



May 2019 Newsletter



400 Kern Street
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**PRE-SHOW CRUISE NIGHT
FRIDAY, MAY 17 ON CENTER ST.**

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May Member Events

Mental Health Awareness Month OPEN HOUSE and RESOURCE FAIR

College Community Services
Thursday, May 2, 2019 9am-1pm

Community Welcome!

Partnered agencies will have booths set up to provide information to our community members and clients. Come out to ask questions, get assistance, and help celebrate

Mental Health Awareness Month!

Food and refreshments provided.

GUEST SPEAKER: ELLEN EGGERT!

For more information or if you would like to be a vendor at the event, contact Shannon Gomez (661)765-7025.

College Community Services 1021 4th Street Suite B Taft Ca 93268

Keep Taft Beautiful

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP!

Saturday May 4, 2019 - 8am-12pm



Please join us in a community wide clean up effort. We will be picking up litter, removing large waste items, and planting trees and flowers.



For Information and Sponsorship Opportunities contact
Chris McGehee @ 330-7114

Meet in front of the Oil Workers Monument at 8:00am

Proseki@taft.com

You're invited to the WEST KERN ADULT EDUCATION ANNUAL MEETING & MIXER

FOR STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
HISTORIC TAFT FORT SMALL AUDITORIUM
915 N 10TH ST. TAFT, CA 93268

9:00 AM - 11 AM

The annual meeting is a unique opportunity for partners and stakeholder to discuss key topics with the WKAEN Board members, director, and staff.

Light breakfast will be provided

RSVP
email: info@wkaen.org
phone: 661-745-4315



Fundraiser

Support a Local Active Military Family

Please come and join us for a BBQ fundraiser in support of

Specialist Luis C. Ruan

C CO, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st SBCT, 1st AD of the United States Army.

Specialist Ruan was recently injured while conducting a training drill for a promotion in rank. Specialist Ruan is currently under the medical care of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. He suffered a traumatic brain injury leaving him in a coma.

Luis joined the military in August 2016 and later deployed for a six-month tour in Afghanistan. Prior to joining the Army Luis attended and graduated from Taft Union High School from 2011-2015. Luis is a car enthusiast and enjoys working on and restoring old cars with his father. In his spare time, you will see Luis watching soccer and spending time with his loving wife and family.

100% of the proceeds will go directly to the family for expenses

Friday May 10, 2019

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ticket Cost \$10.00

Includes: Tri-Tip Sandwich, chips, drink, and a cookie.

Where: Accelerated Environmental Services, Inc. 814 Center St Taft, CA 93268

Pre-sale tickets available now at AES, Inc. or by calling 661.765.4003

Raffle day of event. Do not need to be present to win.

RAFFLE



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Upcoming Chamber Happenings

Taft Fireworks 2019

Fund the FIREWORKS

Friday, May 3, 2019
Friday, June 7, 2019

9am—12pm
4th & Kern Street

MAKE A DONATION ANYTIME AT 400 KERN ST.
YOUR CONTRIBUTION ALLOWS A FREE SHOW TO OUR COMMUNITY

Taft Fireworks Show July 4, 2019

TAFT FIREWORKS

July 4, 2019



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: _____

Fund the Fireworks May 3 and June 7

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Taste to TAFT

Saturday
06.15.19
5th Street Plaza
11:30 am- 2:30 pm

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>9am, Sit n Sip @ WKAEN @ The Fort</p> <p>5pm, Industry Night @ Petroleum Club</p> <p>6pm, Rotary Reverse Drawing @ WSRPD</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7am, Prayer Breakfast @ OT</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am-12pm, Fund the Fireworks</p> <p>6pm, First Friday Cruise Night</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8am-12pm, Taft Community Clean Up, meet @ Monument</p> <p>Class of 1969 Reunion</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12pm, Sororpromist Young Women Lunch</p> <p>6pm, City Council Mtg.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am, Sit n Sip</p> <p>4pm, Planning Commission Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am-4pm, Pioneer Days @ West Kern Oil Museum</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6pm, TUHS Oil Tech Dinner @ WSRPD</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am, Sit n Sip</p> <p>5-8pm, TC Welding Open House</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7am-3pm, Car Show @ Rails to Trails</p> <p>Love Your Neighborhood Event</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6pm, City Council Mtg.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am, Sit n Sip</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Taft JobFest @ Fort</p>	<p>24</p> <p>TC Scholarship Lunch</p> <p>TC Graduation</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am, Sit n Sip</p> <p>4pm, Chamber Board Mtg.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Elk Hills Last Day</p>	<p>31</p> <p>McKittrick Last Day</p>	

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2019

- 4, City Council Meeting
- 5, TUHS Graduation & Planning Commission Meeting
- 6, Lincoln Graduation
- 7, Fund the Fireworks & Downtown Taft Cruise Night
- 8, Moron Golf Tournament
- 15, Taste of Taft
- 18, City Council Meeting
- 25, Houchin Blood Mobile
- 26, Taft Chamber Board Meeting

July 2019

- 2, City Council Meeting
- 3, Planning Commission Meeting

4, Taft Fireworks Show

5, Downtown Taft Cruise Night

16, City Council Meeting

18, Coffee with a Cop

August 2019

- Back to School
- 20, Houchin Blood Mobile
- 28, Taft Chamber Board Meeting

September 2019

- 25, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
- 26, Fort Okie Dinner
- 28, Taft Chamber Golf Tournament

October 2019

- 12, Taft Chamber Gala
- 15, Houchin Blood Mobile
- 23, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
- 24, Fort Oktoberfest
- 31, Halloween Happenings

November 2019

- 20, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
- 23, Taft Chamber Trout Derby

December 2019

- 5, Fort Gift Show
- 6, Photos with Santa
- 9, Taft Christmas Parade
- 10, Houchin Blood Mobile



Join us for The National Day of Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 7:00a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

OT Cookhouse—205 South 10th Street

RSVP—Rodney Wicoff -661-623-1977 rev@taftwesthills.com

Scott Pearson—661-599-6000

If you have a prayer request and cannot attend Email your prayer requests to rev@taftwesthills.com



Chamber Member Events



West Kern Oil Museum Pioneer Days

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Free Admission

Gas Engines Blacksmith Shop
Plant Sale Model Railroad Displays Quilting and More

Barbecue: Tri-tip & Chicken, Salad, Beans, Rolls
Free Beverages

BBQ: Adults - \$15 Children 10 years & under - \$10
Serving begins at 11:30 am

Bring Mom to celebrate Mother's Day weekend!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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TAFT COLLEGE

AWS OPEN HOUSE

FOOD &
ACTIVITIES

MAY 15TH 5-8PM

809 BLACK GOLD
COURT TAFT CA
93268

**\$1000 in
Raffle &
Contest
Prizes**



WELDING

To RSVP or for more information, contact Julie at
jrothgeb@taftcollege.edu



American Welding Society

**FOR THOSE WITH WELDING
EXPERIENCE WE WILL BE HAVING
CONTEST & PRIZES AWARDED.**

American Welding Society (AWS) - Kern Section 170

Advancing the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes worldwide. Count on AWS for the leading-edge industry knowledge resources and tools you need to achieve even greater business and career success.



West Kern Adult Education WORKFORCE TRAININGS

MONTH	PROGRAM	LENGTH	TRAINING TIME	ORIENTATION
MARCH	Welders Helper	Two weeks M, T, W, TH, F March 25 - April 5	8:00 am - 2:30 pm	Tuesday 3/12 or Thursday 3/14
APRIL	Industrial Safety	One week M, T, W, Th, F, S April 8 - April 12	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Tuesday 3/12 or Thursday 3/14
	Forklift	One day Saturday April 13	8:00 am - 2:30 pm	Tuesday 3/12 or Thursday 3/14
	Office Skills	Two weeks M, T, W, TH April 1 - April 11	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday 3/21 or Tuesday 3/26
MAY	ServSafe Food Handler	One Week M, T, W, Th May 6 - May 10	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Tuesday 4/16 or Thursday 4/18
	CPR	One day Friday May 10	8:00 am - 2:00 pm	Tuesday 4/16 or Thursday 4/18
JUNE	Forklift	One day Saturday June 8	8:00 am - 2:30 pm	Tuesday 5/21 or Thursday 5/23
	Security Guard	Two weeks M, T, W, TH June 10 - June 20	8:00 am - 2:30 pm	Tuesday 5/21 or Thursday 5/23
	Home Care Aide	Two weeks M, T, W, TH June 10 - June 20	8:00 am - 2:30 pm	Tuesday 5/21 or Thursday 5/23



ORIENTATIONS
all orientations are held at the
TAFT HISTORIC FORT
915 N 10th St, Taft, CA 93268
from 3 PM - 5 PM

TO SIGN-UP CALL
661-745-43615

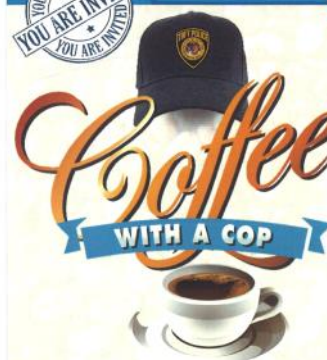


Orientations dates are subject to change, contact the WKAEN office to confirm orientation

COMMUNITY, CONVERSATION, COFFEE & COPS

Please Join Us!

Thursday
July 18, 2019
8:00 A.M.



Chevron Gas Station
100 Kern Street
Taft, Ca 93268

661-765-6755

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

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Tommy White
Taft Union High School



11th annual RAILS to TRAILS CAR TRUCK & BIKE SHOW
Saturday, May 18, 2019

7am-9am—Registration
(Supply Row & Main Street, Taft)

Judging 10am / Awards 2pm
Bike Path, 1/2 Stage at Main & 6th, Taft

Pre-Register \$25, Day of Event \$30
Pre-registration includes T-Shirt & Goodie Bag (by May 10)

Pre-Party Cruise Night
Food, shopping & Cruisin' Center Street
Friday, May 17, 2019 on Center Street

SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ S - M - L - XL - XXL (Pre-Register ONLY)

Car Club Affiliation: _____ # Entries in this show: _____

_____, Yes, I would like to sponsor an award class! Category: _____
\$50 FOR YOUR NAME ON 3 PLAQUES

Register online or mail entry with payment to:
Taft Chamber of Commerce
400 Kern Street
Taft, CA 93268
(661)765-2165 phone (661)765-6639 fax
www.taftchamber.com



CATEGORIES

- A _____ Pre 48 Open
- B _____ Pre 48 Closed
- C _____ Pre 48 Truck / SUV
- D _____ 48-73 Stock
- E _____ 48-73 Modified
- F _____ 49-58 Truck, SUV
- G _____ 59+ Truck, SUV
- H _____ Foreign/European
- I _____ Mustangs
- J _____ Muscle Car
- K _____ Project/Construction/Rat Rod
- L _____ Special Interest/Custom/Survivor
- M _____ 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. Vendors will be set up at the intersection at Main Street & 6th Street. Vehicles may park on either side of the trail after the numbered vendors spaces.
4. For safety reasons, all umbrellas or pop-ups **MUST** have bags or weights or they will be required to be taken down.
5. 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.
6. Stage and awards will be presented at the stage at Main Street and 6th Street at **2pm**.
7. Judging and awards 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 Friday, May 10 to be guaranteed a goodie bag & t-shirt.

Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

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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