

April 2018 Newsletter



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Dr. Kathy Orrin, Vince Fong, & Shannon Jones

Thank you to everyone who attended Breakfast with Assemblyman Vince Fong on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. It was wonderful to hear from our Assemblyman and for so many members of our community to want to know what is going on in our State Assembly.

Special thank you to Chamber members Harvey Hall and Hall Ambulance for sponsoring the event, Taft Midway Driller for sponsoring TUHS journalism students, and Roots Eatery for catering.

Thank you to the City of Taft for allowing the use of the Transit Center.





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March 22, 2018
550 Supply Row



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How can your company help Taft Union High School's Oil Technology Academy Students?

Save the Date Career Day - Wednesday, April 4th 2018

Taft Oil Union High School Oil-Technology Academy is hosting a Career Day on Wednesday, April 4th, 2018, and we are looking to our business partners for participation. Our goal is to have companies set up display booths and let our students circulate and learn more about our business partners and career opportunities.

Contact: Ted Pendergrass at lpendergrass@taftunion.org



THUR, APRIL 12, 2018 EARTH DAY

Center Street Spring Cleaning & Monument Sign Work The City of Taft invites you to join us in celebration of Earth Day.

The City is teaming with the Taft Union High School Oil Tech students for some Spring Cleaning of Center Street with sweeping, trash pickup, and window washing. Some students will also assist



the City in some weeding and other site cleanup work at the two City monument signs along Highways 33 and 119 in preparation of their future facelifts to match the signage work on the City billboards.

with TUHS Oil Tech Students

Spring Cleaning of Center Street

Weeding and prepping for City

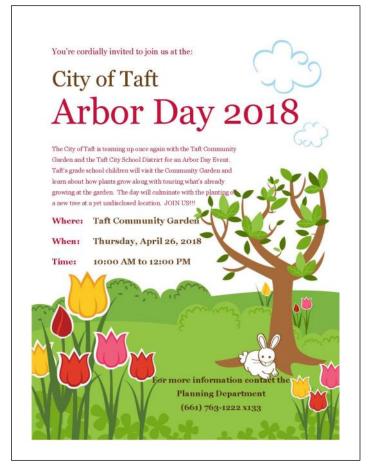
Great Volunteer Opportunity

Westside Waste Management Sponsored

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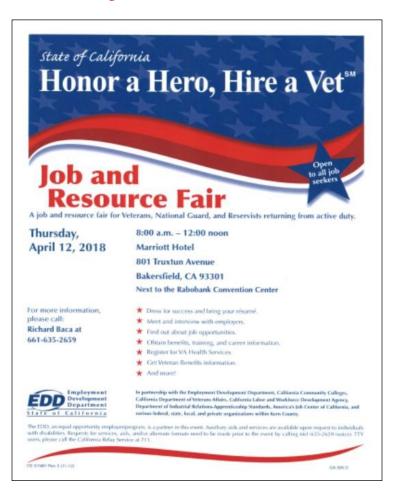
Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

First Baptist Church is hosting the Westside Youth for Christ dinner on Saturday, April 21, at 6pm. If you would like to attend the dinner or host a table, please contact First Baptist Church at 661-763-3138 by April 16th. The church is located at 220 North Street, Taft.





ESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS









April 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6pm, City Council Meeting 6pm, TUHS Honors Night	4 NO SIT N SIP 9am, TUHS Oil Academy Ca- reer Day 4pm, Planning Commission 6pm, Industry Night @ Petro- leum Club	5 12pm, State of the City Lunch @ OT Cookhouse	9am, Fund the Fireworks 6pm, First Friday Car Cruise on Center Street	7
8	9	10	9am, Sit n Sip w/ West Kern Adult Educa- tion Network	12 8am, Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet 9:30am, EDD 10am, Earth Day Spring Cleaning 4pm, Ad Hoc Meeting	13	14 11am, ARC BBQ @ Moose Lodge
15	16	6pm, City Council Meeting @ City Hall	9am, Sit n Sip w/ Supervisor David Couch	19 9-12, JobFest @ The Fort 5pm, West Kern Adult Education Meeting & Mixer	Taft College Al Baldock Golf Tournament TUHS HOF Re- ception	21 9am, Rotary Health Fair 9am, Toxic Waste Roundup 6pm, Westside Youth for Christ Dinner @ FBC 6pm, TUHS Hall of Fame
22	23	24	9am, Sit n Sip 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting	26 10am, City of Taft Arbor Day @ Taft Community Garden 5pm, Fort Wine Tasting	27	28
29	30					

Chamber Happenings

Primary Election Candidate's Forum Tuesday, May 8, 2018 @ 6pm

Meet the Candidates & issues for:

Kern County Sheriff
Kern County District Attorney
Kern County Superior Court Judge, Seat 10
Kern County Superior Court Judge, Seat 14
Taft College Bond Measure C

This Candidate Forum is designed to give the voters on the Westside of Kern County an opportunity to hear from the candidates themselves prior to the primary election on **June 5**.

Contact the Taft Chamber at <u>661-765-2165</u> for more information. RSVP to taftchamber@gmail.com

State of the City Luncheon

"Build It and They Will Come"

Thursday, April 5, 2018 @ 12pm

OT Cookhouse, \$15 lunch (pay at the door)

RSVP to taftchamber@gmail.com

Speakers:

City of Taft -

Mayor Dave Noerr and City Manager Craig Jones
West Side Health Care District Executive Director Jerry Starr
Colston Construction -

Owner Bob Colston

Taft College -

Superintendent/President Deb Daniels





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Picture Taft showing our American pride with the flag proudly flying in front off the businesses and residences of Taft.

For a donation fee of \$50 per year, the Kiwanis Club will provide an American flag, flag pole, and flag holder, in which the Club will set up 4 times throughout the year: President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veteran's Day.

Send your check and information to: Taft Kiwanis, P.O. Box 1292, Taft, CA 93268

Contact Paul for more information 661.319.5804



Who will you welcome into your family?

Our nost tamines represent the diversity of American culture, but they all share one thing: their lives have been changed by welcoming exchange students into their homes. Being a host family is an envaring for you as it is for the exchange student, You learn about another culture, you provide a once—in-a-feltime experience for a terrager from across the globe, and you from a celebrophic their well essessable such well essessable such well essessable such and the such as a such and the such as a such a you form a relationship that will stay with you and your family forever.

Refer a caring family you know and we will pay you \$200 when they host with EF. Refer as many families as you like and earn more!

Kenny Neher Taft, California T: 661-765-4191 Toll Free: 1-800-447-4273



High School Exchange Year

You are invited to attend the What Employers

Need to Know About Unemployment Insurance

Seminar

Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. County of Kern, Community Services Center America's Job Center of California 1600 East Belle Terrace, Room 2 Bakersfield, CA 93307



- How your Unemployment Insurance rate
- What causes your Unemployment Insurance rate to change.
- Ways to minimize Unemployment Insurance costs.
- Details about important notices.



Phone 861-321-4677 Fax 861-326-9787

CASA of Kern County

Press Release



Denim meets Derby at the Boot Scootin' Derby Benefitting CASA!

Bakersfield, CA Join us on May 5, 2018, and take a stroll enjoying the spectacular Gerdiner Ranch, a one-of-e-kind setting for the 2018 CASA Boot Scootin' Dorby Party benefitting CASA of Kern County. Watch the 2018 Kentucky Derby white sipping on mint juleps and refreshments. Enjoy dinner, denoing and unique "must have" auction items.

Come in traditional Derby attire or your best western wear. It's denim meets the Derby as we celebrate the Kentucky Derby Kern County-style!

Presented By: Keith and Jennifer Gardiner

Cost: \$150 per person or \$1,200 for a table of eight

Why: Everyday children all over the United States are unfortunately abused or abandoned by their parents or caregivers. By supporting the mission of Court Appointed Special Advocates you help provide children in foster care with a caring and consistent adult. A CASA volunteer is someone that will meet with them weekly and take the time to get to know them. This influence in a child's life can positively change their future and enhance their liketihood of finding a forever family.

To get tickets call: (661) 631-2272 or reserve online at komcasa.org





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Information: (661) 556-0422

Human Services

COMMITMENT DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018



Class A Truck Driving

This 160 hour Class A Commercial Truck Driver Course meets industry standards for an entry level job as a Commercial Class A Truck Driver.

Field Training Includes

- CA CDL Pre-Trip Inspection Training
- CA CDL In-Cab Inspection Training
- CA CDL Vehicle Brake Test Training CA CDL Vehicle Skills Training Includes Straight and Offset Backing
- Behind the Wheel Training and
- Observation
- Three-Axle Trailer/46" Trailers CA DMV Behind the Wheel Drive Test

Classroom Training Includes:

- How to obtain a CDL Permit
- DOT Hours of Service
- DOT Vehicle Inspections CDL Endorsements
- Doubles/Triples
 - Tanker
 - Hazmat
- Inspection of Tractor/Trailer Optional- Safe Lease Driving
- (water trucks, dump trucks, bottom dump)

Fees and Registration

Training is held at:

ABC Central California Training Facility

19466 Flightpath Way Bakersfield, CA 93308

Training scheduled as needed: 160 hours | Monday-Friday OR Saturday-Sunday

Reservations are required and payment is due in full for non-members.

> \$2,500 for ABC Members \$4,899 for Non-members





2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jordan Miller Roger Miller Insurance Agency

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Harry Starkey West Kern Water District

Jerry Starr West Side Health Care District

> **Adele Ward** Taft City School District

Thank you to new and returning members for March 2018

Membership renewal packets for 2018 are in the mail. Please consider joining us for another great year in Taft! If you would like a membership packet, please call us at 661-765-2165 or taftchamber@gmail.com. Memberships are affordable and allow your business the opportunity for exposure through our weekly emails, monthly newsletter, office, and referral services to residents and visitors to our community.

> Adventist Health - Central Valley General Associated Builders and Contractors Becky Ashcraft. Realtor Berry Petroleum Company Black Gold Brewing Company Braun's Antiques Coldwell Banker Preferred, Realtors Huddleston Crane Service, Inc. Kern Citizens for Energy Mark's Nu, Uzed, & Refurbished* Old's Cool Antiques & More Poppy's Melting Pot Candle Co. **Precision Bodyworks** Rite-Away Carpet Care Sunset Rails Taft Union High School Taft United Methodist Church The Fort Preservation Society **United Security Bank** West Side Mosquito & Vector Control District Willow Ranch Restaurant

> > **new members

TAFT OILWORKERS MONUMENT SPACE IS LIMITED!!

Call us at 661-765-2165 to order a brick for that special oilfield worker or family member to be placed at the Taft Oil workers Monument.

4x8 Brick: \$100-8x8 Brick: \$175



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Director of Operations: Shannon Jones shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com

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10th annual Car Truck & Bike Show

Saturday, May 5, 2018 Rails to Trails

7am-9am—Registration

Judging begins at 10am

(Supply Row & Main Street, Taft)

Rails to Trails Bike Path, Main & 6th, Taft)

Pre-Register \$25, Day of Event \$30

Pre-registration includes T-Shirt & Goodie Bag (by May 1)

Pre-Party Cruise Night

Food, shopping & Cruisin' Center Street

Friday, May 4, 2018 on Center Street

SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name:		District Chamber of Convers
Name:		CATEGORIES Pre 48 Open Top
City: S Phone: Email: Year: Make: Mor T-Shirt Size: S - M - L - XL - Car Club Affiliation: Yes, I would like to sponsor an ar \$65 FOR YOUR NAME ON 3 PLACE	del: XXL (Pre-Register ONLY) _ # Entries in this show: ward class! Category:	Pre 48 Closed Top 48-73 Stock 48-73 Modified Foreign/European Corvettes Mustangs Muscle Car Modern Muscle Project/Construction/Rat Rod
Register online or mail ent Taft Chamber of 400 Kern S Taft, CA 93 (661)765-2165 phone (www.taftcham	Commerce treet 3268 661)765-6639 fax	Special Interest/Custom Pre 48 Truck, SUV 49-58 Truck, SUV 59 and up Truck, SUV Motorcycle

Car Show Guidelines

- 1. Parking is First Come, First Serve. If you are with a group, you may tell us upon check-in and we will try to accommodate parking.
- 2. Car Show Participants will park along the Rails to Trails in the grass areas with set up for pop-ups and chairs behind their vehicles.
- 3. For safety reasons, all umbrellas or pop-ups <u>MUST</u> have bags or weights or they will be required to be taken down.
- 4. Only registered vehicles will be allowed to be set up along the bike path on the Rails to Trails. Parking in the areas surrounding the trail is available for additional vehicles or those attending the show.
- 5. Vendors are only allowed to set up in designated areas along the bike path closest to the intersection at Main Street and 6th St.
- 6. Stage and awards will be presented at the stage at Main Street and 6th Street at 2pm.
- 7. Judging will occur from 10am— 12pm by 5 selected individuals
- 8. The Chamber, City of Taft, vendors, volunteers, and businesses is released from liability that can occur from participation.

Forms must be received by the Chamber by Tuesday, May 1 to be guaranteed a goodie bag & t-shirt.						
Signature:	Print Name	Date				

Car Truck & Bike



Saturday, May 5, 2018 Rails to Trails



If you or your company would like to be a part of the 10th Annual Rails to

ponsor, vendor rorm	Trails Car, Truck, and Bike Show , there are several ways to get involved.
	Please fill out this form and return to the Taft Chamber of Commerce.
Sponsorships due by April 18 & Ve	endor Forms by May 1. Register online at <u>www.taftchamber.com</u> .
I Become a sponsor at t	the Limousine level (\$1,000): Name and Logo on event t-shirt, poster, and
	calendar, newspaper, and at the event, and vendor booth with sponsor yard
stake along the trail	
	the Cadillac level (\$500): Name on event t-shirt, banner, and poster, &
And the second of the second o	and at the event, and vendor booth
	the Sports Car level (\$250) : Vendor booth & recognition in the newspaper and
at the event	The opening our level (4250). Verlage South a recognition in the newspaper and
	ce (\$50): 12'x12' space for the car show Saturday, May 5, 2018 (see box at
	uirements) - Chamber members—contact me for special pricing!
· ·	of an item or gift certificate. Items need to be delivered to the Taft Chamber
	e event program or can be delivered at the event.
by May 1 for recognition in the	e event program or can be delivered at the event.
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Name of Sponsor/Vendor:	/C
	(Sponsors: Do you need a vendor booth?Yes No)
Address:	City: State: Zip:
	Email:
Amount Enclosed:	Visa/Mastercard (Call for details)
VENDORS—Please fill out:	
tems Sold:	
Food Vendor? Yes No (If yes, must provide copy of permit) Vehicle Trailer
Make checks r	payable to the Taft District Chamber of Commerce and mail to:
	Taft District Chamber of Commerce
	400 Kern Street
	Taft, CA 93268
	(661)765-2165 phone (661)765-6639 fax
ishility Dologos The undersigned desiring to	
	o participate in the Taft District Chamber of Commerce Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, does hereby of this application, the undersigned does hereby release the City of Taft, the Taft District Chamber of
	rs and all respective staff, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability arising from the event.
Cancellations must notify the Chamber by Ap	oril 18 to be eligible for a refund.
Signature:	Print Name Date
Vendor space fee is for use of the	We limit the number of a specific ven- You are only allowed to sell the items
property for Saturday's Car show.	dor. 1 for a specific brand, 2-3 of same listed on your application. If there is an
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- Vendor spaces are 12x12—Trailer parking is **NOT** available behind your booth.
- All vendors are responsible for providing awnings, tables, chairs, power, water, etc.
- Vendor spaces are assigned based on when the application is submitted and the product sold.
- item, and a variety of several food & drink vendors. First come, first serve!
- In order for you to sell any food or drink, you MUST have a temporary food • facilities permit from KC Environmental Health—please attach a copy.
- You must obtain a City of Taft business license—Call Maudene at 661-763-1222
- issue and your item is not listed on your form, you may be asked to stop selling that item(s).
- You will be contacted the week of the event to get your vendor assignments.
- Questions? Call 661-765-2165 or shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com