



September 2017 Newsletter



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Our Platinum Sponsors



Our Gold Sponsors



Whether you are a foodie, golfer, angler, or just looking to get out of the house, your Taft Chamber has a wide variety of event planned for the last part of the 2017. These events are well-organized to bring unique experiences to Taft.

Highlights of the New Events:

Taste of Taft—Saturday, October 7 on Center Street from 11:30am-2:30pm. Come enjoy samples from some of Taft's finest restaurants, \$1 per ticket/sample

Gala-Ween—Saturday, October 28 at City of Taft Transit Event Center from 7pm-midnight. Chamber's Halloween Party - Dress in costume and enjoy music, dancing, drinks, and dinner, \$10-25/ticket

Elf Olympics—Saturday, December 16 at the Rails to Trails from 9:30am - 4pm. Santa Fun Run, Costume Contest, Ornament Toss, Vendors, Corn Hole Tournament, and Music, Free to attend, Signs up for tournament available

Chamber Favorite:

Golf Classic—Saturday, October 14 at Buena Vista Golf Course, 7am. Teams are filling up for this popular tournament great for networking and relaxing.

Favorite Family Events:

Trout Fishing Derby—Saturday, November 18 at Buena Vista Lake Evans, 6am-2pm, Register to participate at Bob's Bait Bucket, Cope's Tackle & Rod, and Taft Chamber, \$10 children / \$20 adults

Taft Christmas Parade—Monday, December 4 on Center Street, 6pm. The ever popular Christmas parade returns on the 1st Monday of December. Parade theme and Grand Marshall will be announced the end of September.

"Give us your best shot"

from Carrizo Plain National Monument

1st Annual Photo Contest showcasing Carrizo's best.

Submit YOUR photos by September 15, 2017 via blm_ca_carrizo@blm.gov. Visit us at Carrizo.org.



MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



ATTENTION Parents!

Your child is invited to participate in Awana.

Held Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

First Baptist Church (220 North Street)

AWANAS is a free program and every child is invited.

3yrs. To Pre-K - Cubbies **must be potty trained

K- 2nd grade - Sparks

3rd - 6th grade - TNT



Alpha House Fundraiser

Hodel's Cinnamon Rolls

Thursday, September 21, 2017 -

6:00am to 10:00am

at the Calvary Temple Church, 630 Kern St. Taft

\$10.00 a pan (for tickets call 661-763-4357)



West Kern Oil Museum Annual Yard Sale

1050 Wood Street, Taft

Friday, September 15

Saturday, September 16

RELAY FOR LIFE OVERNIGHT TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

CHECK IN 7:15PM

STARTS 8PM

ENDS 5AM

\$300 PER TEAM

LOCATION

**FRANKLIN FIELD COMPLEX
FINK & OLIVER FIELDS**



AGES 16 +

**COME SWING AN ALL-NIGHTER
TO RAISE MONEY FOR
RELAY FOR LIFE!**

**REGISTER IN PERSON OR BY PHONE AT
WEST SIDE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
500 CASCADE PLACE, TAFT
661-763-4246 661-765-6677**



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Taft College LARGEST Gift Received

\$1.6 million-dollar bequest from 1942 Taft College Alum Harry Wilson



Taft College has lost a true friend and community role model. Harry Wilson believed in furthering education for everyone interested in making an honest living. He believed in strengthening our education programs, and most of all, he believed that Taft College was more than a school, but rather an institutional for making a positive change within our community. “Both Harry Wilson and his Aunt Opal Smith were like family to Taft College. They were the kind of people who knew what you needed even before you did. Their selflessness and generosity gave more than financial aid to the College; it gave us motivation to be the best people and give the best education possible. This gift will further cement their name and spirit within our community,” Mr. Billy White, President WKCCD Board of Trustees.

Harry was born in Taft, CA on December 13, 1921 and passed away in Bakersfield, CA on September 10, 2016. He was a member of the U.S. Army and served during WWII from February 17, 1945 to November 4, 1946. His second tour of duty was served during the Korean Conflict from September 18, 1950 to April 11, 1952 when he was honorably discharged from military service. He retired from ARCO after 30 years of employment. Harry enjoyed traveling, reading, and truly cared for others. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Beulah Wilson and his loving Uncle Bill and Aunt Opal Smith.

“Character mattered to Harry. It didn’t matter where you came from, who you know, or what you had. What mattered to him is what you said and what you did. I had the pleasure of introducing him to our new President, Dr. Deb Daniels a few days before he passed. He looked at me and said, ‘she seems like a good President.’ I wish we would have had more time. It will be an honor to always say his name now in reference to the development of Taft College,” Sheri Horn-Bunk, Executive Director, Taft College Foundation.

Harry lived much of his life in Taft and moved back in the 90’s to assist with his beloved Aunt Opal. In 2013, upon Opal’s passing, Harry Wilson donated \$104,000 in honor of her 104th birthday, with grants going to the Library, Phi Theta Kappa club, and the School of Dental Hygiene. It is with great honor that upon Harry’s passing, Taft College receives his \$1.6 million bequest, which will serve as aid for program and student support services, along with starting the Opal Smith and Harry Wilson Endowment for Taft College.

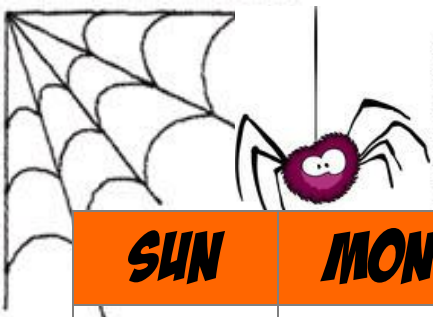
The vision of Harry Wilson will forever be memorialized at Taft College.





SEPTEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 6pm-10pm Cruise Night	2
3	4 LABOR DAY	5 6pm, City Council Meeting	6 9am, Sit n' Sip, Transit Center 6pm, Planning Commission Industry Night	7	8	9 10am, Habitat for Humanity Informational Session @ Chamber
10	11 	12	13 9am, Sit n' Sip 6pm, Taft College Board Meeting	14 5pm, Hispanic Businesses Mixer, West Kern Adult Education @ Fort	15 West Kern Oil Museum Yard Sale (Fri/Sat) 5:30pm, Habitat for Humanity	16 - Yard Sale 7-11am, Rotary Biscuits & Gra- vy @TUHS 5pm, ARC Festi- Fall Event Relay for Life All Night Softball Tournament
17	18	19 6pm, City Council Meeting	20 9am, Sit n' Sip 4pm, Chamber Board 4pm, Together We Can @ Fort Kern County Fair (to 10/01)	21 6am-10am Alpha House Hodel's Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser	22	23
24 <hr/> Oct 1 Kern County Fair Ends	25	26	27 Sit n' Sip	28 5:30pm, The Fort Okie Dinner	29	30



OCTOBER 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 CHAMBER CLOSED	3 CHAMBER CLOSED 6pm, City Council Meeting	4 NO Sit n' Sip CHAMBER CLOSED	5 5pm, Mixer @ United Security Bank	6 6-10pm, First Friday Cruise Night	7 11:30am- 2:30pm, Taste of Taft, Center Street
8	9	10 12pm-6pm Houchin Blood Mobile @ Chamber	11 9am, Sit n' Sip	12	13	14 6am, Chamber Golf 10am, Habitat for Humanity
15	16	17 6pm, City Council Meeting	18 9am, Sit n' Sip 6pm, Planning Commission	19 5:30pm, Cougar Cookout @ Taft College	20 5:30pm, Habitat for Humanity	21 West Kern Oil Museum Pioneer Days



September 14—Chamber Mixer
September 15-16—West Kern Oil
Museum Yard Sale
September 16—Rotary Biscuits &
Gravy, Arc Festi-Fall, & Relay for
Life All-Night Softball Tournament
September 21—Alpha House
Hodel's Fundraiser

October 10—Houchin Blood Mobile
October 14—Chamber Golf Tournament
October 28—Gala-Ween
November 2—Fort Fall BBQ
November 16—Downtown Open House
November 17-18—West Side Recreation Holiday Fair
November 18—Chamber Trout Derby
December 1—Photos with Santa & Cruise Night
December 4—Taft Christmas Parade
December 5—Houchin Blood Mobile
December 7—TC Book Open House & Fort Gift Show
December 9—Soroptomist Home Tour
December 16—Chamber Elf
Olympics, featuring Santa Fun Run, Ornament Toss,
Corn-Hole Tournament, Vendors & more



The 8th Annual
Cougar Alumni & Friends

COUGAR COOKOUT

10.19.17
5:30 - 8:00pm - Taft College Quad
Catering by Flaco's Tacos

**Call For Tickets
661-763-7900**
Purchase Tickets at the Taft College Student
Services Cashier or the Taft College Bookstore
\$30 / \$20 Students & Faculty with ID.
Complimentary tickets for Veterans (2 per Veteran).



**Veterans
Eat For
FREE!!**
Must Present Valid Id.

With Special Recognition of our 2017 Taft College
Foundation Community Spirit Award to Ray and
Lodema Hatch!!

Drinks ★ Food ★ Live Music
Live music from the The Nightlife Band - Dancing!!!

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Rotary Club of Taft presents a

Biscuits & Gravy Youth Fundraiser

Saturday, September 16, 2017

7am to 11am

Taft High Cafeteria
701 Wildcat Way

Includes:

- 2 Biscuits with Gravy
- 2 Sausage Links
- Juice or Milk
- Coffee

Ticket Cost is \$5.00

All proceeds will benefit the West Side Recreation and Parks District **AND** Local Youth Groups! Contact any Rotarian or stop by State Farm Insurance at 526 Center St. to pick up tickets

Rotary
Club of Taft



The ARC-Taft Presents

Festi-Fall

September 16, 2017

Taft Moose Lodge

Doors Open at 5pm

Multiple Vendors
at one Location

Dinner will be Sold!!

Cruise Drawing for
Two tickets sold here

Raffle Prize
Tickets

Questions Call (661) 623-1911

Or Call The ARC (661) 763-1532



CHEVRON FUEL YOUR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATION, TEACHERS—APPLY TODAY!

Throughout the month of October, \$1 will be donated, up to \$300,000, when consumers purchase 8 or more gallons of fuel at participating local Chevron and Texaco stations in Kern County to help fund eligible classroom projects on DonorsChoose.org.

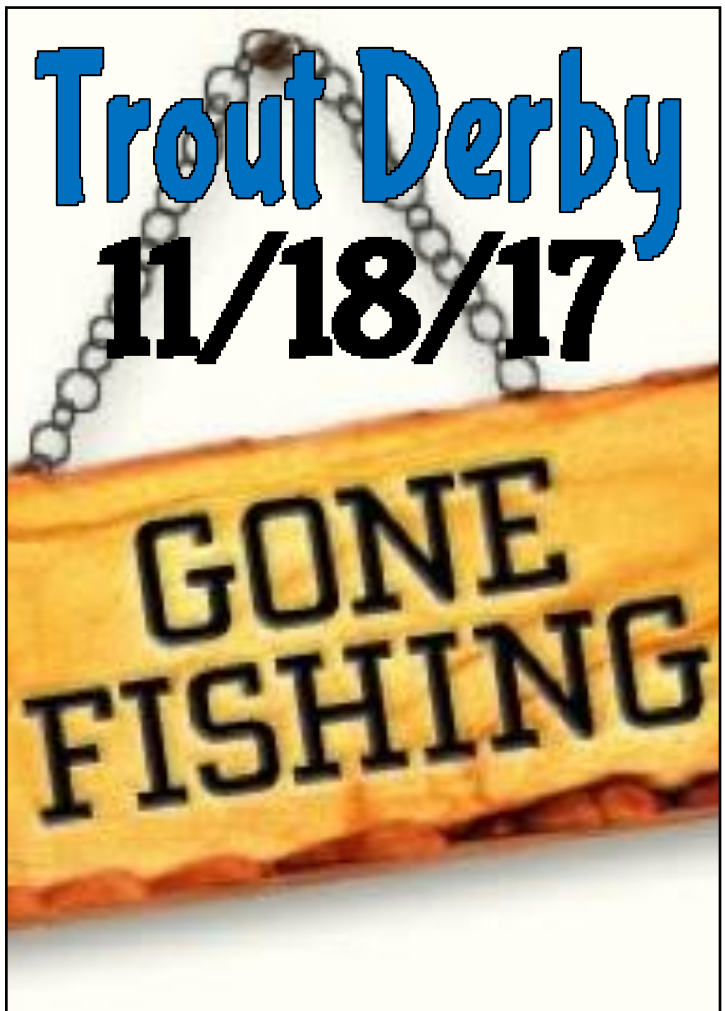
Educators are encourage to apply for the funding. The Westside of Kern County has not taken full advantage of this program in the past few years. Chevron is looking to give funds to help enhance the classroom experience for your students. Registration is quick and easy! The impact on the students is huge! You can even track the progress of funded projects in our county at www.FuelYourSchool.com.

Effective education, including science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), can foster bright young talent for the future workforce. Chevron's Fuel Your School helps fund eligible classroom projects, including STEM projects and Student Life Essential Projects, which may include warm clothing, personal hygiene products and food, and Student-led Projects, which allow middle and high school students to collaborate with teachers and have an active role in developing and submitting classroom project requests.

Through this program, we can help teachers and students in Kern County get the supplies they need for their classrooms. Please take advantage of this great opportunity and help us spread the word about the Fuel Your School program. Visit www.FuelYourSchool.com to learn more. To date, Chevron's Fuel Your School program has helped fund 1,499 classroom projects at more than 130 schools in Kern County. Since its inception in 2010, Fuel Your School has helped fund 39,496 classroom projects at 5,134 schools in the U.S.



Taft Chamber Upcoming Events



2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Adele Ward
Taft City School District

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

Healing My Reality
Holland Inn & Suites



McCarthy Announces September Staff Mobile Offices in 23rd District Communities

Congressman Kevin McCarthy has announced September staff mobile offices in communities across the 23rd Congressional District.

A staff member from McCarthy's office hosts each mobile office held throughout California's 23rd Congressional District. This time provides an opportunity for constituents in the local community to conveniently visit and share concerns on important issues, current events and discuss casework matters regarding problems with federal government agencies. McCarthy's field representatives will meet with constituents at each location.

For more information, please contact McCarthy's district office at (661) 327-3611.

Porterville Mobile Office

Friday, September 1, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
Centennial Plaza Conference Room, 2nd
Floor, 15 E. Putnam, Porterville, CA 93257

Ridgecrest Mobile Office

Tuesday, September 12, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
Ridgecrest City Hall, City Clerk's Office;
100 W. California Avenue, Second Floor

Taft Mobile Office

Wednesday, September 13, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
Taft Chamber of Commerce; 400 Kern
Street, Taft, CA 93268

Frazier Park Mobile Office

Thursday, September 14, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
Mountain Communities Family Resources
Center, 3015 Mount Pinos Way, Frazier Park

Pine Mountain Club Mobile Office

Thursday, September 14, 2017; 11:30 a.m.
Pine Mountain Club Property Owners Asso-
ciation Club House, Pool Pavilion, 2524 Bee-
chwood Way, Pine Mountain Club, CA

Tehachapi Mobile Office

Tuesday, September 19; 10:00 a.m.
Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce, 209 E.
Tehachapi Boulevard, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Springville Mobile Office

Wednesday, September 20, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
Springville Veterans Memorial Building,
35944 California Highway 190, Springville,
CA 93265

Three Rivers Mobile Office

Wednesday, September 20; Time /Location is
to be determined.

California City Mobile Office

Thursday, September 21, 2017; 9:00 a.m.
California City Chamber of Commerce, 8001
California City Blvd., California City, CA
93505

Lancaster Mobile Office

Tuesday, September 26, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, 554 W.
Lancaster Boulevard, Lancaster, CA 93534

Rosamond Mobile Office

Tuesday, September 26, 2017; 1:30 p.m.
Rosamond Community Services Center, 3179
35th Street West, Rosamond, CA 93560

Mojave Mobile Office

Thursday, September 28, 2017; 10:00 a.m.
Mojave Air and Space Port Meeting Room,
1424 Flightline Street, Mojave, CA 93501

400 Kern Street
Taft, CA 93268
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Director of Operations: Shannon Jones
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Membership Coordinator: Maddison Rubadeau
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YES! I want to participate in the Taft Chamber of Commerce 14th Annual Golf Classic on **Saturday, October 14, 2017** at Buena Vista Golf Course.

Company/Name: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SPONSORSHIPS & TEAM REGISTRATION

Sponsorships include recognition of business through banners, program, entry form, and day of recognition. Early commitments will receive recognition on the official event registration form.

_____	Raffle Sponsor	\$3,000
_____	Food Sponsor	Lunch for players
_____	Cart Sponsor	\$2,000
_____	Goodie Bag Sponsor	\$2,000
_____	Closest to the Hole Sponsor	\$800
	<i>(includes signs at all par 3's)</i>	
_____	Hole in One Sponsor	\$750 per hole
	<i>(4 available—hole #2, 6, 13, 17)</i>	
_____	Long Drive Sponsor	\$600
	<i>(includes signs on tee boxes at hole 7)</i>	
_____	Hole Sponsor <i>(18 available)</i>	\$250
_____	Team Entry of 4 Players	\$500
	<i>(fill out golfer registration form on back)</i>	

Amount Enclosed: _____

All signs will include your company logo and contact information. Please send your company logos to: taftchamber@gmail.com or call 661-765-2165 for assistance.

Mail completed form with payment to:
Taft District Chamber of Commerce
400 Kern Street
Taft, CA 93268

Taft District Chamber of Commerce
14th Annual Golf Classic
 Saturday, October 14, 2017
 Buena Vista Golf Course, Taft, CA



6:00am
 Registration

7:00am
 Shotgun Start

Entry fee:
 \$500 per team

Registration includes green fees, cart fees,
 drinks, goody bag, lunch, and participation in
 the putting contest

Play format:
 4 Person Team
 (form your own team)
 Scramble Format

**Lunch and raffle following event to be held
 at the Clubhouse**

Register online or find additional information
 at www.taftchamber.com.
 No pro participation.

PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS

Top Gross & Net Teams win!

1st Place Gross \$1,600
1st Place Net \$1,600
2nd Place Net \$1,400
3rd Place Net \$1,200
4th Place Net \$1,000

Hole-In-One @ Par 3's (Hole #2, 6, 13, 17)

\$20,000 Cash
plus Bonus Prizes

Closest to the Hole

\$200 Cash on each par 3

Long Drive

\$150 Cash on 7th hole tees

Putting Contest

\$200 Cash

Golfer Registration

Player #1: _____	Player #2: _____	Player #3: _____	Player #4: _____
SCGA Handicap: _____	SCGA Handicap: _____	SCGA Handicap: _____	SCGA Handicap: _____
Age 65+ Y/N	Age 65+ Y/N	Age 65+ Y/N	Age 65+ Y/N
Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____
City, State Zip: _____	City, State Zip: _____	City, State Zip: _____	City, State Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____	Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____	Email: _____	Email: _____

Looking to buy a home?

Habitat for Humanity is here to help!

- Do you live in substandard housing?
- Do you live in overcrowded conditions?
- Are you spending most of your paycheck on rent?

Habitat for Humanity helps qualified individuals and families build and own their own homes.

Habitat is now accepting applications for new Homeowner Partners!



Homeowner Information Sessions offered

400 E. Kern St. Taft, CA 93268

SEPTEMBER

9/9 | 10-11am
9/15 | 5:30-6:30pm

OCTOBER

10/14 @ 10-11am
10/20 @ 5:30-6:30pm

NOVEMBER

11/04 @ 10-11am
11/17 @ 5:30-6:30pm

DECEMBER

12/9 @ 10-11am
12/15 @ 5:30-6:30pm

New home construction now available:

613 San Emidio St. | 3bd/2bth

233 Calvin St. | 3bd/2bth





Taft Chamber Presents
Elf Olympics



December, 16 2017

on the **Rails to Trails**

SIGN -UP TODAY!
at
www.taftchamber.com
For more info. Call
(661) 765-2165

SANTA RUN



10:00am

11:00am **COSTUME CONTEST**

Corn Hole Tournament



11:30am

All day **CRAFT FAIR**

Ornament Toss



12:00pm

All day **LIVE BAND/BEER GARDEN**