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Back to School Bash Center Street Sale

**August 6, 2016
Center Street, Taft**

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1 ticket for every \$10 spent on August 6th

*Coffee with a Cop,
Pizza Factory*

Back to School Connections

Sidewalk Sale



Executive Directions

By: Dr. Kathy Orrin,
Executive Director

OMG!! It already is August, and it is hot!!

It sounds ridiculous to be even mentioning hot weather . . . during the summer . . . in Taft. After all, what do we expect? It is Taft. The extreme heat of the typical summer in Taft cannot possibly come as a surprise! Yet, every year, I hear myself complaining about the heat, using it as an excuse to put off chores and errands that require me to leave the shelter of air-conditioning. And, sadly, more and more each year, I hear—out of my own mouth—words that I can attribute only to my mother: “I’m going to pass on that. It’s just too hot!” (Don’t get me started on the whole aging thing, a different but related issue.)

So, since it is August and the weather is hot, it must be time for us to think about school starting. August 15 will be here in no time. Classified staff folks have worked all summer to prepare and repair, making sure our great educational facilities are ready for another safe year. School administrators in our town are already back at work, and most teachers will officially return on August 10. (Many already have begun preparing their classrooms.) For this old school administrator, **this**, rather than January 1, is the beginning of a new year. It is that refreshing, promising time when the slate is clean for both school personnel and for students.

The beginning of the school year is when planning and goal-setting re-calibrate personal and corporate missions, and the chance to accomplish great new endeavors is set before both students and staff. Most sectors of our society like business, healthcare, government, safety, and human services, must create, repair, and adjust while producing, a bit like building the dam while the river continues to flow. Education, particularly public school elementary and high school education, on the other hand, has a bit of a shut-down and a start-up component that allows for some breathing and (if done correctly) some reflection. It is this *timing* attribute, the ability of school districts and school staffs to engineer the fresh start that can make a huge impact on the success of an educational program.

So, here we go! Back-to-school backpacks, lunchboxes, school registration (now on-line at Taft High), school supplies, shots, physicals, haircuts, clothes . . . The practical side of starting a new school year for the families of students begins with getting to school on time, but it includes homework times, bath times, bedtimes, lunch prep, child care, carpools, music lessons, dance lessons, caring for animal projects, soccer practice, football practice, volleyball practice, cheer practice . . . The beginning of school signals the return to organization and routine for most of us. Even the social lives of folks without students in their homes revolve around school. The Fall brings football, volleyball, soccer, band, choir, and drama offerings from our school kids, and most of us support our young people in some manner with our presence at these important school events or by purchasing wrapping paper, “finest” chocolate, or gourmet popcorn.

This celebration of the beginning of a new school year leads me to an often-overlooked, sometimes unappreciated, seldom-considered fact: **the greatest supporters of our schools in Taft and its surrounding areas, from pre-school through Taft College, is our Taft business community.** Local sports teams, high school campus clubs, yearbooks, youth organizations, and **scholarship programs** could not survive without the continued support of our town’s business community. From the corporate giants with a presence outside our City limits to the Mom and Pop stores on Center Street, remember who helps to make “school” as we know it in Taft a great experience for our students. And have a great 2016-2017 school year!

Taft Fireworks Show



Saturday, July 2, 2016



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August 2016




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:45pm, Healthy Eaters Meeting, Seventh Day Church	2 6pm, City Council Meeting, City Hall	3 9am, Sit n' Sip 5pm, Service Club Summit 6pm, Industry Night, Petroleum Club 8pm, LA Comedy Night, The Bank	4	5 6pm, First Friday Cruise Night, Center Street	6 9am, Coffee with a Cop, Pizza Factory 9am-3pm Back to School Bash, Center St Sale 9am, Back to School Connection
7	8	9 5:15pm, Downtown Business Committee Meeting, KC Photography	10 9am Sit n' Sip 10am, Grand Opening, Poppy's Melting Pot, Center St. 4pm Together We Can, CVCU	11 5pm Chamber Mixer, WSHCD @ the Taft Recreation Center	12	13
14 	15 SCHOOL STARTS	16 6pm, City Council Meeting, City Hall	17 9am Sit n' Sip 6pm, Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall	18	19	20
21	22 5:30pm, Oil-Tech BBQ, WKOM 6pm, Seniors Bingo, Vet Center	23	24 9am Sit n' Sip 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber	25 4pm, Econ. Dev. Meeting, City Hall 5-7pm, Taft College Reception for Dr. Daniels, United Security Bank	26	27
28	29	30 CHAMBER CLOSED	31 CHAMBER CLOSED	<div> <p>UPCOMING SIT N SIP SPEAKERS</p> <p>August 3: Taft Union High School Band</p> <p>August 10: Jason Hayes, Colonial Penn/Bankers Life</p> <p>August 17: CSUB Small Business Academy</p> <p>August 24: Joel Bauer, Westside Cemetery District</p> <p>JOIN US WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 9AM!</p> </div>		



September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 CHAMBER CLOSED	2 6pm, First Fri- day Cruise Night, Center St	3 Black Gold 5K Run, Kern County Race- way Park
4	5 LABOR DAY	6 6pm, City Council Meeting, City Hall	7 9am, Sit-n-Sip, Taft Chamber 6pm, Industry Night, Petrole- um Club	8	9 9am, West Kern Petroleum Mini-Summit, Aera Energy	10
11 	12	13	14	15	16	17 6pm, Taft Chamber Gala

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
COFFEE & COPS**

 **Coffee WITH A COP**

Join Us!
SATURDAY
August 6, 2016
10 A.M.


614 Center Street
Taft, CA 93268
662-765-5281

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FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION.**

**No agenda, no speeches,
just coffee and a chance to ask questions, voice concerns,
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For additional information, please contact
Beatrice Cole at Taft City Hall
(441) 765-1222 Extension 12

"Back to School" Connection
Sat. Aug. 6th 9 am-11 am
314 Asher Ave.

Children attending will receive

FREE
Backpacks
School Supplies

Also free:
Family Activities ~ Face Painting ~ Snow cones
Dental Hygiene Kits ~ Children's ID
Resources & Referrals
And more.....

Kindergarten & Sports Physicals

**School clothes & shoes will be at
United Methodist Church – 630 North St. 9:30 – 12:30**

Sponsored by:
Taft First Assembly of God, West Side Community Resource Center, Taft Salvation Army
Westside Health Care District & local churches and businesses.

For more information, please contact WSCRC @ 765-7281
or Taft First Assembly of God @ 765-7151

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

JULY IS PURPLE RIBBON MONTH

Keeping Kids Safe in and around Motor Vehicles

(Bakersfield, CA) - Last Friday, July 22nd, it was a mild morning in the Mojave Desert, with morning temperatures in the 80's, and a car air-condition cooled to 76 Degrees. The car was turned off, and the timer started. In just 10 minutes, the temperature inside the car was 93.2 Degrees. In 25 minutes, it had reached the potentially deadly temperature of 107 Degrees. **It only takes a few minutes for a car to heat up and become deadly to a child inside. As summer temperatures rise, more kids are at risk—the death toll this summer has already reached 23 children nationwide** (Source: Jan Null, CCM, Department of Meteorology and Climate Science, San Jose State University, <http://noheatstroke.org>). Please join the Department of Human Services, with support from First 5 Kern, the Kern County Network for Children, and our local public safety & community partners, as we continue out “Purple Ribbon Month” awareness campaign by joining in some of our scheduled **Purple Ribbon Month Demonstrations**.

Join the Department of Human Services at these safety demonstrations, where we use a very visual demonstration on how quickly cars heat up.

July 31 is National Heatstroke Prevention Day. We recognize this day as we work to get the message out about the dangers of heatstroke and how to prevent these tragedies from occurring. Share a message about the importance of never leaving a child alone in a car on your social media accounts. Visit KernCares.org for suggested **#heatstroke** messages to share.

These events hope to raise public awareness about “Kaitlyn’s Law”, passed in California in 2001, that makes it a citable offense for parents to leave children under the age of 6 unattended in a motor vehicle without the supervision of someone at least 12 years of age. The Law was named for 6 month old Kaitlyn Marie Russell, who died on August 15th, 2000, after being left behind in a hot van by a caregiver. July is **Purple Ribbon Month** in memory of Kaitlyn and all the children who have lost their lives to preventable injuries in and around cars, and in order to educate and increase public awareness about all of the dangers of leaving children unattended in or around motor vehicles. We encourage all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Kern County a better place for families. For more information, contact Heidi Carter-Escudero at 661-633-7104.

30TH YEAR SERVING THE WESTSIDE



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FREE Smog Repairs!

- ☒ Are you a San Joaquin Valley resident?
- ☒ Have you owned your car for more than 6 months?
- ☒ Does your car fail emissions testing?

If so, please join Valley CAN and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for a FREE car emissions test and diagnostic inspection



**tune in and
tuneup**
www.valley-can.org

Car Clean-Up Event
**Saturday,
August 13, 2016**

Emissions testing from 8 a.m.–12 p.m.
(event gate is subject to close earlier due to maximum vehicles)

No event entry before 6:30 a.m.
Please observe posted parking regulations.
LOCATION:
Kern County Fairgrounds
1142 South P Street, Bakersfield, CA 93307
"South P Street" Parking Lot

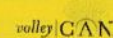
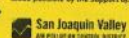
This event only provides emissions screenings, no smog certificates will be issued at the event. For more information visit infovalleycan.org or call 1-800-808-2044

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START AT 8 A.M.
(while supplies last)

Please expect a 2+ hour wait
Please do not leave your car unattended overnight



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Election Officer Recruitment

Kern County Election office is looking for community members in the Taft area who would like to participate in the November 8, 2016, Presidential General election by serving as a volunteer election officer. We are in need of English and bilingual speakers to help the Taft community on Election Day. Election officers are community members who are registered to vote in Kern County and local high school students (certain requirements must be met). As an election officer you will be provided with the necessary training in order to perform your duties on Election Day, in addition, you will be paid a stipend for helping your community and Kern County Elections. We appreciate and thank you for your time and consideration.

Kern County Elections Office
1115 Truxton Avenue, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Phone: 661-868-3590
www.co.kern.ca.us/elections/





Zombies Wanted

- Save the Date -

Kiwanis 5k Zombie Fun Run
Saturday, October 22 @ 6pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 5, Labor Day
September 9, West Kern Petroleum Mini Summit
September 17, Taft Chamber Gala &
Start of Kern County Fair
September 22, The Fort Okie Dinner
October 1, Taft Chamber Car, Truck, & Bike Show
October 13, Taft College Cougar Cookout
October 22, Kiwanis Zombie Run
October 29, Taft Chamber Golf Tournament
November 3, The Fort Fall Dinner
November 8, Election Day
November 11, Veteran's Day Parade, Downtown
November 19, Taft Chamber Trout Derby
December 1, The Fort Gift Show
December 5, Taft Christmas Parade
December 8, Taft Arc Christmas Party
December 10, Soroptomist Fashion Show &
Home Tour



BUSINESS MIXER

Join us for networking, socializing, and community connecting!

WHEN:
Thursday, August 11, 2016
5:00-6:30PM

WHERE:
West Side Recreation
500 Cascade Place, Taft



COST:
FREE!
Come network with us!

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.

Come meet and network
with other local business
owners, and enjoy
appetizers and drinks
compliments of
West Side Health Care
District.

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8TH ANNUAL CAR TRUCK & BIKE SHOW TAFT CA



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 1, 2016
RAILS TO TRAILS**

Time: Registration 7-9AM / Judging 10AM / Awards 2PM
PRICE: Pre-register \$25 / Day of \$30
Contact: Shannon Jones
Shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com / (661) 765-2165
**DASH PLAQUES / AWARDS IN EACH CLASS / BEST OF SHOW
AWARD / FOOD AND CRAFT VENDORS / KIDS AREA / RAFFLE
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**Welcome to our new and returning members for
July 2016!**

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427 Center St, Taft

Fairouzah Merchant
3408 McKee, Bakersfield

Every Penny Counts
315 Center St, Taft

Devon's Body Shop
408 Main St, Taft

Braun's Antiques
311 Center St, Taft

Poppy's Melting Pot Candles
523 Center St, Taft



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Membership Coordinator: Maddison Rubadeau
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Awards in all Classes

Dash Plaques for all entries

8TH ANNUAL CAR TRUCK & BIKE SHOW

TAFT CA

*Live Entertainment,
Raffles, Beer Garden*

Saturday, October 1, 2016
Rails to Trails

*Food & Craft Vendors,
Bounce Houses*

Show Entry Form

Pre-Register \$25, Day of Event \$30

Pre-registration includes T-Shirt & Goodie Bag

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

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

_____ Yes, I would like to sponsor an award class! Category: _____
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Registration 7am—9am
Judging begins at 10am

CARS

- _____ Pre 48 Open Top
- _____ Pre 48 Closed Top
- _____ 48-73 Stock
- _____ 48-73 Modified
- _____ Foreign/European
- _____ Corvettes
- _____ Mustangs
- _____ Muscle Car
- _____ Modern Muscle
- _____ Project/Construction/Rat Rod
- _____ Special Interest/Custom

TRUCKS

- _____ Pre 48 Truck, SUV
- _____ 49-58 Truck, SUV
- _____ 59 and up Truck, SUV

MOTORCYCLES

- _____ Vintage/Old School
- _____ Stock
- _____ Custom

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Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date _____