons that are low/moderate income. 14A Rehab - Single Unit Residential; National Objective Citation 570.208(a)(2); 570.202(b)	CDBG - \$184,000 July, 2026
No.	Title and HUD Citation	Description, Use Code and Eligibility	2024-2025 Budget Amount, and Target Date
38.24.1	Fair Housing	Program that provides educational and referral services, the taking of complaints concerning housing discrimination, and includes testing, mediation, and audits.	CDBG - \$160,000
	Services Program	Subtotal of all CDBG Funding Proposals (excluding prior year funds)	August, 2025 \$2,977,531
		Administration/Planning and Management (20%)	\$907,237
		TOTAL FY 2024-2025 CDBG AMOUNT FOR ALL PROJECTS	\$3,884,768
		FY 2024-2025 uncommitted funds (14.36%) of total grant TOTAL FY 2024-2025 FUNDS (UF/CDBG Projects)	\$651,417 \$4,536,185
	Total CDBG	Program Income (PI) estimated to be \$160,000 for FY 2024-2025. These funds are used to	(\$651,417 +
	Uncommitted Funds (UF) Account	cover higher than expected project costs and are 14.36% of the CDBG entitlement amount from HUD. Additionally, as program income is received, these funds are put into the CDBG UF Account and subsequently used for projects. TOTAL FY 2024-2025 CDBG AMOUNT (Including estimated program income & UF funds)	Estimate of \$160,000 PI) = \$811,417
		HOME PROJECTS	\$4,696,185
33.24.2	HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program	Housing program that provides HOME funds as direct deferred loans for rehabilitation or reconstruction of dwellings owned and occupied by qualifying low and moderate income households; and/or partial financing for the construction of new affordable rental housing, and/or the rehabilitation of existing affordable rental housing. 14A Rehab - Single Unit Residential 570.202(b): 14B Rehab - Multi Unit Residential 570.202(b)	\$1,290,048
34.24.1	CHDO Affordable Housing Project	Rental housing project for HOME-eligible households to be developed in the County's Plan Jurisdiction by a qualified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). 12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m)	\$258,009
	HOME Unprogrammed Funds Account	These funds can be allocated to new housing and existing housing projects with higher than expected costs. As program income (estimated to be \$350,000 for FY 2024-2025) is received, these funds are put into the HOME Unprogrammed Funds Account and used for projects.	\$350,000
		HOME Administration (10%) TOTAL FY 2024-2025 HOME AMOUNT	\$172,006 \$2,070,063
		ESG PROJECTS	Total Funded
	Be Finally Free	Bakersfield Area; Services (Program No.) Funding: Street Outreach (46.24.1) \$25,000; HMIS (46.24.5) \$2,000	\$27,000
	The Open Door Network	Bakersfield Area; Services (Program No.) Funding: Emergency Shelter (46.24.2-3) \$55,000; Rapid Rehousing (46.24.4-3) \$50,000; HMIS (46.24.5-3) \$10,000	\$115,000
	Bakersfield Rescue Mission	DBA The Mission at Kern County (Bakersfield) Services (Program No.) Funding: Emergency Shelter (46.24.2-2) \$55,000	\$55,000
	Flood Bakersfield Ministries	Bakersfield Area; Services (Program No.) Funding: Street Outreach (46.24.1-1) \$8,000	\$8,000
	Pearl Transit	Bakersfield Area; Services (Program No.) Funding: Street Outreach (46.24.1-10) \$28,000	\$28,000
	Corporation Women's Center High	Ridgecrest Area; Services (Program No.) Funding: Emergency Shelter (46.24.2-4) \$55,000; Rapid Rehousing (46.24.4-4) \$75,240; Homeless Prevention (46.24.3-4) \$15,000	\$145,240
	Desert Emergency Solutions	Total funds for selected ESG Providers for FY 2024-2025	\$378,240
	Grants Program 46.24.a	ESG Administration (7.5%)	\$30,668
Δ 30-day	nublic review period is n	TOTAL FY 2024-2025 ESG AMOUNT rovided during which time written comments may be submitted to PLNR at the address and phon	\$408,908

the 30-day review period has completed, the Board of Supervisors will be asked to approve the Action Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Copies of the Draft AAP will be available by May 24, 2024, at all branches of the Kern County Library, all County Administrative Offices, the Housing Authority of the County of Kern, and at City Halls in the cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi. Copies will also be available at PLNR, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 250 in Bakersfield, (661) 862-5050, and on the County's website at https://kernplanning.com/community-development-2-2/. Residents are invited to attend the public meeting and/or the hearing before the Board of Supervisors to provide comment and receive information regarding the Draft Plan. The opportunities for public comment are scheduled as follows:

A 30-day public review period is provided during which time written comments may be submitted to PLNR at the address and phone number below. After



PUBLIC MEETING on June 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the County of Kern, Public Services Building, 1st Floor Meeting Room, located at 2700 "M" Street, Bakersfield. The Public Services Building 1st Floor Meeting Room is accessible to persons with disabilities. Disabled individuals who need special

assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors may request assistance at the Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 250, Bakersfield, California, or by calling (661) 862-5020. Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in alternative formats. Requests for assistance should be made five (5) working days in advance of a meeting whenever possible. PUBLIC HEARING on June 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., or hearing date thereafter. The hearing will take place in the County Administrative

Building, Board of Supervisors Chamber located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield.

The Board of Supervisors Chamber is accessible to persons with disabilities. Disabled individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors may request assistance at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, or by calling (661) 868-3585. Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in alternative formats. Requests for assistance should be made five (5) working days in advance of a meeting whenever possible. For more information, to request copies, or to comment on the Draft Plan, please contact James Golden, Supervising Planner, at (661) 862-5130, Facsimile (661) 862-5052, and TTY Relay (800) 732-2929. The 30-day period for public review period will end as of June 24, 2024, and related comments will continue to be accepted until the Board Hearing date. Written comments may be sent to Planning and Natural Resources Department - Community Development Division, ATTN.: PLANNER, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 250, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Publish Shafter Press May 23, 2024

Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press May 23, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the following: Specific Plan Amendment No. 23-09: Lennar Homes of California, LLC

is requesting to amend the Mission Lakes Specific Plan to allow for a maximum of 1,989 dwelling units within Planning Area (PA) 2a, 5, 6, 7a, 8, and 9 and for a maximum of 613 dwelling units within PA 2b, 2c, and 7b. These units may be transferred between the PAs provided the total number does not exceed the maximum for the two areas. Amendments include revisions to parks throughout the area; revisions to minimum lot widths; and using revised 4,000-square-foot lot standards for 7,200-, 6,000-, and 5,000-square-foot lots. Additional amendments also include revisions to Architectural Diversity Detached Single-Family; Building Mass, Form, and Scale; Rear Building Elevations; Plotting Concepts; Garages; and Doors and Windows sections of Chapter 5. Said meeting is open to the public

and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting. You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via https://www.youtube. YouTube com/user/CityofShafer/. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council Dated:

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legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las cortes de (www.sucorte.ca.gov), California en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pída al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. S no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www. lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las costos y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la

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221 South Mooney Blvd, Room Visalia, CA 93291 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del ab ogado del demandante, o del demandante que

no tiene abogado, es): Dean Petrulakis, Esq. 1600 G Street, Ste 202 Modesto, CA 95354 DATE: 07/13/2023 (Fecha) Stephanie (Secretario) Sevanah Trevino,

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