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Shafter lights up downtown in celebration

JAMIE STEWART
 For The Shafter Press

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The City of Shafter has had a long-standing tradition of lighting their Christmas tree downtown with a celebration involving the entire community, complete with music, food, drinks and fun. This year they also had a few extra groups to celebrate as they recognized several local sports teams who have had extraordinary years in 2024. Of course, the event wouldn't be complete without a visit from the jolly man in red and white, who arrived and took pictures with the

children. Mayor Chad Givens welcomed a large crowd to the event, as Shafter's Distinguished Young Woman Camryn Eubanks threw the switch that lit up the tall tree located in the Downtown Square. The music was provided by the court of the DYW, who performed a song, as well as the Richland Junior High Choir, the Richland String Quartet, and the Richland Guitars. Jess Alberto also sang two songs that delighted the crowd. The



The Distinguished Young Woman Class of 2025.

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Teresa Burke Elementary School students aboard their float decorated with messages of kindness as they waved to the crowds.

He's official: Milligan 'pinned' chief

VERONICA JACUINDE
 The Press and Tribune

A pinning ceremony was held on Friday to celebrate the appointment of interim Shafter Chief of Police Randy Milligan as the new chief of police. The event honored a decorated peace officer who, over his 23 years in Shafter, has held nearly every position within the department, including traffic officer, field training officer, K-9 officer, senior patrol officer, sergeant, range master, lieutenant, captain, acting chief and now chief. With 26 years in law enforcement, his dedication and service to the community were recognized.

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Kindness shines at Wasco Christmas Festival

VERONICA JACUINDE
 The Press and Tribune

The Rose Festival Group and Orange Heart Foundation, in partnership with the City of Wasco, hosted the Wasco Christmas Festival on Saturday, with this year's theme, "Kindness Shines." The event featured a parade with over 50 entries, a vendor fair, a kids corner with games, crafts and a train ride and a lighting ceremony, where Miss Wasco Rose Queen Rihanna Sanchez lit the 20-foot tree. This year, the 2024 Wasco High School Valley Champion cheer and Tiger wrestling teams and the JV and sophomore Bengals football teams were honored for their athletic achievements. "After three successful years in front of Wasco High, we were so excited to partner with the city this year and bring the Wasco Christmas Festival to the new downtown plaza. The tree was gorgeous, and it is exciting to know that we will have it to enjoy for years to come," Sharon Sharp of the Rose Festival Group said. Hundreds of spectators lined the streets of downtown to watch the parade after kicking off the festivities by shopping, eating and



Miss Wasco Rose Queen Rihanna Sanchez applauds after lighting the Christmas tree.

visiting Santa at the city's center. D'mitri Harrison said of the parade, "I enjoyed that it was an hour long. My family all came down from Bakersfield to enjoy it too. My 95-year-old grandpa attended." She added that events like this

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Two workers assist in demolishing the building at Highway 43 and Central Avenue which last housed the Super Discount Center, a structure with historical significance to Shafter's early days.

Not just any building comes down

VERONICA JACUINDE
 The Press and Tribune

Demolition began Monday on the building at the corner of Highway 43 and Central Avenue, on the site of the city's first retail business. The building featured a mural depicting various scenes of Shafter. During the city's centennial celebration in 2013, the city acquired funding to hire an artist to create the mural. "On that corner, Charles Shomate established the first retail business in Shafter in 1914. He replaced his original building with the brick building now being demolished in 1919. Even though no organization has ever nomi-

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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.-1 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

Soccer lights – Grand opening at Shafter Veterans Park Thursday, Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m.

PRIDE Pantry donations – Consider donating to SHS Pride Pantry this Thanksgiving season. Suggested items to donate include nonperishable foods, hygiene products, socks, jackets, warm clothing, laundry soap and household items. Monetary donations can be made out to "Pride Pantry" and dropped off at the school.

Celebrate Christmas – Shafter Menonite Brethren Church at 400 Kern St. Sunday, Dec. 8, 5-7:30 p.m. Christmas tree lighting at 6 p.m. Food trucks, pop-up vendors, hayride, live music and more.

16th Annual Christmas Tree Display – The Shafter Depot Museum presents "The Lights of Christmas!" If you want to set up a tree or know of anyone who does, contact Stephanie, 661-330-8769, or Stan, 661-747-0324, for more information. We love community involvement and accept last minute entries. Setup for the display will be the first week of December. Trees will be on display Saturdays, Dec. 14, 21, 28 and Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

ONGOING

Wardrobe for Wildcats – Semitropic School is seeking donations to provide two full uniforms, school t-shirt and school sweatshirt to each 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 wuh.s.wascouhsd.org for agenda information.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

Minter Field Air Museum – Open Fridays and Saturdays 10 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

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to [The Press](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com), 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** The 1994 SHS varsity cheerleaders – to name a few, Kibbe McDonald, Liz Diaz, Shannon Barton and Maralou Wise.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

DEC. 3

Arthur Joseph Martinez, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Francisco Javier Moreno Flores, 51, of Shafter, was arrested at South Schnaidt and Curtis for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Phillips Vernon Ray, 53, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

DEC. 4

Jorge Guadalupe Merino Uriostegui, 48, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of Hartley Street for battery, violating a domestic violence court order and damages.

DEC. 5

Everardo Gomez, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of North Central Valley Highway on a bench

warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Richard Francis Brown, 44, of Shafter, was arrested at Community Drive and Cotton Creek Drive on an outside warrant.

DEC. 7

Maria Rosario Velazquez, 55, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of California for contempt of disobeying a court order and battery on a spouse.

Omar Chavez, 35, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Gabriel Avila Delgado, 25, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, displaying an imitation firearm and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

DEC. 2

Miguel Angel Medina, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of South Shafter Avenue in Shafter,

on three misdemeanor warrants and a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

DEC. 3

Rigoberto Araujo-Palacios Jr., 28, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 5300 block of Cannon Street in Bakersfield for spousal battery and damaging a wireless communication device. He was booked into the

Kern County Jail.

DEC. 6

Jesus Vargas, 24, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 500 block of Milo Avenue in Buttonwillow on two misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

DEC. 8

Albert Solano, 58, of Camarillo, was arrested at the intersection of Enos Lane

and 7th Standard Road in Bakersfield for disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

DEC. 02

Luis Antonio Méndez Jr, 38, was arrested in the 2000 block of 1st Street for first degree burglary, possession of burglary tools and receiving known stolen property.

He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

DEC. 03

Leonardo Arreola, 30, was arrested at the intersection of 5th Street and Birch Avenue for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

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CORRECTION

In last week's paper, new Wasco mayor Valentin Medina's first name was wrong in a headline. We regret this editing error.



Santa and Mrs. Claus greet excited children at Minter Field Air Museum's hangar shortly after their magical arrival from the North Pole.



A little boy is overjoyed with enthusiasm as he receives his toy.

Santa's Fly-In thrills kids at Minter Field

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

Santa Claus, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, flew in from the North Pole to visit the Minter Field Air Museum on Saturday. "They arrived in an airplane, taxied right up to the museum's hangar, got out and greeted all the

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children and adults there," Minter Field Air Museum Chairman Ronald Pierce said.

Hundreds of children from across Kern County had the chance to share their Christmas wishes with Santa. Each child also got to choose a free stuffed animal, donated

by the Ming Avenue PetSmart. Members of the Kern County Nurse's Honor Guard helped distribute the toys. Children could also explore Shafter's first fire truck, as well as several jeeps and airplanes on display.

The museum was open in observance of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, honoring the events of Dec. 7, 1941. Many vis-

itors explored the historical exhibits, with one highlight being Santa sitting on an aircraft tug that had been on Wheeler Field in Hawaii during the Pearl Harbor attack. "It is a Pearl Harbor survivor," Pierce noted. "The museum appreciates all the volunteers who helped make this Santa Claus Fly-In a great success. Merry Christmas."

Lions Club hosts holiday kickoff

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

The Shafter Christmas Parade and Festival at Mannel Park on Friday brought the community together to celebrate the season of cheer. Hosted by the Lions Club, this evening featured a parade with over 40 entries, including festive floats, decorated cars and trucks, and lively marching bands, all radiating holiday spirit. Kicking off the festivities were activities at the park, including food trucks, games, bouncy houses and lots of "snow."

All of the schools in the Richland School District, as well as the Richland Jr. High Band, participated in the parade. The theme this year was "Richland Goes to the North Pole." The Student Council, ambassadors, school mascots "Swoop" and "Sequoia Bear," and Redwood Elementary School's Kindness Squad were all on board the float.

Many participants were dressed in costume, including Victor Lagunas of Jasmine's Bakery, who came as the Grinch. He said he wanted to be part of the parade to show love for Shafter and support all the small businesses in town.

Others, such as Pastor Omar Hinojosa of La Rosa Saron Church, thought it would be fun for the kids. His congregation has been participating in the parade for the last



Richland School District Superintendent Rosa Romero and students bring color and joy aboard their festive float.

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five years. "We do it for the love of Christ and to show love to everyone," he said.

Pablo Cuevas shared his enthusiasm for the event. "I brought my whole family. I loved the cars with the lights, all the schools, the food, the music. There was a good family environment," he said. Julian Buenrostro stated that his favorite parts were the vintage cars, hanging out with friends and getting ready for Christmas.

There was also a Christmas tree raffle, managed by Lions Club member Ana Vigil, who ran the booth. She shared her

favorite part of the event: "I liked best seeing people happy. Many people are signing up for the raffle and are excited to win." The trees were donated by Richie Salazar of R&D Electric and Floyd's General Store. "We thank them for blessing our local families here in Shafter with their donation," she added.

Santa made a big appearance at the end of the night, posing for pictures and bringing gifts for the children, who were thrilled to receive them.

Lions Club Treasurer Gustavo Olvera was pleased with the event's success and excited about the turnout. "We've done

this parade now for at least ten years, and since we started, it has grown. Every year, more people from the community and surrounding areas attend. This year was probably one of the best we've ever had. The turnout was great as people saw we had a lot of parade entries," he said.

"There were 48 parade entries, the most we've ever had, and I believe this event was just as big as the Harvest Festival we had a couple of months ago," Lions Club President and Councilmember Gilbert Alvarado said. "All the hard work and effort put into organizing this special event for the community to enjoy was worth it."

Driver killed in foggy morning collision

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

On a foggy Saturday morning, a high-speed crash between a pickup truck and a tractor on Kimberlina Road resulted in the death of the truck's driver, according to the California Highway Patrol.

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The collision occurred about 7:30 a.m. in dense fog that severely reduced visibility. The CHP officials reported that a GMC Sierra pickup truck was traveling eastbound on Kimberlina Road at an unsafe speed, given the conditions. A John Deere tractor pulling an implement of husband-

ry in tandem was crossing the road southbound at the same time. The driver of the GMC was unable to slow down or stop in time, crashing into the right side of the tractor's implement.

Emergency responders from the Kern County Fire Department extricated the driver from the damaged vehicle and transported them to Kern Medical Hos-

pital in Bakersfield. Despite their efforts, the driver was pronounced dead at the hospital. The deceased's name was not released.

The operator of the tractor was unharmed and was said to be cooperating with the investigation. Authorities still are determining whether alcohol or drugs played a role in the crash.

ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

DEC. 4

Omar Pimentel Lara, 36, was arrested in 1800 block of Broadway Avenue for felony vandalism, disorderly conduct, making criminal threats. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Abel Guerra Martinez,

34, was arrested at the intersection of H and J street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

DEC. 5

Natividad Guzman, 29, was arrested at the intersection of Filburn Street and Griffith Avenue for vehicu-

lar hit and run. He was cited and released at the scene.

DEC. 6

Alexander Regalado, 30, was arrested at 5th Street and Maple Avenue for carrying a switchblade knife, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

DEC. 7

Julian Sanchez, 23, was

arrested at the intersection of Iris Street and Griffith Avenue for possession of a narcotic controlled substance and disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Rigoberto Hernandez Santos, 28, was arrested in the 1200 block of Oak Avenue for disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Vinson Ray Callahan Sr., 65, was arrested in the 1900 block of Gastion Avenue for possession of a narcotic controlled substance, possession for sale of a narcotic controlled substance and possession of marijuana over 28.5 grams. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

DEC. 08

Omar Araujo, 32, was

arrested in the 1400 block of D Street for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without a valid license and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Anthony Antonio, 18, was arrested in the 500 block of E Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Líderes Campesinas to host posada, forum

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

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Líderes Campesinas is a nonprofit organization founded in 1988 by farmworker women in California's Coachella Valley. "Our mission is to strengthen the leadership of farmworker women and girls so they can serve as a bridge for economic, political, and social change and ensure their human rights," Yesenia Acosta of Líderes Campesinas Kern Norte explained. On Friday, Dec. 20, they will host CampesinXmas at the Wasco Woman's Club, featuring a traditional Mexican posada, a 2024 post-election community forum, toy distribution, a gift card raffle and food sponsored by Carnitas El Jesse.

Acosta explained that they chose to organize a posada with food and music because these traditions are deeply rooted in Mexican culture, offering a way for communities to come together, share the Christmas spirit and reflect on themes of

unity, faith and generosity.

The first 100 families to attend will receive toys. Other organizations, including Building Healthy Communities of Kern, CHIRLA and the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, will also be present, offering resources and support.

Sponsors include Prime Insurance Agency, Building Healthy Communities, Delano Mayor Joe L. Alindajao and Kern Family Health Care.

"I thank the committee for all their hard work and love; this wouldn't be possible without them. And thank you to our executive director of Líderes Campesinas, Suget López, who will participate."

The event will occur from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Wasco Woman's Club, 1601 7th St. "On behalf of all of us at Líderes Campesinas Kern Norte, I extend a heartfelt invitation to all of you to join us for this special posada."



Líderes Campesinas Kern Norte members Maria Fraire, Veronica Garcia, Ernestina Cardenas, Francisca Alanis and Yesenia Acosta visiting a field crew to bring them lunch, have breakfast with them and provide them with information.

He's official: Milligan 'pinned' as chief

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"I'm very excited to move forward with the chief of police position," Milligan said. "I have worked under some excellent leadership over the years, which has prepared me for this role. I look forward to staff development and getting our new police substation in the south area of Shafter up and running." He also aims to get the department fully staffed and implement new training and equipment for officers. "We recently implemented a drone program, started an e-bike unit for patrolling, and the City Council just authorized body-worn cameras. I hope to continue this trajectory through staff development, preparing them for the next phase – the new police station – so we can offer better service to our southern area residents."

Of the pinning ceremony, he said, "I thought it was very overwhelming to see the support from all the law enforcement representatives and the friends and family I have acquired over the years of my law enforcement career. All the special remarks and speeches from our city council are highlights. It's very rewarding to work for the city of Shafter as the police department has a lot of support from the city council and the citizens of Shafter."

Lt. Marvin Gomez, who has known Chief Milligan for about 25 years, shared



Chief of Police Randy Milligan is pinned by his wife of 22 years, Monica, as his colleague and close friend, Lt. Marvin Gomez, looks on.

that he was proud of him for being named chief of police of a city he adopted as part of his second family.

"Chief Milligan was named acting chief in November of 2023. Since then, he kept the department's morale high even though staffing had become an issue during that time. Due to the chief's officer recruitment program, the department saw a surge in officers applying, either from other agencies or as police cadets. Chief

has been open to new ideas from his lieutenants and line staff, but always keeps the safety and security of the citizens of Shafter and his police officers at the forefront of his mind."

Mayor Chad Givens spoke highly of the new chief. "I am exceptionally excited to have Randy as our new police chief. His work ethic and focus on officer engagement are second to none. He has continued to believe in the strong family, strong

community mantra, and I believe he will continue to engage positively within our community and pursue excellence at every opportunity."

Chief Milligan worked under Wasco Chief of Police Charles Fivecoat when Fivecoat served as police chief in Shafter. "He worked for me from 2006 to 2013 as our K-9 handler," Fivecoat said. "I've known him for a long time. He has an excellent understanding of the policing needs in Shafter, and he is very much aware of and knows the community. I think it's crucial for a chief in a smaller community like Shafter to be there for the people, and I believe he understands that through his tenure in Shafter."

He added, "I always knew him to be honest and do his job thoroughly. He is genuinely interested in moving the Police Department forward, and I think he will do a good job at that."

Lieutenant Josh Stephens acted as the master of ceremonies at the pinning event. He has known Chief Milligan for the last 15 years and said it's been a great experience working with him. He stated, "It will be challenging and exciting, and a new chapter for the Police Department. I congratulate him on the appointment. I wish him all the best in his new position."

City Spotlight



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Wasco Wins Prestigious Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting

In a significant stride toward fiscal excellence, the City of Wasco has been honored with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This accolade not only underscores the city's unwavering commitment to financial transparency and accountability but also positions it as a leader in exemplary financial stewardship.

"This award is a testament to our dedication to financial stability and sustainability," said Isarel Perez-Hernandez, Wasco's Finance Director. "It aligns with our City Council's goals and signals to donors, grant agencies, and investors alike that Wasco is a trustworthy and well-managed municipality."

Earning the GFOA's highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting is no small

achievement. It indicates that Wasco has met the organization's rigorous standards for full disclosure and best practices in financial management. Such recognition enhances the city's credibility when applying for grants and also attracts and retains a talented workforce.

Perez-Hernandez highlighted the collective effort behind this accomplishment: "This award reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire finance team and city staff. We strive not only to meet but to exceed the standards set for governmental accounting." Perez-Hernandez assumed the role of Finance Director in 2020. Under his leadership, the city has achieved the prestigious Annual award for two consecutive fiscal years, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

This success is also a reflection of the forward-thinking leadership and unwavering support of City Manager Scott Hurlbert. His reputation for strategic



oversight, coupled with his unique foresight, created an environment where innovation and professional growth could flourish. By motivating staff to strive for excellence and consistently guiding the team with his expertise, Hurlbert ensured that the city was well-prepared to achieve this milestone.

The award's significance extends beyond a certificate on the wall. It can lead

to improved bond ratings, increased investor confidence, and better access to capital markets, all contributing to the community's long-term economic health. This recognition confirms Wasco's capacity to manage additional funds efficiently a crucial factor that grant-making bodies consider.

Founded in 1906, the GFOA serves nearly 20,000 government finance professionals across North America and Canada, advancing excellence in public finance. Wasco's recognition sets it apart as a model for other municipalities.

As cities nationwide navigate fiscal challenges, Wasco's achievement demonstrates how strategic priorities like financial stability, employee development, modernization, infrastructure improvement, economic growth, and community safety can yield tangible results.

Congratulations Wasco's Finance Department!

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- Volunteers



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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 13 City offices closed Friday
- Dec. 17 City Council Meeting 746 8th St. 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24-25 City Offices Closed for the Holidays
- Dec. 27 City offices closed Friday
- Dec. 31-Jan 01 City Offices Closed for the New Year.

'Intergalactic Space Invasion' at recital

The "Intergalactic Space Invasion" recital, produced by Planet Dance Studio, conquered the stage on Saturday. The program took place in Delano at the RFK High School Auditorium. With nearly 500 in attendance, the energy

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was out of this world. Each class gave a phenomenal performance, and the music selection was just as entertaining to match.



As a tradition, the "Father/Daughter" performance was a showstopper. It was choreographed by Jacob Hernandez. BELOW: The opening number featuring Team Galaxy and Company, choreographed by Isabella Garcia, set the tone for the evening.



LFET: Ruby is thrilled to receive her present from Santa and Mrs. Claus. BELOW: Cynthia Valenzuela beams as she points to the ornament she designed, now displayed on the Christmas tree.



This week's Super Students at Karl Clemens



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its Super Students for the week of Dec. 9. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to all friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Principal Anabel Garrison, Agustin Landeros (5th grade), Luis M. Flores Valdez (4th grade), Consuelo Ochoa (kindergarten), Yoselin Noriega (3rd grade), Aimee Alfaro (2nd grade), Mason Gomez (1st grade) and Vice Principal Angela Devin.

Woman's Club puts on a party

The Wasco Woman's Club held its annual Christmas celebration for students on Friday at Grace Community Church. High school youth with disabilities enjoyed pizza, cookies, lots of dancing, and, of course, a highlight was a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, with whom they took pictures and received a Christ-

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mas gift. DJ Boomer provided the music, and all the students dressed in their best holiday attire. "It was the most joyous and rewarding Christmas party ever," said Sukie Martinez, Woman's Club vice president.

HEADLINES IN HISTORY

30 years ago: Dec. 21, 1994 Construction of the new Richland School District Activity Center was in its first phase. The center is located behind the Shafter Aquatic Center.
40 years ago: Dec. 14, 1984 Pam and William McElroy opened their video store, FM Video, on James Street. They merged the business with their Clothesline Boutique business in the same building.
 -Compiled by Erica Soriano



The front page, Dec. 21, 1994

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WASCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
 Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled:
PROJECT PLANS FOR SCOFIELD AVENUE REHABILITATION PROJECT
 will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the CITY OF WASCO, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, until **2:00 PM on January 8, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.
 Proposal forms for this work are entitled:
BID BOOK FOR SCOFIELD AVENUE REHABILITATION PROJECT STPL 5287(061)

General work description:
 The work to be done includes, but is not limited to, the following: Asphalt Paving, Asphalt Grinding, Trucking, Stripping, Concrete, and other items of or details not mentioned above that are required by typical construction, Standard Specifications, or these special provisions.
 A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **December 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM**, at Northern Limits of Project in WASCO, California. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of supply opportunities. Bidder's attendance at this meeting will not

be mandatory. Bids are required for the entire work described herein. Bids **must** be submitted on the Bid Proposal form provided by the City of Wasco. Each bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount bid: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the City of Wasco; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the City of Wasco. Each bidder must be a licensed contractor as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. In addition, the successful bidder must furnish: (1) a faithful performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price; and (2) a payment bond (also referred to as a labor and material bond) in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. All bonds must be in a form approved by the City of Wasco and must conform to California law (see Code of Civil Procedure section 995.010 et seq.). All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package

and the contract must be scannable and photocopyable. The City hereby invokes its protest right under California Code of Civil Procedure 995.660 for any proposed surety bond submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of this agreement if the submitted bond is not issued by an admitted surety rated A-, VII or better by Best's Rating Service. The contractor shall possess a City Business License and a Class "A" license at the time this contract is awarded. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal or awarded a contract for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Sec. 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990. A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered

contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 70291 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded. Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications, or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest. Technical questions should be directed to Mr. Kameron Arnold by telephone at (661) 758-7204. Plans, specifications, and bid documents in PDF may be obtained after 1 pm on December 16, 2024, free of charge by emailing CityClerk@CityofWasco.org to request copies. Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county or counties in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at CITY OF WASCO City Hall, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations, are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free hotline to report bid rigging activities. Use the hotline to report bid rigging, bidder collusion, and other fraudulent activities. The hotline number is (800) 424-9071. The service is available 24 hours 7 days a week and is confidential and anonymous. The hotline is part of the DOT's effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. CITY OF WASCO, DEPUTY CITY CLERK /s/ Monica Flores DATED 12/9/2024 Publish Wasco Tribune December 12, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Wayne Johnson Transport Inc 2024-B6811
 16018 Central Ave Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 16018 Central Ave Wasco, CA 93280 Wayne Johnson Transport Inc

16018 Central Ave Wasco, CA 93280 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation* Date the business commenced: 12/30/2014 /s/ Teresa Johnson, CFO Date Statement Filed: 11/14/2024 Date Statement Expires: 11/14/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedenno Publish Wasco Tribune November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Hernandez Nievesdegarraffa 2024-B6726
 1601 Poso Dr Spc 48 Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 1601 Poso Dr Spc 48 Wasco, CA 93280 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedenno Publish Wasco Tribune December 12, 19, 26, 2024 and January 2, 2025



Children had a great time playing in the "snow."



Santa poses with Ayden Aguilar and Joseph Nunez.

Shafter lights up downtown in celebration

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Shafter Police Department was on hand offering games for the kids, as well as the Shafter Library and Learning Center that gave away free backpacks. Shafter Animal Control handed out stuffed animals, while North Kern Christian School provided free popcorn. There was also plenty of food and drinks for sale, including Agua Fresca by Karen, Frenchies Mini Donuts, S's Pizza, and Sabor BBQ. The Shafter Lions Club provided the "weather" for the event, operating a snow machine that

coated the courtyard with snow. Sports teams who were honored included the Shafter High girls varsity tennis team, who finished the season in second place in the SSL, and went all the way to the Central Section Division IV championship match. The Shafter High girls volleyball team was next, along with their coach Sabrina Macias. The group was recognized for their undefeated SSL season and their semifinal appearance in the Valley playoffs.

The Shafter High Generals football team were honored for another successful year, finishing the SSL undefeated and playing in their second Valley Championship game in three years. Also honored on the night were three of the Shafter Youth Football Commanders teams, who each won National Conference championships in the Golden Empire Youth Football playoffs. The freshman team ended the season with a 7-3 record and a title, the sophomore team went 10-2 for a championship, and the varsity team

had an 11-1 record and the championship. The evening was concluded with jolly Saint Nick arriving in an antique fire truck, provided by the Minter Field Air Museum. Santa talked to the kids, got their Christmas wishes, and posed for pictures. Mayor Givens told the crowd that the event was an important one that really depicted the spirit of the city. "Christmas is a time for family, such as lighting the Christmas tree, and that what the city of Shafter is, one big community and family."

Kindness shines at Christmas Festival

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contribute to a sense of community. "It brings everybody out. It's positive and creates an uplifting environment. It's good for the kids. I get to see people I grew up with. I love the small-town feel; I loved it." Teresa Burke Elementary School's leadership class and Student Council students participated in the parade with a float that decorated in line with the festival's theme, adding as many lights as they could and making kindness posters and handcrafted ornaments with kindness quotes to show how they felt about kindness. Hillary Kitts, a 1st-grade teacher and leadership class advisor who oversees the project, said the students were thrilled to be on the float. "They sang Christmas songs, shouting 'Merry Christmas' to everyone. It had a great vibe and was very

positive. I loved it because I told them the theme, and they came up with the ideas of how to put it all together." Wasco High School varsity cheerleader Ava Melendrez felt honored to be celebrated at the festival. "It is really amazing because cheer is a sport where we typically root for other people, so it's a nice little change for our cheer family. It just feels nice to be recognized." Aaron Ayala of the Wasco Bengals said he felt jolly, excited and happy about the occasion. "Especially after working so hard. It's great to be here with my team, friends and family." The grand finale was the lighting in the downtown plaza, performed by the Rose Queen, Rihanna Sanchez. "Lighting the tree is a special moment for me to bring the spirit of the holidays to Wasco," she



Wasco Bengals players after being honored at the Wasco Christmas Festival.

Not just any building comes down

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nated it to be a historical building, it had historical significance because it was the first retail establishment in Shafter," Stan Wilson of the Shafter Historical Society explained. According to Wilson, Shomate had a general store selling groceries, dry goods and hardware. Later, Shomate added to the structure with an addition that housed a drug store, and also the post office. When Shomate became county recorder, he sold the business to Midgley & Walker. Later, the store became Hemingway's Shafter

Mercantile, then Western Auto, and most recently, the Super Discount Center. Dr. Michael F. Hair Sr., the property owner, said he demolished the building because it did not meet state standards for reinforcement. "It is not earthquake-proof. It is an unreinforced concrete building, and because of that, it would need a lot of reinforcement, and it still wouldn't be safe. We decided to take it down." Hair noted that his company has demolished several unreinforced masonry buildings in Shafter, estimating about six over the years. Often made of brick

or lacking rebar (steel reinforcement), such structures risk collapsing during earthquakes. The state has mandated either reinforcing or demolishing these buildings. Regarding the corner buildings on Highway 43 and Central Avenue, Hair said reinforcement was not a viable option. "They're old, and we want to put a more modern type of business at that location." On Monday, he explained the timeline for the demolition, "We took down part of the building behind the alley some time ago, but this building has some nuances

because it has a brick wall next to the highway and a basement. The building will be down in three or four days. After that, we'll bring soil and compaction materials to fill the basement. By the end of January, the entire area should be cleaned up and looking nice. You'll be able to see all the land we have there." The future for the space is still to be determined. "I don't know yet what we will put there," Hair said. "We'll see if someone wants to develop a commercial building. For now, we're focusing on getting it nice and leveled."

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Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
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Bakersfield, CA 93308
Ascension Barrera III
4016 Viverone Ln.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
The business is conducted by:
Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Ascension Barrera III
Date Statement Filed: 11/15/2024

Date Statement Expires: 11/15/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
Publish Shafter Press December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER:
SCV-24-000037

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:
1. Petitioner: Franklin Wayne Greene filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name

Franklin Wayne Greene
Proposed Name
Franklin Wayne McCauley
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no

written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 1/24/25 Time: 8:30 AM
Dept: B
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263 North Kern Division
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: (for resident of this county) printed in

this county: Shafter Press
Date: 11/18/24
/s/Marcos R. Camacho
Judge of the Superior Court
Publish Shafter Press December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
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2024-B6702
Fit Body Rosedale
2024-B6703
2816 Calloway Dr #101
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern

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Bakersfield, CA 93312
Bako Fit LLC
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Bakersfield, CA 93312
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by:
Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Ciara Brewer, Manager
Date Statement Filed: 11/07/2024
Date Statement Expires: 11/07/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Torralba
Publish Shafter Press November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2024

FOCUS ON | The Shafter Library and Learning Center



The postcard mural outside the library has resulted in a line of fundraising merchandise.



The interactive mural encourages kids of all ages to bring art to life.

SLLC newsletter writer/photographer: Bill Wolfe. Additional photos by Samantha Saldaña, Elsa Solorio and Rebecca Bernal



The Friends purchased the toys and games in the Imagination Room.

Friends of the Library '24 achievements

BY KATIE WIEBE

President, Friends of the Shafter Library

The Friends of the Shafter Library have been busy this year! Here are the goals that we set for ourselves in 2024 and how we fared:

1. Continue Shafter Library History project: Rick Penner updated the Friends on his progress in a May 10th report. Work on this is ongoing.
2. Paint mural on Book Drop at library entrance - complete.
3. Paint interactive balloon mural by side entrance (on parking lot/GAF classroom side of library) - complete
4. Install fiberglass bench with book art (The Little Engine That Could) painted by Lorena Castillo - completed Nov. 2024
5. Develop fundraising structure for Dia Del Nino and Dia De Los Muertos - still in process.
6. Convert postcard mural image on the parking lot side of GAF classroom building into merchandise to benefit the Friends. (Stickers and postcards are currently available in the library, with tote bags hopefully coming soon.) - complete

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We also kept the Imagination Room stocked with toys and had members stop in weekly to clean up and organize the room.

We used funds to support the Dia Del Nino and Comic Con events.

- Little Free Library update:
- A new LFL was added to Mannel Park near the playground and was painted by SLLC art teacher Nancy Becerra and her students. She will also be repainting the Veterans Park LFL.
 - The Kiwanis LFL near the pool is being repainted with a "Dive into Books" theme (Lorena Castillo will be the artist).
 - The Rotary Club LFL was also put up again in the redesigned Stringham Park near the new bus stop on James Street and Lerdo Highway.
 - La Rosa de Sharon Assembly of God church and Lions Club will also be placing a LFL in the Tulare Arms apartments located on West Tulare Avenue behind Apple Market.



Members drop by regularly to check on the inventory to see if anything is broken or missing pieces and needs to be replaced.



Grow Academy representatives, from left, Joshua Covarrubias, Emmalee Valdovinos and Dean Esteban Arias. RIGHT: Golden Oak Elementary representatives, from left, Abraham Alvarez, Assistant Principal Jose Montelongo and Francisco Buenrostro



Redwood Elementary School representatives, from left, Assistant Principal Tony Juarez, Nikole Cerrano and Paulina Rodriguez. RIRGT: Sequoia Elementary School representatives, from left, Aliah Ramos, Assistant Principal Tonia Aguilera and Nadia Aguirre



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Kiwanis Club spotlights respectful young students

The Kiwanis Club of Shafter hosted a luncheon on Nov. 13 to celebrate local students recognized as Terrific Kids, nominated by their teachers for exemplifying respect in the classroom. The event, attended by their families and community members, showcased the pride and support for the students' achievements. Each student received a certificate, pencil, bumper sticker and t-shirt at the veterans hall.

"At Kiwanis, we love encouraging kids to develop good character traits that will help them succeed in life. In our TERRIFIC Kids program, we honor local children who have demonstrated our focus attribute each month of the school year. The first letter of these nine traits spells the word "TERRIFIC." In our November

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meeting, we focused on 'R' for 'Respect,' and the Terrific Kids chosen by their schools were great examples of that attitude," club President Phillip Jimenez said.

Esteban Arias, GROW Academy dean, presented certificates to Joshua Covarrubias and Emmalee Valdovinos. Golden Oak Elementary Assistant Principal Jose Montelongo gave awards to Abraham Alvarez and Francisco Buenrostro.

Redwood Elementary students Nikole Cerrano and Paulina Rodriguez received certificates from Assistant Principal Tony Juarez.

Sequoia Elementary Assistant Principal Tonia Aguilera presented awards to Aliah Ramos and Nadia Aguirre.

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Do not be troubled



The way to heaven is believing in Jesus Christ, having our sins forgiven because of His sacrifice on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Then we too are on our way to heaven, our eternal home.

The Father. The second reason we should not be troubled is because we know the Father (John 14:7-14). Jesus was the perfect representation and revelation of God the Father (John 1:14, 18; Hebrews 1:3). Jesus the Son of God has the same nature and character of God the Father. He gives access to the Father as we become children of God by faith (John 1:12). When we are troubled, we should turn to our heavenly Father in faith and prayer.

The Helper. The third reason we should not be troubled is because we have the divine Helper, the Holy Spirit. The

term "Helper" means one who comes alongside to help, to encourage, to comfort, an advocate and an intercessor. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, guides and teaches in truth, strengthens Christians through trials and empowers Christians for life and ministry (John 14:16-17, 26). We should not be troubled because we have the Holy Spirit abiding in us and helping forever.

The Home. The fourth reason we should not be troubled is because we have the Trinity at home in our hearts (John 14:18-24). The disciples felt like Jesus was abandoning them, but instead they would begin to experience spiritual union and communion with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit greater than ever before. Jesus said that love, faith and obedience

would lead to the Triune God making their home in the believer's heart (verse 23; John 15:5; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 John 4:15). We should not be troubled because the Holy Trinity is with us and in us always.

The Peace. The last reason we should not be troubled is because we will have the peace of God (John 27-28). The Hebrew word for peace, "shalom" means wholeness, health, tranquility, security. It means no worries, no conflict, no troubled hearts. The God of Peace is in control, working everything out for our good (Romans 8:28). *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:6-7). God bless you as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace this Christmas season (Isa 9:6).

OBITUARIES

Neecoal Marie German-Walker
May 29, 1978 – Nov. 7, 2024



Neecoal Marie German-Walker went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 7, 2024, having succumbed to injuries suffered in the hit and run accident on Highway 43 several days prior. Neecoal was born the May 29, 1978, at Ojai Community Hospital, arriving before even the doctor could arrive. She attended local elementary schools in Ojai and Lincoln, Calif., and graduated from Phoenix High School in Lincoln.

Neecoal was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Dolly Watson and Walter Hagens; great grandmother, Milly Sitton; aunts Debby Ha-

gens, Annette Hagens and Lynn Hagens; uncles David Hagens and Jack Palmer; nephew Dylan Ellis; maternal grandparents Reverend Kennthe and Charlotte German; aunt Helen Matarocci; and great grandmother Margrethe Hodgson.

She is survived by her parents, Teena Hagens-Ellis and Christopher German; children Draven

German, Aleese and Alorra Graves, Vernie Graves IV and Thomas Graves; brother Stephen (Tanya) Hagens; sister Carrie (Robert) Ellison; nieces Jasmine and Orianna Hagens; nephews Darrius German, Damien Ty Ellison, Michael Ellison; maternal aunt Rene Hagens-Kreisel; paternal aunts Katherine (Karl) Burrelman and Jennifer German-Wright; uncles

Thomas (Kathleen) German, Dennis (Elsie) German; cousins Rachel Emery, Colyn Emery, Dustin Emery, Andrew (Christina) Taylor, Sarah Jayne Emery, Patric Emery, Jessica Wright, Len Len Pinaoan, Theodore German, Samuel German, Suzanna German, Anne-Marie Turley and Jaimie Turley; nieces Emily Taylor, Vivi Vaughn and Bella Emery; nephews Zack Vaughn and Kira Vaughn; godmother Debbie Selenuk; and godfather Steward Hoskinson.

A Celebration of Life will be at First Southern Baptist Church, Shafter on Dec. 13 at 11 a.m., officiated by Pastor Ty Barksdale. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

PET OF THE WEEK

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–Wasco Animal Shelter

DEATH NOTICES

Betty Jane Olive, 94, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 1, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.
Esperanza Cardona, 67, of Wasco, passed away Nov. 30, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.
Jesus Jr. Rodriguez "Chuy", 67, of McFarland, passed away Dec. 8 in Delano. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
WESTERN KERN UNIVERSAL
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all residential properties in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Western Kern Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved. Maximum annual rates for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area will increase as per the following table. Western Kern UCA Annual Fees: Western Kern UCA per residential unit**

Current Fee = \$562.20
Effective July 2025 = \$596.52
**Fees shown include the Admin Fee of \$12.00 per unit per year

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will

select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: December 3, 2024

KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM
SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE
FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative

Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that designates the use of each parcel of real property in Kern County as either residential with four units or less, residential with five units or more, or non-residential, and describes the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of residential real property in Kern County should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the report approved. In accordance with this report, the Public Works Department proposes to increase the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) imposed on residential property on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 over the rates established for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The charge imposed on a parcel of property used as a single-family residence with one to four residential units per parcel will increase from \$179.72 per year per residential unit to \$185.52 per year per residential unit. Parcels with multi-family dwellings with five or more residential units will increase from \$143.78 per year per residential unit to \$148.42 per year per residential unit. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASAO) without a protest hearing for two more years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed

as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment and the action is statutorily exempt from further CEQA review per Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Dated: December 3, 2024

KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
COMMERCIAL ZONE 1
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
CHARGES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for commercial property in Garbage Zone 1. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Commercial Zone 1 Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each parcel of real property in Commercial Zone 1 area as commercial (non-residential). Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each type of service in the Commercial Zone 1 area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved. Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Commercial Zone 1 area are to be set by container size as per Table A for commercial properties. The

TABLE A

Commercial - Zone 1

Commercial Bin Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Size (CY)	First Commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up
Trash Service				
	1	\$120.83	\$111.67	\$68.25
	1.5/300 gals	\$140.58	\$131.42	\$77.89
	2	\$168.76	\$159.60	\$92.18
	3	\$212.38	\$203.22	\$103.13
	4	\$263.88	\$254.72	\$132.90
Recycling Service				
	1.5/300 gals	\$81.25	\$81.25	\$77.25
	3	\$142.22	\$142.22	\$128.22
	6	\$203.77	\$203.77	\$183.77

Commercial Cart Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Size (gallons)	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up
Trash Cart	96/101	\$58.12	\$48.96	\$23.50
Blue Recycling Cart	96/101	\$35.95	\$35.95	\$31.95

Commercial Organic Service Monthly Rates - Organic July 1, 2025	Size	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up
Organic Cart	96/101 gals	\$55.15	\$48.96	N/A
Organic Bin	2 CY	\$331.58	\$319.19	\$184.36
Organic Bin	3 CY	\$418.83	\$406.44	\$206.26

Commercial Roll-Off Services Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Per Dump	Rental Rate	Delivery Charge	Per Hour Charge	Roll-Off Compactor Service Fee
Roll-off Container	\$336.87	\$287.93	\$155.31	\$187.45	\$410.78

by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Board of Supervisors may order the report filed with the Kern County Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, who will enter the amounts of the fee against the respective parcels of residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll. The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: December 3, 2024

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
RESIDENTIAL NON-TAX ROLL
BILLED
ZONE 1 AREA
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
CHARGES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern,

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE
(GATE FEE AND BIN FEE)
FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for non-residential property which will be collected as a Gate Fee or a Bin Fee. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that describes the amount of the proposed service charge for waste delivered to Kern County waste disposal or transfer facilities for further handling. In accordance with this report, the proposed basic fee for non-residential waste (Gate Fee) will be increased from \$65.15 per ton to \$67.25 per ton effective July 1, 2025. A transfer fee of \$11.60 per ton will be added to the basic fee for non-residential waste delivered to any transfer station effective July 1, 2025. For non-residential customers using bin service provided by a Franchise (or

**TABLE A
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026 GATE FEE AND BIN FEE RATES**

Gate Fees	Current	Effective July 1, 2025
Any non-residential trash - not in a sideloader	\$65.15	\$67.25 per ton
Transfer Station Fee - additional	\$11.23	\$11.60 per ton
Out of County Fee	\$101.09	\$104.36 per ton
Bin Fees		
Municipal solid waste in a bin	\$3.37	\$3.48 per CY
Transfer Station Bin Fee - additional	\$0.58	\$0.60 per CY
Out of County waste picked up in a bin	\$4.83	\$4.99 per CY
Non-Residential Waste at Facilities with Scales		
Cars	\$13.48	\$13.91 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$30.33	\$31.31 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$38.19	\$39.42 per vehicle
Trailers, large vehicles, rolloff boxes	\$65.15	\$67.25 per ton
Non-Residential Waste at Facilities without Scales		
Cars	\$13.48	\$13.91 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$30.33	\$31.31 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$38.19	\$39.42 per vehicle
Fees for Recyclable, Reusable or Divertable Material		
Clean Fill Dirt	\$5.62	\$5.80 per ton
Clean Inerts - concrete, asphalt, bricks, or similar	\$16.85	\$17.39 per ton
Construction and Demolition waste	\$89.86	\$92.76 per ton
Tire Program Fees		
Tires in bulk loads	\$280.81	\$289.88 per ton
Individual tires		
Light duty - 18" diameter rim or smaller	\$3.37	\$3.48 per tire
Heavy Duty Tires - 19" - 24" diameter rims	\$16.85	\$17.39 per tire
Oversize tires (>24" rims or racing tires)	\$22.47	\$23.19 per tire
Earth Mover Tires	\$280.81	\$289.88 per ton
Dead Animals		
Any dead animal that requires special handling	\$112.33	\$115.95 per animal
Multiple dead animals or parts that require special handling	\$168.49	\$173.93 per ton
Treated Wood Waste		
All treated wood waste other than railroad ties	\$68.49	\$173.93 per ton
Railroad Ties	\$16.85	\$17.39 per tie
Other Special Fees		
Hourly rate for Department personnel	\$101.09	\$104.36 per hour
Processing fee for returned checks	\$25.00	\$25.00 each
Travel Trailer disposal	\$561.63	\$579.77 each
Any other hard to handle items	\$224.65	\$231.91 ton
	2X Gate Fee	2X Gate Fee
	or \$20.00 minimum	or \$20.00 minimum

in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for residential property located in Garbage Zone 1 that is not located within any Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for all residential properties. Property owners in this area are not required to subscribe to the services of the franchise haulers, but if they do so, these charges will apply. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 All Franchise Areas Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each type of service in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area as residential or non-residential. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each type of service in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved. Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area are set forth in the following table for residential properties. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee which is charged on a per residential unit basis and will be continued at the current rate of \$1.00 per residential unit per month. **Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 - All Franchise Areas Monthly Fees:**

- Residential Service per unit**
 - Current Fee = \$29.54
 - Effective July 2025 = \$31.32
 - Blue Cart Recycling per Unit**
 - Current Fee = \$10.93
 - Effective July 2025 = \$11.61
 - Green Waste Service per unit **
 - Current Fee = \$12.00
 - Effective July 2025 = \$12.75
- *Charges shown include the Admin Fee of \$1.00 month per unit
**Recycling and Green waste service may not be available in voluntary locations

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional

City) Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be increased from \$3.37 per cubic yard to \$3.48 per cubic yard effective July 1, 2025. A transfer fee of \$0.60 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station effective July 1, 2025. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in all of the chargeable rates. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Gate Fee and Bin Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASAO) without a protest hearing for an additional two years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the

environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: December 3, 2024

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