



# THE SHAFTER PRESS

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1921

# Wasco Tribune

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1980

Vol. 97 No. 30 • Shafter, California

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Vol. 47 No. 30 • Wasco, California

## Wedel will head WHS football, baseball

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

**WASCO**

Kyle Wedel has been named Wasco High School's head varsity football coach. He has been the team's assistant coach for the last two years and assistant varsity baseball coach for the previous four years. He will also take on the role of head varsity baseball coach this year, taking over from his father.

Wedel, a lifelong resident of Wasco, graduated from WHS in 2013, where he played both baseball and football and was part of the 2012 Valley Championship football team. As head football coach, he said his goal is to bring a Valley Championship home for his team.

His father, Jeff Wedel, served as WHS's head varsity baseball coach from 2013. "He's run a very successful program over the last 12 years. I have some big shoes to fill. Our program has high expectations for our baseball players, and I'm looking forward to it," he said in

an interview.

Regarding his new position as head football coach, he stated, "It's an honor and super humbling. I'm excited to give back to the community that has given so much to me."

Wedel attended Taft College, where he played baseball, before transferring to McPherson College in Kansas to continue his baseball career. He holds a master's degree in special education from Grand Canyon University and has been teaching in that field at WHS for the past three years, after previously teaching at McFarland High.

He enjoys teaching special education because it brings something new every day. "It is never boring, and the kids are amazing and fun. You can be yourself with them. It's a job that requires a heart full of patience and admiration for your students. They make me happy every day."

See **KYLE** Page 5



Kyle Wedel holding the football team's winning plaque from the 2023 State Regional Playoffs.



Hundreds gathered in Bakersfield on Friday in a peaceful demonstration calling for immigrant justice, standing in solidarity against fear and deportation.

## Farmworkers stay home after Customs sweeps, arrests

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

**WASCO**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection launched "Operation Return to Sender" last week in the Bakersfield area, including Wasco, sending a wave of fear among immigrants and farm workers. "They are terrorizing our communities, as among those targeted during random stops and raids have been essential workers who help sustain our food system," said Irene De Barraicua, director of policy and communications for Líderes Campesinas, a farm worker support organization.

The operation took place over three days, with more than 60 agents in marked and unmarked vehicles deployed throughout Kern County, leading to 78 arrests. "While they [the California Border Patrol El Centro Sector] claim they are pursuing criminals such

as rapists and drug smugglers as part of a special operation, several first-hand accounts are proving otherwise that they are targeting businesses where day laborers and field workers gather."

Estela Martinez lives in Shafter but works in Wasco at Mormon Farms, which grows almonds. She is a "mayordoma" and oversees the farm workers on her team and ensuring daily operations run smoothly on the farm. The day after the immigration sweeps were launched, she reported that of the 20 farm workers who usually show up for work, only three to four came. "They are seeing the 'migra' [CBP] coming after the farm workers, and they are not coming to work because they are afraid."

She said that two farm workers on a colleague's team, driving on

See **FARMWORKERS** Page 6



There was an 80 percent drop in the workforce at Mormon Farms in Wasco as fear from immigration sweeps kept workers away from the fields the day after "Operation Return to Sender" was launched.



Chris Hannon, President, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California; Leticia Perez, Kern County Board of Supervisors; Governor Gavin Newsom; Arthur Sohikian, Executive Director, High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency; Ian Choudri, CEO, California High-Speed Rail Authority.

## Big step for high-speed rail in Valley

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

**SHAFTER**

Governor Gavin Newsom visited Shafter last week for a ceremony marking the groundbreaking of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Railhead Project. The railhead will serve as a freight yard where materials are received and track-laying work is staged, representing the initial step before the tracks are laid. The event also provided an opportunity to celebrate the substantial completion of Construction Package 4 (CP 4), the southernmost stretch of the initial operating line of the high-speed rail.

Construction Package 4 (CP 4) is the 22-mile stretch of the high-speed rail project between Poplar Avenue in Wasco and approximately one mile south of the Kern/Tulare County line. It is the southernmost section of the project currently under construction. This segment includes 11 civil structures, including overpasses, underpasses, and viaducts built to take high-speed trains over roadways, waterways and existing rail lines. All major civil works have been completed, and the segment is largely ready to lay track.

"No state in America is closer to launching high-speed rail than California – and today, we just took a massive step forward. We're moving into the track-laying phase, completing structures for key segments, and laying the groundwork for a high-speed rail network. The future of transportation is being realized right here in the Central Valley."

See **BIG** Page 10

## Planning Commission holds first meeting

**JAMIE STEWART**  
For The Shafter Press

**SHAFTER**

The Shafter Planning Commission welcomed its new members Tuesday night as they held their first meeting of 2025.

At a recent City Council meeting, Armando Camacho, Joseph Simmons and John Sanchez were appointed to the commission for four-year terms. Sanchez had a term that expired in December, but expressed interest in serving another term and was selected to do so.

At their first meeting of 2025, the members of the commission elected Lovdeep Joshen to serve as their chairman. Member David Piuser was elected to serve as vice chairman.

Joshen, who was appointed to the com-

mission in 2023, is the manager of the Big Stop Market in Shafter. He said that he got interested in serving on the commission after his numerous interactions with the commission during his efforts to getting the market cleared for some major renovations. "I thought that it was really interesting how the city operates and how they make decisions for the growth and future of the city."

The Planning Commission meets every second Tuesday of the month and is an integral part of the city's operations. It works closely with the city in keeping the city's vision and helping it go toward its goals.

It rules on issues regarding land use, general plans, zone ordinances, and other issues regarding the city's overall plan.



Joseph Simmons, John Sanchez and Armando Camacho are sworn in.



# Community Calendar

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Purple Pig" fundraiser – Wasco Elks Lodge hosts its Leading Knight and Secretary Challenge Dinner, benefiting the Purple Pig, on Friday, Jan. 24, at the Elks Hall. RSVP by Jan. 22. or to purchase raffle tickets from Erik Brown at 661-477-4109 or call the lodge at 661-758-2235.

Colours Festival – Arts weekend set for Shafter Feb. 20-23. For more information, visit [ShafterColours.org](http://ShafterColours.org).

Valentine's Day event – Wasco Elks Lodge will have music, dancing, couples activities such as sand art and painting, and a gourmet ribeye steak dinner on Friday, Feb. 14. Call the lodge for more information, 661-758-2235.

## ONGOING

PRIDE Pantry donations – Consider donating to SHS Pride Pantry this holiday season. Suggested items to donate include non-perishable 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 office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

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.

## MONDAY

North Kern 4H – Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Chris at 661-809-2851.

Richland School Board – Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall St.

## TUESDAY

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

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

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

Wasco City Council – Meetings first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

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

Senior Food giveaway – Westside Family

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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 artículos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas artículos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residentes de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

## SATURDAY

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

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

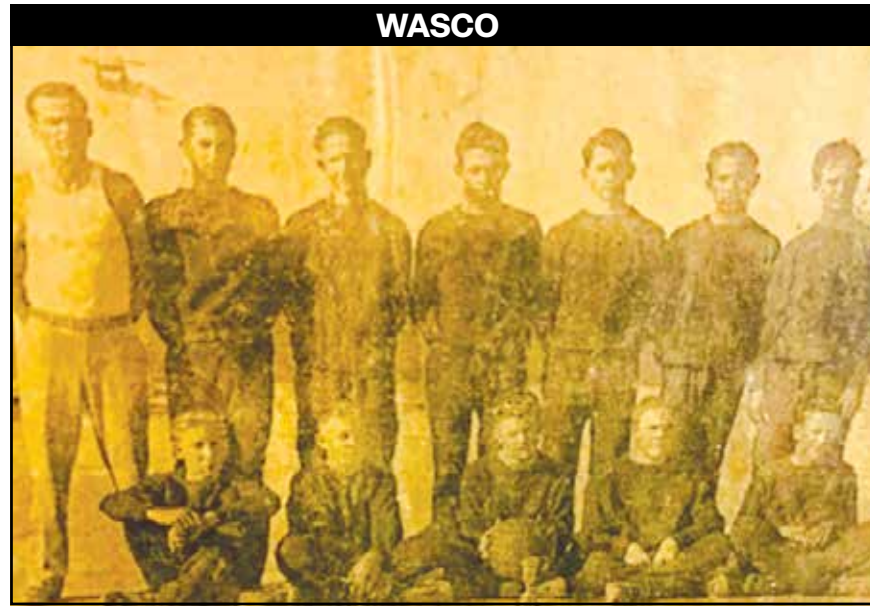
Minter Field Air Museum – Open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

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



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:** The Miss Shafter Float in the 1973 Shafter Parade.



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Wasco 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 Tribune](mailto:mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com), 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Staff Sergeant Victor J. Krause, a WWII veteran from Wasco, was stationed in New Guinea, where he helped rescue a bomber crew of four after they crashed in a nearby river.



## VISIT US ONLINE!

THE SHAFTER PRESS

Wasco Tribune

SHAFTERPRESS.COM & WASCOTRIB.COM

## ARREST REPORT

### SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### JAN. 11

Cinthia Olivia Riza, 41, of Shafter, was arrested at East Los Angeles Avenue and South Beech for smuggling a controlled substance in jail/prison and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Gabriel Avila Delgado, 25, of Shafter, was arrested at East Lerdo Highway and James Street on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Jan. 10

Joshua Oros, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Golden West for possession of a controlled substance.

#### JAN. 8

Arthur Joseph Martinez, 41, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of South Shafter Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Everado Gomez, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of North Central Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

#### JAN. 7

Rodolfo Gerardo Mendoza, 34, of Shafter, was arrested at South Shafter Avenue and Riverside Street for possession of a controlled substance and on bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

### BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern

County Sheriff's Office, Buttonwillow substation:

#### JAN. 1

Urbino Vasquez-Jimenez, 50, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14600 block of Lost Hills Road in Lost Hills on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JAN. 2

Troy Butler, 32, of Wasco, was arrested at Wildwood Road and Highway 46 in Wasco on a felony warrant and a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JAN. 5

Joshua Murchinson, 32, of Lompoc, was arrested at 7th Standard Road and Main Drain Road on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### WASCO

As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

#### JAN. 6

Manuel Ojeda, 64, was arrested in the 600 block of D Street for DUI alcohol and DUI alcohol/0.08 percent. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Ricardo Martinez Lucas, 26, was arrested in the 2600 block of Highway 46 on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### JAN. 07

Omar Pimentel Lara, 36, was arrested in the 1800 block of Broadway Avenue for assault with deadly weapon, causing elder abuse and burglary: first degree. He was

booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### JAN. 8

Francisca Arellano, 36, was arrested at Highway 46 and Broadway Avenue for DUI alcohol, DUI alcohol 0.08 percent and unlawful to drive unless licensed. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### JAN. 10

John Lee Parker, 49, was arrested in the 900 block of Birch Avenue for possession of hard drugs/possession of

controlled substances. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Irvin Edgar Ramirez, 36, was arrested at Highway 46 and J Street for driving when privileges suspended/revoked, exceeding the posted 55 MPH speed limit on a two-lane undivided highway and failure to provide proof of insurance to a peace officer. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### JAN. 11

Bryan Christopher Ber-

nal, 35, was arrested at F Street and Poso Drive for DUI alcohol: 0.08 percent. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Rafael Castillo, 62, was arrested in the 2300 block of Highway 46 for exhibiting a deadly weapon other than a firearm. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Veronica Placencia, 27, was arrested at J Street and Poso Drive for DUI alcohol: 0.08 percent and unlawful to drive unless licensed. She

was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Andrew Darwin Noguez, 27, was arrested in the 1900 block of Gaston on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### JAN. 12

Carlos Bedolla Carrillo, 52, was arrested in the 2000 block of Highway 46 for shoplifting. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Wasco Tribune

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1980

Wasco Tribune is published each Thursday and is available at no charge at locations throughout the Wasco area and by subscription at \$54 per year. Send payment, along with name, address and email address, to P.O. Box 789, Shafter, CA 93263.

Adjudicated a legal newspaper by Superior Court Order No. 183950. Entered as Standard Mail at Wasco Post Office.

Postmaster: Send change of address to Wasco Tribune, P.O. Box 789, Shafter, CA 93263.

**Publisher: Michael Schroeder**  
(661-292-5100; [mschroeder@WascoTrib.com](mailto:mschroeder@WascoTrib.com))

**General Manager: Diane Givens**  
(661-292-5100; [dgivens@WascoTrib.com](mailto:dgivens@WascoTrib.com))

**Editor in Chief: Veronica Jacuinde**  
(661-292-5100; [vjacuinde@wascotrib.com](mailto:vjacuinde@wascotrib.com))

Contact the Wasco Tribune at P.O. Box 789, Shafter, CA 93263. Office hours at 455 Kern St., Suite E., Shafter, are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. E-mail [info@WascoTrib.com](mailto:info@WascoTrib.com) or call 661-292-5100; fax 661-292-5077. Production by Central Connecticut Communications LLC.

THE SHAFTER PRESS

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1921

The Shafter Press (#491700) is published each Thursday and is available at no charge at locations throughout the Shafter area and by subscription at \$54 per year. Send payment, along with name, address and email address, to P.O. Box 789, Shafter, CA 93263.

Adjudicated a legal newspaper by Superior Court Order No. 29926. Entered as Periodicals at Shafter Post Office Aug. 1, 1935, under Act of Congress.

Postmaster: Send change of address to The Shafter Press, P.O. Box 789, Shafter, CA 93263. Periodical postage paid at Shafter, California, permit PE491700.

**Publisher: Michael Schroeder**  
(661-292-5100; [mschroeder@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mschroeder@TheShafterPress.com))

**General Manager: Diane Givens**  
(661-292-5100; [dgivens@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:dgivens@TheShafterPress.com))

**Editor in Chief: Veronica Jacuinde**  
(661-292-5100; [vjacuinde@wascotrib.com](mailto:vjacuinde@wascotrib.com))

Contact The Shafter Press at P.O. Box 789, Shafter, CA 93263. Office hours at 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. E-mail [info@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:info@TheShafterPress.com) or call 661-292-5100; fax 661-292-5077. Production by Central Connecticut Communications LLC.



# Jimenez's journey to lead Rec and Parks

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

Phillip Jimenez joined the Shafter Recreation and Parks District in 2014, starting as a program coordinator and working his way up to district manager. A former collegiate athlete, he exemplifies the dedication of a public servant who left his hometown only to return and make a lasting impact on the lives of countless youth, adults and seniors in the community.

After graduating from Shafter High School, Jimenez attended Southern Utah University on a football scholarship. He then transferred to Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, where he played two successful years of collegiate basketball, contributing to back-to-back Western State Conference Championships. Following this, he earned a scholarship to Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan., where he played basketball while completing a degree in sports studies with an emphasis in health, physical education and recreation.

Playing sports taught him the importance of being a team player. "I was team captain for both college teams, which required a lot of behind-the-scenes work. That experience translates directly to what I do now, where so much work goes unnoticed, but it's what helps us reach the next level. Without sports, I don't know where I'd be, and I'm very thankful to have had that outlet. Sports taught me to lead by example, work hard, treat people with respect, and live by the golden rule: treat others as you'd want to be treated. I apply those lessons every day in my role as district manager."

Jimenez wears many hats. He is the president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Lions Club and recently completed his term on the Shafter Chamber of Commerce board. He is also the founder and president of the 746 Sports Foundation. Additionally, he spearheaded Thankful Thursday, an initiative that provides



**Jimenez's high school football coach and longtime mentor, Manuel Garcia, inspired him to leave Shafter, pursue an education and return home to give back. RIGHT: Phillip Jimenez at The Wonderful Company Community Sports Complex groundbreaking ceremony last year with his nephew Fabian "Uriah" Jimenez, his sons PJ and Luka, and wife, Yvette Jimenez.**

## SHAFTER

Thanksgiving meals to over 100 Shafter families in need.

He grew up playing sports through Shafter Recreation and continued until he aged out. When he had the chance to work, his first job was with the district. "This is why we say people come together to grow together. My goal is to make this one of the best recreation districts in the Central Valley."

Ensuring the district's programs remain accessible to the community is a priority for Jimenez. "As a kid, if it weren't for Angie Nelson, a former district employee, working with my mom on a payment plan, my brother and I wouldn't have had the chance to

play sports. Thanks to our 746 Sports Foundation, kids now have access to reduced fees. We're also reaching out to marginalized areas to provide additional support."

Among his proudest accomplishments are increasing participation in the district's programs by 10 percent annually and The Wonderful Company Community Sports Complex. "It has been a dream of mine since I was a kid. I grew up next to Rodriguez Park, where we spent most of our summers and afternoons playing baseball, basketball, football and riding our bikes with family, friends and neighborhood kids. Every child should have the opportunity to experience that. It's an essential part of the quality of life."

He added that the complex, with its

extensive amenities for Shafter residents and people of all ages from surrounding areas, will be a game changer. "Until now, we've had to ask, beg and borrow facilities for kids to play, which meant scheduling practices very late to work around other organizations' programs. This complex allows us to expand our programs, schedule earlier practices, offer more practices and game opportunities, and provide access to a beautiful regional sports complex."

His vision for the future includes completing the 42-acre sports complex, staying with the recreation district until he retires and continuing to support the community as a collaborative partner. "If anybody wants to work together, my arms are always open," he said.



**Miss Wasco Rose Queen Rihanna Sanchez cuts the ribbon with Councilmember Gilberto Reyna and the Walmart team.**

# Walmart fuel station opens

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

Walmart held a grand opening for its fuel station on Highway 46 last Thursday with a festive ribbon-cutting celebration featuring the Wasco High School cheer team and marching band. Walmart also awarded \$500 grants to the Wasco Police Department, Wasco High School and the Wasco Fire Department, along with a \$1,000 grant presented to the Lauren Small Children's Center at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.

Gilberto Reyna, council member and former mayor of Wasco, thanked Walmart for bringing this new facility to town. "We are truly grateful for your continued investment in our community. This gas station, strategically located near the highway, has not only created new job opportunities and offered additional options for our residents but also provided a convenient stop for travelers, generating a new revenue stream for our city. It has given us more choices, encouraged competition and lowered gas prices."

Walmart has been rapidly expanding its fuel stations over the last two years, according to Juan Franco, regional fuel operations manager, who oversees all the company's fuel stations in California, Washington and Arizona. With the Wasco opening, Walmart now has 12 sites in California and 408 locations nationwide.

"We've been looking forward to this opening for some time. We are expanding in the Central Valley and are excited to have Wasco as one of our flagship locations to signal growth in that area. A very aggressive target has been set to grow our fuel footprint over the next couple of years, with significant growth planned in California and Arizona. We're also starting to explore sites in Nevada and across the nation," Franco said.



**Walmart Store Manager Jaime Ramirez presents a \$500 check to Wasco Police Lt. Alecio Mora and Wasco Chief of Police Charles Fivecoat to support the Wasco Police Department.**

## WASCO

The Wasco fuel station is a walk-in convenience location, unlike many other Walmart fuel centers in California that feature walk-up kiosks with limited merchandise. "In Wasco, we offer our full beverage bar, which includes frozen beverages, fountain sodas, bean-to-cup coffee and a cappuccino machine. We also have a walk-in beer cave [cooler] to provide a wider selection of beers for our customers, and fresh food from the store made daily in our deli and bakery, including donuts, cookies and other pastries."

He said that Walmart strives to save people money so they can live better, emphasizing that they do not distinguish between cash and credit payments. Walmart also offers a Walmart+ membership, allowing customers to save on gas.

Wasco resident Armando Chavez is happy about the cost savings. "Gas prices here are much cheaper, and the snacks are convenient, too. Everyone comes to Walmart, so being able to pump gas while you're already here is a big advantage. The price difference is significant, about 30 to 40 cents per gallon. As a Walmart+ member, I get an additional discount, which makes it even better. It's definitely a positive benefit for Wasco."

**Asegura tu auto, llámame hoy.**

Llama, haz clic o visítanos en persona para una cotización.



**Ramona Herrera**  
Agent

551 Central Avenue  
Shafter, CA 93263-2121

Bus: 661-746-3961

ramona.herrera.jm8u@statefarm.com  
www.ramonaherrera.com



Las pólizas, tarifas y modificaciones de State Farm están escritas en inglés. En caso de que surja un conflicto de interpretación, la versión del idioma inglés prevalecerá.  
State Farm, Bloomington, IL

**DARLING & WILSON PC**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**Experienced and dedicated.**

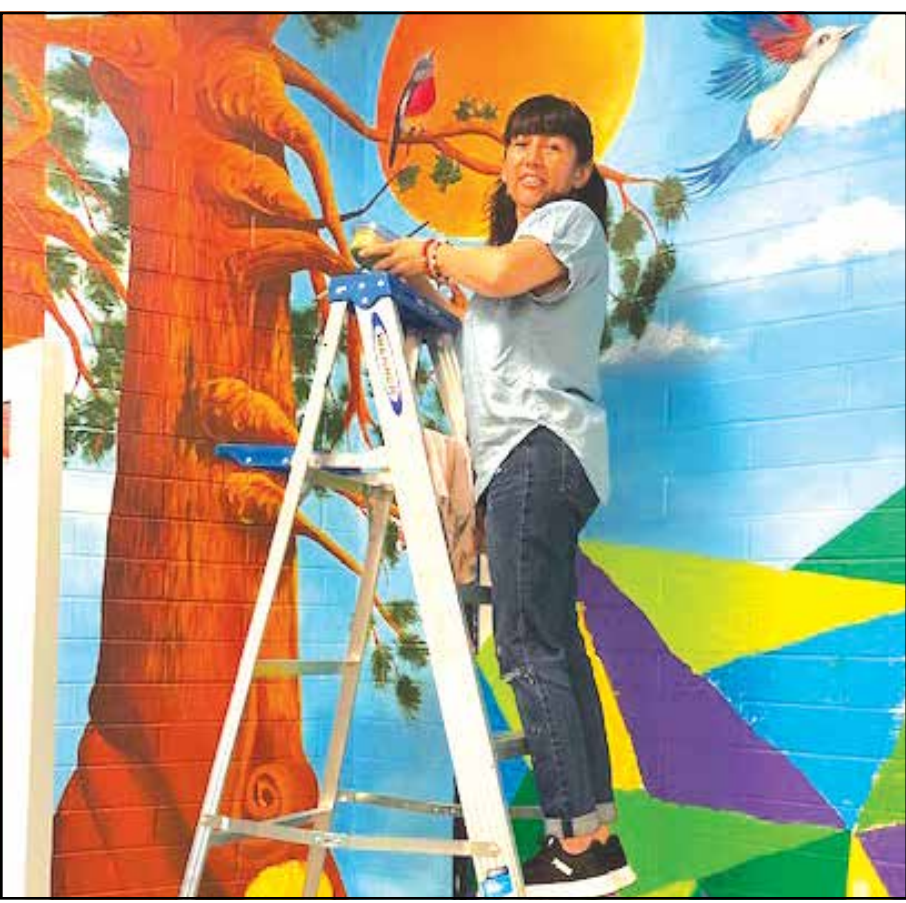
- Estate Planning and Administration
- Probate and Probate Litigation
- Real Property and Business Law
- Civil Litigation



**661.325.5075 • www.dwlawfirm.com**

Hayden Building • 1626 19th Street, Suite 23 • Bakersfield, CA 93301





Lorena Castillo brings her artistic vision to life while painting a mural at the Shafter Library & Learning Center in 2022.



Community collaboration and engaging youth in her projects are central to Castillo's mission as an artist.

# From single mom to community artist

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

## SHAFTER

Lorena Castillo is a Shafter-based artist who works with acrylics on large-scale surfaces and canvases. "Art breaks barriers and brings people together," she said in an interview last week. "It helps people share and learn about their culture and traditions. Art builds bridges between individuals and communities, bringing human connection."

She is originally from Watsonville and moved to Shafter with her two children in 2018 to be with her mother after her father passed away. Over the past six years, she feels she has accomplished a great deal. She worked full-time for the Richland School District as a family and student support services secretary, pursued a degree in the arts at Taft College and painted numerous murals in the community.

Now, she believes it's time to return home, as her mother and aunt are her only family in Shafter. Despite this, Castillo is proud of the mark she has left on the community. She has built meaningful connections, fostered collaborations, shared her

creations and engaged with people regardless of their differences.

"I accomplished more here than in all my life in Watsonville because, in Watsonville, I was busy raising my children. I was a single mom, and it is very difficult to create art if you don't have the time. I have four children, and it was hard as a single parent to balance my creativity and parenting," she said.

"In Shafter, I only had my two younger ones with me, as the other two were in college. That gave me the freedom to work more on myself and create the art I wanted to do in Watsonville, here in Shafter. I am very grateful to the people I met in Shafter who helped me achieve that experience."

She is self-taught. "I always painted as a child. I first got into mural painting when I was 16, and since then, I have never stopped creating art."

Castillo created all nine murals at the Shafter Library & Learning Center. She recently designed the first bench for the library's Book Bench project, featuring the theme of "The Little Engine That Could,"

and has hosted art nights for families and children as part of the library's after-school program.

She first got involved with the library after responding to an ad by Katie Wiebe, president of the Friends of the Shafter Library, who was looking for someone to create a mural for La Hacienda Market. "From there, this wonderful partnership began."

Other work she has done in Shafter includes a mural for the Richland School District on the Shafter Family Resource Center building and painting the free little library book box next to the Shafter Aquatic Center in an ocean theme. She has also exhibited her work at the Colours Art Festival.

"My latest mural at the Shafter Family Resource Center was completed with the help of the foster children. As with all my murals at the library, where children were also involved in the painting, engaging

them in the arts is important. It allows them to express experiences that words can't capture. I'm inspired by the joy it brings to the children and how proud they are to participate in the painting. It's very rewarding. It's part of the connection you have with the people in the community."

In the future, Castillo plans to continue pursuing her art degree so she can also have a career in expressive art therapy. "Art can promote healing and personal growth."



**Tyler Slayton**  
Manager

- Commercial and Agricultural loans
- Local Credit Decisions
- Preferred Small Business Administration Lender (SBA)
- 15+ years serving the Shafter community

(661) 237-6500

MissionBank.com      1110 E Lerdo Hwy, Shafter

# City Spotlight



News & Updates  
You Need to Know

## Wasco Installs Fast-Charge Stations for EVs

The City of Wasco is proud to announce the installation of new public Level 3 Fast Chargers, offering electric vehicle (EV) drivers a faster and more convenient way to charge their cars. These chargers are located near the Historic Downtown District and are now available for use 24/7.

City Engineer Kameron Arnold shared key details about the project. When asked about the funding sources, Arnold explained, "This project consisted of funding from the California Energy Commission via a grant from the Kern Council of Governments, a voucher from the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District, as well as funding from the State of Good Repair program, which is supported by gas taxes."

The chargers are compatible with most EVs, ensuring accessibility for a wide range of drivers. Arnold noted, "The chargers themselves are compatible with most EVs on the street today. Any

vehicle that is not compatible can simply be connected via adapters, which are typically kept on hand by most EV drivers and are even often supplied with the EV."

Location selection was a thoughtful process, balancing convenience and accessibility. "The location is adjacent to the Historic Downtown District, which was being planned for rehabilitation at the same time as this project," said Arnold. "The site also sits near a state highway system (SR 43) and is central to various city government offices, allowing them to be accessed very conveniently by citizens and city employees."

These chargers are an innovative step for the Wasco community. With the ability to charge most EVs from 20% to 80% in just 20-30 minutes, they make EV ownership more practical and appealing. The availability of these chargers encourages residents to adopt cleaner transportation options, reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Visitors passing through can also take advantage of the chargers, bringing increased foot traffic to local businesses near the Historic Downtown District.

"The new chargers are a big step forward for Wasco and part of a broader effort to make our city a hub for sustainable development," said Assistant City Manager Maria Lara. "By prioritizing eco-friendly infrastructure that supports cleaner transportation, we're investing in the future of our community and ensuring benefits for both residents and visitors alike. These chargers enhance air quality, promote local economic growth, and demonstrate our commitment to creating a healthier environment, improving the quality of life for everyone in Wasco."

Wasco is proud to support sustainable solutions and modern infrastructure, building a cleaner, greener future for everyone. This project not only highlights the city's commitment to environ-

mental responsibility but also strengthens its reputation as a forward-thinking, innovative community.



Two new Level 3 Stations located at 719 F St in Wasco, CA

### Open Positions

The City of Wasco is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

- Police Officer  
\$2,524.58 - \$3,222.10 / biweekly
- Police Dispatcher  
\$2,072.05 - \$2,644.50 / biweekly
- Homeless Outreach Coordinator  
\$2,254.16 - \$2,876.94 / biweekly
- Volunteers



Apply online at:  
[www.cityofwasco.org/Jobs.aspx](http://www.cityofwasco.org/Jobs.aspx)

### Public Notice

The Wasco City Council is recruiting two (2) individuals to serve on the Wasco Planning Commission and one (1) individual to serve on the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District's Board of Trustees.

For any questions or assistance regarding this appointment, contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215.

### Wasco Animal Shelter



## Free Adoptions

All adoption fees are waived at the Wasco Animal Shelter, until further notice.



5409 7th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
661-758-7240

Find your new friend today!

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 21**  
City Council Meeting  
746 8th St. @ 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 24**  
City offices closed Friday
- Feb. 04**  
City Council Meeting  
746 8th St. @ 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 07**  
City offices closed Friday
- Feb. 10**  
Planning Commission Meeting  
746 8th St. @ 6:00 p.m.





Recipients of the 2024 four-year college scholarships with WCSA directors Sharon Sharp and Sharon Nicol.

# WCSA scholarships open now

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

## WASCO

The Wasco Community Scholarship Association application period for the 2025-2026 academic year is officially open. Wasco Union High School graduating seniors and alumni can now apply for scholarships to help fund their educational pursuits. Applications must be post-marked by March 3.

For nearly 60 years, WCSA has been dedicated to empowering WUHS graduates to achieve their goals through education and life. Since its inception in 1965, the association has awarded over a million dollars in scholarships, making an impact on students and families in the community.

WCSA offers scholarships for a range of educational programs, including four-year colleges and universities, two-year colleges, trade and technical schools, and

medical schools.

Four-year university and college scholarships will be granted for \$4,000, while scholarships for two-year colleges and trade or technical schools will be awarded for \$2,000. Medical students can receive up to \$8,000 annually. These scholarships reflect the association's commitment to supporting the educational aspirations of local students, many of whom come from low-income backgrounds.

The selection process is highly competitive, and WUHS graduates must complete a rigorous scholarship application. Applicants must submit their transcripts, references, a record of school and community activities, employment history and a one-page essay.

After the March 3 deadline, applications will be reviewed by the WCSA

Awards Committee. Scholarship recipients will be notified in May. Medical student applications follow a separate schedule.

"This organization is special to me because I grew up in Wasco and graduated from Wasco High in 1985," said WCSA publicity chair Sharon Sharp. "As a graduating senior, I received a Wasco Community Scholarship, which helped me pursue my college degree. Now, as a member of the board and an employee of Wasco High School, I have the privilege of encouraging my students to apply. I tell them what a blessing it is to be supported by your community, and no matter how much aid you get, there is something significant about being awarded

a scholarship by your town."

WCSA awards will be presented during the WUHS Winner's Circle ceremony, which recognizes senior achievement at the end of the school year.

For more information about the application process or to begin your application, visit [wascocommunityscholarship.org](http://wascocommunityscholarship.org).

### Wolfgang H. Renken OD Inc

1301 Seventh Street, Wasco, CA 93280  
(661) 758-6320

- EYE EXAMINATION
- PRIMARY CARE
- EYE GLASSES
- CONTACT LENSES



"Because life is worth seeing"

## This week's Super Students at Clemens



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its Super Students for the week of Jan. 13. 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 Vice Principal Angela Devin, Fabian Corona (5th grade), Janice Mo Noriega (kindergarten), Maria H. Torres (3rd grade), Oliver Romero (4th grade), Alex Hernandez (1st grade) and Adam Gutierrez (2nd grade)

### Bob's BASEBALL Tours

Sports Lover's Tour Ultimate Baseball Tour

See an NHL & NBA game, visit Pro Football Hall of Fame and tour Lambeau Field & see 4 MLB games from April 8-16

\$2,800/person based on double hotel occupancy

See 7 MLB in 11 days including Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park & Wrigley Field. Also included: Pro Football and Baseball Halls of Fame and a day at the Little League World Series!

August 11-21, 2025

Please call or text for FREE brochure 507-217-1326 or visit our website:  
[www.bobsbaseballtours.com](http://www.bobsbaseballtours.com)

### RETIRED COUPLE

HAS \$1MIL TO LEND ON CA. REAL ESTATE\*

### V.I.P. TRUST DEED COMPANY

Buys T.D.s and Buys/Lends on Partial Interests

OVER 40 YEARS OF FAST FUNDING

Principal (818) 248-0000 Broker

[WWW.VIPLAN.COM](http://WWW.VIPLAN.COM) \*Sufficient equity required - no consumer loans

Real Estate License #01041073 CA Department of Real Estate, NMLS #339217

Private Party loans generally have higher interest rates, points & fees than conventional discount loans

## DIRECTV

DON'T COMPROMISE. GET DIRECTV.



**2-YEAR PRICE GUARANTEE**

Contact your local DIRECTV dealer!

**855-614-5472**



New approved residential customers only (equipment lease req'd). Credit card req'd (except MA & PA). Price incl. TV Pkg & equip. fees for first TV. Charges may apply for each add'l connected TV. \*Add'l Terms for Satellite customers: \$19.95 activation. Early agmt termination fee applies (\$20/ mo.) & add'l fee applies if not returned. Restr's apply.



## BECOME DEBT FREE IN AS LITTLE AS 24-48 MONTHS

If you owe more than \$10,000 in credit card or other unsecured debt, see how National Debt Relief can help resolve your debt for a fraction of what you owe.

Call today:

**+1 (877) 664-2433**





## FOCUS ON THE SHAFTER LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER

# Story Time focuses on Christmas books and crafts

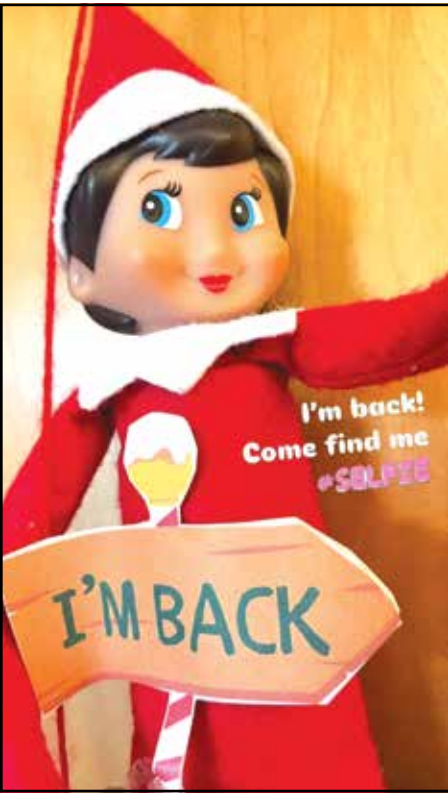
### Art students create fun character snow globes

By Nancy Becerra

Students in my art class worked on different mediums throughout the semester, like painting, oil and chalk pastels, drawing and sculpting. As they reached the end of the semester, they started to create more sculptures, including the snow globe project.

Students created two-inch Christmas sculptures out of polymer clay. On Monday, they made and baked their sculptures. On Wednesday, the Christmas sculptures were glued and arranged in a one-on-one meeting with me. Students then added their water, while I sprinkled in their choice of glitter. Once the globe was sealed, we wrapped it with a sparkly red bow for the perfect finishing touch.

This was one of the students' favorite holiday art projects!



### Twinkle, the Elf on the Shelf, returns to SLLC

Rebecca Bernal and the Learning Center staff entertained children of all ages with the return of Twinkle, the Elf on the Shelf. They came up with different themes and locations for Twinkle every day. This was just one of many ways they fostered the Christmas spirit at the SLLC.

### SLLC website update offers more info, photos

The SLLC website has been redesigned to provide more information in a user-friendly format. It also features many more photos that capture all the classes, events, and activities at the SLLC.

The *About Us* page features a history of the library and learning center, with photos taken over the years.

*Services* connects patrons to the library's account, class listings, printing services and free on-site Chromebook use, Little Free Library locations in Shafter, and Bakersfield College services and classes offered at the SLLC.

*Events* takes users to the calendar of upcoming events. *Scoutmobile* provides updates on the library's bookmobile schedule and activities. *Friends Newsletter* connects users to the archives of this newsletter.

Check it out at [shafterlearning.com](http://shafterlearning.com).

### Students in Cooking class make albondigas soup

By Joel Perez

During this week's cooking lesson, students had the opportunity to learn how to make a nice warm Albondigas Soup for this chilly weather. Students were assigned different tasks at the beginning of class. One group was in charge of washing, cleaning, peeling and chopping all the vegetables. Another group was responsible for mixing the meat with its appropriate spices and ingredients and then forming the meatballs. The last group was in charge

### SHAFTER

of boiling the water and adding the initial key ingredients to start the soup before adding all the vegetables and meatballs. They watched over the soup and did taste tests to see if it needed more of any seasoning.

Each group had the opportunity to work with me and learn important steps when it comes to making Albondigas Soup. Students were also reminded of the importance of rolling up their sleeves, putting their long hair in ponytails, and avoiding cross-contamination. I also emphasized the importance of having a clean station and washing their dishes when they were done.

Overall, the students learned a lot of valuable lessons when it comes to preparing food. When the Albondigas was ready, the reward for their work was a bowl of hot, delicious soup.

### Scoutmobile adds colorful design for Christmas

The Scoutmobile team was on hand for Shafter's Christmas tree lighting celebration and community sing on Dec. 9.

The Scoutmobile was freshened up for the month, with Christmas tree lights on the sides and peppermint snowflakes on the front and back. Team leader Samantha Saldaña drove it in the Christmas parade.

The Scoutmobile had a festive month of December, participating in community events such as the Christmas parade on Dec. 6 and the Christmas tree lighting ceremony and community sing on Dec. 9.

At the tree lighting event, the Scoutmobile team gave away literacy kits that were donated by GAF. We also had games and activities for children and their families.

The Scoutmobile will be taking a winter break beginning on Dec. 23, but we will resume the regular weekly routes on Tuesday, Jan. 21.



### Richland Jr. High English classes visit SLLC

By Samantha Saldaña

Fourteen Richland Junior High School 8th grade English classes came on field trips to the library from Dec. 16-18. They visited during their English class period and were given a tour of the library. Librarian Sam showed students the manga and YA Fiction sections and other areas of interest to teenagers.

SLLC Community Services Supervisor Rebecca Bernal told the students about the types of courses offered at the Learning Center for their age group and that they could sign up for them in the spring if interested. Many students had turned in their completed library card forms prior to their visit, so when they arrived they were given their library card and were able to check out books that day. Several students left with a stack of checked-out books.

Some students enjoyed time in the Imagination Room when they were done browsing the library. It was a successful and engaging experience for both the students and staff of the library. Librarian Sam is hopeful that this will encourage more visits from junior high readers and increase circulation of the YA Fiction collection.

Information for this feature is provided by the Shafter Library & Learning Center's newsletter, edited by Bob Wolf. Additional photos by Samantha Saldaña, Elsa Solorio and Rebecca Bernal.



### Bilingual Pre-K classes celebrate graduation

The fall semester has come to an end. I'm beyond proud of how much growth the little ones had. From holding a pencil, to cutting, to writing their name. Some worked faster than others, but all of them showed tremendous effort and dedication at their own pace. As they move on or come back, I know they will be more prepared and productive to face new challenges, which I'm sure they will overcome.

— Liz Becerra

### New books added to the adult collection

#### SciFi/Fantasy:

The Courting of Bristol Keats — Mary E. Pearson

Blood Over Bright Haven — M. L. Wang

The City and the Uncertain Wall — Haruki Murakami

#### Romance and Mystery/Thriller:

The Rule Book — Sarah Adams

Pretend You're Mine — Lucy Score

Impossible Creatures — Katherine Rundell (Middle Grade fantasy)

Penance — Eliza Clark

The Close Up — Pip Drysdale

Havoc — Christopher Bollen

Only If You're Lucky — Stacy Willingham

Incidents Around the House — Josh Malerman

#### Contemporary Fiction:

Time of the Child — Niall Williams

How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water — Angie Cruz

Intermezzo — Sally Rooney

#### Nonfiction/Memoir/Self-Help:

Never Enough: From Barista to Billionaire — Andrew Wilkinson

Master of Me — Keke Palmer

### NatGeo 'Slingshot Challenge' coming in February

This course offers an opportunity for you to work directly with National Geographic Explorers to become storytellers and changemakers in your community.

Participants will:



• Identify an issue of environmental concern that matters to them.

Propose solution ideas to the Issue(s) they identify.

• Develop a one-minute video submission for the NatGeo Slingshot Challenge individual or in groups of up to six.

• Further hone science communication skills as part of the video development.

Registration requirements:

• Must be 13-18 years old.

• No prior experience necessary.

This course will take place Feb. 3-7 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each day at the Shafter Learning Center.

### Thank you to our generous donors!

**January:** Rod & Cheryl Isaac (Lifetime Members), Barbara & Mickey Gladden

**February:** Rick & Carolyn Penner

**March:** Kim Enns

**June:** Kern Health Systems

**September:** Belton & Brenda Banks, Ryan & Patti Hieber, Dustin & Berenice Hooper, Rod & Cheryl Isaac, Don Nikkel & Carol Enns, Pam Penner

**October:** Luz Bravo, Colleen Diltz, Jay & Carol Kroeker, Jim & Priscilla Neufeld, Rick & Carolyn Penner, Bob & Sharon Wiebe, Virgil & Karen Reimer

**November:** Mark & Susanne Franz, Kathy Gamboa, Dolly Hei, Diane Waterhouse

**December:** Jerry & Susan Anderson, David & C'Anna Bergman-Hill, David & Charis Franz, Brian & Marianne Hockett, Kiwanis Club of Shafter, John & Katie Wiebe (and sons Henry and Charlie), Stan & Nancy Wilson

The Friends of Shafter Library received over \$20,787.00 in donations and support in 2023. We are grateful for the contributions of our many members and supporters.

Special thanks to Craig Haley for installing and fixing our Little Free Libraries.

**Impact Partners (Lifetime Members):** Susan E. Anderson, Ben H. & Gladys Arkelian Foundation, Ruth Gayle Batey, David & C'Anna Bergman-Hill, Christopher Butterfield & Meredith Nikkel, Colours Festival, Alan & Kristen Doud, David & Charis Franz, Mark & Susanne Franz, GAF Materials Corporation, Virginia & Alfred Harrell Foundation, Dolly Hei, Dustin & Berenice Hooper, Kiwanis Club of Shafter Foundation, Brad & Lana Kroeker, Lions Club of Shafter, Don Nikkel & Carol Enns, Paul Nordstrand & Janet McCombs, Jim & Priscilla Neufeld, Art & Donna Penner, Randy & Pam Penner, Richard & Wanda Penner, Cathy Prout, Shafter Rotary Foundation, Frank Russell Inc., Shafter Woman's Club, Target Corp., Billie & Gary Valdez, Diane Waterhouse, Harry & Ethel West Foundation, Bob & Sharon Wiebe, John & Katie Wiebe, Stan & Nancy Wilson



# Farmworkers stay home after Customs sweeps

From Page 1

Highway 99 by the Famoso exit in Wasco, were pulled over and detained at 5:30 a.m. on their way to work by CBP agents in an unmarked vehicle. They were deported to Mexico on the same day. Martinez stated that agents patrolled up and down Highway 46 and at the Chevron gas station on Highway 46 and Highway 43. "They patrol during hours they know people are going to work or getting off work. To help us, those with 'papeles' (documents) are driving home first for us and letting us know what routes are safe to take home to avoid them."

Martinez said the farm owner un-

derstands that his crop is at risk without workers. "I've called the workers to try to get them to come. He understands and is not angry. He can't obligate them to return." She points to the backbreaking work they do on the farm. "If they deport us all, who is going to do these jobs? Who is going to feed the nation?"

With workers staying home, they are feeling the economic ramifications. "This is the third week of not working, with the prior two weeks off due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays." Added to that is the fear of leaving their homes, even to go to the grocery store. "Some are running

out of food, and this community can't collect unemployment or other benefits to supplement income."

Yesenia Acosta, a farmworker who came to the United States from Mexico, left her roots and culture for an unknown country, leaving everything behind so that her children could have a better future than she did. "To dream is not a crime, and please, don't clip our wings. Why don't they just let us work? We pay taxes. We are hard-working people. We've come here to move forward, and our children join the military. Have you forgotten that during COVID, we were essential workers? We

ask for your solidarity. Remember, it's us who harvest the crops. We're not criminals. We bring food to your table."

De Barraicua noted that the operation has significantly impacted the local economy in just one week, particularly small businesses that rely on farmworkers and farms themselves. "But what they can't detain is the morale of the community, which is determined to know and fight for their rights."

On Friday, over 600 people, including attorneys, advocates and community members, gathered at a protest in Bakersfield to express their support for the farmworkers.



# Shafter High basketball heating up

**JAMIE STEWART**  
For The Shafter Press

The Shafter High basketball teams got wins last week, with SSL action heating up after the Christmas break. The Lady Generals upped their SSL record to 3-0 and won their two games last week by a combined total of 120-35 in their games against Delano and Taft. Shafter routed Delano on Tuesday, 68-13, and thrashed Taft, 52-22.

Against Delano, Shafter had three players in double digits, with Isela Lugo leading the way with 24 points, including hitting 3 of 6 from the 3-point line. Alexia Ramirez had 16 points and Kyla Schooley added 10 points for the squad.

In their contest against Taft, Lugo and Schooley had 17 and 12 points respectively. In the game, Annemarie Piuser had a great game on the defensive end, grabbing six rebounds and four steals. Lugo ended the game with 8 rebounds and four steals herself, having an outstanding all around game.

The Lady Generals are 11-4 overall for the season, with wins against several ranked teams in the Central Section and a #2 ranking in Kern County, behind only Tehachapi. This list includes perennially highly ranked teams such as Frontier, Centennial, Bakersfield and Independence High.

The team also has competed in several prestigious tournaments throughout the valley. According to Head Coach Juan Zavala, the team is geared up for the SSL and should be ready to compete for a championship when it comes playoff time. "We are excited about the start of the season and are ready for competing for another SSL championship and further in the playoffs."

The Shafter High boys team got their first win in the SSL on Thursday, beating Taft, 61-55. The Generals were led by senior Adin Cardenas, who had 24 points in



Isela Lugo scores again for the Lady Generals. BELOW: Caleb Torres goes up for two.

## SHAFTER

the game. Ian Gonzalez added 9 points, while also getting 5 rebounds. Hector Cruz led the way on the boards, grabbing 12 rebounds, 11 of them on the defensive end of the court.

The win gave the Generals a 1-2 SSL record and 4-7 overall. Shafter lost to McFarland and Delano to open up the SSL season. They dropped their contest to McFarland 61-47 and lost a tough game to Delano by a score of 64-58.

The boys and the girls will be back in action on Tuesday with games against Kennedy High School. Then, on Thursday, they will face off against rivals Wasco Tigers. The boys will be traveling to Wasco, while the girls will be hosting the Lady Tigers, with the varsity games starting at 6:30 p.m.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Wasco Mini Storage**  
451 N. F Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
ONLINE Auction  
Storage treasures.com  
Ending 1/17/25 @9am  
Cleaning Deposit \$50  
72 Hours clean-out  
U2001 Jerry Arney  
household  
U0702 Laura Bernal  
household  
U0724 Reginald Bailey  
household  
U0405 Houston Crenshaw  
household  
U1603 Charity Perez  
household  
U0502 Maria Lucila Mendez  
household  
U0826 Maria Lucial Mendez  
household  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 16,

23, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Kingdom Mobile Detailing**  
**2024-B7308**  
2401 Alpine Meadow Ct.  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
2401 Alpine Meadow Ct.  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Anthony Christopher Campo  
2401 Alpine Meadow Ct.  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Anthony Christopher Campo  
Date Statement Filed: 12/10/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 12/10/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Torralba

Publish Wasco Tribune December 26,  
2024 and January 2, 9, 16, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Notice of Petition to Administer**  
**Estate of:**  
**Larry John McDaniel**  
**Case Number: BPB-24-003614**  
1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Larry John McDaniel  
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Patsy Jean McDaniel, by her attorney-in-fact Ginger Richmond in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern  
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Patsy Jean McDaniel, by her attorney-in-fact Ginger Richmond be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
4. The petition requests the

decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: 01/24/2025 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: J-1  
b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305.  
7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice

under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
10. Attorney for petitioner: Robert H. Brumfield, III 1810 Westwind Drive, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301 661-316-3010  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 9, 16, 23, 2025

## A Help Button Should Go Where You Go!

*To be truly independent, your personal emergency device needs to work on the go.*

MobileHelp® allows you to summon emergency help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by simply pressing your personal help button. Unlike traditional systems that only work inside your home, a MobileHelp medical alert system extends help beyond the home. Now you can participate in all your favorite activities such as gardening, taking walks, shopping and traveling all with the peace of mind of having a personal alert system with you. MobileHelp, the "on-the-go" help button, is powered by one of the nation's largest cellular networks, so there's virtually no limit to your help button's range.

**No landline? No problem!** While traditional alert systems require a landline, with the MobileHelp system, a landline is not necessary. Whether you are home or away from home, a simple press of your help button activates your system, providing the central station with your information and location. Our trained emergency operators will know who you are and where you are located. If you're one of the millions of people that have waited for an alert service because it didn't fit your lifestyle, or settled for a traditional system even though it only worked in the home, then we welcome you to try MobileHelp. Experience peace of mind in the home or on the go.

"Hello, this is MobileHelp. How may I assist you?"

**OUR BEST OFFER EVER!**

From **\$19.95\*** /month

# MobileHelp

1-866-942-4705

**GET OUR SPECIAL OFFER NOW:**

- ✓ **FREE EXPEDITED SHIPPING\***
- ✓ **FREE ONE MONTH SERVICE\***
- ✓ **50% OFF AUTO FALL DETECT\***
- ✓ **plus FREE EQUIPMENT TO USE!\***

Unlike "stay-at-home" emergency systems MobileHelp protects you:		
Places where your Help Button will work	MobileHelp	Traditional Help Buttons
At Home	✓	✓
On a Walk	✓	✗
On Vacation	✓	✗
At the Park	✓	✗
Shopping	✓	✗

**MobileHelp Features:**

- Simple one-button operation
- 24/7 access to U.S. based emergency operators
- Affordable service
- GPS location detection
- Amplified 2-way voice communication
- Available Nationwide

**BEST OF THE BEST**  
2023

\*For a limited time - promotions available for select systems and subscription plans, please call for specific details. Offers are valid for new customers and for the first year of service and cannot be combined with any other offers. \$19.95 is the monthly subscription price for a MobileHelp Classic (at home only) system. There is a one-time \$49.95 processing fee to subscribe to this plan. Equipment shown is the MobileHelp DUO (at home and on the go) system available at a higher monthly cost. Most equipment is included at no cost while actively subscribing and must be returned upon cancellation. Free one month of service offer valid with purchase of Annual plan and includes month 13 at no additional charge. Refer to terms and conditions for specific details. Depending on the promotion chosen, you may receive an additional savings of \$5.50 off the \$11 retail price of Fall Detection service. After first year, Fall Detect pricing reverts to discounted price of \$8.25/month when combined with MobileHelp Connect Premium. Fall Detection does not detect 100% of falls. If able, users should push their help button when they need assistance. Fall detection is not intended to replace a caregiver. MobileHelp is a registered trademark, patented technology. Current GPS location may not always be available in every situation on the cellular network at all times. Expedited shipping offer is for Annual plans made prior to 3 PM EST Mon-Fri. Expedited shipping is standard 2-day -- no deliveries on Saturdays/Sundays or to Hawaii or Alaska. Shipping delays may occur due to situations beyond our control.



# Wedel will head WHS football, baseball

From Page 1

Teaching special education, he believes, spills over into coaching football. "The one relatable thing is that you have students who need tough love and others who need to be loved up, and so the overlap between special ed and coaching is that you have certain players you can coach hard and others, if you push too

hard, you can lose them. My job is identifying who those are and bringing out the best in everyone. One role builds off the other."

Wedel has been involved in sports his whole life and comes from a family of collegiate athletes. His mother, Sonia Wedel, is WHS's head varsity softball coach, and his sister, Madison Williams, a math

teacher at WHS, is also the assistant varsity softball coach and the head girls golf coach.

He became a coach because of his father. "I was inspired by being coached and taught by him. And it's also the competition. I'm a big competitor, but more importantly, it's having the opportunity to help younger athletes be-

come better people and better athletes on the field."

As he steps into the role of head football coach, Wedel expressed his enthusiasm. "It comes with a lot of responsibility. I'm excited to instill something new into the program and bring a sense of freshness to it. It won't be easy and will bring daily challenges, but I'm up for it."

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE G-9321 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted 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 the County of Kern. This Ordinance establishes 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 Ordinance establishes the maximum annual rate for fiscal year 2025-2026 to be set at \$185.52 per year per unit for residential properties of one to four units and \$148.42 per year per unit for residential properties of five or more units.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the prior fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) 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.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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.

The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Dated: January 7, 2025  
KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 16, 2025

### PUBLIC NOTICE SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE G-9329 WESTERN KERN UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for residential property located in Western Kern Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance establishes 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 Ordinance establishes the maximum annual rate for universal collection for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area to be set at \$596.52 per residential living unit per year.

The maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee of \$12.00 per year which is charged per residential unit based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines.

A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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.

The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
Dated: January 7, 2025  
KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 16, 2025

### PUBLIC NOTICE SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE G-9324 RESIDENTIAL NON-TAX ROLL BILLED ZONE 1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for residential property located in the Residential Non-Tax Rolled Billed Zone 1 area. This Ordinance establishes a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be direct billed by the hauler.

The Ordinance establishes the maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 area. The solid waste collection rate for one cart service will be set at \$31.32 per month per residential unit for residential properties. The collection rate is set at \$12.75 per month per residential unit for organic collection service and \$11.61 per month per residential unit for recycling service, in locations where those services are available.

The maximum monthly rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee of \$1.00 per month which is charged per residential unit based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines.

A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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.

The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
Dated: January 7, 2025  
KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 16, 2025

### PUBLIC NOTICE T.S. No.: 24-11530 Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*0758 APN: 487-211-02-00-3

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/4/2008. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.

Trustor: Charles R. Altom And Daisey L. Altom, Husband And Wife, As Joint Tenants  
Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC  
Recorded 2/12/2008 as Instrument No. 0208021617 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Kern County, California, Date of Sale: 1/29/2025 at 10:00 AM  
Place of Sale: AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL 1501 TRUXTUN AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301  
Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$380,864.70

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1224 LILY STREET

WASCO CALIFORNIA 93280 A.P.N.: 487-211-02-00-3

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

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. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC.

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 requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date

for the sale of this property, you may call (949) 776-4697 or visit this Internet Website https://prestigepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-11530. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (949) 776-4697, or visit this internet website https://prestigepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-11530 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

Date: 12/17/2024  
Prestige Default Services, LLC  
1920 Old Tustin Ave.  
Santa Ana, California 92705  
Questions: 949-427-2010  
Sale Line: (949) 776-4697  
Tina Suikonen Vice President of Operations  
PPP#24-005365  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 2, 9, 16, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE G-9319 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (GATE FEE AND BIN FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Management Program Service Charges (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all non-residential property in the County of Kern. The Ordinance establishes the maximum rate for the Gate Fee, for non-residential waste, to be set at \$67.25 per ton. A transfer fee of \$11.60 per ton will be added to the Gate Fee for non-residential waste delivered to any Transfer Station. For non-residential customers subscribing to bin service from a Franchise Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be set at

\$3.48 per cubic yard. A transfer fee of \$0.60 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in 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 prior fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) 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.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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.

The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
Dated: January 7, 2025  
KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 16, 2025

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

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE G-9314 COMMERCIAL ZONE 1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for commercial property located in Garbage Zone 1 of Unincorporated Kern County. This Ordinance establishes a schedule of all solid waste service charges for commercial properties by

container size. Maximum rates are presented in Table A. The maximum rates include the Solid Waste Administration Fee of \$100 per month which is charged per commercial unit based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file

with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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.

The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
Dated: January 7, 2025  
KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 16, 2025

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	
<b>Trash Service</b>					
	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	
<b>Recycling Service</b>					
	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					
Trash Cart	Size (gallons)	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up	
	96/101	\$58.12	\$48.96	\$23.50	
Blue Recycling Cart	96/101	\$35.95	\$35.95	\$31.95	
Commercial Organic Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025					
Organic Cart	Size	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up	
	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					
Roll-off Container	Per Dump	Rental Rate	Delivery Charge	Per Hour Charge	Roll-Off Compactor Service Fee
	\$336.87	\$287.93	\$155.31	\$187.45	\$410.78



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## God is my exceeding joy

**PASTOR JIM GLASCO**

Seventh Standard Pentecostal Church, Shafter

Psalms 43:4 says, "God is our exceeding joy." David was telling us that God is our exceeding joy and He can lift us up out of depression to praise. The greatest joy you will ever have will come when you are in a right relationship with God. Psalms 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord."

**The world did not give me this joy.** This joy is far superior than what the world has. Jesus told the Samaritan woman, "Drink of the world's water and you will thirst again, but whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst again." You will never find peace and contentment in the things of this world. The things of this world will fade and pass away, they are temporal, but you can find true and exceeding joy in the Lord.

**There is exceeding joy in worship.** Our text in Psalms 44:4 says, "I will go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy, upon the harp I will praise Him." Joy in God expresses itself in praise and worship. In church, people worship God in different ways. Some worship in a quiet fashion and others are more exuberant. Our souls are lifted up into exceeding joy as we worship and sing praises unto the Lord.

**God is my exceeding joy.** Zephaniah 3:17 says, "God rejoices over us with joy, and He joys over you with singing." David said in Psalms 43:5, "Why are you cast down, O my soul? and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I will praise Him be-



cause He is the health of my countenance and my God."

The prescription for joy is found in the Lord. The Bible tells us that the joy of the Lord is our strength. In this sad world that we live in, we need the exceeding joy of God. God is not some tyrant who wants to make it hard on us. God is love, and He is full of joy. God has thoughts of peace, and not of evil toward us.

God is my exceeding joy and that gives me strength to face every challenge that comes my way. David encouraged himself in God's exceeding joy. Purpose in your life for this new year to let God's exceeding joy lead and direct your life.

## HEADLINES IN HISTORY



The front page, Jan. 12, 2005.

From the archives of The Shafter Press

**20 years ago:** Jan. 12, 2005 Shafter's first baby born in 1987, Sarah Jane Velarde, turned 18 years old.

**30 years ago:** Jan. 26, 1995 Shafter resident Navy Officer Blue Sky Crane was appointed to be the nuclear powered Trident submarine USS.

-Compiled by Erica Soriano

## OBITUARIES

**Bob Joseph McClain**  
June 26, 1945 –  
Dec. 16, 2024



Bob Joseph McClain, 79, of Wasco, passed away on Dec. 16, 2024. He was born on June 26, 1945, in California, son of the late Travis and Virginia McClain.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara McClain, and their five children, including four sons, Bobby, Dean, Denny and David McClain, and one daughter, Melody, as well as several grandchildren and

tell stories. Bad Bob never met a stranger.

He married the love of his life, Barbara Ann Hawthcock, in 1964. They had a wonderful 60 years together.

Bad Bob enjoyed spending time with his many grandchildren and taught them all how to play poker. He enjoyed playing many games of poker with them anytime they came to visit.

The family will have a celebration of life at a later date. More details will be announced soon.

## PET OF THE WEEK

### Find a friend in Sandra D

Looking for a lovable, cuddly companion to brighten your days? Meet Sandra D, an approximately 10-12-month-old female chihuahua lab mix with a sweet nature and a heart of gold. This adorable pup has soft brown and white fur, perfect for snuggling. Sandra D came to us as a stray and has quickly won over the hearts of our staff and fellow dogs alike. While her house/crate training status is unknown and her behavior with children is untested, her friendly and gentle personality makes her an excellent candidate for a loving home. Sandra D will be ready for adoption starting Thursday, Jan. 16. Don't miss the chance to make this sweetheart a part of your life.

-Wasco Animal Shelter



## DEATH NOTICES

**Martha Montano Meza**, 43, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 5, in Los Angeles. Basham Funeral Care, Shafter.

Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Karen J. Perez**, 66, of Delano, passed away Dec. 22, in Delano. Basham Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Larry D. Hawkins**, 77, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 8, in Bakersfield. Basham

# VISIT US ONLINE!

Wasco Tribune THE SHAFTER PRESS

SHAFTERPRESS.COM  
WASCOTRIB.COM

661-292-5100 TO ADVERTISE

# CLASSIFIEDS

661-292-5100 TO ADVERTISE

### 2 AUTO/MOTORCYCLES

Get a break on your taxes! Donate your car, truck, or SUV to assist the blind and visually impaired. Arrange a swift, no-cost vehicle pickup and secure a generous tax credit for 2025. Call Heritage for the Blind Today at 1-844-491-2884 today! (Cal-SCAN)

### DONATE YOUR VEHICLE

to fund the SEARCH FOR

**MISSING CHILDREN.** FAST FREE PICKUP. 24 hour response. Running or not. Maximum Tax Deduction and No Emission Test Required! Call 24/7: 1-877-434-6852 (Cal-SCAN)

### 3 CAMPER/RV

GOT AN UNWANTED CAR??? DONATE IT TO PATRIOTIC HEARTS. Fast free pickup. All 50 states. Patriotic Hearts' programs

help veterans find work or start their own business. Call 24/7: 1-855-408-6546 (Cal-SCAN)

Tiene un vehiculo no deseado? Donelo a Patriotic Hearts! Recogida rápida y gratuita en los 50 estados. Patriotic Hearts

**WANTED!**  
Old Porsche 356/911/912 for restoration by hobbyist 1948-1998 Only. Any condition. Top \$ paid! PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE 1-707-339-5994. Email: Porscherestoration@yahoo.com Cal-SCAN

ofrece programas para ayudar a los veteranos a encontrar trabajo o iniciar su propio negocio. Llame ahora: 1-855-408-7368 (24/7) (Cal-SCAN)

### 5 MISC. FOR SALE

Safe Step. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-888-989-5749 (Cal-SCAN)

BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 1-877-252-9868 (Cal-SCAN)

The difference in winning and losing market share is how businesses use their advertising dollars. CNPA's Advertising Services' power to connect to nearly 13 million of the state's readers who are an engaged audience, makes our services an indispensable marketing

solution. For more info call Cecelia @ (916) 288-6011 or cecelia@cnpa.com (Cal-SCAN)

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-424-7581 (Cal-SCAN)

Attention: Viagra and Cialis Users! A cheaper alternative to high drugstore prices! 50 Pill Special - Only \$99! 100% guaranteed. Call now: 1-888-256-9155 (Cal-SCAN)

### 6 MISC WANTED

BE WARY OF out of area companies. Check with the local Better Business Bureau before you send any money for fees or services. Read and understand any contracts before you sign. Shop around for rates.

### 10 SERVICES

**Villalobos Lawn Service**  
• Lawn Mowing  
• General Cleaning  
• Sprinkler Repair  
• Professional Tree Trimming  
Licensed & Insured  
661-900-3439 Espanol  
661-817-2387 English

**Martinez Home Repair & Remodeling**  
Drywall, Electrical, Roofing, Framing & Painting  
Miguel 661.340.5888

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-844-203-

2677 www.dental50plus.com/calnews #6258 (Cal-SCAN)

**INTER COUNTY HEATING & COOLING REPAIRS \* INSTALLATION**  
Call or Text Mario 661-428-1064 Jesus 661-203-4297 Se Habla Español Lic#1043948

**BIG JOE'S POOL SERVICE**  
Shafter/Wasco Bakersfield  
**FREE QUOTES 661-314-2697**

Consumer Cellular - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-844-908-0605 (Cal-SCAN)

Struggling with debt? If you have over \$10,000 in debt we help you be debt free in as little as 24-48 months. Pay nothing to

enroll. Call now: 1-877-435-4860 (Cal-SCAN)

**WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION:** A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-888-248-0815. Have zip code of service location ready when you call! (Cal-SCAN)

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waving ALL installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. Offer ends 12/29/24.) Call 1-833-985-4766 (Cal-SCAN)

### 16 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**APARTMENT FOR RENT IN WASCO**  
Very private & secure. Completely furnished. Call (661) 205-0352

### 16 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**WASCO**  
Taking applications for studio apartment available for one occupant.  
All light, water and trash included, property includes washer and dryer and fridge with built-in dresser.  
Please call 661-979-5635

### 17 REAL ESTATE

**OPEN DOOR REAL ESTATE**  
**SOLD!!!**  
3608 Plaudit Drive, Modesto  
5 bd (2 master suites), 4 ba, pool  
**Jerome Preston** Realtor/CalBRE#01500105  
Jeromepreston7@gmail.com  
**Sonia Bravo** Lic# 01983424  
**661-342-6474**

### 17 REAL ESTATE

**California HOME LOANS**  
**Sherry Knapp**  
Loan Officer, DRE#01174802 • NMLS#242213  
(661)758-3003  
Cell: (661)303-9556  
Fax: (661)758-3670  
1136 7th Street • Wasco, CA 93280  
E-mail: knapp\_she@yahoo.com

### HOW TO ORDER YOUR CLASSIFIED

#### IN PERSON

Our Offices at 455 Kern St., Suite E. Shafter. Open 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### BY MAIL

Mail your ad, or prepayment to our office: Shafter Press, P.O. Box 789, Shafter, CA 93263, 661-292-5100

#### BY FAX

Fax your ad to 661-292-5077.

#### ONLINE

Send an email to classified@theshafterpress.com or classified@wascotrib.com

### HOW TO ADVERTISE EFFECTIVELY AND ECONOMICALLY

Our sales representatives are pleased to help you compose the most effective ad at a minimum cost. Here are two key points to remember about your ads:

1. If it's an item you're selling, remember to include as much information as possible. The more potential buyers know about the item you have for sale, the more interest they have in calling you.  
2. Our reputation for Classified Advertising

results is excellent. But not every potential buyer will read your ad on the same day. The majority of our private party advertisers take advantage of our discount rates. This simply means that you order your ad for two consecutive issues, but should you get the results you desire before the ad has expired, you may call and cancel the ad and be refunded for the days the ad did not appear. Except for GR - no refunds or changes accepted.

#### GENERAL POLICY

1. Rates and deadlines subject to change without notice.  
2. The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune make every effort to avoid errors in advertisements. Each ad is carefully read back for approval. However, mistakes sometimes slip through. We ask that you check your ad carefully. If you should find an error, report it to the Classified Department right away by calling 661-292-5100 and asking for Classified. We regret that we cannot be responsible for more than one incorrect publication if you do not call the error to our attention. The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune cannot be liable for an amount greater than the amount paid for such advertising.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS.



# Big step for high-speed rail in Valley

From Page 1

Valley, with thousands of good-paying jobs already created and 171 miles being worked on. As only California can, we're building America's biggest infrastructure project," Governor Newsom said.

The event also highlighted efforts to deliver a Southwest regional high-speed rail network. The California High-Speed Rail Authority has partnered with Brightline West and the High-Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency to create an interoperable system that will connect riders to and from Las Vegas to California's high-speed rail sys-

tem in Southern California that will serve millions of passengers across the region.

Arthur Sohikian, executive director of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority, stressed the revolutionary impact of the project. He emphasized that the initiative will not only improve transportation but also create thousands of jobs, increase access to affordable housing and offer better connectivity. At the ceremony, he said, "This is more than transportation. This is transformation."

California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO Ian Choudri, who also attended the

event, commented, "Today, we're recognizing the system's progress and looking ahead as we advance important partnerships and track work that moves us closer to operations while putting Californians to work. We're committed to working collaboratively and ultimately developing a modern, interstate high-speed rail network that will not only boost ridership in the Southwest part of the country but bring to the forefront the possibility of delivering high-speed rail benefits sooner."

Since the start of the high-speed rail project, more than 14,500 jobs have been

created, and work in CP 4 has generated more than 3,200 jobs that went to residents of the Central Valley, a majority going to workers in Kern County. These jobs are all good-paying union jobs, in partnership with the California State Building Trades.

Estimated capital costs for Phase 1 of the high-speed rail project from San Francisco to Los Angeles are between \$89B and \$128B. The operational segment between Merced and Bakersfield is projected to be completed between 2030 and 2033, with progress into Northern and Southern California as funding becomes available.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**J C Pollination Honey Bees LLC**  
**2025-B0055**  
 988 W Los Angeles Ave  
 Shafter, CA 93263  
 County: Kern  
 PO Box 1613  
 Shafter, CA 93263  
 J C Pollination Honey Bees LLC  
 PO Box 1613  
 Shafter, CA 93263  
 State of incorp. or org.: CA  
 The business is conducted by:  
 Limited Liability Company\*  
 Date the business commenced:  
 01/01/2021  
 /s/J. Cruz Uribe Gomez, CEO  
 Date Statement Filed: 01/03/2025  
 Date Statement Expires:  
 01/03/2030  
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: D Hinojosa  
 Publish Shafter Press January 16,  
 23, 30, February 6, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Kern Electrical Services**  
**2025-B0044**  
 15805 La Strada Ct  
 Bakersfield, CA 93314  
 County: Kern  
 15805 La Strada Ct  
 Bakersfield, CA 93314  
 Jimmy Randolph Aparicio  
 15805 La Strada Ct  
 Bakersfield, CA 93314  
 The business is conducted by:  
 Individual  
 Date the business commenced: N/A  
 /s/Jimmy Randolph Aparicio  
 Date Statement Filed: 01/03/2025  
 Date Statement Expires:  
 01/03/2030  
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: M Hernandez  
 Publish Shafter Press January 9, 16,  
 23, 30, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**R. Owens Transport**  
**2024-B7464**  
 400 Carsen Way  
 Shafter, CA 93263  
 County: Kern  
 400 Carsen Way  
 Shafter, CA 93263  
 Richard A Owens Jr  
 400 Carsen Way  
 Shafter, CA 93263  
 State of incorp. or org.: CA

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SUMMARY OF ENACTED**  
**ORDINANCE G-9314**  
**COMMERCIAL ZONE 1 SOLID**  
**WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:  
 On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for commercial property located in Garbage Zone 1 of Unincorporated Kern County. This Ordinance establishes a schedule of all solid waste service charges for commercial properties by

The business is conducted by:  
 Individual  
 Date the business commenced:  
 04/10/2008  
 /s/Richard Owens Jr, Owner  
 Date Statement Filed: 12/13/2024  
 Date Statement Expires: 12/13/2029  
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: M Torralba  
 Publish Shafter Press December 26,  
 2024 and January 2, 9, 16, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SUMMARY OF ENACTED**  
**ORDINANCE G-9329**  
**WESTERN KERN UNIVERSAL**  
**SOLID WASTE COLLECTION**  
**CHARGES**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:  
 On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for residential property located in Western Kern Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance establishes 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 Ordinance establishes the maximum annual rate for universal collection for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area to be set at \$596.52 per residential living unit per year.

The maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee of \$12.00 per year which is charged per residential unit based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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. The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
 AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 Dated: January 7, 2025  
 KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
 By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
 Publish Shafter Press January 16, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SUMMARY OF ENACTED**  
**ORDINANCE G-9321**  
**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
**PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE**  
**(LAND USE FEE) FOR FISCAL**  
**YEAR 2025-2026**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:  
 On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted 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 the County of Kern. This Ordinance establishes 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 Ordinance establishes the maximum annual rate for fiscal year 2025-2026 to be set at \$185.52 per year per unit for residential properties of one to four units and \$148.42 per year per unit for residential properties of five or more units.

Alternatively, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the prior fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID:

CUURS49ASA0) 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.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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.

The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
 AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 Dated: January 7, 2025  
 KATHLEEN KRAUSE

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
 By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
 Publish Shafter Press January 16, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SUMMARY OF ENACTED**  
**ORDINANCE G-9324**  
**RESIDENTIAL NON-TAX ROLL**  
**BILLED ZONE 1 SOLID WASTE**  
**COLLECTION CHARGES FOR**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:  
 On the 7th of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for residential property located in the Residential Non-Tax Rolled Billed Zone 1 area. This Ordinance establishes a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be direct billed by the hauler.

The Ordinance establishes the maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 area. The solid waste collection rate for one cart service will be set at \$31.32 per month per residential unit for residential properties. The collection rate is set at \$12.75 per month per residential unit for organic collection service and \$11.61 per month per residential unit for recycling service, in locations where those services are available.

The maximum monthly rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee of \$1.00 per month which is charged per residential unit based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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.

The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
 AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 Dated: January 7, 2025  
 KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
 By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
 Publish Shafter Press January 16, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SUMMARY OF ENACTED**  
**ORDINANCE G-9319**  
**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
**PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE**  
**(GATE FEE AND BIN FEE) FOR**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:  
 On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Management Program Service Charges (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all non-residential property in the County of Kern. The Ordinance establishes the maximum rate for the Gate Fee, for non-residential waste, to be set at \$67.25 per ton. A transfer fee of \$11.60 per ton will be added to the Gate Fee for non-residential waste delivered to any Transfer Station. For non-residential customers subscribing to bin service from a Franchise Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will

be set at \$3.48 per cubic yard. A transfer fee of \$0.60 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in 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 prior fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) 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. 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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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. The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
 AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 Dated: January 7, 2025  
 KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
 By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
 Publish Shafter Press January 16, 2025

container size. Maximum rates are presented in Table A. The maximum rates include the Solid Waste Administration Fee of \$100 per month which is charged per commercial unit based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the

with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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. The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025  
 AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 Dated: January 7, 2025  
 KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
 By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk  
 Publish Shafter Press January 16, 2025

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	
<b>Trash Service</b>					
	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	
<b>Recycling Service</b>					
	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 - 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

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

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