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# Frank Russell closes after nearly 85 years

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

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the right time. I am 73 years old and am ready to spend more time with family."

Andy's father, Frank Russell, moved to Shafter in 1935 with \$228 to his name. He began working for Al Nikkel at Nikkel Ironworks. In 1936, a partnership was formed between him and Bill Isaacs. The Isaacs and Russell shop was located where the Shafter Depot Museum stands today

Russell and Isaacs repaired potato

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Frank Russell closed its doors on Tuesday.

Shafter lost another icon this week when Frank Russell, Inc. closed its doors on Tuesday. Opened in 1939, the shop has been serving the community, meeting fabricating and steel needs for almost 85 years.

Owner and operator Andy Russell said that it was time to do it, and said that he will miss his loyal customers. "It was a family decision. I just decided that it was



The crowd watches the fireworks bursting into the night sky.

# Community comes out for Red, White and Boom

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

On Saturday, the Wasco Recreation and Park District's Red, White and Boom Fireworks Festival, celebrating the Fourth of July, was a day of patriotic fun and community spirit. An engaging line-up of activities and a grand finale lit up the sky.

The evening started with a flag

ceremony led by Boy Scouts Troop 950, which set the tone for the event and reminded everyone of the holiday's significance. Next followed the bike parade, in which entrants adorned their bikes, trikes, strollers and golf carts with flags, colorful streamers, balloons and other festive decorations as they made their way around the park.

Car enthusiasts had their moment, too, at the 3rd Annual Car Show and Shine, which was a tribute to Danny Rueda. It featured an impressive array of vintage and modern vehicles. Juan Alvarez participated because "I love cars." Of the other vehicles, he said, "They're all beautiful."

The hands-free watermelon eating contest was a highlight for

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# Economic development gets a leader

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**SHAFTER**

Shafter has a new economic development director, and he is ready to take Shafter into a bright future.

Fernando Guerra comes to the city after more than two decades working in the economic development field in some of the largest markets in the world. Guerra has worked for the Los Angeles Economic Development Agency, as well as a city agency in New York City and a stint in Chicago. Guerra is a graduate of USC and received his masters in economics and international business from Johns Hopkins University. He is originally from Italy and will be marrying his fiancé in April in his homeland.

"I am experienced in projections of economic growth and potential, and I can tell you that the city of Shafter's economic future is very bright," Guerra said. "I am so excited to be working for this city and help them fulfill this potential."

Among the items on the agenda for Shafter is attracting new businesses. Guerra said that Shafter has a lot of unique assets that should attract a lot of interest, among them its high-speed fiber optic system. "Most businesses have to install their own fiber optic networks, but with Shafter, it is already there."

Add to this the large number of new homes being built in Shafter, including the Gossamer Grove development, Marcona Estates and Willow Estates. All together, another 2,500 homes are planned, and with that growth, also comes the need for commercial businesses in the area. Although they have not been named, national retailers have an interest in the Gossamer Grove area, he said. In addition to the commercial development, there are already plans for a Shafter Police substation there, along with a Fire Department unit, and in the future, schools too.

Guerra said that it is very exciting to be a part of this growth and the unfolding story of the city.



Fernando Guerra is excited about the future of Shafter.

# Rescues make Shafter's animal shelter bare

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**SHAFTER**

The Shafter Animal Shelter has a unique situation when it comes to city animal shelters – they have a shortage of adoptable dogs at the site.

In the past six months, the shelter has not put any pets available for adoption on their website. This is due to the rescue partners that the city deals with, accounting for all of their available dogs. There are some cats available, however, as they are not rescued.

Recently, the shelter had a dozen dogs

in the shelter, but all but one of them were designated for rescue. The animals are transported to the rescue organization, where they will be sent to foster homes to be cared for until they are matched up with a suitable home.

The one dog that was in the shelter not designated for the rescue was an owner/surrender animal, with the owners not being able to care for the animal because it had escaped from the home numerous times.

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The Shafter Animal Shelter sends most of its animals to rescue organizations.

# 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](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com). Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on [TheShafterPress.com](http://TheShafterPress.com) and [WascoTrib.com](http://WascoTrib.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Social media training** – In partnership with the Shafter Chamber of Commerce, Kern Citizens for Energy will offer a free social media training event for small business owners on Thursday, July 11, 5-7:0 p.m. at the Shafter Library & Learning Center, 236 James St. Sign up at [www.KernCitizensForEnergy.com](http://www.KernCitizensForEnergy.com)

## ONGOING

**Wasco cooling center** – A cooling center is now open at the Old Court House, 810 8th St., 1-7 p.m. when temperatures hit 105 and above. Residents who are registered to the city system will be notified a minimum of two days in advance by text and a phone call when the center will be open. Call the city clerk's office at 661-758-7215 for information on how to register.

**Shafter cooling center** – A cooling center will be open 1-8 p.m. at the Walker Senior Center in Shafter when temperatures reach 105 and approved by the county. For more information, call Shafter Parks and Recreation, 661-746-3303.

**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](http://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

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

**Shafter Recreation and Parks District** – Meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 505 Sunset Ave., the Shafter Senior Center.

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

**Wasco City Council** – Meetings first and

third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

## THURSDAY

**Wasco High School board** – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit [wuhs.wascohds.org](http://wuhs.wascohds.org) for agenda information.

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

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

**Free farmers market** – Westside Family Fellowship hosts every fourth Thursday of the month, 8-10 a.m. 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

## FRIDAY

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

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

## SATURDAY

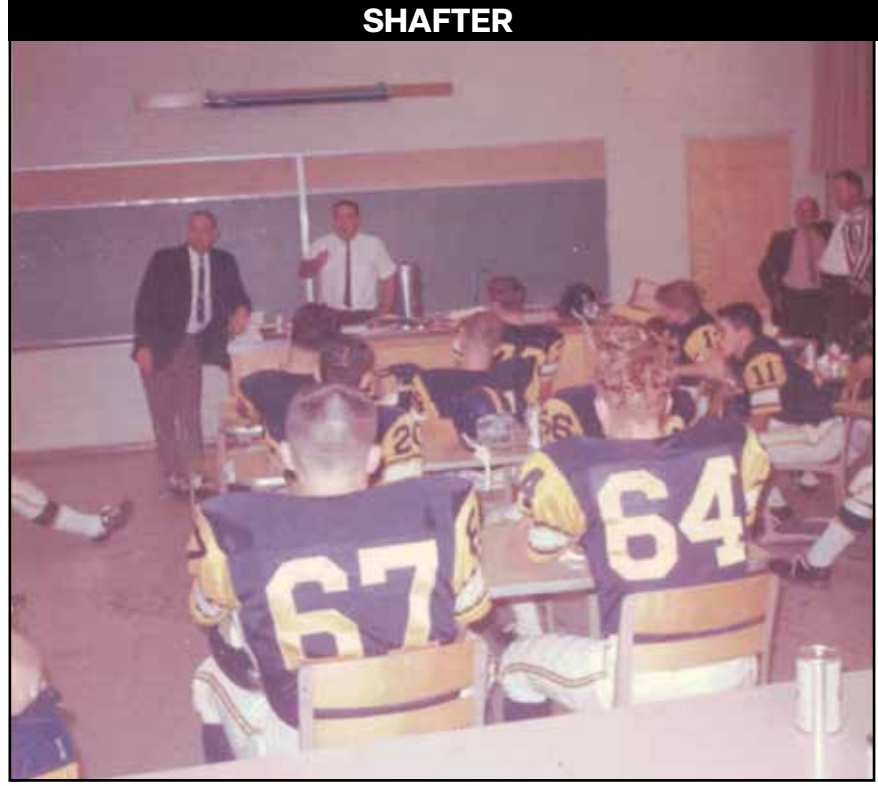
**Depot Museum** – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

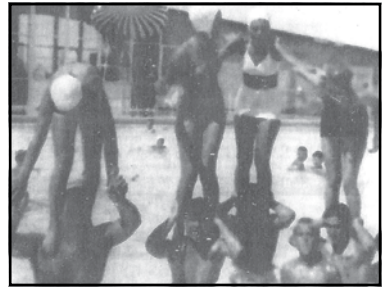
**Minter Field Air Museum** – Open Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

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

# Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to [The Press](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com), 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Dolly Hei had the correct answer. Marjorie Liles (Haworth) took the photo at the Shafter swimming pool on July 13, 1950. The young people are Harvey Reimer, with Wilma Boucher on shoulders; Arnold Scott with Arden Armour; Peet Hei with Dolly Mixon; and Bud Nance with Sylvia Fitzpatrick. The blonde boy in front is Harvey Stone.



## WASCO



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# ARREST REPORT

## SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

### JUNE 23

Jose Luis Ochoa, 21, of Shafter, was arrested at East Lerdo Highway and Zerker Road for driving without a license and DUI.

### JUNE 24

Pedro Pulgarin Antuna, 52, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1100 block of South Shafter Avenue for DUI, combination of DUI and drugs, and driving without a license.

Erick Alcala Arrellano, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Colvard Street for domestic violence, disobeying a court order and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

### JUNE 25

Fernando Quevedo, 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block West Orange Avenue for burglary in the second degree and obstruction.

### JUNE 26

Junith Ramirez, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1100 block of East Lerdo Highway for disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug.

### JUNE 28

Daniel Ramos Silva Jr., 35, of Shafter, was arrested on the 400 block of East Ash for violence and disobeying a domestic violence court order.

### JUNE 29

Jesus Garcia Molina, 24, of Shafter, was arrested on the 700 block of South Shafter Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony charge.

## BUTTONWILLOW

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

## JUNE 24

Pedro Pulgarin, 52, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter for felony vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

## JUNE 26

Pedro Pulgarin, 52, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18000 block of Shafter Avenue in Shafter for violation of a domestic restraining order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

## JUNE 27

Gerardo Joseph Sanchez, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

## JUNE 30

Edgar Sanchez, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18000 block of Bayless Avenue in Shafter for obstructing, resisting and delaying a peace officer, on a felony warrant and on three misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

## WASCO

As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

### JUNE 24

Cindy Chavez, 28, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Anthony Romero, 45, was arrested at the intersection of D and 11th streets on a felony bench warrant and a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

### JUNE 25

Juan Carlos Valdez Torres, 52, was arrested in the 1600 block of Poplar Avenue

for driving under the influence: drugs and improper turn over double yellow lines. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

### JUNE 26

Joseph Castillo, 38, was arrested in the 400 block of E Street for disorderly conduct: loitering/prowling in a private property and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Charles Wayne McDaniel, 32, was arrested in the 300 block of Poplar Avenue for obstructing/ resisting an executive officer. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

## Facility.

Karla Rojas, 31, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Steven Andrew Martinez, 21, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Griffith Avenue on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

### JUNE 27

Victor Adame, 20, was arrested in the 600 block of D Street on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Antonia Guadalupe Narvaez, 44, was arrested at the intersection of 7th and D streets for possession of a controlled substance and on a felony bench warrant. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

### JUNE 28

Luis Antonio Mendez Jr, 38, was arrested at the intersection of Oak and 6th streets for disorderly conduct: alcohol and possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Salvador Estrada Aguirre, 38, was arrested at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and

Highway 46 for driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Denise Gail Salyards, 53, was arrested in the 1000 block of Broadway Avenue for first degree burglary. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

### JUNE 29

Francisco Moral Gonzales, 69, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Griffith Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence with 0.08 blood alcohol content. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

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# Council OKs 2-year labor pact with cops

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The city has come to a labor agreement with the Wasco Police Officers Association for the next two years, including 4% wage increases this year and in 2025. The agreement also includes bilingual pay, POST certificate, education, and other pay incentives, along with details on holiday pay. In addition to the WPOA-covered employees, the same benefit provisions are extended to Police Department employees outside the bargaining unit who are not on an employment contract. The total cost for the memorandum of understanding agreement is covered in the city's 2024-25 budget.

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"I am happy that the Wasco Police employees formed the WPOA so they can get some of the legal protections that come with the membership," Police Chief Charles Fivecoat said Tuesday night. Councilmember Vincent Martinez said the pact was key to building a solid department. "I am excited we were able to come to an agreement with our newly formed police union. My goal is to be fiscally responsible with the city's money but also be fair to our employees. "Compensation packages are important when it comes to recruitment and retention. I feel this package is fair to both the city and our public safety employees." Also at the meeting, Chief Fivecoat

reported on the Wasco Police Department's activity in June compared to May. Total incidents in June came in at 1,465, a decrease from 1,572. The June breakdown was 863 calls for service and 602 officer-initiated incidents, while in May, there were 829 calls for service and 743 officer-initiated incidents. Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said, "People are very pleased with the work you and everybody in the department are doing." Lieutenant Alecio Mora discussed the



**Lieutenant Alecio Mora**

new Citizen's Rims online interactive tool, which is designed to help members of the public become aware of police activity and some department services. "It helps us with transparency and information sharing," MOra said. "It's a user-friendly interface that will help us work together with the community to detect and prevent crime. Some of the features include a missing persons tab, a record of stolen vehicles, and the ability to publish press releases to our community. It is live now on the city website at cityofwasco.org."

# Shafter Theater shines in 'Matilda' show

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Theater put on its production of "Matilda" last weekend and drew large crowds for every performance. The play was directed by Lauren Givens and Chad Givens, director of the Shafter Theater.

This is the first production for the company, which is a nonprofit that, according to Givens, is faith-based and is working to entertain the city in a positive way.

The cast was headed by 8-year-old Estrella Marie Loaiza, a veteran of three shows so far in her career. Loaiza played Matilda with a great amount of spunk, and was sharp-witted and loveable.

Mark Scialabba, who is also a veteran of the stage, including his portrayal of Crutchie in the hit "Newsies," was a man that you love to hate in his role of Mr. Wormwood. He had a terrific accent and played the role with comedy smarminess.



**Lopez was hilarious as Mrs. Wormwood. Here, she is dancing with Rudolfo, played by Mike Figueroa.**

Cassandra Lopez stole every scene she was in as the hilarious Mrs. Worm-

wood. Lopez ate up the scenery in a delightful way in the role. In the play, the

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Wormwoods are not thrilled with having a daughter. They think that Matilda is horrible for loving to read and learn.

The Wormwoods have an ally in Headmistress Agatha Trunchbull. Trunchbull was played by Dessie Hight-Claffey. Some of the funniest scenes were between Trunchbull and teacher Miss Honey. Miss Honey is played by Jamie Kirschenmann, in his first show.

The cast was rounded out by a very talented group that sang, danced and acted their way into everyone's hearts.

The show was also enhanced by having a live band performing. The orchestra was led by David Bloemhof, who also played keys. Meg Wise was also on the keyboard, with Randy Toews on the trombone, Hunter Scott was on bass guitar, Aidan Scully on the drums, Patience Camacho played the clarinet, Ben Wilson on the trumpet, Nathan Delgado on the saxophone and Sean Baligit on guitar.

# Wasco's Shirley Huffman celebrates 100

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Wasconian Shirley Huffman celebrated her 100th birthday on June 23, surrounded by friends and family. She has witnessed many significant milestones over the century of her life.

"The things she has noticed the most is the mode of transportation changing and



**Shirley and Herbert J. Huffman.**

## WASCO

how it has evolved," Daughter Cynthia Huffman said. "The way cars and airplanes have changed, and the fact that we actually made it to the moon."

Her family came from Ohio, and is one of eight children. Her grandfather worked in oil fields. She worked as a secretary for 20 years at several companies before continuing her career at the Wasco School District office. She graduated from Wasco High School in 1943.

Some of her fondest memories include helping her mom at home, being with her friends and going to the drive-ins.

Huffman married Herbert J. Huffman in 1948 and was married to him for 50 years. He was in the Army when she met him through who would become her father-in-law. Herbert was a farmer with her grandfather until he ran for constable, a court liaison for the Wasco court when it was here. She had her first child, Priscilla, in 1950, Timothy in 1952, and Cynthia in 1955. She has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Her early passions were reading and gardening. When she and Herbert retired, they liked to travel, including to Australia and Bali. "We took her to Peru when my daughter had a field trip through college and went on a cruise with me when my daughter graduated from college."

Shirley Huffman instilled life lessons in Cynthia and her siblings. "She was very adamant about us going to college," her daughter said. "She believed in education



**Shirley Huffman and her children at her 100th birthday party: Cynthia Huffman, Timothy Huffman and Priscilla Lofton.**

because she felt it would give us an affordable life, so we all did that."

"She also taught us if you're going to say something, you need to do it and follow through. There was no quitting."

Cynthia Huffman said her mother's perspective on life has influenced her and her family. "I think how my parents stayed together is important growing up. We had faith in our family and a religious belief growing up."

"Also, that our parents were always there for us. We could turn to them for help and advice with anything. They were people who would support us when we needed it, and we felt that love throughout our lives."

At her birthday party at the Wasco Woman's Club, she had family fly in from

South Carolina, Virginia and Nebraska. About 80 people attended the party, and all of them enjoyed her sense of humor.

"She can still communicate easily with people, walk around and enjoy life and her friends."

Cynthia flew with her on her birthday, and the airline was very sweet, she said. "They made a big deal about her in the terminal and on the plane by singing happy birthday to her. She thought that was a big deal and a lot of fun. It was special to have strangers sing to her to celebrate her 100th birthday."

Huffman said she will be around as long as she can. "As long as she is enjoying life, she will be happy to try to reach the next 101, 102 and so on," her daughter said.

## ARREST REPORT

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### WASCO

As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

Jose Alberto Mitchel, 28, was arrested in the 1500 block of Primrose Court on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

### JUNE 30

Marcus Calderon, 20, was arrested in the 1600 block of

Broadway for exhibition of speed. He was cited and released at the scene.

Mariah Gonzales, 25, was arrested at 1804 Highway 46 for possession of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Carlos M Gonzales, 47, was arrested at the intersec-

tion of E Street and Highway 46 on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Terance Alan Smith, 34, was arrested at the intersection of E Street and Highway 46 for expired registration, driving with a suspended license, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Jus-

tice Facility.

Jimie Simpson, 29, was arrested in the 1800 block of Highway 46 on a misdemeanor bench warrant, possession of a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. Simpson was cited and released at the scene.

Richard Shane Castilleja, 39, was arrested at 1804 Highway 46 for Possession

of a controlled substance, Possession of Unlawful Paraphernalia, and Probation Violation. Castilleja was transported and booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Fernando Ferreyra, 23, was arrested at 1920 Sunset St for Disobeying a Court Order. Ferreyra was transported and booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Juan Ped Juarez HER-

NANDEZ, 29, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Dr and F St for Operating an Off-Highway Vehicle on a Highway. Juarez was cited and released at the scene.

Jilirdo Perez, 30, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Dr and F St for Operating an Off-Highway Vehicle on a Highway. Juarez was cited and released at the scene.

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# Officer Cook: Building trust and service

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

## WASCO

With the launch of the new Wasco Police Department, the men and women in uniform leading the force are passionate and committed to protecting and serving the community. Police Officer Anthony Cook is one of them.

“We are here to protect you, to serve you and we are here to provide the services that you asked us for,” he said in an interview this week.

Cook thinks that adaptability is the most important quality for a police officer to possess. “Laws are always changing, community opinion is always changing and law enforcement policies are always changing. And we as officers must navigate those changes and still provide quality service.”

As a newcomer to the community, he plans to engage with and build trust among residents. “I plan to continue to reach out to community members and business owners on a personal basis, not through my job as an officer but in random encounters on or off duty – and continue to grow those personal relationships with community members.”

He stated that it is the leadership and the officers that they brought onto the force which sets the WPD apart from others. “They all do a great job. They teach

us, they guide us and they all have a wealth of knowledge.”

It has been a journey for him to get to this point as an officer. “When I was trying to get into the police academy, it was very competitive. I applied four or five times until I sponsored myself through the Hanford College of Sequoia Academy. I worked full-time during it, Monday through Thursday at work and Friday, Saturday and Sunday I was at the academy, for 11 months with no vacation and no time off. Just work, school and a family.”

He said that Wasco is a small town but doesn't feel small. “Everyone is friendly. You can have a conversation with anyone. They seem very friendly toward law enforcement and happy we are there. You can ask any officer, and they will tell you that on a daily basis, we get thanked for being here and told you guys are doing a great job. We have positive feedback every day.”

Cook believes that the main focus of modern policing is community relationships. “It's what our chief [Police Chief Charles Fivecoat] tells us every day, and it should be natural to every officer.”

He added that his values align with what the department wants. “Which are positive services, positive law enforcement contacts and to enforce the laws.”



Wasco Police Department Officer Anthony Cook

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# Frank Russell closes after nearly 85 years

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diggers and other implements for local farmers. The partnership was dissolved in 1939, and Frank bought property and constructed a new shop downtown. The original shop now houses the retail agricultural and industrial hardware store.

Over the years, they have sold Goodyear tires, Oliver Tractors, potato planters, Russell Rolovators and Russell cotton trailers, among other items.

Frank was dedicated to serving the community, and not just in his place of business. Russell also was police commissioner for a time and served on the City Council.

Andy Russell began managing the store in 1974 and, with his son Cody, have continued to build the company into a Shafter institution.

Russell grew up here and said that he just loves its people. “It is a community filled with wonderful



In 1936, Frank Russell partnered with Bill Isaacs to form a blacksmith shop.

people,” he said. “My son graduated from Shafter High in 1997 before he headed off to Cal Poly [San Luis Obispo] to get his degree. Shafter is just a wonderful place to live.”

Russell said that the town has been so supportive and thanks them for so many years of enjoyment. Asked what has changed during his time in the business, Russell said,

“Well, of course, there is more competition, and you have Amazon and the other online shops that you have to contend with. It is a lot different than it was 20 years ago.”

Russell said that it is unclear at the moment what exactly is going to happen to the property. “I assume it is going to be sold, but we haven't worked that out yet.”

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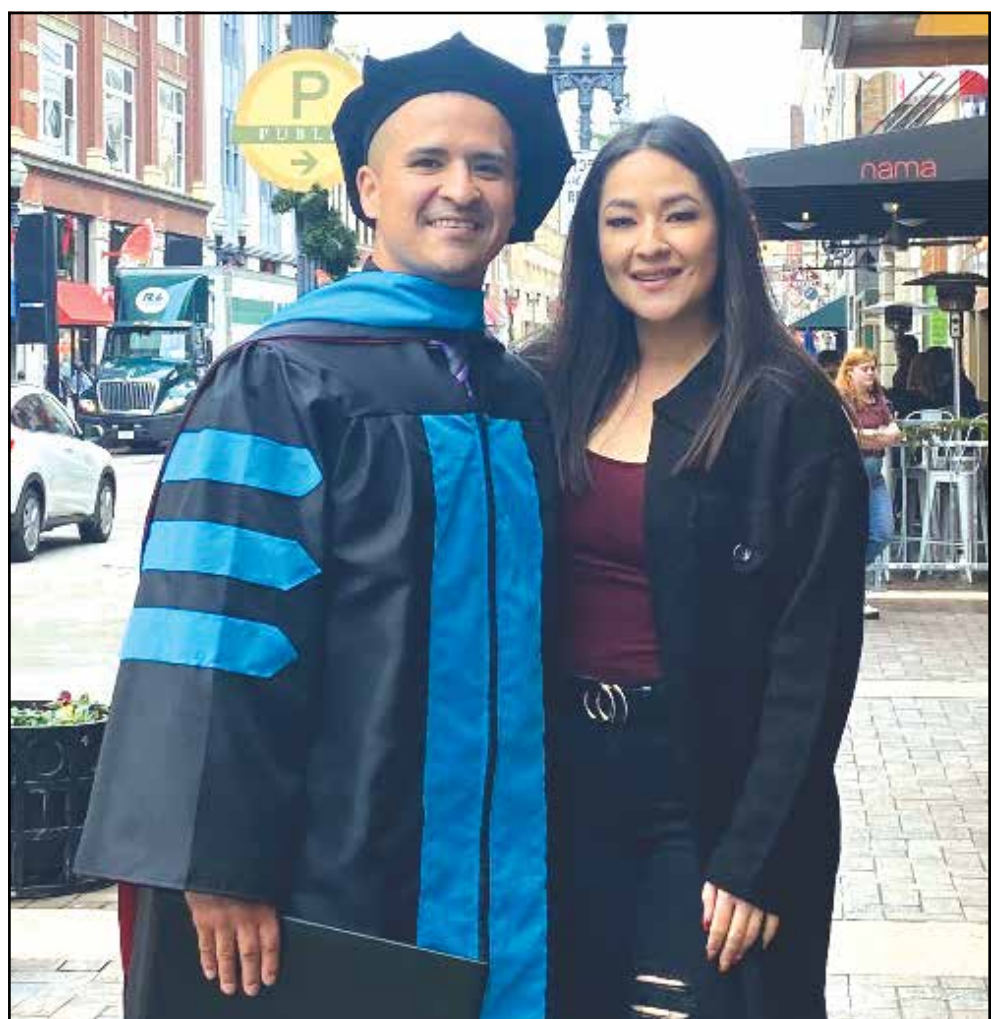
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At the white coat ceremony marking the transition from a student to a healthcare professional. RIGHT: Dr. Francisco Padilla, with his wife, Diana, in his doctorate graduation regalia in 2021.

# From patient to practitioner: Dr. Padilla

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Dr. Francisco Padilla of Padilla Physical Therapy and Fitness is a doctor of physical therapy who runs his business with his wife, Diana. He established his practice last year, in 2023. He was inspired to enter his profession because he was a patient after an automobile accident that almost cost him his life.

"I was in an accident driving home one day on Sept. 3, 2012. I hit a power pole, and the car caught fire. I burned 80% of my body, had 30 surgeries total and was at the hospital for ten and a half months at the Fresno Burn Unit at Community Regional Medical Center. I was motivated by a physical therapist who helped me, and that got me into this career."

He started his education with an associate degree from Bakersfield College, then a bachelor's from Fresno State, and earned his doctorate in Nashville, Tenn., at South College in Knoxville.

Padilla opened his clinic in Wasco because he thought the community needed quality health care and wanted to provide that service.

## WASCO

"There were no physical therapy clinics in town. When I was growing up, I knew most of the community. It was very difficult for them to commute out of town to Shafter, Delano or Bakersfield, and a lot of time, they would not get therapy or a way to get better, so I decided to open the clinic here."

The Wasco native provides a wide range of services. "We provide physical therapy for people that just need general strength training due to age or injuries. We help people after they have surgeries, whether knee replacements, shoulder operations, carpal tunnel, anything that has to do with post-op."

"We help with any rehabilitation and work with athletes, helping cheer, soccer, football and baseball players, all from Wasco High. We work with a variety of patients, older ones that need balance, who have had a stroke or deal with sciatica pain, anything that has to do with the human body and function."

About his business, he said, "It's a lot of work, but if you're passionate about it, it's all worth it. If I could change one



The aftermath of a near-tragic blaze.

person's life and get them to feel better, I've achieved what I was trying to achieve."

Padilla Physical Therapy and Fitness, 1420 7th St., is open Monday-Thursday

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Call 661-446-4050 to make an appointment. For more information, visit [padillapt.com](http://padillapt.com) or follow them on Instagram and Facebook at @padillaphysicaltherapy.

# Strata launches Stocks Rewards Checking

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Strata Credit Union has launched Stock Rewards Checking, which allows members to earn fractional stocks as rewards on debit card transactions. This new checking account removes barriers that keep underserved people from investing, the credit union says.

With Stock Rewards Checking, members earn 1% of each debit card transaction, up to \$15 per month, which can be redeemed for fractional shares of popular stocks.

Kelly Fargo, the vice president of community relations explained what was behind the new product. "For our members looking for an easy way to participate in the stock market, this solution provides an accessible way for them to invest. It allows them to micro-invest and build wealth."

"If they are existing checking account



A financial service representative assists a new member at Strata's Wasco branch.

holders, they can convert their current checking account to a Stock Rewards Checking or they can sign up virtually

## WASCO

through the website [www.stratacu.org](http://www.stratacu.org) or call us at 661-327-9461. You can also come to one of our four branches, three in Bakersfield or the one in Wasco."

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"This program is not unlike other apps out there, but we are only one of two fi-

ancial institutions in the country that have this model available for our members. It allows people to participate in the stock market by purchasing fractional shares rather than whole shares. Fractional shares allow you to invest in stocks based on a dollar amount rather than by whole shares. So, you may end up with a fraction of a share, a whole share, or more than one share, depending on the cost of the stock and how much you invest."

The program launched on June 5, and the response has been positive so far. "New members are happy to have the option of choosing between a traditional checking account or the new Stock Rewards option. For those interested in investing, the Stock Rewards Checking account has been very popular, Fargo said. The Wasco branch is at 2830 Hwy 46 in the Walmart Shopping Center. For more information on Stocks Rewards Checking, call 661-327-9461.

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Some cats are available for adoption.



A dog is ready for rescue

# Rescues make Shafter's animal shelter bare

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According to Karlina Gomez, an animal control officer for the department, the animals have a very quick turnaround from arriving at the shelter to being transported to their rescue homes.

When asked why the shelter decided to put so many of their dogs into the rescue, Gomez said that it is really in the best interest of the animals. "Honestly, we were getting frustrated because we would adopt an animal out and would see it back at the shelter in a month or two."

Gomez said that the owners wouldn't

follow the instructions given by the shelter staff, and don't have any sort of training in how to care for the animals. "The owners would bring the animal back because they either changed their mind, or didn't realize how much time and care it takes to raise a pet, so we would get it back at the shelter." She also said that it is more difficult to adopt the animals out once they have left the shelter and then brought back. "A lot of the times they are not socialized, so they may not get along with the other animals, or maybe they weren't encouraged to listen to commands and

trained properly."

This philosophy does help the dogs who are in the shelter find a suitable forever home once they have been fostered and found a good family to go to, Gomez explained. But to some, it seems like a snub of the community.

"I love dogs and have looked on the website at the adoptable dogs for the past two months and haven't seen any. I don't think that it is right that they assume that all residents would make bad pet owners and don't give them a chance to have a new family member," said resident Rosa

Ramirez. "My kids were wanting a dog for a long time but we ended up getting a dog from a shelter in Bakersfield because we could never find any at the Shafter shelter."

According to Nick Riddick, animal control officer, there is a wish list that they have for residents who are looking for a specific breed of dog. "If we get a certain kind of dog in the shelter and it matches one that is on the wish list, we will contact the prospective owner to set up a meeting."

Those interested in learning more about the program, can contact the shelter at 661-746-2140.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF KERN SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE

On June 25, 2024, the Kern County Board of Supervisors enacted Franchise Ordinance F-703. Franchise Ordinance F-703 granted California Resources Production Corporation ("Grantee") a 20 year non-exclusive franchise, replacing Ordinance F-465, as amended by Ordinances F-519, F-557, F-566 and F-593, to construct, install, maintain, inspect, operate, repair, renew and remove non-public utility pipelines and power pole lines together with the appurtenances and equipment necessary or convenient for operation thereof. The actual external diameter of the pipeline, including casing, rounded to the closest inch, shall not exceed twenty (20) inches. The principal purpose of the franchise is the transport of oil, natural gas, and produced water and the transmission of electricity for proprietary use. The requested franchise covers all areas in and under any and all public highways, public roads or rights of way now or hereafter dedicated to public use for roadway purposes and expressly accepted and/or declared public highways by the County (including, but not limited to, the Kern County right of way for Poplar Avenue, Shafter Avenue, Beech Avenue, Kimberlina Road, Dresser Avenue and Merced Avenue), which are within the County of Kern, and are within Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 27 South, Range 25 East, M.D.B.M.; Sections 1, 2 and 3, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M.; and Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 23, Township 28 South, Range 25 East, M.D.B.M., but not included within the limits of an incorporated

city. Throughout the term of the franchise the Grantee and its successors or assigns shall pay to the County an annual franchise fee equivalent to \$1.55 per cubic foot for each of Grantee's pipelines and \$1.00 per linear foot of Grantee's pole lines installed in County right of way. This franchise fee shall be adjusted annually, pursuant to Section 8 of the Ordinance. Grantee shall file with the designated agent of the Board of Supervisors, within three months after the expiration of the calendar year or fractional calendar year following the date of the granting of the franchise and within three months after the expiration of each calendar year thereafter, a detailed and verified statement showing the location (by road name or number and section, township and range), length (expressed in feet) and size (expressed in inches) of all of Grantee's pipelines and pole lines situated within the County right of way. Grantee shall pay to the County, within 15 days after the time for filing the statement described hereinabove, in lawful money of the United States, the annual fee due. Any neglect, omission or refusal by Grantee to file the verified statement, or to pay the franchise fee at the time or in the manner provided, shall make the Grantee subject to penalties and/or constitutes grounds for declaration of forfeiture of the franchise and of all rights, thereafter, as detailed in Sections 11, 13, and 14 of Ordinance F-3 (Fourth Revision). The application of Grantee, the franchise ordinance and related documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Kern County Administrative Center, where they may be examined during normal business hours.

Effective date of the Ordinance is July 26, 2024  
AYES: Peters, Flores, Couch, Perez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Scrivner  
Dated: June 25, 2024  
KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
/s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press July 4, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 16, 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:  
Zone Code Amendment No. 24-18: Wonderful Nut Orchards LLC (Wonderful) is requesting to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow buildings of up to 150 feet by right in an approximately 541-acre portion of the A zone district that is owned by Wonderful. Currently, the Zoning Ordinance allows for a maximum building height of 45 feet in the A zone district with other structures, such as silos, windmills, and communication antenna and towers, allowed to exceed this height with approval by staff. 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 YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. 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, July 16, 2024, to the City Clerk at [CityClerk@shafter.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 meeting.  
Dated: June 26, 2024  
Yázmina Pallares, City Clerk  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Aura Artistry  
2024-B3875**  
5640 District Blvd Suite 117  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
County: Kern  
5641 Coronado St W  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Arizbet Rodriguez  
5641 Coronado St W  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Arizbet Rodriguez  
Date Statement Filed: 06/20/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 06/20/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business Name  
Abandonment Statement  
Ari The Esthy**  
9901 Hageman Rd Unit 600  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
5641 Coronado St W  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Arizbet Martinez Rodriguez  
5641 Coronado St W  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Business was conducted by:  
Individual  
/s/Arizbet Martinez Rodriguez,  
Owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B5614  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 08/18/2021  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 06/20/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Swimming Time Pools  
2024-B3581**  
2512 Ripon Ct  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
County: Kern  
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Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Victor Manuel Silveyra Ortiz  
2512 Ripon Ct  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Victor Manuel Silveyra Ortiz

Date Statement Filed: 06/05/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 06/05/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Cedenro  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Raul's Landscape & Concrete  
2024-B3516**  
905 Hartley St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
905 Hartley St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Raul Alcaraz Garcia  
905 Hartley St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: 02/21/2019  
/s/Raul Alcaraz Garcia  
Date Statement Filed: 05/31/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 05/31/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
VMP Services  
2024-B3749**  
205 California Ave #B  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
205 California Ave #B  
Shafter, CA 93263  
VMP Services Incorporated  
762 Pheasant Run Dr  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Corporation  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Pedro Vargas, CEO  
Date Statement Filed: 06/13/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 06/13/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Torralba  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Superior Court of Washington, County of Skagit  
In the Guardianship of:  
Lamar Richardson Dilley  
Nytrri Richardson Dilley  
Layben Richardson Dilley  
Leahlee Richardson Dilley  
Respondent/s (minors/children)  
No. 24-4 00320 29  
Summons (SM)  
SUMMONS  
To: The parents, child, and person with court-ordered custody:  
The petitioner has started a case asking for guardianship of the above-named children under RCW 11.130.185. If the Minor Guardianship Petition is approved, the rights of the parents or legal custodians could be substantially restricted. You must respond to this summons and petition by serving a copy of your written response on the person signing this summons, any other party, and by filing the original response with the clerk of the court. If you do not serve your written response within 20 days after the date of this summons was served on you (or 60 days if you are served outside of the state of Washington), exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you and the court may, without further notice to you, enter an order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition.  
If the petition has not been filed, you may demand that the petitioner file this lawsuit with the court. If you do so, the demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this summons. Within 14 days after you serve the demand, the petitioner must file this lawsuit with the court, or the service on you of this summons and petition

will be void.  
If you wish to seek the advice of a lawyer in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time.  
This summons is issued pursuant to rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington. Important! Read the Notice of Hearing for information about your rights and how to respond.  
Dated: 06/06/24  
/s/Rachelle Marie Eason  
Signature of Petitioner or Lawyer/  
WSBA No. 29922  
File original of your response with the clerk of the court at:  
Skagit County Superior Court  
Skagit County Clerk  
205 Kincaid Street, Room 103  
Mount Vernon, WA, 98273  
Serve a copy of your response on:  
Petitioner's Lawyer  
Rachelle Marie Eason  
The Eason Law Firm, PS  
725 South 1st Street, Ste B  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Aaron and Son's HVAC  
2024-B3663**  
4900 Kent Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
County: Kern  
4900 Kent Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
Aaron Michael Barriga  
4900 Kent Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: 05/05/2024  
/s/Aaron Michael Barriga  
Date Statement Filed: 06/10/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 06/10/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
La Imperial Taqueria  
2024-B3613**  
189 E. Lerdo Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
422 James St Suite #11  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Marcela's Investments  
422 James St Suite #11  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Corporation  
Date the business commenced: 07/01/2023  
/s/Marcela A. Garcia, C.E.O.  
Date Statement Filed: 06/06/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 06/06/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
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By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
La Gardenia  
2024-B3322**  
30701 Martinez Street  
Shafter, CA 93263-2919  
County: Kern  
30701 Martinez Street  
Shafter, CA 93263-2919  
Mary Aburto  
30701 Martinez Street  
Shafter, CA 93263-2919  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: 01/01/1979  
/s/Mary Aburto  
Date Statement Filed: 05/23/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 05/23/2029  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS UNDER LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

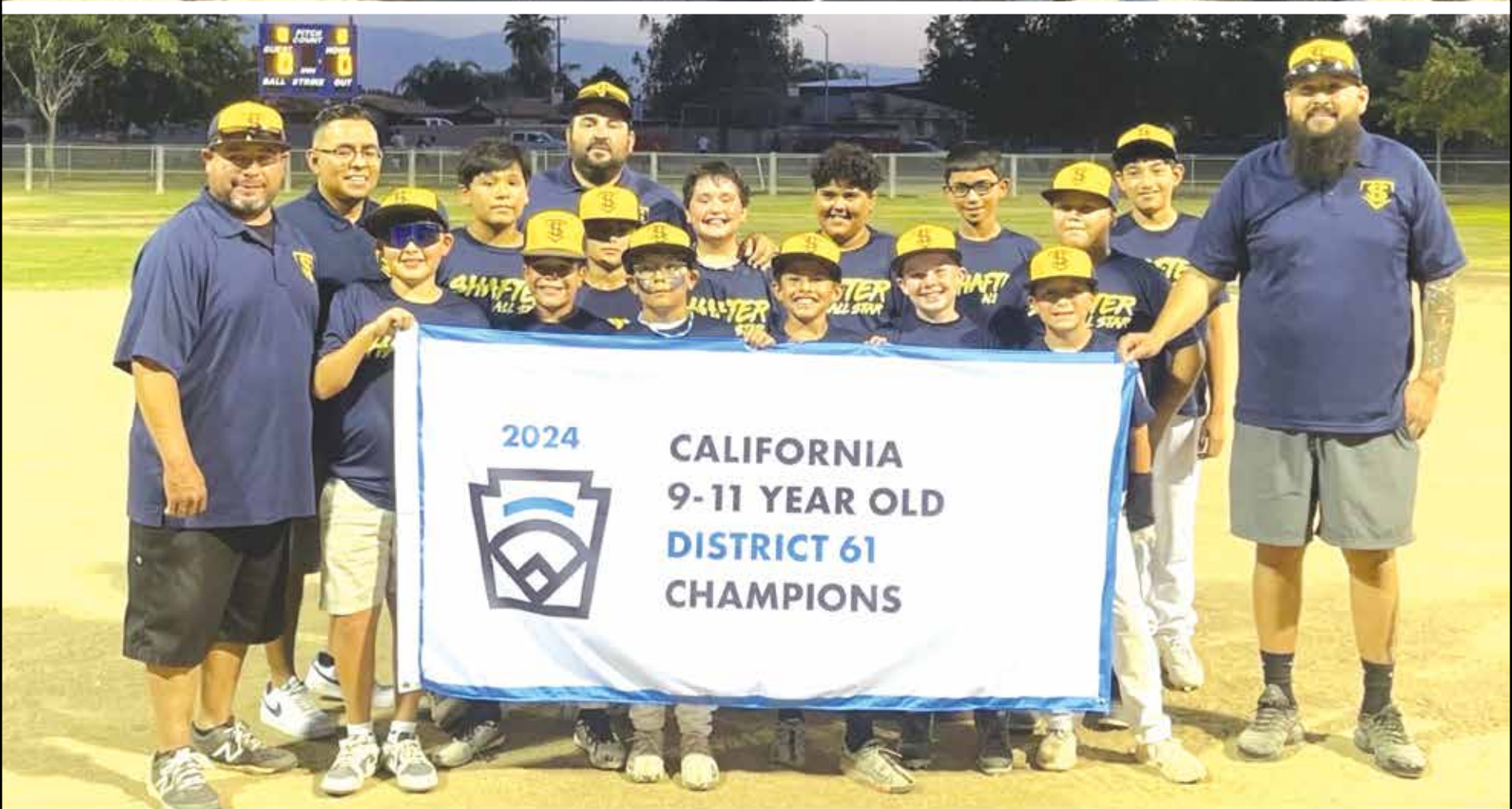
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 16, 2024, the City Council for the City of Shafter shall conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Council Chambers, City of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, California, for the purpose of hearing protests on the questions of the levying and collection of the proposed special assessments for the following Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

District No.	Developments/Areas Served	Formation Approval Date
LL001-95	Tract 5774	January 9, 1996
LL001-98	Tract 5610, APN 026-321-01	January 9, 1999
LL001-2002	Tract 5856	July 15, 2003
LL001-2005	Tract 6179, Tract 6286, Tract 6287, Tract 7315	August 16, 2005
LL002-2005	Tract 6301, Tract 7033	August 16, 2005
LL003-2005	Tract 6222, Tract 6584, Tract 6910, Tract 6936	October 18, 2005
LL004-2005	Tract 6467	December 6, 2005
LL001-2006	Tract 6437, Tract 6713	September 5, 2006
LL001-2007	Tract 6738, Tract 6447, Tract 6540	January 16, 2007
LL002-2007	Tract 6777	July 17, 2007
LL001-2009	Wonderful Logistics Park, City Rail Facility	June 16, 2009
LL001-2015	Gossamer Grove Specific Plan	February 16, 2016
LL001-2021	Tract 7318	August 17, 2021
LL001-2022	Tract 6490	June 7, 2022

You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. 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, July 16, 2024 to the City Clerk at [CityClerk@shafter.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.  
The assessments, which are proposed to be levied for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 on all parcels of assessable property that are included in the above Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts, are based on the special benefit conferred upon such parcel from the payment of the cost of the installation, operation, maintenance and/or servicing of statuary, fountains, other ornamental structures and facilities, public signage, street lighting, traffic signals, landscaping, irrigation facilities, drainage facilities, and appurtenant improvements thereto, pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 (commencing with Section 22500) of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

On June 18, 2024, a report prepared by the City Engineer for the above Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts (the "Engineer's Report") was approved by the City Council. The Engineer's Report contains, among other things, a general description of the public services to be performed, an estimate of the costs thereof and identical costs and expenses in connection therewith, an dimensions diagram of the above Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts and the boundaries and assessments of separate parcels of land therein.  
At the public hearing any interested person will be permitted to present written or oral testimony. Copies of documents related to the above project are on file and available for review at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, CA. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the above noted project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, CA 93263.

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The boys and the girls team won District championships in their first years. RIGHT: The teams played at the old Kirschenmann Park.

# Shafter wins District Championship

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Little League All-Stars won the District 61 championship in their first year in existence.

According to Little League Director Daniel Burciega, Shafter has not had a Little League team before this year. Little League has been a mainstay in Wasco, Buttonwillow, Delano and other surrounding cities in Kern County, but this is Shafter's first year.

Burciega has had plenty of experience with helping run the Buttonwillow Little League and has wanted to bring one to Shafter. "I was so excited to finally get

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a Little League in Shafter. I grew up with Little League, and there is nothing like it," said Burciega.

The Shafter All Stars went through the District tournament undefeated, beating a team from Greenfield Little League for the championship.

They will now wait for the winner of the District tournament in the Fresno area to find out who their next opponent will be.

The Little League tournament consists of the District tournament, followed by the Section playoff. This will be a best of three series, so the Shafter team will have to win two games to advance to the State

tournament.

Burciega said that the kids are so excited to get to play in the tournament, especially in their first real season of play. "Little League is just different than the recreational leagues and other groups that might be in the area. They focus on fundamentals and teaches kids how to compete, winning and losing," commented Burciega.

The league played their games during the season at the field behind AM/PM mini market, formerly known as Kirschenmann Park. "It took some doing and hard work, but we got the field playable," said Burciega. He also said that a lot of the parents donated their time and resources in

getting the field in shape. "We had a couple of days that saw a big group of parents gathering to plow the ground, clean up weeds, do everything they could to get the field ready."

The kids also had a chance during the season to play on the Buttonwillow Little League field for a night. "It gave the kids a chance to play on a regulation Little League field and they loved it," said Burciega.

It is not only the boys that have had success either. It is also the first year for the Little League Girls Softball competing as well. The Shafter girls came out on top in their district tournament, earning them a trip to the Sectional tournament.

## EDITOR'S NOTE | JAMIE STEWART

# Having a blast this Fourth of July

Fourth of July is upon us once again, and my blood starts to boil. No, not because of the 100-plus degree heat wave we are in, but it is the reemergence of my nemesis, the fireworks stands. I hate to see those contraptions scattered throughout the city, selling those balls of fire in a can.

I really enjoy the fireworks show that the city puts on, with the awesome displays of color, done by professionals. It is the cardboard boxes filled with explosives that injure and maim hundreds every year that I have a problem with.

A lot of groups tell me that the fireworks booth is their main fundraiser of the year. Well, it seems to me that there are dozens more ways to raise money for

a trip or new uniforms than selling those awful things.

I never really cared for them before, but especially after I had my T.J., my best friend, my dog, my partner in crime, that I came to really hate them. I don't think people realize how traumatizing fireworks are to a lot of pets. You always see so many pets that run away from their homes because of the noise. T.J. wouldn't run away; he would just shake and tremble and whine, looking terrified all night long. It got so bad that we ended up having to give him a sedative before the fireworks started just so he could make it through the night. But, even that was torture, because the medication would slow him down, af-

fecting his motor skills, so he could barely walk. But you could still see the fear in his eyes, knowing that he was still terrified, but he just couldn't physically express it. I hurt for him every year around the fourth of July.

I still believe that fireworks contributed to his death. After having to sedate him because of people letting off fireworks around New Year's Eve, T.J. still was feeling the effects of the drug. I took him for a ride to try to see if it would help him. I stopped at a dog park to let him do his business, and he somehow hurt himself on the hill at the dog park, injuring his back. He ended up with a compression of his spine, and I lost my best friend. So, excuse me if I am

a bit extreme on this subject.

There is also the addition of alcohol that really seals the deal as a really bad idea. It is a great idea to start lighting up fireworks, grenades that you can hold in your hand, while being half-lit yourself. That is a great combination. It is a wonder that there aren't more injuries and deaths than there actually are every year. I wish that we could do away with the "safe and sane" fireworks and enjoy the shows put on by those who know what they are doing, and hopefully, sober.

*Jamie Stewart is editor of The Shafter Press. The opinions expressed are his own, and do not necessarily reflect those of the paper or its management.*

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The Aguilar family enjoyed the potatoes on a stick. RIGHT: Nevaeh Zuniga and Samara Armenta had the piña colada snow cones.

# Red, White and Boom Festival combines community, patriotism

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those with a competitive streak. Contestants lined up to see who could devour their slice the fastest. "I'm glad because I've tried many times and finally won," Linaya Cuella said.

The pool offered a refreshing escape from the summer heat as families enjoyed swimming and splashing around. "This was great," Darren Lewis said. "We needed this. It helped to keep us cool while we waited for the fireworks. I saw a lot of friends and family I hadn't seen in a long time. I hope they keep this up."

Numerous vendors selling a variety of food and other items added to the festive atmosphere. Lira Aguilar had the potatoes on a stick. "They're delicious. They're my favorite of the festival. It's one of the reasons I come. I come for the food."

Those who attended gave positive feedback. Adriana Rodriguez was one of them. "It's festive and perfect that they do this to get people together. The whole town comes together, and that's how close we are."

The night ended with the much-anticipated fireworks display. Priscilla Rivera was enthusiastic about the show: "It was



The Alvarado family cooled off in the pool. MIDDLE: Senior Police Chaplain Mike Lynch sang the national anthem. RIGHT: Hattie Marin showed her best creativity decorating her bike.

amazing, explosive and colorful."

Lindsay Magallanes said, "I thought it was nice. I liked all the colors, how you could feel it and how long it went on."

Robert Brown said, "It was a pretty good show. I enjoyed all of it."

Destiny Alvarez shared, "It was a little longer than last year. The best part is al-

ways the ending."

Elliot Schroeder said, "It was quite an experience. It's better than any fireworks show in Kern County. The best."

## PASTOR'S CORNER

# Freedom in Christ

**PASTOR SPENCER CARPENTER**  
First Southern Baptist Church, Shafter

The founding fathers of the United States had strong beliefs about freedom. The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." They believed that their human rights were given to them by the Christian God of the Bible, not to be violated or taken away by government (Genesis 1:27).

Freedom is a human right on many different levels: political freedom, freedom of religion, freedom of expression, economic freedom, freedom of thought, freedom of self-determination and more. The Bible had a profound impact on the ideals of freedom that began our country.

The Old Testament gives powerful accounts of freedom. The freedom of the Israelites from slavery to the Egyptians highlights God's power to deliver from

oppression and bondage (Exodus). God said, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2; see 6:6). The psalmist writes, "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free" (Psalms 146:7; see Jeremiah 34:8; Ezekiah 34:27). God seeks to help those who are oppressed and to set free those imprisoned, having all their freedom taken away. The Lord wants people to enjoy their personal freedom and property (1 Kings 4:25; Isaiah 65:21-22; Micah 4:4).

It was predicted that the Messiah, Jesus, would bring freedom and restoration from spiritual bondage. He would "proclaim free-



dom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1). This tremendous liberation was from empty religion, sin, and death. Jesus said, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). Jesus offered freedom in salvation from sins for those who believed in His name (John 3:16). The apostle Paul explained, "Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2; also 6:18). Salvation means spiritual freedom from lies, man-made religion or rules, sin, death and Satan, with the power to defeat temptation by walking in the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16).

Freedom has never meant freedom from all restraints or standards; that would

be very destructive. Instead, it is freedom to do what is right before God, not enslaved by temptations or impulses to sin. Galatians 5:13 says, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." In Christ, we are free from man-made rules and fleshly impulses to sin, but we must walk in this freedom and seek to serve and love others (1 Corinthians 10:29; 1 Peter 2:16).

As we celebrate Independence Day, we take a moment to remember that the freedoms we hold dear are intertwined with biblical principles of liberty, justice and self-responsibility. Patrick Henry said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Do you have this spiritual freedom this Independence Day? Repent and believe in Jesus Christ, and life and liberty are yours forever.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17b)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WASCO CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers at 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA, on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm for the consideration and possible adoption of:  
**RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 01-01, NO. 01-02, NO. 06-1, AND NO 2017-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25**  
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said HEARING and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the subject outlined above. The purpose of the districts is the maintenance, servicing, and operation of the landscape, lighting, and storm drain basin improvements within the districts.  
FURTHER INFORMATION on the public hearing subject may be obtained or viewed at City Hall or by telephone (661) 758-7214.

/s/ Monica Flores, Deputy City Clerk  
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Dulceria Yaya**  
**2024-B3665**  
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66

Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Efren Montijo Quiroga  
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Yuridian Ochoa Castillo  
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by:  
General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/ Yuridian Ochoa  
Date Statement Filed: 06/10/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 06/10/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Cedeno  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**R & F Ag Engine and Pump Repair**  
**2024-B3949**  
1039 Kala Loop  
McFarland, CA 93250  
County: Kern  
1039 Kala Loop  
McFarland, CA 93250

Rick Addington  
1039 Kala Loop  
McFarland, CA 93250  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Rick Addington  
Date Statement Filed: 06/25/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 06/25/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**La Fiesta Latina Market**  
**2024-B3527**  
453 Garces Hwy  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
453 Garces Hwy  
Delano, CA 93215  
Galal Saleh Saeed  
453 Garces Hwy  
Delano, CA 93215  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced:

09/18/2014  
/s/Galal Saleh Saeed  
Date Statement Filed: 06/03/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 06/03/2029  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Central Valley Improvements**  
**2024-B3818**

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County: Kern  
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Wasco, CA 93280  
Brian Alexander Badillo  
2417 7th St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Brian Alexander Badillo  
Date Statement Filed: 06/18/2024  
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Aimee X. Espinoza

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**2024-B3609**

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County: Kern  
422 James St Suite #11  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Marcela's Investments  
422 James St Suite #11  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Corporation  
Date the business commenced: 07/01/2023  
/s/Marcela A. Garcia, C.E.O.  
Date Statement Filed: 06/06/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 06/06/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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# OBITUARIES

**Susan Elaine Arney**  
**April 28, 1956 - June 19, 2024**

Susan Arney, beloved wife, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, departed this life for her heavenly home on June 19th, 2024. She was 68 years old.

Born to a loving family on April 28, 1956, Susan was the daughter of Harvey and Barbara Mizell and sister to Sandi, Vickie, and Randy. She graduated early from Shafter High School in 1974. Soon after graduation, Susan married her childhood sweetheart and the love of her life, Jerry Lee Arney, on February 23, 1974. She devoted herself wholeheartedly to their



union, marked by unwavering love and commitment through times of joy and challenge. Their life together was filled with love and adventure, with some of their favorite adventures in

Alaska, Camp Nelson, and Mexico. They dreamed big together, embraced a spirit of wanderlust, and always looked for opportunities to bless others. She will always hold the family title of "most exciting gift giver".

Susan treasured family dinners, time with her nieces, and cruises with friends. She never missed an opportunity to create special moments with those she loved, like sugar cookies at Christmas or special birthday trips. She was well-known for her style, zest for life, and culinary talents.

Susan leaves behind a legacy of love that left a lasting mark on those who

were blessed to know her and will affectionately remember her as "Susie". She is survived by her husband, Jerry Arney; mother, Barbara Mizell; siblings, Vickie and Scott Hight, Randy and Lisa Mizell, and Alan Greagrey; mother-in-law, Lola Arney; family pastors, Lori and Steve Seymour; nieces and nephews; Amy and Adam Straw, Megan and Justin Hallgren, Katie and Brian Gallagher, Natasha and Brad Hobbs, Lysnie and James Anchorduy, Brandi and Colton Baxley; many great nieces and nephews, extended family, and dear friends. Though we mourn her passing, we take comfort in

knowing that she has been reunited with loved ones who went before her.

Susan was preceded in death by her father, Harvey Mizell; sister, Sandi Greagrey; and father-in-law, Jess Arney.

Susan now rests in the

arms of her heavenly father. A private interment will take place at Bakersfield National Cemetery and a public service is pending. Arrangements by Peters Funeral Home of Shafter, California.

**Brenda Lucille Bakies**  
**Sept. 5, 1957 - June 24, 2024**

Brenda Lucille Bakies was born Sept 5, 1957, and passed June 24, 2024. Viewing is Thursday, July

11, at 3-7p.m. at Ruckers Mortuary, 301 Baker St., Bakersfield.

Her service will be Friday, July 12, at 11 a.m. at Truelight Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 14th St., Wasco.

## DEATH NOTICE

**Celina Quintana Guzman**, 51, of Wasco, passed away June 30, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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Trustee Sale No. 132481-1 Loan No. 8170436-101 Title Order No. 95313954 APN 521-160-23-00; 487-010-02-01; 487-010-03-00; 487-010-05-01; 487-010-08-01; 487-010-21-01; 060-050-16-01; 060-050-41-01 TRA No. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/02/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. AgWest Farm Credit, FLCA, successor in interest to FARM CREDIT WEST, FLCA as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust described as follows: Trustor(s): ROBERT SHANNON RITCHIE, TRUSTEE OF THE SHANNON RITCHIE TRUST DATED AUGUST 9, 2018, WHO ALSO ACQUIRED TITLE AS ROBERT S. RITCHIE, TRUSTEE OF THE SHANNON RITCHIE TRUST DATED AUGUST 9, 2018 Deed of Trust: recorded on 06/24/2020 as Document No. 220080666 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Kern County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 07/24/2024 at 10:00 AM Trustee's Sale Location: On the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301 The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF Exhibit A Legal Description Parcel 1: Parcel 2 Of Lot Line Adjustment No. 95-02, As Evidenced By That Certain Certificate Of Compliance Recorded March 19, 2003, Instrument No. 020351205, Official Records, More Particularly Described As Follows: The Southwest Quarter Of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 25 East, Mount Diablo Base And Meridian, In The Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Kern, State Of California, According To The Official Plat Thereof. Excepting Therefrom The Southerly 300 Feet Of The Easterly 290.00 Feet Of Said Land. Excepting Therefrom From The Northeast Quarter Of The Southwest Quarter, One Half Of All Oil, Gas, Minerals And Other Hydrocarbon Substances, In, Upon, Or Under Said Premises Or Any Portion Thereof And The Right To Prospect For The Same And To Drill For And To Produce And Take Away The Same And Likewise Reserving Unto Them And To Their Heirs, Successors And Assigns The Right To Enter Upon Said Premises For The Above Mentioned Purposes, As Reserved In Prior Deeds Of Record. 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Excepting Therefrom, A One-Third Part Of All Petroleum, Oil, Natural Gas, Asphaltum And Other Hydrocarbon Substances Upon, Within Or Under Said Land, As Conveyed To Theodore Clawson And Frances W. Clawson, His Wife As Joint Tenants, In The Deed Recorded December 19, 1946 In Book 1373, Page 493 Of Official Records, As Document No. 47219. Also Excepting Therefrom, An Undivided One-Half Of All Oil, Gas Or Other Hydrocarbon Substances Upon, Within Or Under Said Land, As Reserved In The Deed From Marie E. Krause, As Trustee Of The Survivor's Trust Under The Victor J. Krause Family Trust Dated June 15, 1981, Recorded August 20, 2019, Instrument No. 219103822, Official Records. Parcel 3: The South Half Of The Northwest Quarter Of Fractional Section 2, Township 27 South, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Base And Meridian, In The Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Kern, State Of California According To The Official Plat Thereof. 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Also Excepting Therefrom All Remaining Oil, Gas And Other Hydrocarbon Substances, And Minerals, Including, Without Limitation, All Coal, Metals, Ores, Sand, Gravel And The Like Within Or Underlying Said Land, If Any, As Reserved In The Deed From Kincaide Krause And Kathleen Krause, Husband And Wife As Community Property, Recorded August 20, 2019, Instrument No. 219103827, Official Records. Parcel 5: The Southwest Quarter Of The Northeast Quarter Of Fractional Section 2, Township 27 South, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Base And Meridian, In The Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Kern, State Of California According To The Official Plat Thereof. Excepting Therefrom, One-Half Interest Of All Petroleum, Oil, Natural Gas, Asphaltum And Other Hydrocarbon Substances Upon, Within Or Under Said Land, As Reserved By Merrick W. Creagh And Sue Creagh, His Wife, In The Deed Recorded December 19, 1946 In Book 1373, Page 493 Of Official Records, As Document No. 47219. 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Parcel 7: The Northeast Quarter, And The East Half Of The East Half Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, Mount Diablo Base And Meridian, In The Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Kern, State Of California, According To The Official Plat Thereof. Excepting From The Northeast Quarter Of Said Section 4, The East 900 Feet Of The North 1290 Feet Thereof. Excepting From The East Half Of The East Half Of The Northwest Quarter Of Said Section 4, All Oil, Gas And Minerals In And Under Said Property, Together With The Right To Enter Thereon And Take All The Usual, Necessary Or Convenient Means To Bore Wells, Make Excavations And To Remove All The Oil, Gas And Minerals Found Thereon, As Reserved In The Deed From Occidental Life Insurance Company, Recorded June 1, 1935 In Book 573, Page 308 Of Official Records, As Document No. 10884. Aprn: 521-160-23-00 // 470-010-02-01 // 487-010-03-00 // 487-010-05-01 // 487-010-08-01 // 487-010-21-01 // 060-050-16-01 // 060-050-41-00 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 30180 PETERSON ROAD, MCFARLAND, CA; 14887 CENTRAL AVENUE, WASCO, CA; 28747 MCCOMBS ROAD, WASCO, CA; 28586 GROMER AVENUE, WASCO, CA AND VACANT LAND. Directions may be obtained by written request submitted to the beneficiary within 10 days after the first publication of this notice at the following address: agWest Farm Credit FLCA/c/o Mortgage Lender Services, 7844 Madison Ave, Ste 145, Fair Oaks CA 95628 BENEFICIARY HEREBY ELECTS TO CONDUCT A UNIFIED FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL CODE SECTION 9604(a)(1)(B) AND TO INCLUDE IN THE NON-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF THE ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE ALL OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND FIXTURES, TOGETHER WITH REPLACEMENTS AND PROCEEDS, IF APPLICABLE, DESCRIBED IN THE SECURITY AGREEMENT DATED 06/02/2020 AND IN A UCC-1 FINANCING STATEMENT FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON 06/08/2020 AS DOCUMENT NO. 207787440453, AND BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL TRUSTOR AND THE ORIGINAL BENEFICIARY, AS IT MAY HAVE BEEN AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER INSTRUMENTS BETWEEN THE TRUSTOR AND BENEFICIARY REFERENCING A SECURITY INTEREST IN PERSONAL PROPERTY. 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And Exercise Of The Rights So Excepted And Reserved; And The Unrestricted Right Of Ingress To And Egress From Said Property For All Such Purposes; Upon The Terms And Conditions Contained Therein, As Reserved By Teneco West, Inc., A Delaware Corporation, In The Deed Recorded February 25, 1972 In Book 4638, Page 106 Of Official Records, As Document No. 13916. Also Excepting Therefrom All Remaining Oil, Gas And Other Hydrocarbon Substances And Minerals, Including, Without Limitation, All Coal, Metals, Ores, Sand, Gravel And The Like Within Or Underlying Said Land, As Reserved In The Deed From Marie K. Krause, As Trustee Of The Residential Trust Under The Victor J. Krause Family Trust Dated June 15, 1981 And Marie E. Krause, As Trustee Of The Survivor's Trust Under The Victor J. Krause Family Trust Dated June 15, 1981, Recorded August 20, 2019, Instrument No. 219103824, Official Records. 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otherwise to the diversion, storage, distribution and use of water, whether surface water, subterranean stream flow or groundwater, including but not limited to all contractual entitlements arising under or derived from any contract with the United States of America, State of California, any political subdivision of the State of California or other state or any local public entity or private entity or otherwise applicable to the Property by virtue of being within the boundaries of any of the foregoing public or private entities or allocations for water not yet delivered and that is appurtenant to, allocable to or used in connection with the Property (collectively "Water Entitlements"); and (4) all now existing or after acquired shares, credits, interests or other rights in any water bank or other water storage facility or project, whether surface water, subterranean stream flow or groundwater and that is appurtenant to, allocable to or used in connection with the Property (collectively "Banking Rights"); and (5) all now existing or after acquired shares, and rights under such shares, of any private water company, mutual water company, ditch company or other non-governmental entity pursuant to which the Debtor or the Property may receive water (collectively "Private Water Entities") and any other certificated and uncertificated securities, securities entitlements, securities accounts and commodities accounts; together with all voting rights and other rights and privileges that now or hereafter may exist with respect to such stock or with respect to participation, membership, or other involvement in any such Private Water Entities and that is appurtenant to, allocable to or used in connection with the Property (collectively "Water Stock Rights"); and (6) all now existing or after acquired easements, permits, licenses, leases, contracts, grants, reservations and any other rights and entitlements, however created, to drill, install and maintain wells, pumps and pipeline systems, or to use, appropriate, pump, extract, receive, transport, store or transfer water for use on or the benefit of the Property and that are appurtenant to, allocable to or used in connection with the Property (collectively "Use Rights"); and (7) all now existing or after acquired rights, claims, causes of action, judgments, awards, and other judicial, arbitration or administrative relief in any way relating to the Water Equipment, Water Rights, Water Entitlements, Banking Rights, Water Stock Rights or Use Rights and appurtenant to, allocable to or used in connection with the Property; and (8) all proceeds in any way relating to the Water Equipment, Water Rights, Water Entitlements, Banking Rights, Water Stock Rights or Use Rights or any other rights or interests in any way relating to the Water Equipment, Water Rights, Water Entitlements, Banking Rights, Water Stock Rights or Use Rights. 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The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law

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