



# June 2018 Newsletter

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# MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

June 18-22, 2018

6pm-8pm

West Hills Church of the Nazarene

300 Lassen Street

June 25-29, 2018

6pm-8pm

First Baptist Church of Taft

North & 3rd Street

Questions?

Call #763-3138 or Marcia #623-3596



# HALL

## AMBULANCE

### Community Celebration Honoring the Life of Harvey L. Hall

Plans have been announced for a Community Celebration Honoring the Life of Harvey L. Hall, who passed away at age 77.

The event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 2 at 10am at the Rabobank Arena** at 1001 Truxtun Avenue, in Bakersfield, CA. The public is invited to attend.

## 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)

400 Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268



For more information, contact Kathy Orrin at [Kathy.taftchamber@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.taftchamber@gmail.com) or by calling 661-765-2165.



# Grand Opening



*Bread & Butter Bakery*

*420 Center Street*

## Thank you to new and returning members for May 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](mailto: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.

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Acme Jewelry & Gifts

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Revival Worship

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LAST CALL FOR MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE  
2018-2019 DIRECTORY

# Fund the Fireworks 2018

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Taft Fireworks Show for 2018. We are more than halfway to our goal of \$20,000, which allows us to provide the community with the show for no cost. Businesses and individuals who contribute to the show will be recognized at the event. This is an all-community effort. Consider making a donation today! We will be collecting additional funds on **Friday, June 1** and **Friday, June 15** at the corners of 4th and Kern Streets. Thank you to City Councilwoman Renee Hill, TUHS CTEC law enforcement class, and Taft ARC for collecting in May. See you out at the corners in June! Thank you to True Value for collecting donations at the register for the show! Your support is appreciated more than you know! Shop Taft and support their great business and the Taft Fireworks Show!



# June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9am-12, Fund the Fireworks 6pm, First Friday Cruise Night	2 10am, Harvey Hall Celebration of Life, Rabobank
3	4	5 ELECTION DAY 6pm, City Council Meeting	6 9am, Sit n Sip 4pm, Planning Commission Meeting 7pm, TUHS Graduation	7 7pm, Lincoln Graduation	8	9 12:30pm, Moron Golf Tournament
10	11	12 8:30am, New Business Orientation	13 9am, Sit n Sip 10am, Mobile Office Hours, Cole Karr 5pm, Petroleum Club Industry Night	14 2pm, WSHCD Bid Opening Kern EDC Dinner	15 8am-11am, Fund the Fireworks @ 4th & Kern Street	16
17 FATHER'S DAY!	18 6-8pm, West Hills Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School	19 6pm, City Council Mtg 6-8pm, West Hills Church of the Nazarene VBS	20 9am, Sit n Sip 6-8pm, West Hills Church of the Nazarene VBS	21 4pm, Ad Hoc Committee 6-8pm, West Hills Church of the Nazarene VBS	22 6-8pm, West Hills Church of the Nazarene VBS	23
24	25 6-8pm, First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School	26 6-8pm, First Baptist Church VBS	27 9am, Sit n Sip 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting 6-8pm, First Baptist VBS	28 6-8pm, First Baptist Church VBS	29 6-8pm, First Baptist Church VBS	30



# Chamber Happenings


*Taft Fireworks 2018*

## **Fund** *the* **FIREWORKS**

**Friday, June 1, 2018**  
**Friday, June 15, 2018**  
**9am—12pm**  
**4th & Kern Street**

## **TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018**  
**4PM—10PM**  
**RAILS TO TRAILS (6TH & MAIN ST)**  
**FIREWORKS 9PM**



**FREE Admission**   **Face Painting**   **Beer Garden**  
**VIP Seating**   **Food Vendors**   **Live Music**  
**Bounce Houses**   **Crafts**

*Taft*  
District Chamber of Commerce

## **TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW** **2018**

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**YES! I want to support the Taft Fireworks Show!**

\_\_\_\_ Title Show Sponsor: \$5,000

\_\_\_\_ Platinum Sparkler: \$2,500

\_\_\_\_ Gold Sparkler: \$1,500

\_\_\_\_ Silver Sparkler: \$1,000

\_\_\_\_ Friend of the Fireworks: \$500

\_\_\_\_ Friend of the Fireworks: \$250

\_\_\_\_ Friend of the Fireworks: \$100

\_\_\_\_ Individual Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Donations accepted by mail or in person at:

**Taft Chamber of Commerce**

**400 Kern Street**

**Taft, CA 93268**

Call 661-765-2165 for credit card payments





# MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



## Class A Truck Driving

Central California Chapter

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

Cancellation/No-show Policy:  
All cancellation requests must be received 48 hours prior to class date and are subject to \$100 cancellation fee. Any person who does not show up for the class they are enrolled in will be subject to the full class fee (members will be billed for students they enroll). Cancellations must be submitted in writing via e-mail [training@abccentralcal.org](mailto:training@abccentralcal.org) or by calling 661-292-8729. No refunds or rescheduling for no-shows. NO EXCEPTIONS.



## westside HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

The West Side Health Care District is increasing services to the West Side, beginning with the construction of the expanded West Side Family Health Care Clinic. The 12,810 square foot clinic will be built adjacent to the existing Urgent Care, located at 100 E. North Street in Taft, CA.

The project is currently in the bidding stage and will include a groundbreaking celebration in the upcoming months. The clinic is partially funded through a USDA loan, District contribution, and private philanthropy.

## BRING THE WORLD HOME

Host an international exchange student

Who will you welcome into your family?

Our host families 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 as rewarding for you as it is for the exchange student. You learn about another culture, you provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a teenager from across the globe, and 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!

We'd love to hear from you!

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[efexchangeyear.org/refer](http://efexchangeyear.org/refer)



High School Exchange Year

EF High School Exchange Year, is operated by EF Educational Foundation for Foreign Study, a non-profit corporation designated by the U.S. Department of State to operate a J-1 student exchange program.

## COMMUNITY, CONVERSATION, COFFEE & COPS



Join us at McDonalds!

Thursday  
July 26, 2018  
9:00 A.M.



**RLMK I.N.C.**  
1001 Kern Street  
Taft, Ca 93268  
661-763-5656

Meet YOUR **NEIGHBORS** AND **POLICE OFFICERS**  
FOR **COFFEE** AND **CONVERSATION**.

No agenda, no speeches,  
just coffee and a chance to ask questions, voice concerns,  
and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.



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For additional information, please contact  
Chris Carpenter at Taft Police Department  
(661) 763-3101 Extension 146

Chief  
Damon McMinn



# 10th annual Car, Truck, & Bike Show

## 05.05.18



### Pre 48 Open Top

1<sup>st</sup> Jerry Banks  
1948 Studeback Champion  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Roger Jones  
1926 Ford Model T  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Harry Hosking  
1929 Ford Track Roadster

### Pre 48 Closed Top

1<sup>st</sup>. Robert Phillips  
1939 Buick Special  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Don Maxwell  
1926 Ford Fordoor  
3<sup>rd</sup> , Marilyn Smith  
1931 Ford Tudor Special

### 48-73 Stock

1<sup>st</sup>. Mike Rand  
1969 Chevy El Camino SS396  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeff Nakashima  
1971 Dodge Charger RT  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Fred Williams  
1967 Chevy Camaro

### Corvettes

1<sup>st</sup> Linda & Ed Combs  
1962 Chevy Corvette

### 48-73 Modified

1<sup>st</sup>, Joey Evans  
1967 Chevy Nova  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Allan Mccostlin  
1970 Chevy C-10  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Ron Hunt  
1955 Chevy 210

### Foreign/European

1<sup>st</sup>, Tom Porter  
1963 MG B  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Nickolas Mansell  
2017 Suburu  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Helen Wheeler  
1973 V.W. Thing

### Mustangs

1<sup>st</sup>, Rick Yates  
2008 Ford Shelby  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Jared Phillips  
1967 Ford Mustang  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Bob Johnson  
1972 Ford Mustang

### Modern Muscle

1<sup>st</sup> , Pete Dela Rosa  
2013 Dodge Challenger

### Muscle Car

1<sup>st</sup> , Jill Gipson  
1968 Camaro Rally Sport  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Jim Kozloski  
1968 Chevy Camaro  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Chris Sheehan  
1964 Pontiac GTO

### Project/Constr./Rat Rod

1<sup>st</sup> Donnie Schwerdtfager  
1929 Ford Tudor Sedan  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Ken Walchock  
1968 VW Buggy  
3<sup>rd</sup>, David Reyes

### Special Interest/Custom

1<sup>st</sup>. Gerald Tashjian  
1955 Ford T-Bird  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Whittaker  
1949 Chevy Sedan Delivery  
3<sup>rd</sup>. Red Ingram  
1960 Pontiac Bonneville

### Pre 48 Truck, SUV

1<sup>st</sup> , Bill Chrissakis  
1948 Chevy 5-Window Pickup  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Ruby Hickman

### 1935 Ford Pick Up

3<sup>rd</sup>, Bill Heisey  
1937 Dodge Pick Up

### 49-58 Truck, SUV

1<sup>st</sup>, Rick Jones  
1958 Chevy Brookwood  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Frank Villasenor  
1949 Dodge Power Wagon  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Eddie Barrett  
1955 Chevy 3100 Series P/U

### 59 and up Truck, SUV

1<sup>st</sup>, Alicia Price  
1973 Chevrolet C-10  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeff Barrett  
1975 Chevy C-10  
3<sup>rd</sup>, John Sheehan  
1968 Chevy C-10

### Motorcycle

1<sup>st</sup>, Don Black  
2017 Custom  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Donnie Schwerdtfager  
2010 Harley Fat Boy Lo  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Tim Gregory  
1990 Harley Ultra Glide

## 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Jordan Miller  
Roger Miller Insurance Agency

**1st Vice President:** Les Clark III  
Westside Recreation & Park District

**2nd Vice President:** Rodney Wikoff  
West Hills Church of the Nazarene

**Treasurer:** Bart Hill  
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Retired RN

**Jon Atherly**  
Westside Furniture

**Devinder Bains**  
Taft Chevrolet—Buick

**Bo Bravo**  
Chevron

**Felix Bravo**  
Pizza Factory

**Glenn Black**  
Black/Hall Construction

**Emmanuel Campos**  
Monarch Fleet Services

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Taft College

**Mary Ann Hagstrom**  
Taft ARC

**Bob Hampton**  
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**Deanna Jacobs**  
Every Penny Counts

**Kathy Johnson**  
Taft Community Garden

**Sandy Koenig**  
Westside Community Resource Center

**Jamie Little**  
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**Yvette Mayfield**  
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**Heather Mueller**  
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**Kevin Patel**  
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Asian Experience

**Harry Starkey**  
West Kern Water District

**Jerry Starr**  
West Side Health Care District

**Adele Ward**  
Taft City School District

**Tommy White**  
Taft Union High School

## 2018-2019 Taft Chamber Directory

The Taft Chamber is accepting advertisements to be included in the 2018-2019 Taft Chamber Membership Guide and Business Directory. This visitors guide is placed in our office as well as in local hotels and motels, restaurants, and retail establishments. Additionally, copies are available at Taft City Hall, Westside Community Resource Center, Taft College, Taft City Schools, Kern County Board of Trade, and other entities around the area with visitors and residents who benefit from the use of the guide.

For additional information on being included in this year's guide, please give us a call at 661-765-2165 or stop by our office at 400 Kern Street.

### First Friday Cruise Night!

On the First Friday of every month, bring your car and your family and come cruise on Center Street. From 6-10pm, stop by local businesses, cruise the street and enjoy downtown Taft! Next one is Friday, June 1!



### Taft Candidate Forum Recap

Thank you to the community and the candidates for attending the Taft Candidate Forum on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Special thank you to OT Cookhouse for opening your doors, setting up the event, and providing food for those attending.

The June 5 Primary is coming up and our voters were given an opportunity to hear from the candidates themselves prior to the election. Just like every election, this is an important one so be sure to get out there on June 5th and cast your ballot.



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Taft District Chamber of Commerce presents:

VENDOR FORM

# TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

4:00pm-10:00pm

**FOOD VENDORS CRAFT VENDORS**

**BOUNCE HOUSES BEER GARDEN**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**FIREWORKS SHOW 9PM VIP SEATING**

**Rails to Trails, Taft**

Name of Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Items Sold: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Vendor? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (If yes, must provide copy of permit) **Fee: \$50 per space**

Make checks 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

Liability Release: The undersigned, desiring to participate in the Taft District Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July event on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 does hereby tender his/her application. In consideration of this application, the undersigned does hereby release the City of Taft, the Taft District Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, other vendors and all respective staff, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability arising from the event. Cancellations must notify the Chamber by June 28 to be eligible for a refund.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- \$50 Vendor space fee is for use of the property for Wednesday, July 4, 2018
- Vendor spaces are 12x12—**Trailer parking is NOT available for this event**
- 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.
- We limit the number of a specific vendor. 1 for a specific brand, 2-3 of same 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. **A copy must be attached.**
- You **must** obtain a City of Taft business license—Call Maudene at 661-763-1222. A copy must be attached.
- You are only allowed to sell the items listed on your application. If there is an 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—please provide your email so you can receive the map.
- Questions? Call 661-765-2165 or [shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com)