



# August 2018 Newsletter

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## Our Platinum Sponsors



## Our Gold Sponsors



**Attention Golfers: The Chamber is starting to take reservations for the 15th Annual Taft Chamber Golf Classic.**

## Seeking Sponsors, Teams, and Players!

Being held on Saturday,  
September 29, 2018 @  
Buena Vista Golf Course

Contact the Chamber today at  
661-765-2165 or email  
[taftchamber@gmail.com](mailto:taftchamber@gmail.com)!

Reserve your spot to be a part of  
this wonderful tournament.

Sponsor forms and entry forms  
are available at the Chamber or  
online at [www.taftchamber.com](http://www.taftchamber.com).  
We are also seeking raffle prize  
donations.

Get exposure for your business  
through a hole sign, raffle  
donation, or other available  
opportunities.

## 15TH ANNUAL TAFT CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2018  
7:00 AM**

*Buena Vista Golf Course  
Taft, CA*



# MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



A poster for the CSUB Caravan event. At the top, it says "CSUB CARAVAN IS COMING TO YOUR TOWN! AUGUST 18TH". Below this, a section titled "JOINING OUR CARAVAN:" features four headshots of participants: CSUB's Fifth President Dr. Lynnette Zelazny, Men's Basketball Coach Rod Barnes, Director of Golf Meghan Thomason, and Baseball Coach Jeremy Beard. The event is scheduled for "10:00 AM - 11:00 AM" at "TAFT WEST SIDE REC &amp; PARK DISTRICT". It lists activities: "DELANO 12-1PM TONY'S FIREHOUSE GRILL", "SHAFTER 2-3PM MANNEL PARK", "BAKERSFIELD 4-5PM LENGTHWISE AT THE MARKETPLACE", and "CSUB VOLLEYBALL BLUE &amp; GOLD SCRIMMAGE 6PM". The poster also states "JOIN CSUB FOR THIS FUN, FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!" and "FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED". Logos for BAKERSFIELD ROADRUNNERS, ABM PRINT SHOP, and CSU BAKERSFIELD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION are at the bottom.

## CALLING ALL TUHS GRADUATES!

### TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

### HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED!

#### Did you or your family member graduate from Taft Union High School?

The Taft Union High School Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for upcoming Hall of Fame Celebrations. Annual ceremony is held in April at TUHS Mullen Gym.

#### Applications are available at:

[www.tuhshalloffame.com](http://www.tuhshalloffame.com)

[www.taftchamber.com](http://www.taftchamber.com)

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For more information, contact Kathy Orrin at  
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# TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW



WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 4, 2018



Thank you to our generous Fireworks sponsors and supporters!



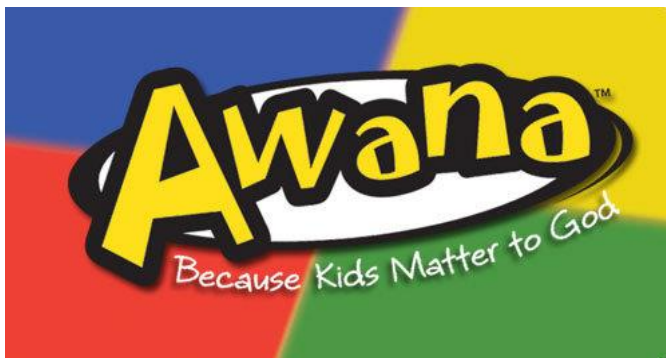
*In recognition of a great town from Bill & Betty Harrington*

Taft Sportmen's Club, Bill & Verna Black, Paul Linder, Bill Norris, Jerry Starr, Janice Varner, plus all donors of Fund the Fireworks

**Thank you to Mayor Dave Noerr and Huddleston Crane for providing our American Flag at the Taft Fireworks Show at to all of the sponsors for another successful show.**



# MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



**AWANA program & Young Believers Youth Group**  
**2018-2019 School Year**  
**Begins: Wednesday, August 22, 2018**  
**6:00-7:30pm**  
 Held every Wednesday evening  
 First Baptist Church, 220 North Street, Taft  
 AWANA is a free program—every child is invited

## **CASA Celebrates 25 Years in Kern County!**

Reaching for the Stars Dinner Gala September 22, 2018

**Bakersfield, CA** ~ On September 22, 2018, CASA friends, originators and supporters will come together to mark their 25th Anniversary. They will celebrate two-and-a-half decades of making a difference in the lives of local foster children, pay tribute to the vision of the CASA founders, and recognize their successes over the years.

In March of 1993, a small group of passionate people united around a common cause: to make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children in our community, and thus, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Kern County was born.

[The first training class consisted of 13 volunteers. Today, 25 years later, more than 1,700 CASA volunteers have completed training and taken oaths to become Advocates on behalf of the most vulnerable children among us.

The need was great in 1993. It is even greater today. There are currently 44 kids on the list waiting for a CASA Volunteer. Please join CASA of Kern County as they celebrate their history and accomplishments at this festive evening under the stars.

### **EVENT SPECIFICS**

**When:** September 22, 2018

6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.

**Where:** Delamater River Front Estate

**Cost:** \$125 per person/\$1000 table of eight

**More Info:** CASA office - 661-631-2272

### **Tickets can be purchased at:**

CASA of Kern County

<https://kerncasa.ejoinme.org/CASA25th>

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# August 2018

| Sun | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
|-----|--|---|--|---|-----|--|
|     |  |   | 1<br>No Sit n Sip<br>Industry Night<br>@ Taft<br>Petroleum<br>Club   | 2   | 3   | 4<br>9am-11am,<br>Back to<br>School Con-<br>nection @<br>314 Asher |
| 5   | 6<br>Hunters Safe-<br>ty Course @<br>WSRPD                                   | 7<br>3:30pm, Food<br>Handlers<br>Training @<br>Fort<br><br>6pm, City<br>Council Mtg.<br>Hunters Safe-<br>ty Course @<br>WSRPD | 8<br>9am, Sit n Sip<br>4pm, Planning<br>Commission<br>Meeting<br><br>Hunters Safe-<br>ty Course @<br>WSRPD | 9<br>3:30pm, Food<br>Handlers<br>Training @<br>Fort | 10  | 11   |
| 12  | 13   | 14<br>5:30-7pm,<br>Heather<br>Mueller Send-<br>Off Dinner @<br>WSRPD  | 15<br>9am, Sit n Sip<br>w/ BizFeed   | 16<br>TUHS School<br>Starts                         | 17  | 18<br>10-11am,<br>CSUB Caravan<br>to Taft                          |
| 19  | 20<br>TCSD School<br>Starts  | 21<br>6pm, City<br>Council<br>Meeting   | 22<br>9am, Sit n Sip   | 23  | 24  | 25   |
| 26  | 27<br>5:30pm, Kern<br>County Asso-<br>ciation of<br>Cities Dinner<br>in Taft | 28  | 29<br>9am, Sit n Sip<br>w/ Kern Patri-<br>ot Partnership<br><br>4pm,<br>Chamber<br>Board Mtg.              | 30  | 31  |  |



## Westside Health Family Health Care Groundbreaking

Friday, July 13, 2018

Westside Health Care District Board Members, Construction officials, Elected officials, and Executive Director break ground of the new Family Clinic. The construction will begin and is expected to be completed by Spring 2019.



### **Westside Health Care District Receives \$4 Million Dollar Anonymous Gift for New Health Care Facility— From: Taft Independent**

The Westside Health Care District has received a generous \$4 million anonymous donation for the construction of the districts new health care facility.

The news means that the district will not have to get a \$4 million loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Developing, saving the district tens of thousands of dollars in interest payments on the loan, according to District General Manager Jerry Starr.

The district will take \$5.3 million dollars that it had saved from reserves and pay cash for the new facility along with the \$4 million gift, to pay the entire cost of the \$9 million facility that will be built on the site of the old Taft Hospital.

“The District is very fortunate,” said Starr. The donation will go towards serving the district and serving the people of the Westside.”

The funds will be given to the district’s non-profit foundation in 4 payments over the next 12 months. While not a hospital, the new facility will offer primary care services. Construction should begin by mid-August, according to Starr.

The existing Westside Family Urgent Care will remain open during construction.

# MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



**FREE**  
**Food Handlers Training**  
**ORIENTATIONS**  
*on*  
**Tuesday, August 7**  
**& Thursday, August 9**  
**TIME: 3:30 PM**  
**LOCATION: Fort**  
*Instructed by Carlos Chavira of "Flacos Tacos"*

## **Taft Union High School Oil Technology Academy**

2018/2019 kick off BBQ and program

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

West Kern Oil Museum, 1168 Wood Street

Serving dinner at 5:30pm

All friends of Oil Tech are invited to attend.




*The ARC-Taft*  
**Festi-fall**  
*Crafts & Vendor Event*  
*September 28th @ 6pm*

## "Back to School" Connection

Sat. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 9 am-11 am  
314 Asher Ave.

Pre-Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
*Children must attend to receive*  
**FREE**  
Backpacks  
School Supplies  
And More!!!



*Also free:*  
Face Painting ~ Snow Cones  
Dental Hygiene Kits~ Dental Exams and more....  
Resources and referrals

**FREE Kindergarten & Sports Physicals**  
By Dr. Virginia Alvedriz (Sponsored by HeliFigherts)  
Parent must be present, bring forms & immunizations records.

**FREE School clothes will be at**  
**United Methodist Church – 630 North St. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**

*Sponsored by:*  
Taft First Assembly of God, Taft Salvation Army,  
West Side Community Resource Center, local churches and businesses.

For more information, please contact 765-7151, 765-5557 or 765-7281



**WEST KERN  
ADULT EDUCATION  
NETWORK**

## **West Kern Adult Education Network**

Employment and training opportunities for out of school youth ages 18 - 24.

This program will provide job training, temporary job placements and paid internships as well as other incentives.

Applicants will have to meet program requirements.

Please call for enrollment information  
661-745-4315



## 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE—August 6-8, 2018

PLEASE NOTE: registration must now be completed ONLINE IN ADVANCE. Registration must take place before class begins (no later than Sunday; if you try on Monday and the site allows you to register, you're good to go!)

\*\*Pre-register here: <https://register-ed.com/events/view/126142>

No fee is required at the time of online registration, but online registration is now required by the State of California in order to process class certifications. \*\*

Who: All Ages - students must be able to read and take a written test

When: August 6-8 (Mon-Tues-Wed)

Registration Deadline: Sunday, August 5

Time: 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Place: Community Center Auditorium

Cost: \$5 per person

Next Class: February 2019 (\*\*no October 2018 class\*\*)

With cooperation from the Taft Sportsmen's Club, materials and instruction for obtaining a California Hunting License are available approximately every three months. A \$5 facility fee will be collected onsite the first night of class. The class is taught in 3 mandatory sessions. Instructors are Larry Heptinstall and Ken Beard.

## 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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