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## Deportations may affect farm futures

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
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After an executive order was signed by President Donald Trump on his first day in office, plans for the largest mass deportation in U.S. history are now underway, with significant implications for the agricultural industry.

The Border Patrol's Operation Return to Sender, a preview of the deportation conducted two weeks ago in Kern County, was criticized by immigrant rights groups for disproportionately targeting farmworkers. "Border Patrol agents with the El Centro Sector Border Patrol conducted an operation in and around the Bakersfield area in Kern County," said Chief Patrol Agent Gregory Bovino. "Our operation focused on interdicting those who have broken U.S. federal law, trafficking of dangerous substances, noncitizen criminals and disrupting the transportation routes used by transnational criminal

organizations." This operation has left many local farmers and workers uncertain of their future, as it brought to the surface the increasing vulnerability of immigrant labor on which the agricultural sector depends. "I agree with some of President Trump's policies on immigration, especially his stance on deporting those with criminal backgrounds," said Miguel Prieto, a Wasco farmer and owner of Wonder Bee Apiary, who faced the consequences of the operation firsthand. "But something should be done to protect the working class, those who are not here to commit crimes but are here to work and contribute to the economy. Not everyone is willing to do this type of work. The conditions are tough – long hours and the physical demands. But it's a job that needs to get done because others rely on us."

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According to the American Immigration Council, mass deportations could cause a significant labor shock to the agricultural industry, resulting in the loss of at least one in eight workers.



Lions Club members at the Thankful Thursday event last year, where the club donated 100 dozen eggs to needy families.

## Lions Club a leader in community service

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The Press and Tribune

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The Shafter Lions Club, a key pillar of community service in Shafter, has had a profound impact locally through its dedication to improving the lives of residents and fostering connections across the region. Councilmember Gustavo Olvera, who has served as the club's treasurer since 2022, is a strong advocate for its mission, which focuses on empowering individuals to contribute meaningfully to their communities while promoting goodwill and understanding. "The mission of the Shafter Lions Club is to empower people to contribute meaningfully to their communities, fostering goodwill and understanding worldwide be-

cause it's everywhere, not just in Shafter," Olvera explained. While the club supports global initiatives such as combating world hunger and childhood cancer, Olvera emphasizes that the core of their work is in the local community. "There is a lot that the Lions Club does around the world, but within our community, it's about promoting fellowship and collaboration for the greater good," he said. The Lions Club is deeply involved in Shafter, hosting numerous events throughout the year that bring the community together. The Harvest Festival, which attracted over 7,000 people last year, is just one example of the club's success in creating large-

scale, highly anticipated events. The Christmas parade continues to grow, and the club also organizes National Night Out, participates in Thankful Thursday (providing food for over 100 families during Thanksgiving), Photos With Santa and the Stuff the Bus campaign before each school year. Olvera believes these events reflect the community's strong desire to connect and contribute. "It's always for the goodwill of the community and bringing families together. The numbers show that the community wants it and seeks it. When it's there, they want to be a part of it." He's grateful for President Gilbert Alvarado's leadership. "He's very active and always trying to bring new ideas that unite our

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## Wasco to spend \$38M on water

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

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The City Council Tuesday night authorized nearly \$38 million to upgrade its aging water system. "Once funded, it will enable the replacement of four aging wells with new ones. While this replacement will not increase overall water capacity, it will provide more reliable water infrastructure with modern equipment," Assistant City Manager Maria Lara explained. Under the proposed agreement with the State Water Board, the improved wells will open up opportunities to begin issuing "will-serve" letters to developers for smaller projects, addressing the city's immediate water capacity needs on a case-by-case basis. "This is crucial, as the city is currently unable to issue such letters due to its existing water limitations."

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## Suspects jailed after standoff

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The Press and Tribune

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Kern County sheriff's deputies arrested two brothers last week west of Shafter while searching for a wanted individual. The arrests occurred in the 25700 block of Riverside Street, where Joe Garnica, 40, and Alonzo Garnica, 33, were taken into custody. The situation on Thursday escalated when one of the brothers attempted to flee and barricaded himself inside the residence. Deputies successfully negotiated with Joe Garnica, who surrendered after 20 minutes. During a search of the home, deputies discovered two loaded firearms. Both men were arrested on suspicion of being felons in possession of a firearm and ammunition, participation in a criminal street gang, conspiracy and resisting arrest.

## Council OKs trailer for Gossamer Grove

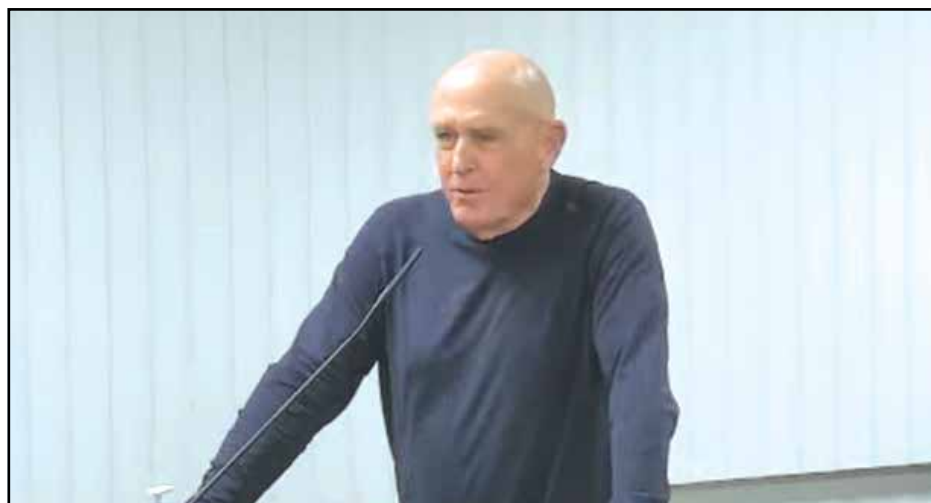
**JAMIE STEWART**  
For The Shafter Press

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The Shafter City Council Tuesday night approved \$50,000 to lease a trailer to be used as a temporary substation for the Shafter Police Department at Gossamer Grove. Noting the need for a permanent presence in the area, Chief Randy Mulligan told the council that the permanent building will be used as a break room, a place where officers can conduct investigations, as well as a place to do paperwork. The building will include an office space, a kitchen area, break room and a work space. It will be supplied by William Scotsman, Inc., with the 23-month lease agreement totaling \$50,000.

Councilmember Gus Olvera asked where the building will be located, and the council was told that it would be at the site of the future permanent substation, which is at the northern end of Seventh Standard Road, on the eastern side of Gossamer Grove Lane. After further questions, it was noted that the completion has been pushed back and the permanent substation will not be ready now until the summer of 2026, with construction being completed in approximately 16-18 months. Also on the agenda, the council approved the installation of five new workstations at the Shafter Police Department,

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Bob Wiebe speaks to the council about his years on the Shafter Planning Commission.



# 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

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 nonperishable foods, hygiene products, socks, jackets, warm clothing, laundry soap and household items. Monetary donations can be made out to "Pride Pantry" and dropped off at the school 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 [wuh.s.wasco.k12.ca.us](http://wuh.s.wasco.k12.ca.us) 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 residents de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

## SATURDAY

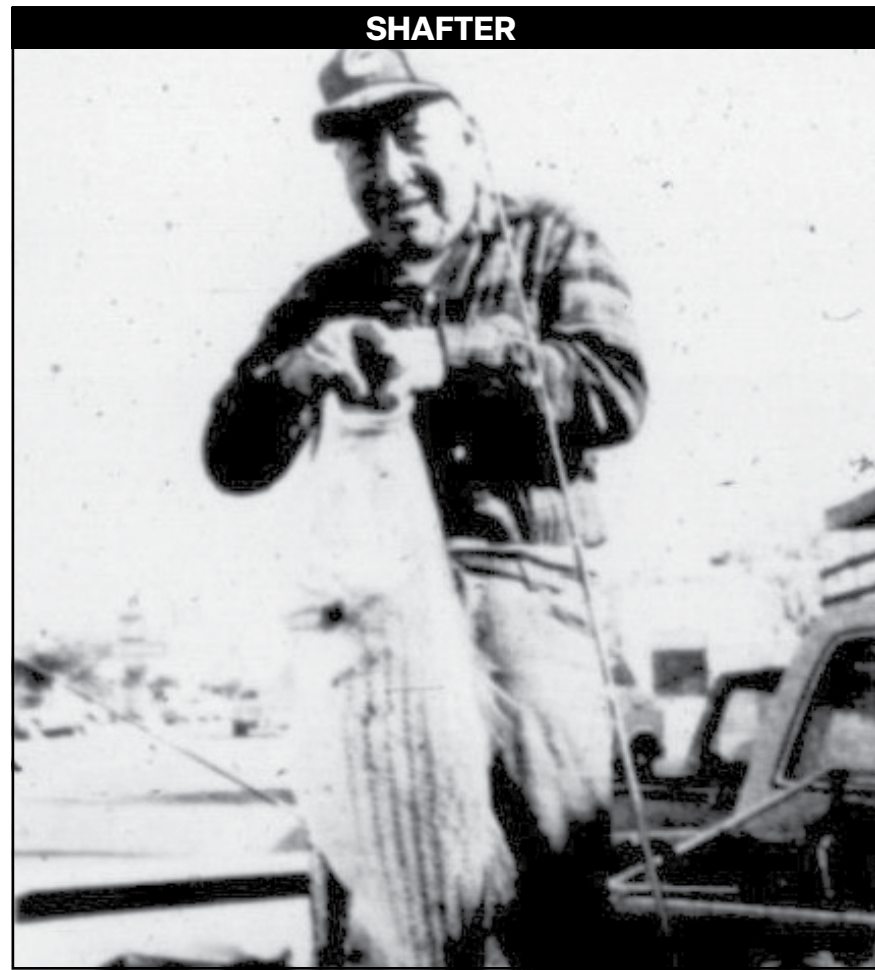
Depot Museum – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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

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

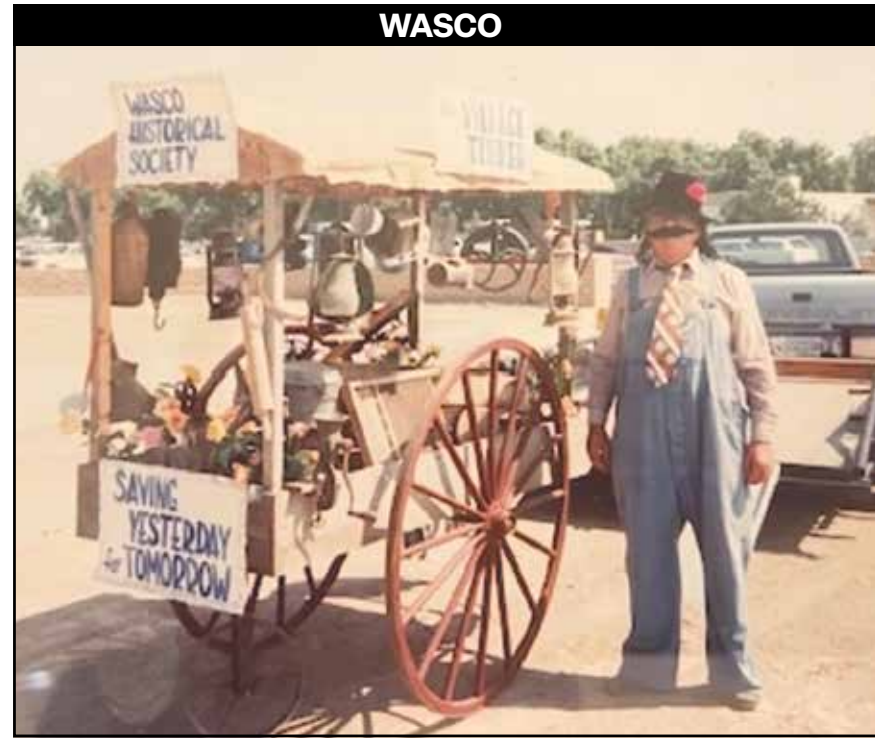
# Mystery history



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## WASCO



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## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### JAN. 14

Vincent Lopez, 30, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of Central Valley Highway on bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Juan Jose Flores, 49, of Shafter, was arrested on Mettler Avenue and Gibson Lane on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

#### JAN. 15

Juan Carlos Salas Zamora, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of Poso Avenue for assault with a deadly weapon and inflicting corporal injury.

#### JAN. 17

Gabriel Avila Delgado, 25, of Shafter, was arrested at North Wall Street and Golden West Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on felony charge.

William Morales, 36, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Rodriguez Park for disorderly conduct: under the influence of disorderly conduct.

#### JAN. 18

Omar Chavez, 35, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 of West Orange Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Joshua Oros, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of California Ave-

nue for possession of a controlled substance.

#### JAN. 20

Victor Manuel Sanchez, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of James Street on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Margarita Carmela Fernandez, 45, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

### BUTTONWILLOW

At press time, no arrests were reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Buttonwillow substation.

### WASCO

As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

#### JAN. 13

Everado Jimenez Lopez, 45, was cited and released in the 1300 block of 5th Street on a felony bench warrant.

Verta Jane Branthoover, 60, was cited and released at 700 Block 19th Street, for Felony Bench Warrant.

Emmanuel Polanco 18, was cited and released at 731 Poplar Ave, for Vandalism: Damage to Property, Unlawful to drive unless licensed.

Eduardo Asuncion Ahumadae Vangelista 19, was cited and released at 731 Poplar Ave, for Vandalism: Damage to property.

#### JAN. 14

Juan Antonio Santos, 30,

was cited and released in the 700 block of F Street on a felony bench warrant.

Vidal Danny Gonzalez, 44, was arrested in the 1400 block of 4th Street for giving false ID to a police officer, impersonation, and on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### JAN. 15

Erik Gomez Lopez, 27, was arrested at 2nd Street

and Maple Avenue for carrying a switchblade knife and manufacturing/selling/possessing/etc. metal. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### JAN. 16

Arsenio Otanez Herrera, 21, was arrested in the 6-00 block of North Maple Avenue for DUI: alcohol, DUI: alcohol /0.08 percent, He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

### JAN 17

Juan Cruz Cruz, 43, was arrested in the 800 block of 6th Street for public nuisance and disorderly conduct: alcohol, He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Benancio Calderon Segura, 55, was arrested at 7th and F streets for driving over double lines of preferential lanes, high, unsafe turn/lane change-signal required

and DUI: alcohol. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

#### JAN 18

Leonardo Arreola, 30, was cited and released at Peters and 2nd streets on a felony bench warrant.

#### JAN 19

Ambricio Garcia, 72, was arrested in the 1500 block of 15th Street for DUI: alcohol, He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

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# Crosses at St. John's honor lives lost

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The Press and Tribune

Members of St. John's Knights of Columbus Council #2938, the confirmation class from St. John the Evangelist Parish and community members gathered at dawn for a heartfelt ceremony outside the church. Sunday's event, Love Life, Choose Life, featured the erection of a display of several hundred crosses, each symbolizing a life lost to abortion.

In conjunction with the memorial, the Knights of Columbus held their annual Baby Bottle fundraiser, an initiative to support the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center. Over the weekend, they collected more than \$1,200 from parishioners and secured pledges from local businesses for additional contributions. This supported the center's life-affirming mission, provid-

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ing essential resources and assistance to expectant mothers during pregnancy and in the challenging days that follow.

To conclude the event, the Knights of Columbus led the gathered community in a solemn Rosary for Life, reflecting on the sanctity of life and reaffirming their commitment to supporting mothers and their unborn children.

Grand Knight Hector Avila expressed his gratitude, saying, "The St. John's Knights of Columbus are deeply grateful for the support of our Pastor, Father Loji Pilonis, and our parishioners during this Love Life, Choose Life weekend. Your financial contributions have empowered us to bring attention to the many precious lives lost to abortion and to support the life-saving work of the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center."



Crosses were aligned on the parish lawn to raise awareness for the Love Life, Choose Life event.

# Lions to host Prayer Dinner Feb. 11

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

People of all faiths and backgrounds are invited to join faith-based church leaders for the first annual National Prayer Dinner, hosted by the Shafter Lions Club. This evening of prayer on Tuesday, Feb. 11, seeks peace, healing, and guidance for the community, schools, state, nation and world.

The event, intended to build stronger connections within the community, encourages unity through prayer and provides an opportunity to strengthen faith

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and resilience, offering comfort and encouragement to individuals who may feel overwhelmed by current events and personal struggles.

Aaron Perlman, a television anchor, meteorologist and radio personality on 88.3 Life FM, will deliver a message of hope and encouragement during the event's festivities. The evening will also showcase support from local churches and the surrounding area. Participating churches include Jesus Saves Interna-

tional Church, Free Will Baptist Church, Truth Church, LifeHouse Church-Wasco, Community Circle-Wasco, The Gathering at Shafter, New Hope Church, Christian Fellowship Church, Saint Therese Catholic Church, New Life Fellowship of Buttonwillow, Shafter Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Canyon Hills-Shafter, Canyon Hills, Home Fellowship Church, Teen Challenge International USA, Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church and La Rosa de Saron Church-AG.

"This dinner is a chance for us to come together as a community to focus on what

unites us: hope, faith and the desire for a brighter future," Lions Club President and Councilmember Gilbert Alvarado said. "We welcome everyone to join us for an evening of fellowship, reflection and prayer."

Tickets to the event are \$25 each, with the option to purchase a table for eight. The National Prayer Dinner will be held at the Veterans Hall, 309 California Ave. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Alvarado at 661-292-0538.

# Wonderful pledges \$10M to fire relief

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

The Wonderful Company, headquartered in Los Angeles, has announced a \$10 million commitment to aid fire relief efforts in the region. The specific initial commitments include a \$1 million allocation to the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation and \$500,000 to the Los Angeles Police Foundation, with the remainder set to be disbursed as additional needs arise during recovery efforts.

In addition to its financial contributions, The Wonderful Company is doubling its employee giving specifically directed toward Los Angeles fire relief. Through its Wonderful Giving Program, the company provides its 10,000 global employees with up to \$1,000 annually to donate to charities of their choice. The company also matches private charitable donations made by employees. Over the past two decades, this program has contributed more than \$72 million to local charities worldwide, highlighting the company's commitment to community-driven philanthropy.

The Wonderful Company's efforts extend beyond monetary donations. Over the past week, it has provided essential supplies, including water and healthy snacks, to fire stations, police precincts, first responder staging areas and air operations centers. The company also offers

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support to its employees, dozens of whom have lost their homes or have been displaced due to the fires.

"We are profoundly grateful to all of the frontline firefighters and police officers who are working around the clock to protect our communities, even as many of their own families evacuate and homes are threatened," said Lynda and Stewart Resnick, the company's owners. "These heroes are putting themselves in harm's way to protect all of us, and The Wonderful Company will have their back."

Liz Lin, president of the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation, expressed her gratitude on behalf of the agency. "Los Angeles firefighters are deeply touched by the outpouring of support from across the community, including now this generous gift from The Wonderful Company."

"These urgently needed resources will improve dispatch capabilities, purchase additional specialty firefighting equipment, enhance our rapid response vehicles, and help make sure all our firefighters have the equipment they need, from hydration packs and fire shelters to PPE. We are so grateful for this support when it is needed most."

The Wonderful Company has a significant presence in Wasco and Shafter, as it operates large-scale farming operations in the area and owns the Wonderful Logistics



Members of the Los Angeles Fire Department Air Operations team receive a donation of pistachios from The Wonderful Company.

Center. Known for its agriculture-based businesses, the company owns and manages almond, pistachio and pomegranate orchards, among other crops, in the area.

The company is also deeply invested in community development in Wasco,

Shafter and other Central Valley communities. Through its Wonderful Community Grants and Wonderful College Prep Academy, it supports educational initiatives, scholarships and community programs.

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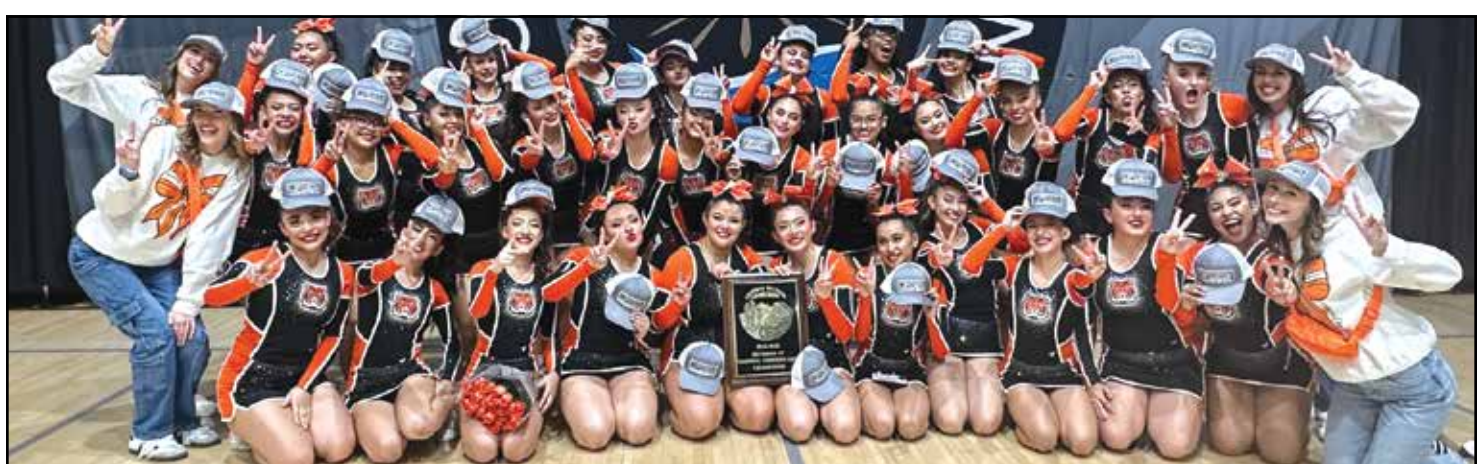
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# Wasco cheer Valley Champions again

The Wasco High Competition Cheer Team's season kicked off last week with the Tiger Cheer Competition Showcase and Virtual Competition held at WHS. Saturday, Tiger Cheer traveled to Buchanan High School in Clovis to compete for the Valley title. They delivered a flawless routine, earning the Division IV CIF Central Section Champion title and achieving back-to-back championships. With an impressive high score, they are now setting their sights on the CIF State Cheer Competition at Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach on Saturday, Feb. 1.



The team, accompanied coaches Victoria Campbell, Ensley Mehlberg, Hailey Coyle and Sydney Bocker.

# Deportations may affect farm futures

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"I don't think there's a single farm in California where a Mexican isn't running a crew or playing a major role in production. His mass deportation policy is going to crumble the agricultural industry as we know it, and America will feel the impact in their pocketbooks."

While some support the deportation of individuals with criminal records, California State University, Bakersfield, professor of sociology Gonzalo Santos, an expert in international migration, highlights the danger of mischaracterizing undocumented immigrants, whose supposed offenses often include minor violations rather than violent crimes. This distinction is crucial, as deportation policies disproportionately target those who are vital contributors to industries like agriculture while failing to consider the nuances of what constitutes a "criminal."

"Trying to smear and paint these individuals as violent criminals is a falsehood,

a deception deliberately promoted in their narrative. They are really referring to people who, for many reasons, have committed legal infractions of various kinds, most of them civil infractions related to immigration irregularities, many of which involve things like traffic tickets and minor misdemeanors. Republicans consistently conflate these cases, which represent the majority, with very few and scattered cases of violent crime. They amplify these cases to smear the entire 13 million undocumented immigrant population as violent criminals. This is a falsehood, and Americans have fallen for it. Polls show that 80 percent support deporting criminal undocumented immigrants. Still, they don't ask what crime we're talking about because they don't realize that within that term 'criminal,' all kinds of minor infractions are involved."

Republican Congressman David Valadao has been known for his focus on agriculture and bipartisan efforts, particularly

on immigration reform and supporting the needs of his district's farming community. "It is crucial we work towards common sense immigration reform that creates a pathway to earned legal status for hardworking individuals contributing to our economy while ensuring the removal of those who threaten the safety of our communities."

"One of the biggest challenges in the agricultural industry is a lack of a reliable and legal workforce, and as domestic labor becomes more scarce, our producers need to rely on programs like H-2A [a U.S. government visa program that allows agricultural employers to hire foreign workers temporarily for seasonal or temporary farmwork] to fill the shelves in grocery stores and put food on our tables."

Daniel Hartwig, president of the California Fresh Fruit Association, which represents about 400 growers, echoed these concerns: "We're going to D.C., and we're talking to the representatives there, saying if we lost half of our workforce, that would

be a huge disaster, and we won't have a lot of the fruits and vegetables that make America healthy again. Fresh fruits and vegetables are a huge part of doing that, but we can't do that without the hands that harvest our crops. So, we're advocating to make sure that we're not seeing huge devastating situations, and beyond that, we need to have meaningful immigration reform. That is something we've been pressing for years upon years, and we're hoping that elected representatives will take those actions sooner rather than later. I know David Valadao is poised and has, I believe, already introduced another immigration bill to try to make sure that we're taking care of the folks who are already here and get some reform that actually takes place.

"We recognize the valuable contribution that the farm workers bring to our society, and we want to make sure that we have a place for them to help bring those nutritious fruits to our tables."

# Lions Club leads in community service

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community. He's great at introducing innovation and creating things that haven't been done before, like National Night Out and the upcoming National Prayer Dinner. He started the Christmas Parade, and many other events have come to fruition because of his efforts," Olvera said.

In addition to Alvarado's leadership, Olvera emphasizes the hard work of the

club's members and the vital support of local businesses. "We have an incredible group of members who work hard to volunteer their time. If we didn't have the great group of people we have, we wouldn't be able to do everything we do. Our partnership with local businesses has also been crucial to the success of the Lions Club. We wouldn't be able to have some of our events without their support."

One of the aspects Olvera is most proud of is the club's commitment to helping local youth through scholarships and providing opportunities for personal growth. "The ability to give opportunities to our students to see the world, help them with their development, inspire them to have goals and strive to be better people gives me satisfaction," he said. The club raises funds for these scholarships

through events like their fireworks stand, which is supported by the local community.

The club meets twice a month at the Veterans Hall for dinner, and Olvera invites anyone interested in making a difference to join. "Come out, join us and see that what we do is great for the community. The more help we have, the more we can do," he concluded.

## City Spotlight



News & Updates You Need to Know

# WPD Awarded Grant to Combat Alcohol-Related Harm



The Wasco Police Department is proud to announce it has received a \$40,000 grant from the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) to address issues caused by alcohol in the community. The grant, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will support programs designed to reduce alcohol-related harm and improve public safety.

The grant will fund efforts such as:

**Preventing Underage Drinking:** Special operations will stop alcohol sales to minors and discourage underage drinking through targeted programs like Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap operations.

**-Ensuring Businesses Follow the Rules:** Compliance checks at bars, stores, and alcohol delivery services will ensure they are operating responsibly and within the law.

**-Training for Alcohol Sellers:** Free classes will educate business owners and their employees on responsible alcohol service and how to avoid contributing to alcohol-related problems.

**-Investigating Emergencies:** Police will investigate serious incidents involving alcohol to trace its source and prevent similar situations in the future. Programs funded by the grant will run through September 2025, focusing on enforcement and education.

"This grant is great for Wasco. It

helps us tackle alcohol-related problems by funding operations that keep our city safe," said Police Chief Charlie Fivecoat.

This program will make a big difference for the people of Wasco. By reducing underage drinking, it helps protect local youth from making risky choices and keeps them safer from alcohol-related accidents or legal trouble. Training business owners and employees will ensure alcohol is served responsibly, creating safer places for everyone to enjoy.

Fewer alcohol-related emergencies will also free up police and emergency services to focus on other important community needs. Overall, this grant helps build a healthier, safer, and more connected city for all Wasco residents.

To view the full press release, visit the City of Wasco's website at <https://www.cityofwasco.org/>



### Upcoming Events

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

### Open Positions

The City of Wasco is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

- Police Officer**  
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- Police Dispatcher**  
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- 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.



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Planning Commission Meeting  
746 8th St. @ 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 17**  
Presidents' Day - City offices closed
- Feb. 18**  
City Council Meeting  
746 8th St. @ 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 21**  
City offices closed Friday
- Feb. 22**  
WPD Bicycle Rodeo & Safety  
Barker Park @  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



LOOKING BACK AT SHAFTER

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# A small town's big role in harness racing

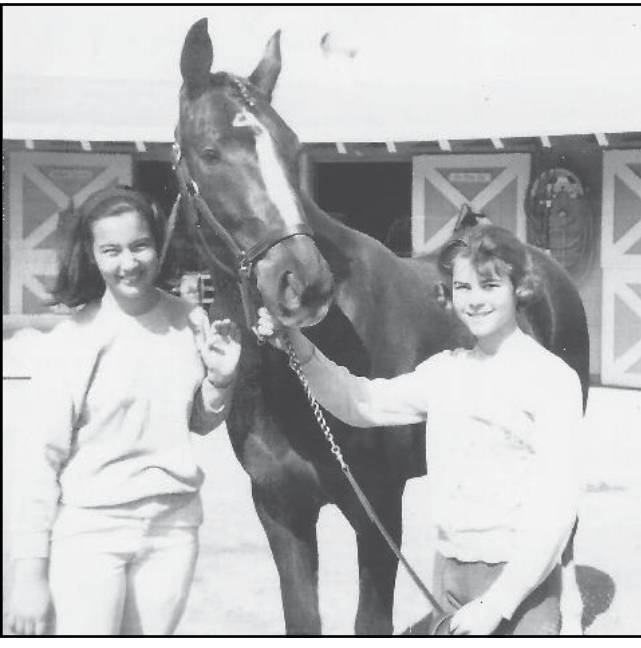
By Susan Grisham

Once upon a time, there were several thriving harness horse stables in Shafter. The training tracks are smoothed over, the barns are all torn down and the turn-out paddocks are but a memory. Most people have only heard stories of the harness horse training stables that used to dot the acres surrounding Shafter.

I also worked at O'Brien Stables, and I would like to share some brief thoughts on my time spent working with and beside some of the greatest horsemen and horses the sport of harness racing had to offer. I moved to Shafter in August 1959 at the age of 8. It wasn't long before I learned I lived in walking distance to the Joe O'Brien stables. As soon as I found horses near me I would walk every chance I got over to the stables and talk to the grooms and pet the horses.

I was a happy kid when the grooms would "let me" walk the horses they cared for, or clean harnesses – or clean anything. Later, when I was a groom, I knew these were not privileges. I got to know many of the grooms and trainers well.

I met Joe O'Brien when I was 9 or 10 years old, and I was starstruck from then on. One of my favorite things to do was to watch the blacksmith shoe horses. I would stand for hours watching horse after horse get their new shoes. I don't think anything ever mesmerized me as much as watching the horses having their feet cleaned, cut, measured and new shoes applied.



Susan Grisham, Waveaway, and Vicki Hamilton in 1962 at the O'Brien Stables.

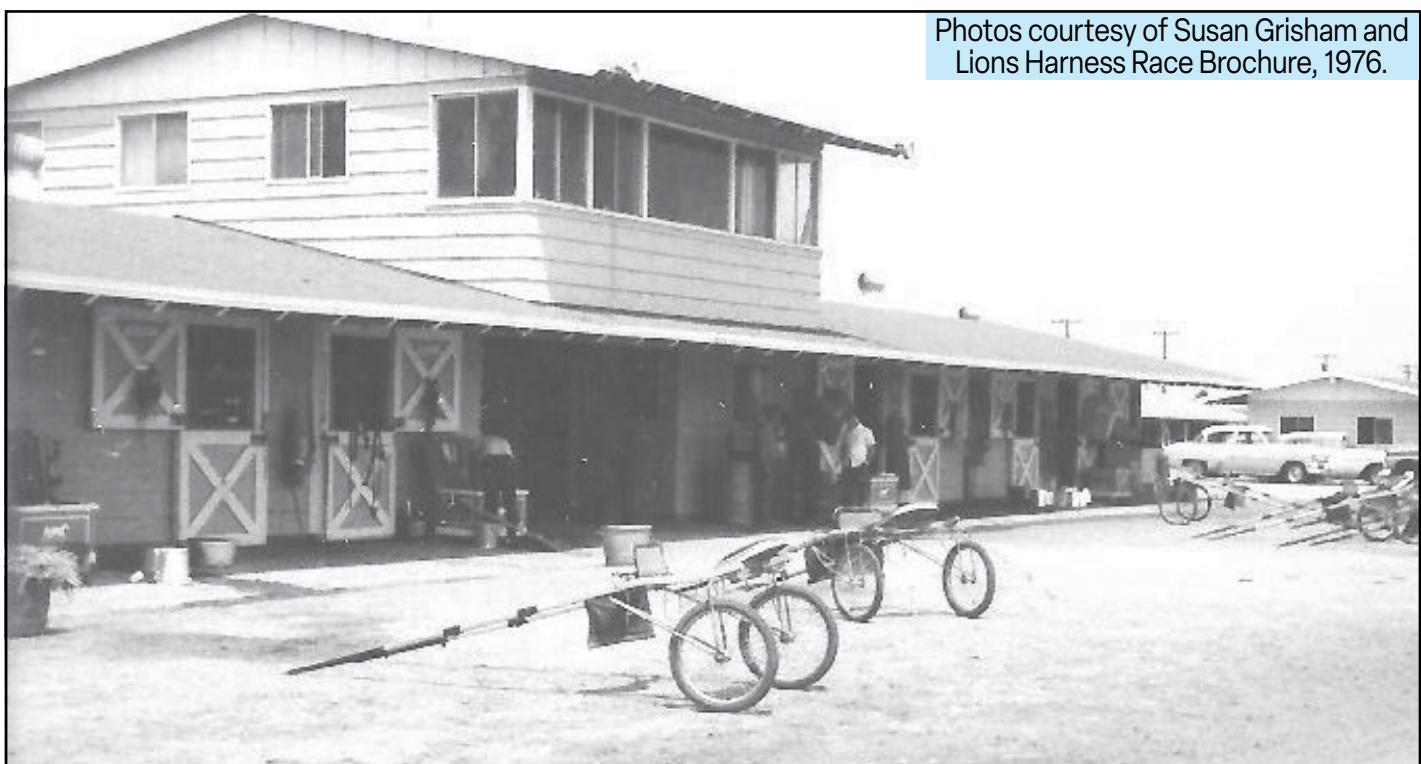
The horse foot is similar to a human fingernail and they do not feel anything when shoes are nailed to their feet. The smell of burning coal and horse feet are two of my best memories from my childhood. I fulfilled one of my childhood dreams in 1971 when I went to work as a groom at Cal-Expo in Sacramento. In the 10 years I worked on the race track I worked for many trainer/drivers, some famous, some not so famous. But they all loved the sport and the horses. Among the trainers I personally knew were Joe O'Brien, Glen Holt, Joe Lighthill, Charlie King, Bob Farrington, Jim Dennis, Joe Valero, Joe Marsh Jr., Danny Shelter, Jim Reynolds, Jack Sherren and more I cannot remember.

It saddens me to know the stables are gone, but not forgotten. I enjoyed going to O'Brien Farm as a child, and the years I spent taking care of horses on the race track. I have too many happy memories to count. Shafter was a wonderful place to be young and grow.

So where did these training stables come from? The sport of harness racing started in 1849 as an unregulated gathering of horses. In 1879, the Trotting Horse Breeders Association adopted a set of rules to control the undesirable and inferior traits of the horses.

Although it was 60 to 70 years later that harness horse racing came to Shafter, the men who brought the sport to Shafter spared no cost in improving the Standardbred breed, as harness horses are known. Sol Camp, William "Bill" Lachenmaier and Bob Neuman pioneered the introduction of the sport to Shafter and will long be remembered for bringing the best trainers and drivers to the area.

To help finance bringing horses and trainers to town, Bill Lachenmaier held exhibitions and social events. More of a hobby to start, the interest created by these events developed into a friendly rivalry between the three men. The men became owners and breeders of some of the greatest Standardbreds in the country, often buying and trading between themselves. One of the other made it to the Winners Circle, winning such nationally known races as the Hambletonian, Little Brown Jug, The Californian Sportsman, The American Classic and many others. Trainers and drivers Neil Boardman,



Photos courtesy of Susan Grisham and Lions Harness Race Brochure, 1976.

A portion of the O'Brien Stables, 1962, with jog carts resting in front of the barn.

Charlie Whitt, Ken Cartnal, Joe O'Brien and others enjoyed some of their greatest years during this time. It would be almost impossible to name all the great Standardbreds owned by these pioneer horsemen.

To name a few, Scott Frost, owned by Sol Camp and driven by Joe O'Brien, won the 1955 Hambletonian. Red Streak, Angus Worthy and Frontiersman all won over \$50,000 for Camp. Hal Tass, owned by Bill Lachenmaier and driven by Ken Cartnal, was the winner at Aurora Downs in 1955. Bob Neuman's 4-year-old filly, Frilla Hanover, was a star at Bay Meadows. Carroll Lexington won the Grand Circuit in Kentucky, driven by trainer Neil Boardman. These three men left a legend that inspired trainers and owners to continue making Standardbred history from coast to coast for many years to come. The trainers who made Shafter their headquarters deserve our recognition. Following are some of the many of note.

**Joe O'Brien**

Joe O'Brien was born in Alberton, Prince Edward Island, Canada. His father was involved in breeding and racing of Standardbreds. It would become part of Joe's early life. He won his first race at age 16. After finishing school, instead of going to veterinary college as his mother wanted, in the fall of 1935 he chose to go to work as a trainer in River Herbert, Nova Scotia.

Within a few years he became a dominant force in racing in the Maritime Provinces. He led all drivers in wins for five straight years from 1943 to 1947, and at Truro Raceway he won a record-shattering 11 races on a single race card. In 1947 he led all drivers in North America with 128 wins. But the United States Trotting Association did not recognize the 44 races he won in the Maritime Provinces and gave him a National ranking of 7th in the USTA standings. In 1947 Joe headed to Del Mar, Calif., where he was hired to drive and train for the West Coast division of Castleton Farms Racing Stable.

Joe gained national recognition when he drove and trained the Castleton pacer Indian Land to victory in the \$50,000 Golden West Pace at Hollywood Park Racetrack. In 1951,

he accepted an offer to take over as head trainer and driver for Sol (S.A.) Camp Farms Inc. in Shafter, a city Joe would call home for the rest of his life. Joe would go on to win the Horse of the Year in 1954 and 1955 with Scott Frost. The horse would be the Triple Crown of Trotting winner in 1954 and 1955. This would be the start of Joe O'Brien's long career as one of Harness Racing's top driver/trainers. He was inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, Prince Edward Island Sports Hall of Fame, U.S. Harness Racing Hall of Fame, Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, Canada's National Harness Racing Awards and Kern County Sports Hall of Fame. Some of the best horses driven by O'Brien were Armbro Flight, Armbro Nesbit, Fresh Yankee, Ima Lula, Melvin's Woe, Nero, Shadow Wave, and Scott Frost. At the time of his death in 1984, Joe had won 4,285 races and \$20 million in purses.

O'Brien Stables was one of the premier

facilities in the harness racing world. The stable housed 75-100 horses. It covered 50 acres, including a 5/8 mile track, which accommodates 6 sulkies, tack rooms (living quarters for personnel), permanent pasture, observation tower, stables, starting gate, parking space, room to walk horses, storage space for horse feed and supplies. It took over 50 people to keep the farm operating. Among the personnel were grooms, trainers, a veterinarian, a horse-shoer and office personnel. All gave a boost to the Shafter economy. All contributed to selecting Joe O'Brien Shafter "Man of the Year" in 1972.

**Glen Holt**

Glen Holt was born in 1930 in Missouri. As a child he traveled with his family working the seasonal crops for a living throughout Arizona and California. The family lived in tents and labor camps. Because of the constant moving, he attended 13 different schools by the time he reached the 8th grade. The family finally settled to live in Shafter.

Years later, he worked for the Shafter Police Department, where he reached the rank of sergeant. While on the police force, he taught pistol shooting and he became an expert marksman. He left the police in the mid-1960s to follow his dream of becoming a harness horse owner and breeder. Racing Standardbreds from the mid-1960s to the 1970s, he became one of the most successful harness horse divers in the State of California. He started on the county fair circuit, then at Hollywood Park, Santa Anita, Bay Meadows, Los Alamitos and Cal Expo race tracks.

Glen Holt was a respected harness horse



Glen and Mike Holt

driver/trainer. He was the first trainer in California to have a swimming pool built at his training facility in Shafter and was frequently sought out to train and race horses from stables across the U.S., Canada, France, New Zealand and Australia.

Glen's son, Mike, followed him into racing. Mike started driving at age 16, and continued until he retired.

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# Victories for Wasco wrestlers

**VERONICA JACUINDE**

The Press and Tribune

The Wasco High School varsity wrestling team competed in the Kern County Invitational at Centennial High School this month, finishing in 5th place out of 29 teams from the San Joaquin Valley.

Jacob Robledo and Juan D.

Gallardo secured 1st place in their respective weight classes, while AJ Vera earned 2nd place, RJ Gonzalez placed 5th and Issac Perez took 6th place.

"It was a very intense tournament. It's always one of the best-run tournaments," Coach Jose Robledo said. "We're invited every year, and we've placed in the top five for the last six or seven years. Last year, we won the tournament, taking first place as a team with the most points overall. This year, we had three finalists, with two taking first place."

Next up for the team is the League Championship at the end of the month at McFarland High School, followed by the Valley Championship on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Mission Oak High School in Tulare. The top six wrestlers will advance to the Master's Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 22, with the ultimate goal of competing in the CIF State Tournament at Mechanics Bank Arena in Bakersfield, Thursday-Saturday, March 6-8.



The Wasco High School Tigers varsity wrestling team, with Coaches Garth Wara, Juan Gallardo, Jose Robledo and Angel Romero, display their winning trophy after a strong team performance.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE- CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-25-00001 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Martha M. Prado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name  
Melissa Avilez  
Proposed Name  
Melissa Prado Mendez

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 03/14/25 Time: 8:30 AM  
Dept: B

b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263 North Division

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: (for resident of this county) printed in this county: Shafter Press  
Date: 1/10/25  
/s/Marcos R. Camacho  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2025

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
Trustee Sale No.: 0000010250587  
Title Order No.: 240493960 FHA/  
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AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD  
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of Trust Recorded on 08/14/2012  
as Instrument No. 00021211170 of  
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State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED  
BY: GERARDO PEREZ, A MARRIED  
PERSON, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC  
AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER  
FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/  
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of payment authorized by California  
Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at  
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02/10/2025 TIME OF SALE: 10:00  
AM PLACE OF SALE: At the Front  
Entrance to the City Hall, City Hall,  
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CA 93301. STREET ADDRESS and  
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of the real property described above  
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STREET, WASCO, CALIFORNIA  
93280 APN#: 488-132-03-00 The  
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any liability for any incorrectness  
of the street address and other  
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herein. Said sale will be made, but  
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expressed or implied, regarding  
title, possession, or encumbrances,  
to pay the remaining principal sum  
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of Trust, with interest thereon, as  
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under the terms of said Deed of  
Trust, fees, charges and expenses of  
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to be sold and reasonable estimated  
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the time of the initial publication of  
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written Declaration of Default and  
Demand for Sale, and a written

Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law 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 833-561-0243 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000010250587.

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 833-561-0243, or visit this internet website WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM using the file number assigned to this case 0000010250587 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 833-561-0243 WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 3990 E. Concours Street, Suite 350 Ontario, CA 91764 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 12/31/2024 A-4831800 01/23/2025, 01/30/2025, 02/06/2025  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WASCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled:

PROJECT PLANS FOR  
WELL 14 TRANSIT GATE PROJECT  
will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the CITY OF WASCO, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, until 2:00 PM on February 12, 2025 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Proposal forms for this work are entitled:

BID BOOK FOR  
WELL 14 TRANSIT GATE PROJECT  
General work description:

The purpose of this Project is to provide simplistic means of access to be utilized by the City Transit Department both into and out of the site. The project includes the fabrication and installation of two vehicle gates and one man gate, two automated gate openers, concrete, and other items as shown in the RFP plan set.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Bids must be submitted on the Bid Proposal form provided by the City of Wasco. Each bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount bid: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the City of Wasco; (3) a certified check made payable to the City of Wasco; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the City of Wasco.

Each bidder must be a licensed contractor as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. In addition, the successful bidder must furnish: (1) a faithful performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price; and (2) a payment bond (also referred to as a labor and material bond) in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

All bonds must be in a form approved by the City of Wasco and must conform to California law (see Code of Civil Procedure section 995.010 et seq.). All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopyable. The City hereby invokes its protest right under California Code of Civil Procedure 995.660 for any proposed surety bond submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of this agreement if the submitted bond is not issued by an admitted surety rated A-, VII or better by Best's Rating Service.

The contractor shall possess a City Business License and a Class "A" or "B" or C-13 license at the time this contract is awarded.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.

Technical questions should be directed to Kameron Arnold, 02/06/2025  
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documents may be obtained after noon on January 20, 2025 via email request to CityClerk@CityofWasco.org

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at CITY OF WASCO City Hall, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free hotline to report bid rigging activities. Use the hotline to report bid rigging, bidder collusion, and other fraudulent activities. The hotline number is (800) 424-9071. The service is available 24 hours 7 days a week and is confidential and anonymous. The hotline is part of the DOT's effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. CITY OF WASCO, CITY CLERK /s/ Maria O. Martinez, CMC DATED: 1-18-2025  
Publish Wasco Tribune January 23, 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 any 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 a 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

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Fernandez Great Deals 2025-B0324

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The business is conducted by:  
Married Couple  
/s/Luis Barboza  
Date the business commenced:  
05/01/2019  
/s/Luis Barboza  
Date Statement Filed: 01/17/2025  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Fernandez Great Deals

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Mailing address:  
1109 Dover St  
Delano, CA 93215  
Luis Francisco Barboza Gomez  
407 11th Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
Mayra Azucena Fernandez Santos  
407 11th Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
Business was conducted by:  
Married Couple  
/s/Luis Francisco Barboza Gomez,  
Owner  
Original FBN Statement File  
Number: 2024-B6970  
Original FBN Statement Filed on:  
11/20/2024  
This statement of Abandonment  
filed on: 01/17/2025  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Wasco will hold a public hearing on the project listed below in this notice. The public hearing will be held on February 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California.

Conditional Use Permit 24-05  
Project: Wasco Foods is proposing obtaining an ABC Type 20 Off-Sale Beer & Wine License to provide off-sales of pre-packaged beer and wine for off-site consumption, in an approved grocery store.  
Location: 741 E Street, Wasco, CA 93280  
APN: 030-160-01/030-160-02  
Applicant: Ahmed Ghassan  
CEQA Determination: Categorically Exempt pursuant to Government Code Section 15301 Class 1 which exempts licensing of existing uses with negligible expansion of the use.  
The project and supporting documents may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Planning Department located at 766 E Street, Wasco, CA 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before

the Planning Commission at their meeting on February 10, 2025, or may submit written comments on or before February 10, 2025.

If you challenge this proposal, or any aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco Planning Department, 764 E Street, Wasco, CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing.

If you need special assistance to participate in the meetings described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to these meetings. Telephone (661) 758-7215 or via California Relay Service (Hearing Impaired Only). Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Community Development Department at (661) 758-7200.

/s/ Yolanda Tinajero, Deputy City Clerk  
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Wasco, CA 93280  
County: KERN  
Mailing address:  
PO Box 74  
Lost Hills, CA 93249  
Esteban Camilo Reyes  
16096 Hwy 43  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Business was conducted by:  
Individual  
/s/Esteban Camilo Reyes, Owner  
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Number: 2023-B4266  
Original FBN Statement Filed on:  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Good Day Sales

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Delano, CA 93215  
County: KERN  
Mailing address:  
PO Box 101  
Delano, CA 93216  
Rafael Trujillo Mendez  
340 21st Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
Business was conducted by:  
Individual  
/s/Rafael Trujillo Mendez, Owner  
Original FBN Statement File  
Number: 2023-B0146  
Original FBN Statement Filed on:  
01/06/2023

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Wasco Mini Storage

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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  
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23, 2025



PASTOR'S CORNER

# The Good Shepherd

**PASTOR SPENCER CARPENTER**  
1st Southern Baptist Church, Shafter

God all through the Bible is shown to be the Shepherd of His people. Jacob testified that it was "God who has been my Shepherd all my life long to this day" (Genesis 48:15b). In Psalm 23, David the shepherd declared "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." The Lord is our perfect Shepherd, giving guidance, providing nourishment, rest, restoration and comfort. In Ezekiel 34, the Lord rebukes the bad shepherds or leaders of Israel for neglecting their duties. But then the Lord declares, "I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out" (11b). A prophecy is given that the Messiah will come and save the flock: "My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd" (23b). This is exactly what Jesus Christ did, finding the people in His day spiritually wandering like sheep, not having a shepherd (Mark 6:34b).



strangers entering the pen to harm or steal the sheep (1, 5, 8). The unrepentant and spiritual predators do not enter.

The illustration is that Jesus is the door, the only way of salvation and it is entered by faith. "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture" (9).

The Good Shepherd Jesus Christ knows the sheep in close personal relationship (14-15). Believers know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, as High Priest and intercessor, as guide, protector and provider (Philippians 3:8; Hebrews 4:14-16; 2 Peter 3:18). Jesus willingly laid down His life for the sheep (11, 15). This speaks of Jesus Christ sacrificing His life on the cross to pay for sins, offer forgiveness and secure eternal life (Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Peter 3:18). Jesus had the power to take up His life again, speaking of His resurrection and the resurrection life offered to all

who believe (1 Corinthians 15). Jesus the Good Shepherd was on the mission of uniting all people in salvation in the Himself, making them one flock under one shepherd (16; Ephesians 2:14-3:7).

Have you believed in Him? Then you receive the guidance, protection and provision of the Good Shepherd who cares for your soul. Do you know Him? Then you have eternal life. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:27-28) "For you were like sheep going astray, but now have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25).

# This week's Super Students at Karl Clemens



**Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its Super Students for the week of Jan. 20. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to all friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Principal Anabel Garrison, Aleeah Vasquez (5th grade), Emily Ceballos (3rd grade), Alexa Serviano (5th grade), Ethan Huape (4th grade), Michael Bernett (2nd grade), Johnathan Sharp (kindergarten), Aaliyah Cruz (1st grade).**

## DEATH NOTICES

**Nadia Efsaef**, 97, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 16, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Maria Eliza Robledo**, 96, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 16, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Jose "Joe" Calixtro Romero Sr.**, 47, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 31, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Janet I. Stassi**, 76, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 19, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Margarita Ramirez**, 99, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 17, in Lancaster. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Jeremy Wilson**, 48, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 17, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara, Shafter.

**Simon Cantu**, 78, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 18, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara, Shafter.

## PETS OF THE WEEK

### Sweet Sammy is waiting for you

Sammy is a stunning snowshoe siamese with a gentle heart. This sweet boy is approximately 2 years old, weighs about 12 pounds and absolutely loves being petted. Sammy has been with us at the Shafter Animal Shelter for just over a week and has already charmed everyone he meets. He gets along well with most of the cats in our cattery and loves to come out for cuddles and attention. Sammy is scheduled to be neutered on Friday, Jan. 24, and will be ready to join his forever family shortly after. Visit him at the Shafter Animal Shelter, 18849 S. Shafter Ave., or give us a call at 661-746-2140 to learn more. Sammy is waiting to meet you and find his loving home.

-Shafter Animal Shelter



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-Wasco Animal Shelter



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# Lady Generals stay perfect in SSL

**JAMIE STEWART**

For The Press and Tribune

The Shafter High Lady Generals basketball team are still undefeated in the SSL this season as they dominated rival Wasco Tigers last week with an 83-21 win in Shafter to close out the first round of league play.

Shafter had Isela Lugo leading the way with 26 points, with Alexia Ramirez scoring 20, Annemarie Puiser pouring in 16 and Kyla Schooley adding 14 points.

A lot of the Shafter offense was set up by a smothering pressure defense that forced the Lady Tigers into numerous turnovers, accounting for a good amount of the scoring for Shafter, especially in the second half.

Shafter opened up a 21-6 lead at the end of the first quarter of Thursday's game. The second quarter was all Lady Generals, with Lugo and Puiser hitting key baskets, enabling Shafter to open up a 30-point lead. The first half ended with the Lady Generals ahead by a score of 42-9.

The second half was brutal, as the Shafter squad scored at will on the Lady Tigers, with several of the baskets the result of turnovers in the Wasco side of the court, with the Shafter defense preventing

the Wasco players to even bring the ball up to midcourt.

Shafter emptied the bench in the fourth quarter, with the game using a running clock in the final quarter. On the night, Kyla Schooley had her most productive game of the season, putting in 20 points and grabbing 9 rebounds. Alexia Ramirez also shone in the game, scoring 15 points and had 13 rebounds for her third double-double of the season.

As dominating as this game was, the Lady Generals had an even more dominant outing in their first game of the week. The Lady Generals beat the Kennedy Thunderbirds, 72-5. Isela Lugo had another outstanding game, pouring in 26 points to go along with 11 rebounds.

Puizer had a great game with 18 points, 8 rebounds to go along with six steals.

In SSL play so far, the Lady Generals have outscored their opponents by a combined score of 324-91, winning their games by an average of 54 points.

Head Coach Juan Zavala said that his team is getting better every week and said that they are looking to keep improving.

**SHAFTER**



Alexia Ramirez and Kaylee Moreno go up for a rebound.

"We just keep working to get better, and we should be ready by the time that the playoffs come around."

The Lady Generals have two games this week, with Chavez on Tuesday night, fol-

lowed by a matchup with the Taft Wildcats on Thursday night. The Chavez game will start at 6:30 p.m., with the game against Taft beginning at 8 p.m. Both games will be played in Shafter.

# Wasco to spend \$38M on water upgrades

**From Page 1**

By replacing these wells, the city aims to ensure a more dependable water supply, creating the potential to start building more homes and supporting smaller development projects. "However, the city still needs to secure funding for at least one or two additional wells to significantly expand capacity and accommodate larger projects in the future," she said.

Overall, the new wells represent a critical step toward improving the efficiency of water management and providing the city with more flexibility to evaluate and approve new developments as capacity allows.

Also, at the meeting, the council dis-

cussed the deterioration of Scofield Avenue, which has worsened significantly over the past five years. The city has received numerous complaints about potholes and poor road conditions in the last six months, prompting staff to investigate and prioritize a solution.

City staff conducted a soil investigation and developed plans and specifications for the improvement project. Following the advertisement for bids on Dec. 14, six contractors submitted proposals, with costs ranging from \$456,176 to \$555,948.

Nagle Earthworks emerged as the most cost-effective and qualified contractor, with a bid of \$456,176 to complete the

Scofield Avenue Improvement Project.

"The people who work at the prison will be very happy about this. They have been communicating with me, and I have been sharing this information with our city staff regarding this issue. I'm really pleased that our staff has taken the necessary steps to address it. Funding for these types of projects is not readily available, but I'm glad they were able to secure funding," Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said.

The council authorized the city manager to finalize and execute a short-term rental agreement with Pinnacle Prestress, Inc., a precast concrete manufacturer operating in Wasco. Pinnacle will rent approximately

15 acres of city-owned land located at the former farm labor camp site on a month-to-month basis for \$4,000 per month, with an initial partial payment of \$3,000.

The agreement, expected to last up to one year, provides Pinnacle with temporary storage space for equipment and materials during their expansion efforts. Both parties anticipate replacing this arrangement with a long-term lease or purchase agreement in the near future. The council's Real Estate Committee and city attorney reviewed the proposal and recommended approval.

The agreement will generate approximately \$23,000 this fiscal year and \$24,000 next year 2025-26.

# Council OKs trailer for Gossamer Grove

**From Page 1**

provided by Stinson's. Chief Mulligan said, "With the new hires, as well as the new fentanyl task program, and new trainees, we are requiring more workspace. We do not have adequate work space currently."

He said that he had hoped to use space at the new substation, but with the delays on that project, the additional workspaces has become necessary, at a cost of about \$32,000.

In the presentation portion of the meet-

ing, the council recognized Bob Wiebe, who had served on the Shafter Planning Commission for 21 years. Mayor Givens stated that Wiebe had "made excellent and constructive contributions to the city of Shafter and has earned the admiration of

all that he had worked with over the years."

Wiebe said that he was grateful for the years spent on the commission and said that he enjoyed being a part of the commission during such an exciting and productive time in Shafter's history.

# A small town's big role in harness racing

**From Page 5**

**Ken Cartnal**

On June 13, 1954, Ken Cartnal set a new track record for pacers at Bay Meadows Racetrack. He drove Freeman Hanover, owned by Bill Lachenmaier. The pacer went the mile in 2:03.2. The 7-year-old had won the fifth of five starts and a double for the day for Ken Cartnal.

Ken was from Licking County, Ohio. That's the way it went in the early days of this great driver's career. As dedicated a horseman as you could ever find, Ken returned to Shafter from Bay Meadows after having a successful race meet. He trained and drove horses for Bill Lachenmaier for many years. He made Shafter his hometown. Ken was always happy to share stories of the racetrack. He was well respected and liked by all who knew him.

**Neil C. Boardman**

As a lover of harness racing from an early age, Neil C. Boardman came to Shafter after spending most of his life teaching music. He had a music degree from Ithaca Conservatory of Music, becoming Professor of Violin and Stringed Instruments at the University of Oklahoma. He came to Shafter in the early 1940s.

Neil drove for Bob Neuman. He was known as an unusual horseman during his 35 years of racing, Neil taught music during the school year and raced the rest of the time. After hooking up with Bob



June Jeffries at the Lachenmaier Stables.

Neuman he enjoyed his greatest success. 1947 was his greatest year. He was among the inaugural group to initiate Grand Circuit at Hollywood Park in April and ended with Aurora Downs in the fall.

Boardman was a great horseman and driver who left his mark on racetracks across the country. He was a driver that Shafter can be proud of.

**Del Argo**

Del Argo was a harness driver who used both the Joe O'Brien Stables and the Bill Lachenmaier - June Jeffries Stable to train his horses during down time from racing. Del was a quiet member of

the Shafter community. He often spent his free time bowling at Westchester Bowl in Bakersfield.

**June Jeffries**

June Jeffries was the daughter of the late Bill Lachenmaier. She was the owner/manager of the horse farm and left nothing to be desired when updating the farm. The farm could house over 60 horses in the Beautifully maintained stables, paddocks, breeding barn, living quarters, half-mile training track and various other facilities. The paddocks were fitted with automatic fresh watering troughs. The great pacing gelding Rambling Willie was

stabled and trained there during his heyday. His trainer, Bob Farrington, trained his stable at Lachenmaier/Jeffries farm during the break between Bay Meadows and Los Alamitos Race Parks. George Larson and his wife managed the farm and resided on the farm. June Jeffries was vice president and director of the California Harness Breeders Association and was instrumental in

breeding and raising her own racing stock with Lumber King standing at stud. There were two mares for breeding, Busy Teme Babe and Byrd Lumber. Her main concern was furnishing the facilities so other owners and trainers might bring their stock to Shafter for breeding, foaling and training until ready to go to the racetrack. Ken Cartnal stabled and trained at Lachenmaier/Jeffries farm between race meets. June Jeffries, was an early example of a woman in a man's world. She opened doors for the women who would follow in her footsteps in the Standardbred business.

*Editor's notes:*

Stan Bayless took over the O'Brien Stables after Joe died in 1984, and operated it until he closed it in 2004. The Lachenmaier/Jeffries Stable was located just to the north of Shafter High School, today the Almond Grove Estates. Much of the information for this article came from Susan Grisham's personal memories and a Lions Harness Race Brochure 1976.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**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  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Name Statement**  
**Road King Transport**  
**2025-B0335**  
5909 Bridge Creek Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
County: Kern  
5909 Bridge Creek Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
Karla Isabel Arias Pantoja  
5909 Bridge Creek Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/ Karla Isabel Arias Pantoja  
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**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  
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## HEADLINES IN HISTORY

**20 years ago:** Jan. 27, 2005  
Ramona Herrera from Shafter State Farm was awarded Hispanic "Women of the Year."  
**40 years ago:** Feb. 6, 1985  
Mario Parra, a Shafter resident, was enjoying a memorable fishing day at Buena Vista Lake. He was using night crawlers and marshmallows and caught himself a 30-pound striper bass.

-Compiled by Erica Soriano



The front page, Jan. 27, 2005.