



You are invited to join the *Taft District Chamber of Commerce* at our *Annual Installation and Awards Ceremony*. On **Thursday, February 8, 2018**, the **Taft Petroleum Club** will open its doors for this event. The “*Kudos & Cocktails*” party will begin at **5:30 p.m.** with socializing and networking with fellow community leaders, and include a light dinner and a no-host bar. The Taft Chamber will give “Kudos” to our outstanding community leaders, and highlight our Chamber sponsors and members in a short presentation during the cocktail party.

Come mix and mingle with our local business community during the cocktail style reception party. Tickets for this event are only \$30 this year, with event sponsorships available for \$100-\$400 that include tickets to the party. “We decided to change the venue and the vibe for this year’s event,” Shannon Jones, Event Coordinator said. “The cocktail party will not include a formal presentation; just a great opportunity to socialize and network with friends and colleagues outside normal business hours.”

Everyone in our community is invited to attend and may reserve tickets at the Taft Chamber office at 400 Kern Street, by calling 661-765-2165, or online at

www.taftchamber.com/registration.

Congratulations to our award recipients for 2017. These leaders have made an impact on our community and deserve the utmost respect and recognition. Join us as we celebrate and honor them!

The award presentation will include recognition of the following outstanding community leaders:

Business Man of the Year:

Les Clark Jr,

Business Woman of the Year:

Yvette Mayfield

Business of the Year:

Cooper’s True Value

Volunteer Award:

Esther Livingston

Community Service Award:

TUHS Career Technical Education Center

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Our Platinum Sponsors



Our Gold Sponsors



MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

6th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot
Saturday, February 3, 2018

Kern County Gun Club 12450 Shotgun Rd. 93311

**** TO BENEFIT ****

TAFT COLLEGE AND TAFT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS
JC CHITWOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sign In: 8:00 am Shoot Starts: 9:00 am

Ammunition available for purchase at Range

Teams and Individual sign-ups welcome ~ \$500.00 per team of five

\$ 100.00 per person* Limited to 34 Teams on 15 Station Course

Includes BBQ Lunch and Drinks

1st and 2nd Place Team Prizes ~ High Score

Individual High Shooter Prizes for Male & Female

Make Checks Payable to Taft Sportsmen's Club or use Pay Pal

General Sponsor \$100.00 ~~~~ Station Sponsor \$250.00

Additional BBQ tickets will be available for non-shooters for \$10.00

SPECIAL GUN RAFFLE

- BERETTA - A400 28" Xcel Sporting 20 Gauge, 3" Barrel, Walnut Stock
- TRI STAR - Hunter EX 28M/28MC, 28 Gauge, Over & Under, Walnut Stock
- TRI STAR - Viper G2 Silver, 20M/26MC, 20 Gauge Semi Auto, Black Synthetic Stock
- HERITAGE - Rough Rider, 6.5" Barrel, .22 LR Pistol, Green Camo Grip
- WALTHER - P22, .22LR, 3.4" Barrel, Black Finish Pistol
- Smith & Wesson M&P - 9 Shield Pistol, 3.1" Barrel - Choice of 9MM or .40 S&W
- SAVAGE - Model 10 Predator 6.5 Creedmoor, 24" Barrel, RealTree Camo Stock
- SPRINGFIELD - Model XD, 4" Barrel, Black Service Model - Choice of 9MM or .40 S&W
- RUGER - American .270 Rifle, 22" Barrel - Choice of .223, .308 or 30-06

\$20.00 per Ticket -

(If Winner does not pass background check, GUN will be forfeited and will become property of TSC for future events)

SPECIAL GUN SAFE RAFFLE

T & T Liberty Centurion 24 Gun Safe ~ \$10.00 per Ticket

Name 1 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
Name 2 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
Name 3 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
Name 4 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____
Name 5 _____	Phone _____	E-mail _____

Registration Contacts:

Joe Gregory - (661) 340-2365

Eric Ross - (661) 979-8876 or send e-mail to sandyross@bak.rr.com

KERN COUNTY

CAREER EXPO 2018

"Building Career Awareness for Tomorrow's Workforce"

SAVE
THE
DATE

THURS. FEBRUARY 22, 2018

4:30 - 7:30 PM

Rabobank Arena & Convention Center
1001 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93301

"Follow us on Instagram at [KernCareerExpo](https://www.instagram.com/KernCareerExpo) for chances to win prizes leading up to and during the event."



Middle school, high school, and recent graduates of Kern County

Find out what it takes to start a successful career

Connect with local colleges and training programs

Free Event - No registration required

Parents are encouraged to attend

Get a head start on your future!

For more information, please visit:
www.kernhighnow.org/careerexpo



150+
EMPLOYERS
FROM
KERN COUNTY



#KernCareerExpo2018



Free Cancer Screenings for Veterans

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

Place: The AIS Cancer Center
2620 Chester Ave.

Please **RSVP** by calling 661-637-8321

Types of FREE screenings offered: Prostate, Breast, Lung

- An annual prostate screening is recommended for men as young as 50. Men with a close family history of prostate cancer or of African American descent should also consider screening at age 45.
- Clinical breast exams are recommended every 3 years for women in their 20's, 30's, 40's and annually for women age 40+
- Lung screenings are recommended for those 55 - 80 who currently smoke or quit within the past 15 years and have at least a 30-pack-year history of cigarette smoking.

The AIS
Cancer Center

Adventist Health

You're Invited

Founding Mothers Luncheon

Saturday, February 24, 2018

12:00pm

West Kern Oil Museum

1168 Wood Street, Taft, CA

\$11 Lunch

Catered by Asian Experience

Honoring

American Association of University Women's Founding Mothers

Jan Lindsey
Karen Kuckreja
Fran Sullivan

Rita Johnson
Sally Knost
Linda Cruzan



Contact Heather Mueller at 661-765-2378 for more information and RSVP



Valentine's Day Special Visit Old's Cool at 515 Center Street

*Roses, Flowers, Gifts, Décor & More
Floral arrangements customized to any budget
Extended hours February 11-14*

Safely Surrendered Baby Awareness Month in Kern County in February

63 babies have been safely surrendered in Kern County since we began tracking those babies in 2006, including 6 in 2017.

For most people, the birth of a child is a happy occasion celebrated with family and friends. But for some women, childbirth becomes a crisis—and the decisions made following an infant's birth can be a matter of life or death due to abandonment in unsafe locations. First signed into law in January 2001, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law became permanent in January 2006. The law's intent is to save the lives of newborn infants at risk of abandonment by encouraging parents or persons with lawful custody to safely surrender the infant within 72 hours of birth, with no questions asked.

We hope to educate our community about this important option for any woman and her baby in crisis.

Contact Heidi Carter-Escudero at 661-633-7401 for more information.



City of Taft Report a Concern

If you have an comment or concern to report happening in the City of Taft, visit www.cityoftaft.org and Click on the "Report a Concern" button.

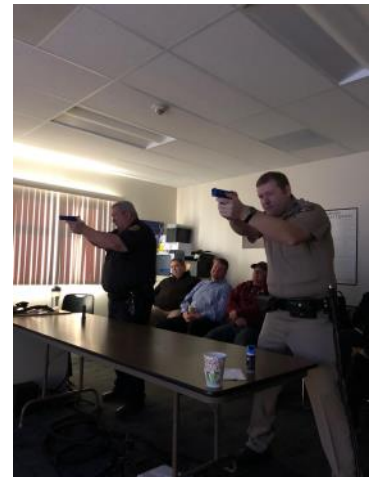
Issues can include: abandoned vehicles, weeds/tall grass, litter, dogs barking, traffic signs, potholes, or street lights.

If you need immediate assistance, please call City Hall Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (661) 763-1222.

If you need to initiate a police report, please call the Taft Police Department at (661) 763-3101.

Sit n Sip at Career Technical Education Center

On Wednesday, January 24, the Taft Chamber visited Taft Union High School's Law Enforcement Class for Career Technical Education. Our local high school is the only high school in the Nation with this state of the art training simulator. Local police, Sheriff's, and CHP have been working with the school to practice and help the students develop the skills needed to be successful in a law career.



February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 3pm, Economic Development Ad Hoc Meeting @ City Hall	2 6pm, First Friday Car Cruise on Center Street	3 8am, Sportmen's Club Clay Shoot 8am, Fill the Helmet, West Side Little League, Kern Street 6pm, Father-Daughter Dance @ West Side Recreation
4 	5	6 6pm, City Council Meeting	7 9am, Sit n' Sip with Cole Karr 4pm, Planning Commission 6pm, Industry Night @ Petroleum Club	8 6pm, Taft Chamber Installation & Awards @ Petroleum Club	9	10
11	12	13 11am, Disaster Preparedness Meeting @ First Baptist Church 5pm, Veterans Cancer Screen	14 9am, Sit n' Sip 	15	16	17
18	19	20 6pm, City Council Meeting	21 9am, Sit n Sip	22 4:30pm, Career Expo @ Rabobank Arena 5pm, Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction	23 5-7pm, Chamber Mixer @ Maricopa Trading Post	24 12pm, AAUW Luncheon @ WKOM 6pm, WKOM annual dinner @ Rec
25	26	27	28 9am, Sit n Sip with TUHS Oil Tech Academy 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting			

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2018

- 1, Kern COG Awards Dinner
- 2, First Friday
- 3-4, Wind Wolves Preserve Nature Festival
- 15, NOR Business Expo
- 17, West Side Little League Opening Ceremonies & Alpha House Auction & BBQ
- 21, Chamber Board Meeting
- 26-30, Spring Break, No School

April 2018

- 1, Easter Sunday
- 3, TUHS Honors Night
- 4, TUHS Oil Tech Career Day
- 5, State of the City @ OT's
- 6, Fund the Fireworks on Kern St.
- 14, Taft ARC BBQ
- 20, Taft College Al Baldock Golf
- 21, TUHS Hall of Fame
- 26, Fort & TAPT Wine Tasting

May 2018

- 4, Fund the Fireworks on Kern St
- 5, Taft Chamber Car, Truck, and Bike Show
- 23, Chamber Board Meeting
- 28, Memorial Day
- 30, TUHS Graduation

June 2018

- 1, Fund the Fireworks on Kern St.
- 7, Lincoln Graduation
- 9, Moron Golf Tournament
- 27, Chamber Board Meeting

July 2018

- 4, Taft Fireworks Show

August 2018

- School Starts
- 29, Chamber Board Meeting

September 2018

- 26, Chamber Board Meeting
- 29, Taft Chamber Golf Tournament

October 2018

- 11, Bubba's Okie Dinner
- 24, Chamber Board Meeting
- 27, Taft Chamber GalaWeen

November 2018

- 1, Fort Fall BBQ
- 14, Chamber Board Meeting
- 17, Chamber Trout Fishing Derby
- 22, Thanksgiving

December 2018

- 3, Taft Christmas Parade
- 6, Fort Gift Show & Dinner
- 7, Photos with Santa
- 12, Chamber Board Meeting
- 25, Christmas

Executive Directions

In January of 2017, I was concerned with the state of the petroleum industry and the shift taking place in the oil patch with regards to who is staying in business and the effect that transfer decisions were going to have on jobs in our community. There were also the usual concerns about maintaining the downtown businesses as a "hub" in the community, and, of course, the long-lamented lack of signage on Highway 119 that could invite travelers into our City limits and into sales tax contributions.

This year the reality that the Kern County has lost some 4,000 oil-related jobs since 2014, and we are still producing the same amount of oil has begun to sink in. Our Downtown still strives to be the hub of our community, and signage on Highways 119 and 33 is still discussed. The Downtown Committee is coming together to organize itself for success, and the City's

Economic Development *ad hoc* Committee has made strides in a competent and fruitful manner to address *signage* as a legitimate economic concern. (Did you notice the new signs welcoming people to Taft?)

But now we have new challenges: K-Mart, allegedly the greatest sales tax revenue producer for our community, has announced it is closing in April, homelessness and transiency have become problematic to the point that community groups have come together in *collaboratives* to discuss the issue, thefts and break-ins appear to be on the rise, and felony arrests—even though many criminal acts have been "downgraded" to misdemeanors—have increased.

In 2011, prior to the passage of **AB109** (2011--Prison Realignment), **Prop 47** (2014--Referred to as the *Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act*—Are you kidding?!

By: Dr. Kathy Orrin,
Executive Director

--which actually redefined felonies and misdemeanors, downgrading felonies to misdemeanors, and **Prop 57** (2016--Parole consideration rather than incarceration for "non-violent" offenses), California law could be seen as providing protection of the citizens from criminals. Beginning with the passage of **Prop 36**, *The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000*, (which allowed defendants convicted of "non-violent" drug possession offenses to receive a probationary sentences in lieu of incarceration), the relatively "hard line" in criminal prosecution had begun to sag.

So what does all this mean for our community of Taft as we plan for the future? Do we really feel the effects of legislation in Sacramento (and the voters of California) in Taft, or are we just paranoid, frightened, or—dare we say, *old*? It has seemed to me for some time that there are changes afoot

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in our town, differences in the kinds of situations observed, increases in negative behaviors of a growing population of unfamiliar people, and more frustration on the faces of people committed to helping those less fortunate. I am not referring to an additional business venture, a new stop sign, or a new program. I am referring to an observation that makes one go, "Huh. Wonder what that was?" when observing a young person, shoeless and coatless, crossing the street in front of a car, oblivious to the oncoming traffic and the cold rain coming down all around her. I have in mind the problem of locked public restrooms, an irritation for which public entities increasingly get complaints and a situation for which there is no easy answer.

These are examples of the changes that have a small, temporary impact on our consciousness—thought-provokers that can be forgotten as we move on to solve more understood and well-defined problems. But these less civil social behaviors that flow in the direction of irresponsibility are, in fact, undermining all the efforts of our community's leadership to make Taft an economically sound, fiscally stable, attractive destination for business, tourism, and living.

So let us consider the facts. Below you will find a chart which displays statistics in various categories, comparing the end of

2011—when the various laws and propositions went into effect—with the end of 2017. This will give you an idea from which you can gauge the rationality of your personal perceptions of how we are doing in Taft.

So, if you thought things were changing in Taft, you were right. But if you think the change is a downhill spiral, you are wrong. The first step in solving a problem is understanding the problem. The Homeless Collaborative has been meeting to share information about resources and to put people and programs together. Many churches have programs designed to aid families and individuals who are facing drug issues, loss of employment/income, and caring for family members. The NEEDS Center continues to provide meals and food and clothing assistance for families and individuals. Laborers of the Harvest is faithful in their food distribution work, and St. Andrews Episcopal Church continues to provide free dinners to all who come in the evenings.

But in spite of, or perhaps *because of*, these compassionate efforts, the appearance of Taft becoming that of a poor town, a declining town, persist. In what may be the best move yet, Mayor *Pro Tem* Rene Hill has called for a workshop with the City Council to gather information about the homeless/transiency issues and

their effects upon the economic growth and public safety in our community. If done correctly, this could be the start of something big.

The bottom line in all of this is that if we do not get serious about the stuff that is dragging us down—REGARDLESS of its source—we will never realize the great potential in our City. Stop whining about the unfairness of AB this and Proposition that. Take Chief Whiting's advice: "Now it has to be about Crime Prevention: Better situational awareness, better security in our homes and property, better detection techniques, better reporting techniques." . . . and move on.

As I stated in the *VISION* article, we have much for which we can be proud. But we have got to face this homelessness, transiency, public safety issue head on. We cannot sit back and wait for the leaders of our state to change laws, the police and sheriff departments to get more staff, and the *bad* people (however you define them) to stop coming to Taft.

If you have concerns, voice them . . . in a forum designed to record them along with other people's concerns. Do not wait for someone else to be involved because "nothing ever happens anyway". Hold our civic leaders accountable.

And never, **NEVER** give up on Taft.

City of Taft Statistics from the End of 2011		City of Taft Statistics from the End of 2017	
Calls for service by the public	4347	Calls for service by the public	5327
Calls for service on-sight or by officers *(More calls caught by officers than by the public.)	6276*	Calls for service on-sight or by officers	4971
Reportable Crimes	1594	Reportable Crimes	1881
Misdemeanor Arrests	736	Misdemeanor Arrests *This increase was expected because of the passage of Prop 47.	906*
Felony Arrests	171	Felony Arrests *This increase was NOT expected since the INTENDED consequence of Prop 47 was a decrease in felony arrests.	191*
Stolen Vehicles (Grand Theft Auto-GTA)	27	Stolen Vehicles (Grand Theft Auto-GTA)	56
Heroine Arrests	0	Heroine Arrests Both sales and possession	37
Methamphetamine sales and/or possession	15	Methamphetamine sales and/or possession	37
Scavenging Reports	No Stats	Scavenging Reports	72
Scavenging/Homeless/Transient Calls for Service	334	Scavenging/Homeless/Transient Calls for Service	548
Warrant Arrests for all Felony or Misdemeanor Warrants	187	Warrant Arrests for all Felony or Misdemeanor Warrants *Partially attributable to the closure of our Courthouse.	391*

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



The Fort Preservation Society 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SPAGHETTI DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION -
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018**
Social Hour: 5:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm

**FORT & TAPT WINE TASTING CELEBRATION -
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018**
Wines, Beers & Non-Alcoholic - 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Hors d'oeuvres - CATERED BY Taft College
Entertainment: TBA 5:00pm - 8:00pm

**BUBBA'S OKIE DINNER -
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018**
Social Hour: 5:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm
Entertainment: Country George & Western Edition

**FALL FORT BBQ -
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018**
Social Hour: 5:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm
Entertainment: TBA

**CHRISTMAS AT THE HISTORIC FORT GIFT
SHOW & DINNER
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018 -**
Gift Show: 5:00pm - 8:00pm Dinner: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

3RD ANNUAL WESTSIDE FUNDRAISER
FILL THE HELMET!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2018
KERN STREET - 8AM-2PM
DUMP YOUR ASHTRAY...
EMPTY YOUR POCKETS...
DIG IN YOUR COUCH CUSHIONS!
#WSLL2018
NO LITTLE LEAGUE HAS MORE FUN!

West Kern Oil Museum Annual Dinner Meeting
Saturday, February 24, 2018
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Taft Community Center, 500 Cascade Place, Taft

Annual Dinner Reservation Form

I would like to make _____ reservations.

Cost per person: \$20.00

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Name _____

Phone (____) _____

Please return your reservation by February 19, 2018
West Kern Oil Museum, P.O. Box 491, Taft, CA 93268

Sorry... We will not be selling dinner tickets at the door.



How can your company help
Taft Union High School's Oil Technology Academy Students?
Save the Date
Career Day - Wednesday, April 4th 2018

Taft Oil Union High School Oil-Technology Academy is hosting a Career Day on
Wednesday, April 4th, 2018, and we are looking to our business partners for
participation. Our goal is to have companies set up display booths and let our students
circulate and learn more about our business partners and career opportunities.

Contact: Ted Pendergrass at lpendergrass@taftunion.org

Thank you to new and returning members for January 2018

Membership renewal packets for 2018 are in the mail. Please consider joining us for another great year in Taft! If you would like a membership packet, please call us at 661-765-2165 or taftchamber@gmail.com. Memberships are affordable and allow your business the opportunity for exposure through our weekly emails, monthly newsletter, office, and referral services to residents and visitors to our community.

Aera Energy LLC
Alliance Tax Credit Consulting, Inc
Alpha House Women's Shelter
Anderson, Ken
Ashley, Janice
Asian Experience
Atriano's Cleaners
Banks Pest Control Inc
Ben's Books
Best Western Plus Taft Inn
Black, Bill
Black/Hall Construction
California Independent Petroleum Association
Calvary Temple Assembly of God
CASA of Kern County
Cavins Oil Well Tools
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City of Taft
Colston Construction, Inc.
Community Christian Fellowship
Comprehensive Care Systems
Cooper's True Value Hardware
Creekside Apartments
Deckert, Clint & Linda
Dr. James L. Simonson
Dr. Loretta Garcia Lipscomb
DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen
Express Pharmacy

Fastrap Food Store #929
Faulkner, Tom
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Freeport McMoran Oil & Gas
General Production Services, Inc.
Hall Ambulance Service, Inc.
Hatch, Ray & Lodema
Helt Engineering, Inc.
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Rotary Club of Taft
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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Taco Bell - Taft
Taft City School District
Taft College Foundation

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Taft Plumbing Co., Inc.
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Waldrop's Auto Parts
West Hills Church of the Nazarene
West Kern Adult Education Network
West Kern Oil Museum
West Kern Water District
West Side Cemetery District
West Side Recreation & Park Dist.
West Side Senior Care
West Valley Real Estate
WestAmerica Bank
Western States Petroleum Association
Westside Believer's Fellowship
Westside Christian Ministers' Association
Westside Economic Development Company
Westside Furniture
Westside Health Care District
Yogolicious

5TH ANNUAL WIND WOLVES PRESERVE 2018 NATURE FESTIVAL SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018 SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

Volunteer Opportunities

- Exhibit (Reptile & Friends, Face Painting, Skulls Discovery, Nature Crafts, or Scavenger Hunt)
- Informational Booth (Front Kiosk, Administration Building Kiosk, Crossing Kiosk)
- Pond Discovery
- Parking Lot Attendant
- Tule Elk Trail Monitoring
- San Emigdio Canyon Trail Monitoring
- Administration Building Assistance
- Restoration Station

Contact Gillian Anteau at 661-858-1115 for more information.



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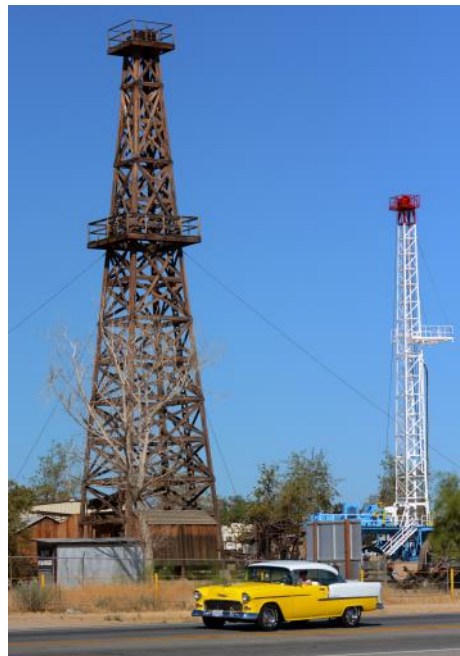
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West Kern Oil Museum Jameson No. 17 Turns 100!

The Jameson #17 derrick, the main attraction of the West Kern Oil Museum, was the only structure standing when the museum was established in 1975. It spudded in during May, 1917, with a 10' casing, and landed at 2,317 ft. on May 20, 1917.

There was no production until November 8, 1918; the well was producing 30 barrels per day. In 2005, the original derrick was demolished due to unsafe conditions, and was rebuilt using the original blueprints.

This past year, additional improvements were made to the iconic derrick including the installation of the wellhead, cable draw-works, hanging rod basket, guide wires, and improved public access.

Fred Holmes and Dennis Murphy, who were instrumental in the rebuilding of the Derrick, will present a program titled "The Rebuilding of the Jameson #17 Wooden Derrick" at the West Kern Oil Museum Annual Dinner on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

Kudos & Cocktails

Thursday, February 8, 2018—5:30pm

Taft Petroleum Club

SILENT AUCTION DONATION REQUEST

We are seeking donation for our silent auction; themed baskets, gift certificates, tickets, packages, electronics, home décor, or items highlighting your business. Your business, service club, or organization is invited to participate and will be recognized at the event, during the silent auction, in the program, media advertisements, and the Chamber newsletter. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit Chamber scholarships, programs, and the Taft Fireworks Show.

Tickets to attend the event are also available. Please contact Shannon at 661-765-2165.

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