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State of the City Luncheon

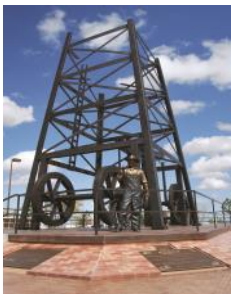


**Thursday,
April 14
@ OT
Cookhouse**



Your Taft Chamber, in conjunction with Taft Kiwanis, hosted the Annual State of the City Luncheon. Mayor Randy Miller, City Manager Craig Jones, Chief of Police Ed Whiting, Taft Union High School Superintendent Blanca Cavazos, and West Side Health Care CEO Jerry Starr updated the group

of over 100 attendees on the status of our City and organizations as well as projections for the future.



Executive Directions

By: Dr. Kathy Orrin,
Executive Director



You may not *feel* like discussing it, but it is election time again. Oh, I know, we all get that there is a national election coming up. The presidential would-be candidates have been entertaining and irritating us for so long, we may have forgotten there is a *race*, rather than a *war* being waged, and it will eventually end, rather than become the fabric of our lives. I know it is tough to stay focused; we already are fatigued.

Locally, however, there are some less-known, but nevertheless important, small skirmishes taking place. For this discussion, I would direct you to the County of Kern Elections Division website which is about two miles long with a lot of slashes, dots, and abbreviations. Just go to the elections division for the county and you can navigate your way to more information that you thought possible.

For instance, there are 39 qualified candidates for President of the United States on our Kern County list for the Consolidated Presidential Primary. Now I am not so concerned about informing you about this as I am wanting you to direct your attention to the other areas for which you will need to make a decision: the 34th District Assembly seat (now occupied by Assembly Member Shannon Grove who will “term out”), the 23rd Congressional District (currently occupied by US Representative Kevin McCarthy), Superior Court Office #20 (Judge Michael Lewis is retiring), and Kern County 4th District Supervisor (currently held by David Couch). These elections are critical to the stability of our “neck of the woods” in Kern County. The West Side cannot afford to be ill-informed or worse, absent, at the polls. Often elections are not taken seriously because all of the people running are from “over there” - Bakersfield, Sacramento, Washington, D.C. Small towns often have better voter turn-outs when there is a Special District (e.g., water district, health care district) or school board election. Folks perceive those elections as having more personal relevance to them; so they generally get more involved. The irony is, however, that the farther from home an election reaches, as in the case of the county, the state, or the national (federal) level, the more far-reaching the impact. We citizens must be involved in every level of our government, particularly when selecting who will represent us.

Now, as much as I would love to tell you for whom you should vote, the By-Laws of the Chamber forbid me from doing that. I can tell you between whom you will be making a choice. So here goes:

U.S Congress 23rd Congressional District	State of California 34th District Assembly	Kern County Superior Court Office— Judge #20	Kern County 4th District Supervisor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kevin McCarthy (Incumbent, Rep)• Ken Mettler (Rep)• Wendy Reed (Dem)• Gerald Morris (Dropped out of the race)	<p>(Shannon Grove is Termed Out)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vince Fong (Rep)• Perrin Swanlund (Dem)• Ernie Gollehon (Rep)• Michael Garcia Biglay (Rep)	<p>(Michael Lewis is retiring)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steven Shayer• David Wolf	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Couch (Incumbent)• Robert Owen

The Chamber Board is in discussion about the possibility of presenting a Candidate Forum. We offer this service for most general elections, but rarely during the primaries. I will keep you informed about the availability of candidates to make this event a reality. The timing is tricky since absentee ballots will begin appearing in our mailboxes around May 9th, and many folks take advantage of the absentee voter convenience. We will keep you posted about the Forum.

Meanwhile, do not forget to vote!! Our voting rights are what separate us from most of the other parts of the world.

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



Wine and 9

Buena Vista Golf Course

May 7th @ 5pm

2 Person Scramble

Wine, food, golf, games, and a good time

Call 661-398-9720



Your Supervisor David Couch wants you to know about some of the projects we are working on in your community.

We are scheduled to do some concrete work in late May to fix a drainage problem on E Street in Taft Heights. We will fix the problem with some new curb, gutter and a new drainage box. We did a demolition and cleaned the exterior of trash, junk, debris and other items at 305 Tyler Street in Ford City.

We hope to clean up 503 3rd Street by the end of June.

We are continuing to work on abating code compliance violations at 223 B Street and 27951 Hwy. 119. The owner of 223 B Street is working with us. The other property on Hwy. 119 may require the county to clean it up.

Violations have been abated at 700 Fillmore Street and 301 Harrison Street in Ford City.

There are some problems at 507 Monroe Street in Ford City involving operation of a business without approval as well as not having complied with a permitting process for the garage. Owner is making Process.

Victory Square

The case at 388 Adams Street is now closed. The new property owner has hired a company that completed an engineering report which was approved by County Building. Problems centered on dilapidation, deterioration, decay, portions of the building/structure being wracked, buckled or settled, and an accumulation of trash, junk and debris.

420 Adams Street will be required to make cosmetic and structural repairs to maintain the stability of the building. This work is pursuant to an approved engineering report. The property has been cleaned of trash, debris, and weeds.

306 and 312 Madison Street have been abated by the County of trash, junk, debris, and weeds.

355 Adams Street has been a long ordeal with the property changing owners the past three years. The property owner's engineer has revised plans reflecting a different methodology to bring all 12 apartment units up to level. Construction is to start in a couple of months. Remaining code violations will be corrected after the majority of the structural repairs have been made. Please contact our office if you do not see any significant progress on repairs by the end of June. I will be retired by then. It is important for you to be our eyes and ears at that time.

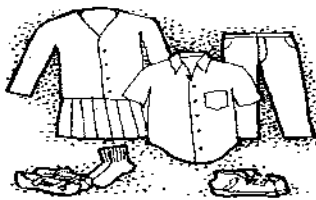
Mark C. Salvaggio

PHONE: 661-868-3680

The Taft United Methodist Church is trying to spread the word and let the community know that there is a **FREE** clothing give-a-way every 3rd Saturday of the month.

"Freely Given"

Clothing Giveaway



Taft United Methodist Church
630 North St.

Every 3rd Saturday of the month
from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

For more information call the church
at 765-5557

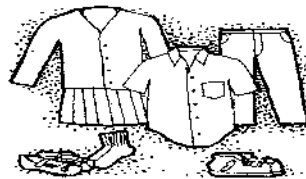
Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Wednesday Worship 6:00 PM

"Librementemente"

regreso a la escuela

Regalo Ropa



Taft Iglesia Metodista Unida
630 North St.

Cada 3er sábado del mes
Desde 8:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m.
obtener más información, llame a la
iglesia en 765-5557

Culto del domingo: 10:00 AM
Culto Miércoles 6:00 PM

Welcome to our new and returning members for April 2016!

Albertsons

Becky Ashcraft, Realtor

Black Gold Brewing Company

California Resources
Corporation

Central Cities Pizza, Inc.,
Dominos

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& Boutique

PG&E

Ray Morgan Company

T's Taxi

Tumbleweed Café

West America Bank

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:30am-2pm TC Spring Athlete Banquet	2	3 6pm, City Council Meeting	4 9am, Chamber Sit N Sip 5pm, Taft College STEM Dinner @ OT 6pm, Industry Night @ Taft Petroleum Club	5	6 8am-1pm, Fund the Fireworks, 4th Street and Kern Street 6-10pm, First Friday Cruise Night	7 10am, Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting @ Pampered and Polished Taft Night at Kern County Raceway 5pm, Wine and 9 @ Buena Vista Golf Course
8 MOTHER'S DAY	9	10 11am, WCMA Meeting @ St Andrew's 3:30pm, Taft College Art Reception 5:15pm, Downtown Business Mtg	11 9am, Chamber Sit N Sip 6pm, Wine Night, The Bank Sports Lounge	12 9am, Coffee with a Cop, OT Cookhouse 5pm, Chamber Mixer, The Bank Sports Lounge	13	14 9am-4pm, WKOM Pioneer Days BBQ, West Kern Oil Museum West Hills Church of the Nazarene Carnival
15	16	17 6pm, City Council Meeting	18 9am, Chamber Sit N Sip 12pm TUHS Hall of Fame Mtg 6pm, Planning Commission	19 6pm, Paint Nite, The Bank Sports Lounge	20 Taft College Graduation	21 8am-10pm, Taft Relay for Life @ TUHS Taft College Dental Graduation
22	23	24 12pm-6pm, Houchin Blood Drive @ Taft Chamber	25 9am, Chamber Sit N Sip 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting 5pm, ROP Bash	26	27	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31				



West Kern Oil Museum
Pioneer Days
Saturday, May 14
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Gas Engine Show Blacksmith Shop 50/50 Drawing Plant Sale
Model Railroad Demonstrations Quilting and More

Barbecue: Beef & Chicken, Salad, Beans, Homemade Desserts
Free Beverages

Serving begins at 11:30 am

Free Admission
BBQ: Adults - \$12 Children 10 years & under - \$5

SIT N SIP SPEAKERS (WEDNESDAYS 9AM)

May 4—Westside Waste Management

May 11—IDI Tech—Jonathan Prine

May 18—David Wolf

May 25—MESH & KITS (Kern Innovation & Technology)

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am, Chamber Sit n Sip 6pm, TUHS Graduation	2 6pm, Lincoln Graduation	3 8am-12pm, Fund the Fireworks 6-10pm, First Friday Cruise Night West Kern Oil Museum Yard Sale	4 West Kern Oil Museum Yard Sale
5	6 West Hills Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School (June 6-10)	7 ELECTION DAY 6pm, City Council Meeting	8 9am, Chamber Sit n Sip	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 9am, Chamber Sit n Sip	16	17	18

TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW

Saturday, July 2, 2016

WE NEED YOU TO DONATE!

FUND THE FIREWORKS Donation Days!
 May 6
 June 3
 4th Street & Kern Street
 The Bank Sports Lounge will donate \$1 for each beer sold to the Fireworks Show!



COMMUNITY, CONVERSATION, COFFEE & COPS.

Join Us!
Thursday
May 12, 2016
at 9 a.m.

Coffee WITH A COP

OT Cookhouse
 YARD SALOON

205 N. 10th Street
 Taft, CA 93268
 (661) 763-1819

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.

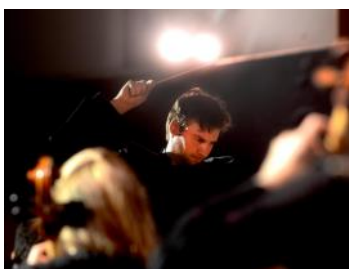
See you there! come with questions

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For additional information, please contact
 Belinda Cole at Taft City Hall
 (661) 763-1222 Extension 12

Chief Ed Whiting

Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra Performance in Taft



On Sunday, April 17, the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra performed at TUHS—The Music of John Williams. It was very well attended.



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**GRAND OPENING
CELEBRATION**

216 4th St. Taft

Saturday, May 7th (9am-3pm)
Ribbon cutting ceremony at 10am

- * Gift bags will be given out to the first 20 people!
- * Free chair massages by Rick Hunt!
- * Free hand Paraffin wax dips by Jennifer Jordan!
- * Book an appointment that weekend and get 25% off your first visit!

Mother's day is that Sunday, so be sure to come in and purchase a gift card or gift basket!

Business Mixer—Monarch Fleet Services

Join the Taft Chamber for our monthly business mixers. Held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, area businesses open their doors after 5pm for connecting with the community. On Thursday, April 14, Monarch Fleet Service hosted the monthly mixer. Manny Campos and staff provided some wonderful dinner and drinks along with great conversation.



Monarch Fleet Service was opened by longtime resident Emmanuel Campos in January 2013 and the automotive sales division opened in July 2014. Monarch Fleet offers a range of services including wheel alignments, oil changes, transmission service, tune ups, and retail tire and wheel sales. Servicing commercial fleets with road service to include onsite lube oil and filter services. You can contact them for all your automotive needs at 661-765-AUTO (2286).



The next Taft Chamber mixer is scheduled for Thursday, May 12 at 5pm at The Bank Sports Lounge, located at 431 North Street. Please stop by and check it out. These events are continuously growing. If you would like to host a mixer at your office, please contact the Chamber at 661-765-2165.



Foster Care Awareness Month Proclamation

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

(Bakersfield, CA) - The Kern County Department of Human Services, along with all of our community and professional partners serving the needs of Kern County's foster children, is celebrating **May as National Foster Care Awareness Month**. This month allows us the opportunity to celebrate foster children and the dedicated individuals & professionals who open their hearts and homes to care for the nearly 2000 children placed in out of home care in Kern County. The Kern County Board of Supervisors will proclaim **May as Foster Care Awareness Month** on **Tuesday, April 26th at 9:00 AM**. This event is open to the public.

Foster Youth will be celebrated a little early this year on **Thursday, April 28th** at the annual **Independent Living Program Graduation**. This year's event will again be held at Coconut Joe's Beach Club, and will celebrate over a hundred youth who are graduating from the Independent Living Program. **This Event is not open to the public**, but we do invite restricted media coverage.

Resource foster parents will be celebrated and receive training on Monday, **May 2nd at Hodel's beginning at 5:30 P.M.** as the Department of Human Services and the Bakersfield College Foster & Kinship Care Education Program host a dinner and training. **This event is not open to the public**, but we do invite your coverage. This year's trainer is Carissa Phelps, founder and CEO of Runaway Girl, Inc. and author of ***Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time***. Her fearless leadership in the human trafficking survivor community has led to an increased level of awareness among communities, as well as improved legislation and responses to human trafficking victims, especially children. This yearly training event works to support our current resource families, both foster and relative families, through continued training. Several families will be honored

this night for the outstanding care they provide to our foster children.

Carissa Phelps will also be providing an additional two days of training as part of our Foster Care support efforts. She also has limited opportunities to visit stations for in-person media appearances.

The Department of Human Services Outreach team will be out in the community the entire month of May, recruiting for resource families. We are always in need of loving families willing to open their hearts and homes to Kern County's foster children, especially those willing to take care of our teens, sibling groups, and children with special medical needs. If you are interested in becoming a Kern County resource foster family, your first step is attending an orientation. **Orientations are provided in Bakersfield in English on the Second and Fourth Thursday of every month, and in Spanish every Third Thursday, beginning promptly at 5:30 P.M. Please call 631-6204 to RSVP and for location information.**

Wishing for a better tomorrow thanks to you

Taft Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 24th
Taft Chamber of Commerce
400 Kern Street
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

EAKC Monthly Donor Drawing
Enter to Win \$500

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- Bring picture ID with date of birth
- Be free from all cold, flu, cold sores, or symptoms of infection
- Eat a meal at least 3 hours prior to donating
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- Be at least 17 years old or 16 with Parental Consent
- Weigh at least 110 pounds

Contact: Peggy Smith at 616-2505 to Sign Up!

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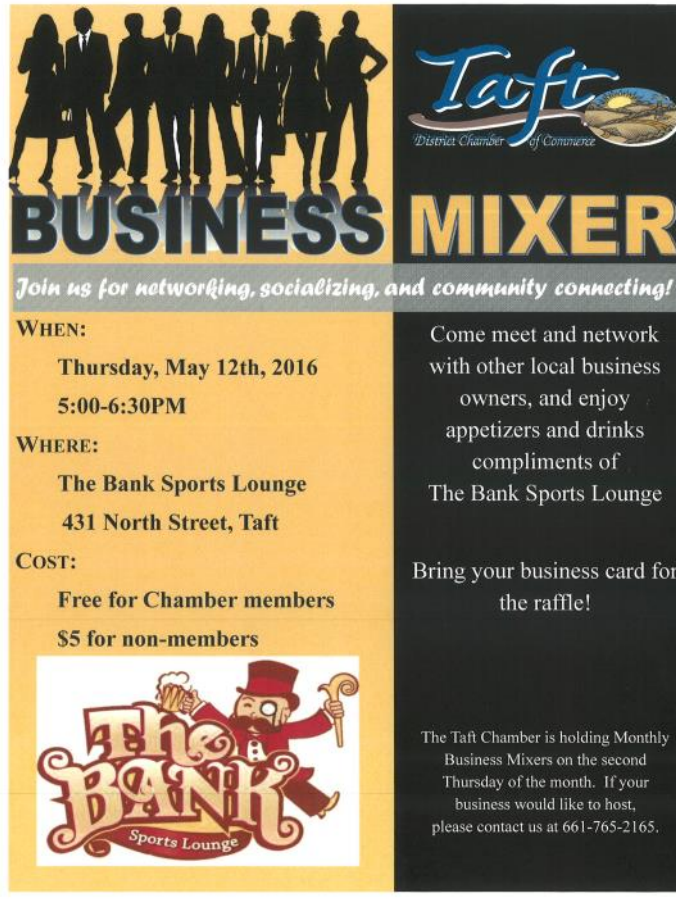
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BUSINESS MIXER

Join us for networking, socializing, and community connecting!

WHEN:
Thursday, May 12th, 2016
5:00-6:30PM

WHERE:
The Bank Sports Lounge
431 North Street, Taft

COST:
Free for Chamber members
\$5 for non-members



Come meet and network with other local business owners, and enjoy appetizers and drinks compliments of The Bank Sports Lounge

Bring your business card for the raffle!

The Taft Chamber is holding Monthly Business Mixers on the second Thursday of the month. If your business would like to host, please contact us at 661-765-2165.

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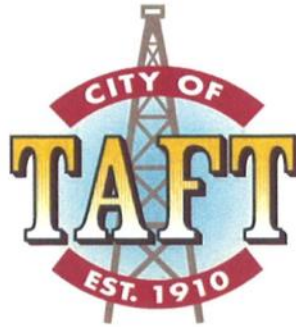
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maddison.taftchamber@gmail.com

CITY OF TAFT NEW LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION



Current City Logo



New Logo Design #1



New Logo Design #2

The City of Taft invites all residents, property owners, business owners, community leaders, and others interested persons or groups to submit their design for a new City logo. The City has produced two logo options shown above, but the City Council is looking for additional design ideas. Submissions can improve on those logo designs or you may create your own unique logo design. Some themes the City asks you to consider are:

- ✓ The design needs to be a clear and strong symbol of the City
- ✓ Recognize the City's oil production heritage
- ✓ Can include mottos or slogans such as "Honoring our Heritage" and "Fueling the Future"
- ✓ A design that is flexible to be used on signs, business cards, marketing materials, etc.

The City of Taft urges all participants to submit via email their logo design proposals in electronic format (PDF or JPEG) to the contact listed below with the subject line of "City of Taft New Logo Design Competition." The logo design competition will only be open for a 30 day period from **Monday, May 2, 2016, to Wednesday, June 1, 2016.**

Please note that all logo design submissions received will become property of the City of Taft and any element of a submission received may be used in a final logo design completed by City staff or their consultant.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Taft City Hall - 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268

CONTACT: Mark Staples, Planning Director

(661) 763-1222 x24 - mstaples@cityoftaft.org

Taft District Chamber of Commerce presents:

VENDOR FORM

TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW

Saturday, July 2, 2016

4:00pm-10:00pm

FOOD VENDORS CRAFT VENDORS

BOUNCE HOUSES BEER GARDEN

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FIREWORKS SHOW 9PM VIP SEATING



Name of Vendor: _____ Contact: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Items Sold: _____
 Food Vendor? Yes No (If yes, must provide copy of permit)

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 Saturday, July 2, 2016 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 30 to be eligible for a refund..

Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

- \$50 Vendor space fee is for use of the property for Saturday, July 2, 2016
- 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.
- Questions? Call 661-765-2165 or shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com