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Save the Date

Car, Truck & Bike Show

06.24.17

Taft, Ca



Taft Fireworks Show

07.04.17

Rails to Trails

Chamber Golf Classic

10.14.17

Buena Vista Golf Course



Trout Fishing Derby

11.18.17

Buena Vista Lake Evans

Register online at www.taftchamber.com



MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

READ ACROSS AMERICA



March 2nd is the 113th anniversary of the birthday of Theodore Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. Because his books have led generations of children to discover the enjoyment of reading, on March 2nd, the National Reading Association and Taft

City School District are sponsoring a celebration of reading we call **Read Across America**. Our goal is to have every child reading with a caring adult for at least 30 minutes that day.

Just 15-30 minutes of your time will mean so much to a classroom full of students and you will be surprised by what it will mean to you as well.



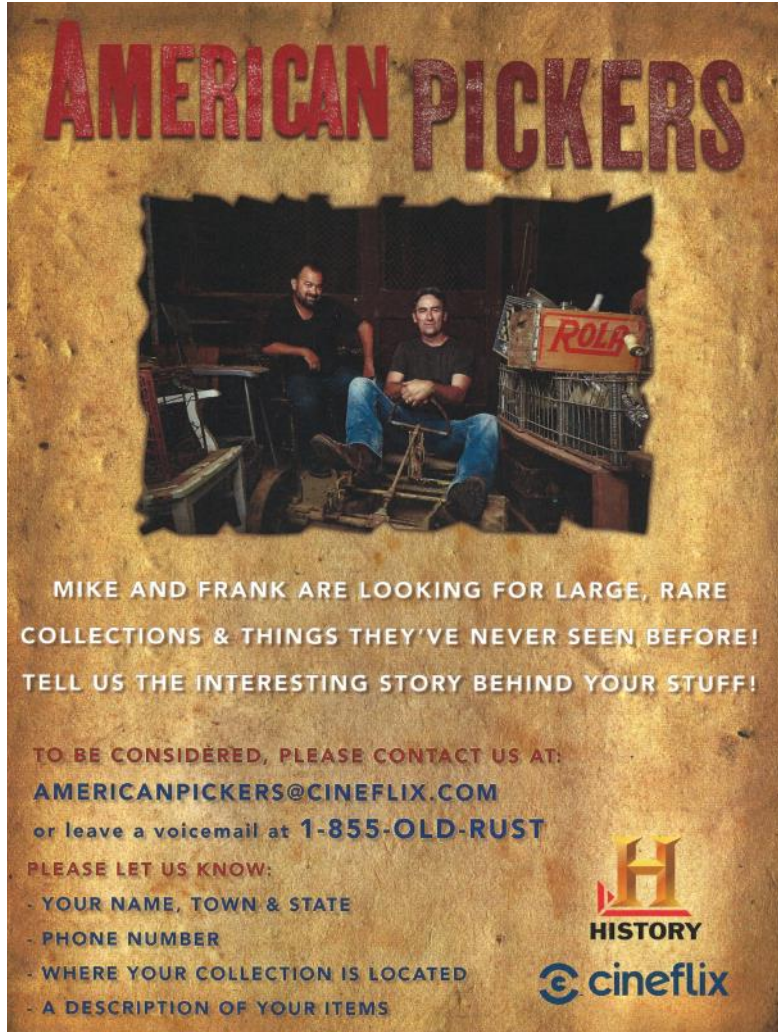
JOB FEST SERIES COMING TO TAFT

The Kern County Department of Human Services is pleased to announce the **2017 Job Fest Series**, bringing employment opportunities to every region of Kern County. With Kern County's overall unemployment rate at 10.3% the **JobFest** series is just one way DHS is working to improve the lives of children and families in Kern County.

Taft JobFest take place on **Thursday, April 13th** from 9:00 a.m.—Noon at the Historic Fort, 915 N. 10th Street, Taft. Taft's unemployment rate is **6.4%**

Employers with current job openings are invited to participate at no cost. Contact Shanda Evett at (661) 635-2637 to receive an Employer Participation Commitment Form for your local job fair.

Job seekers should come to **JobFest** dressed for success with at least 20 copies of their resume or Master Application. Job leads and resume assistance are available everyday to the public at all of our DHS locations. Visit www.KCDHS.org for location information and follow us on Facebook at **JobfestKern**.



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- WHERE YOUR COLLECTION IS LOCATED
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ALPHA HOUSE ANNUAL AUCTION & BARBECUE

Saturday March 25, 2017

West Side Recreation Center

500 Cascade Place Taft, Ca

Dinner 5pm and Auction 6pm

Adult Tickets \$12.00

Children Tickets \$5.00

Children under 5 FREE

Dine in or Take out

For more information call: 661-763-4357

2017 Installation & Awards Ceremony

Business Man of the Year



Dave Taylor

Business Woman of the Year



Sherry Bravo

Business of the Year



Route 33 Sandwich Co

Volunteer Award

Joshua Bryant

&

Sharon Hill



Community Service Award



Ron Sousa

Lucia Diaz

Youth Leadership Award



Thank you to the new and returning members for February 2017.

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Banks Pest Control
The Bank Sports Lounge
Campos Tire Service
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Taft Plumbing Co., Inc.
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West Side Cemetery District
West Side Senior Care
Western States Petroleum Association
Westside Christian Ministers Association
Westside Economic Development Co
Westside Furniture

Westside Wreck Hers Season Schedule

FEB 25TH VS VCDD

APRIL 1ST VS MLC

MAY 6TH VS FAULTLINE

JUNE 10TH BLACK N WHITE SCRIMMAGE LUAU

SEPT 16TH AT CCAD

NOV 4TH AT BADFISH

OCTOBER 20-22ND WRECKING BRAWL TOURNAMENT

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4TH ANNUAL SPRING NATURE FESTIVAL
WIND WOLVES PRESERVE
MARCH 11TH & 12TH, 2017

EXHIBITS, FAMILY PROGRAMS, GUIDED HIKES, WILDLIFE VIEWING, TOURS, AND MORE!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
You can partner with The Wildlands Conservancy to make the 4th Annual Spring Nature Festival a success! Please see the reverse side for more details about sponsorship levels.

ACTIVITIES
Bird Watching
Wildflower Walk
Photography
Night Hike
Geology Tour
Wildlife Tracking
Backcountry Tours
Archaeology Tour
Nature Hikes in Spanish
Storytime in Spanish
Reptile Presentation
And MUCH More!

OUR MISSION
To preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth, and to provide programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDED FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

(866) 858-1115
windwolvespreserve@twc-ca.org
website: wildlandsconservancy.org
Wind Wolves Preserve, 15019 Maricopa Hwy, Bakersfield, CA 93311

MARCH 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9am, Sit n' Sip, Sgt. Beilby/Taft PD Kern Co. Water Summit 6pm, Industry Night @ Taft Petroleum Club	2 9am, Down- town Business Committee Meeting @ Black Gold	3 6pm, First Friday Cruise Night on Cen- ter Street	4
5	6	7 6pm, City Council Meeting	8 9am, Sit n' Sip 5pm, Taft Col- lege Board Meeting	9	10	11 Wind Wolves Nature Festival TUHS Taft In- vitational
12 Wind Wolves Nature Festival Daylight Sav- ings Ends	13	14 6:30pm, Taft Relay for Life Wreath Fund- raiser @ The Bank	15 9am, Sit 'n Sip	16 TUHS Oil-Tech Career Day	17 Kern County Economic Sum- mit St. Patrick's Day @ The Bank	18
19	20	21 6pm, City Council Meeting	22 9am, Sit n' Sip 6pm, Rotary Reverse Raffle 6pm, Planning Commission	23	24	25 10am, Little League Parade & Opening Cer- emonies 5pm, Alpha House BBQ
26	27	28	29 9am, Sit n' Sip 4pm, Cham- ber Board mtg.	30 11:45am, TUHS CTEC Ribbon Cutting 5-8pm, March onto Center Street Open House	31	



April 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am, Spring Fair, St Andrew CASA Superhero Run, Riverlakes
2	3 5pm, TUHS Honors Night	4 6pm, City Council Meeting	5 9am, Sit 'n Sip 6pm, Industry Night	6	7 9am, Fund the Fireworks 6pm, First Friday Cruise Night	8
9 SPRING BREAK	10 SPRING BREAK	11 SPRING BREAK	12 SPRING BREAK 5pm, TC Board Mtg	13 SPRING BREAK 9am-12pm, Taft Job Fest	14 SPRING BREAK Good Friday Services	15 SPRING BREAK

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 18, Mixer @ St. Andrew's Church
 April 21, Al Baldock Golf Tournament & WSLV Volunteer Night
 April 22, Taft ARC BBQ & TUHS Hall of Fame
 April 25, Houchin Blood Mobile
 April 26, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
 April 27, State of the City & The Fort / TAPT Wine Tasting
 April 29, TUHS Prom
 May 4, Mixer @ West Side Health Care
 May 5, Fund the Fireworks
 May 6, Soroptomist Garden Tour & West Kern Oil Museum BBQ
 May 11, Mom's Night Out
 May 12—14, True Value 40th Anniversary
 May 20, Taft Relay for Life
 May 31, TUHS Graduation
 June 1, Lincoln & McKittrick Graduation
 June 10, Moron Golf Tournament
 June 20, Houchin Blood Mobile
 June 24, Taft Chamber Car, Truck, & Bike Show
 July 4, Taft Fireworks Show

HELP WANTED!

Company: California Averland Construction
Position: Office Administration / Secretary
Start Date: ASAP
Salary: DOE
Job Overview:
 General Contractor for new Taft College Student Center seeking Administration Secretary. Duties include taking construction meeting minutes, working closely with management team, scheduling meetings, sending out correspondence, prioritizing and following up on action items and will be handling detailed and confidential information.
Contact: Michael
 #626-487-1358

2017 Installation & Awards Ceremony



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2017 Chamber Board of Directors



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ROTARY CLUB OF TAFT REVERSE DRAWING

When: March 22, 2017

Where: Jo's Restaurant

Time: 6:00PM social w/ 7:00PM dinner

Purchase your tickets from any Taft Rotary Club members for this annual reverse raffle. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Every ticket is a winner—87 raffle prizes and 13 cash prizes throughout the drawing. Tickets are \$100 for 2 dinners.

Top cash prizes are \$300, \$500, & \$2,500!

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS MERCHANTS

MARCH ONTO CENTER STREET

Thursday, March 30, 2017

5:00PM—8:00PM

Join the Center Street Merchants for a Open House. Sales, Shopping, and Champagne!

Purchase raffle tickets to win a 2 Night stay at Cambria Pines lodge plus dinner & champagne \$700 value

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

ST. ANDREW'S SPRING MARKET

When: April 1, 2017

Where: 703 5th St.

Time: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

You are invited to have a booth at the St. Andrew's **Spring Market**. Churches, non-profits, and organizations are invited to join us as we create a community market.

Contact: The Rev. Heather Mueller
661-765-2378, heathermaymueller@yahoo.com

LOOKING TO BUY OR SELL YOUR HOME?

If you or someone you know is looking to buy or sell a home, please give us a call.

We are now accepting new clients. Please keep in mind we also service the Bakersfield area. Have a great day!

Karri Christensen
RE eBroker
661-332-6597



WEST SIDE LITTLE LEAGUE UPDATE

We want to inform all Taft Chamber members and community members, the West Side Little League is doing a lot of very cool new things this year, primarily our theme nights - such as 80's Night, Star Wars Night, Volunteer Appreciation Night, and Law Enforcement & Military Appreciation Nights. We think these will only add to our community draw and ties to those folks who live and work in the areas we serve. We're hoping to do special shirts that celebrate the event and acknowledge the event sponsor (if we can find folks to donate approximately \$500 per event). Dressing up for these is highly encouraged! Without further ado, here's what's on tap:

- **Saturday, March 25, 2017** - Opening Day (Parade, Opening Ceremonies, Pictures, etc.)
- **Friday, April 21, 2017** - Volunteer Appreciation Night (celebrating all local volunteers, volunteer groups, etc. during National Volunteer Appreciation Week)
- **Thursday, April 27, 2017** - 80's Night (celebrating big hair, neon colors, and all things 80's!)
- **Friday, April 28, 2017** - Westside Little League Night at TUHS Baseball - No games at our fields, but we're bringing all our folks to TUHS to celebrate our love for our hometown Wildcats and root them on to victory!
- **Thursday, May 4, 2017** - Star Wars Night - May the Fourth Be With You! We celebrate the original Star Wars movie's 40th birthday and all things Sith & Jedi on this fun-filled night!
- **Friday & Saturday, May 5th & 6th, 2017** - MidSeason Classic Weekend - Home Run Derby (May 5th) and MidSeason Classic games (both Minors and Majors Divisions) at 3pm and 6pm. Our own version of the MLB's all star weekend!
- **Friday, May 19, 2017** - Law Enforcement Appreciation Night - We celebrate National Police Officer Week by backing the badge and honoring all of our local LEOs (CHP, Sheriff's Department, and Police) on this night!
- **Friday May 26, 2017** - Military Appreciation Night - As we roll into Memorial Day Weekend, we celebrate vets, active duty, and all things US Military!

We're also in preliminary talks to have a "Casino Night" fundraiser in mid- to late-April (along the lines of what the Lions Club has done in the past). More to come there soon! Thanks and we hope to see you at the ball fields!

Josh Bryant

President, West Side Little League

661-477-3230, President@westsideLL.com

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We would like to congratulate our Chamber member and local restaurant Roots Eatery on their featured article in the Bakersfield Californian. Mike and Debbie Perry have worked extremely hard to build up their successful reputation and Taft could not be more proud to have them a part of our community.



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