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On Tuesday, May 31, the Taft Chamber hosted a Candidate Forum prior to the upcoming election on June 7 for the offices that are on your local ballot. Out of the 14 candidates, 12 were able to attend and provide insight into their positions on topics that were present-



ed at the Forum. Some of the key topics addressed included water restriction and the drought, crime, regulations of oil and energy, the County budget, Affordable Care Act, and immigration, as well as a discussion on Measure F.

The Taft Candidate Forum included the positions for Superior Court Judge, Office #20 and Office #34, Kern County Supervisor 4th District, State Assembly 34th District, and US Congress 23rd District and those for and against Measure F.

If you were unable to attend the Forum, please check out this link on YouTube for the audio, provided by Brandon Martin. <https://youtu.be/F5AXUb5is3c>

As a voter and citizen, we urge you to make informed decisions and vote on June 7!



# Executive Directions

By: Dr. Kathy Orrin,  
Executive Director

File this under **New Experiences for the Chamber Staff**: At the suggestion of a great friend of the Chamber, we decided, with the blessing of our Board of Directors, to offer a forum to candidates on the Kern County Primary Election Ballot.

What an experience! First of all, we were amazed at the willingness of the candidates to come to Taft to talk about themselves and their platforms. More amazing still was the revelation that a few of the candidates felt they should, could, and would be able to tell us how to run such a forum. This experience awakened old feelings about the pecking order of cities in our grand Kern County, reminiscent of the term, "Out in Taft," instead of simply in Taft or from Taft. Let us just say for the record: Taft Chamber of Commerce was the only Chamber in the County to offer a forum for folks to see and hear the candidates and hear the FOR and AGAINST on Measure F. Most of the participants respected us and thanked us for the experience. One participant in particular, however, made self-serving demands (that fell on deaf ears) and thinly-veiled accusations about our impartiality (that did not fall on deaf ears), but he came to the forum anyway. The voters, I am confident, will make a good decision regarding his candidacy.

Since the Chamber must remain as neutral as Switzerland when it comes to elections, I cannot tell you how the candidates did. I can, however, tell you that we learned a few things about candidate forums:

1. The candidates and those advocates FOR and AGAINST Measure F appreciated the chance to talk about their vision and hopes for the future.
2. Taft residents were interested enough to come out on very hot evening to hear what the candidates had to say.
3. The limited amount of time (usually only one-minute responses with one-minute rebuttals) for the candidates to speak forced them to get to the heart of what made them different from or better than their opponents. They appreciated the short time and so did the audience.
4. The moderators who were selected by a committee of the Board of Directors to introduce candidates and to, in some cases, ask questions of the candidates were well-spoken. They did a great job.
5. There have been suggestions that we repeat this forum for the General Election in November. \

The Chamber would like to thank the Taft Petroleum Club for letting us use their facility, the Taft High MOT for helping us put with equipment and set-up (particularly on the day before Taft High School graduation), and the media for attending. I would also like to thank Maddison Rubadeau for making the initial contacts with the candidates and Shannon Jones for handling the logistics and the details for the evening. Chamber events are a group effort, and this event was no different. For those of you who attended, we thank you, too.

# Event Connection

By: Shannon Jones  
Director of Operations and Marketing

As we enter into June, your Taft Chamber is putting the finalizing touches on the Taft Fireworks Show, coming up on Saturday, July 2. Vendors are signing up, bands are getting ready, and the City is preparing for set up of another great show. The Taft Chamber is working to raise the remaining funds for this community event and is set up for two additional fundraising opportunities. On Friday, June 3 from 8am-noon, Kern County Fire Department collecting dollars and coins at the corner of 4th and Kern Street. Another event to support the show will come on Friday, June 17 for "Red, White, and BBQ" featuring Chamber member Flaco's Tacos, who will be serving BBQ for lunch and dinner in our parking lot. We will also have games, music, sodas and beer for sale. Please stop by and support these worthy events that Fund the Fireworks for 2016!

# **M**ESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

## **Changes to Drought Regulations**

On Monday, May 9, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order adjusting and extending the State's Emergency Drought Regulations through January 2017.

While the EO recognizes that water supply conditions differ across California, due to differences in climate, snowfall, and rainfall, it also directs the State Water Resources Control Board to take certain actions. For instance, the EO directs the Board to permanently prohibit practices that waste potable water including:

- Irrigating ornamental turf on public street medians
- Hosing off sidewalks, driveways, and other hardscapes
- Washing automobiles with hoses not equipped with a shut off nozzle
- Using non-circulated water in a fountain or water feature
- Watering lawns in a manner that causes runoff

These specific prohibitions have been in place since 2015, but will now become permanent.



District Board Member, Ray Hatch announced on May 17, 2016 that he would be resigning from his position effective immediately.

Board Member Ray Hatch has served on the Board since May 2014, where he has served as a member of the Facilities, Finance, and Personnel Committees. Mr. Hatch will be missed, and the Board of Directors wish him well in current and future endeavors.

In accordance with the District bylaws, Article III, Section 4 of the West Side Health Care District, the procedure will be followed for the appointment of a new Board member to fill the vacancy left by Ray Hatch by June 23, 2016.

Please refer to the West Side Health Care District Office at 119 Adkisson Way, Taft, CA for more information regarding the appointment process and timeline. Contact Robyn Melton at 661-765-7234.

Deadline for application packet is June 15, 2016 by 3:00pm.



## **Taft College Brings on Men's and Women's Golf Teams To Enhance its Athletic Program**

At its December 9, 2015 meeting, the West Kern Community College District Board of Trustees approved a proposal to add two new sports to the line-up of inter-collegiate competition at Taft College—men's and women's golf.

Golf will provide an opportunity for men and women to compete in the sport at the collegial level. Each team typically includes 8-10 players. At the community college level, women's golf teams compete in the fall semester, and men's teams compete in spring. Our men will begin competition in the spring of 2017 and the women will begin competition in the fall of 2017.

The College has hired PGA Professional Chad Sorensen as the Head Men's Golf Coach. He will be responsible for recruiting players and building the men's golf program at Taft College. The Athletics Department is working with the Central Valley Athletic Conference to ensure a smooth launch of the Taft College Golf Program.

"Adding men's and women's golf to our Athletic Program provides additional opportunities for student athletes who wish to compete in the sport of golf," states Brock McMurray, Interim Superintendent/President at Taft College. "We are eager to expand our Athletics Program to include golf next year."

Student athletes are consistently high academic achievers. The discipline of the sport, coupled with supportive services and strong peer relationships, may be the reason why. "Our Athletic Department is very focused on the success of our athletes both academically and athletically. Following this philosophy, our athletes are among some of our top academic performers on our campus," says Darcy Bogle, Vice President of Student Services. "For example, our current graduating class of student athletes has a cumulative GPA of 3.16"

Athletic Director Kanoe Bandy also shared, "I am very excited that we are in a position to expand our athletic offerings by bringing in men's and women's golf. This addresses two of our constant concerns, gender equity and the viability of our Athletic Program. WE compete in a conference that varies in sports offerings from 19 sports down to only 2. This puts us closer to the conference average of 10 sports per college."

Students also have the opportunity to participate in several other intercollegiate sports programs. Men may participate in baseball and soccer; and women may participate in basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Our sports programs teach student athletes the value of discipline, loyalty, hard work, good health and good sportsmanship.

For more information, please contact Kanoe Bandy at [kbandy@taftcollege.edu](mailto:kbandy@taftcollege.edu) or (661) 763-7779.



# JUNE 2016

| <i>Sun</i>   | <i>Mon</i>   | <i>Tue</i>   | <i>Wed</i>  | <i>Thu</i>  | <i>Fri</i>  | <i>Sat</i>  |
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| <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b><br>First Baptist Church, 220 North St<br>JUNE 6-10, 2016—6:00-8:30PM<br>West Hills Church of the Nazarene, 300 Lassen St<br>JUNE 6-10, 2016—6:00-8:30PM |  |  | <b>1</b><br>9am, Chamber Sit N Sip<br><br>8pm, TUHS Graduation  | <b>2</b><br>7pm, Lincoln Graduation                                   | <b>3</b><br>8am-1pm, Fund the Fireworks, 4th & Kern Street<br>9am-3:30pm, West Kern Oil Museum Yard Sale<br>6-10pm, First Friday Cruise Night   | <b>4</b><br>9am-3:30pm, West Kern Oil Museum Yard Sale                      |
| <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7 ELECTION!!</b><br>6pm, City Council Mtg.<br><br>6pm, Wine Down @ The Bank w/ Michael Gill | <b>8</b><br>9am, Chamber Sit N Sip<br><br>6pm, Industry Night @ Taft Petroleum Club                                 | <b>9</b><br>5pm, Special Planning Commission Mtg.                     | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>8am-2pm, ADAKC Caring for the Care-giver, Hodel's              |
| <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>4-5pm, Taft Economic Development Ad Hoc Meeting | <b>14</b><br>11am, WCMA, Vencedores con Cristo<br><br>5:15pm, Downtown Business Meeting        | <b>15</b><br>9am, Chamber Sit N Sip<br>11am, Grand Opening, Maria's Place   | <b>16</b><br>5pm, Chamber Mixer @ United Security Bank, w/ Albertsons | <b>17</b><br>10am-6pm, Red, White, & BBQ, Taft Chamber w/ Flaco's BBQ   | <b>18</b><br>Taft Sportsmen's Club 3F Shoot, benefiting Taft Fireworks Show |
| <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br>6pm, City Council Meeting   | <b>22</b><br>9am, Chamber Sit N Sip<br>6pm, Planning Commission Meeting   | <b>23</b>   | <div> <b>West Kern Oil Museum Yard Sale</b><br/> <br/> <b>June 3 &amp; 4</b><br/>           9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.<br/>           Great Bargains on Large Selection of Furniture, Books, Household Items<br/>           Plant Sale<br/>           West Kern Oil Museum<br/>           1168 Wood St., Taft<br/>           (661) 765-6664         </div> |   |
| <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>9am, Sit n Sip<br><br>1:30pm, Taft College Foundation Board Mtg<br><br>4pm, Taft Chamber Board Meeting | <b>30</b>   |   |   |

# July 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue                            | Wed                          | Thu | Fri  | Sat   |
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|     |     |                                |                              |     | 1<br>6-10pm, First Friday Car Cruise, Super Cruise Night!                                  | 2<br>4pm-11pm, Taft Fireworks Show & Vendor Fair<br>Fireworks 9pm |
| 3   | 4   | 5<br>6pm, City Council Meeting | 6<br>9am, Chamber Sit n Sip  | 7   | 8  | 9   |
| 10  | 11  | 12                             | 13<br>9am, Chamber Sit n Sip | 14  | 15<br> | 16  |

## The Countdown to CASA's Summer Training has begun!

Come to one of our orientations and stand up for children, so they'll stand a chance!

**A unique opportunity for a one week training class!**

Join us and invite a:

- Friend
- Family member
- Teacher
- Nurse
- Neighbor
- Co-worker
- We are especially in need of male and bilingual advocates!

**VOLUNTEER**  
we need your help!

There are 53 children currently waiting for a CASA advocate!

**Summer training starts the end of July!**

Please contact Nancy Garcia at 661-631-2272 or at [ngarcia@kerncasa.org](mailto:ngarcia@kerncasa.org)

**Orientalions happening now! See dates below...**

Friday, May 20th at 11am at the Southwest Library

Tuesday, May 24th at 12pm at the Delano Library

June 1st at 5:30pm at the CASA Office


For more dates visit [www.kerncasa.org](http://www.kerncasa.org)

**CASA**  
Child Advocates for Children  
KERN COUNTY

**Taft**

## Business Mixer

Join us for networking, socializing, and community connecting!






Thursday  
June 16, 2016  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

United Security Bank  
523 Cascade Place  
Taft

**Join us for a free event to meet and network with other local business owners**

complimentary appetizers and drinks • \$100 cash raffle\* prize and more!

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\*no purchase necessary

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT TAFT CHAMBER AT (661) 765-2165.



## Business Mixer—The Bank Sports Lounge



On Thursday, May 12, The Bank Sports Lounge hosted the Taft Chamber monthly business mixer. Dennis Schertz provided samplings of wine and beer as well as appetizers from his menu.

The Bank Sports Lounge opened in December 2014. Dennis and Niki Schertz added this unique sports bar to Taft after owning and operating Asian Experience since 2006. Both restaurants are must go to restaurants for lunch or dinner.

The next Taft Chamber mixer is scheduled for Thursday, June 16 at 5pm at United Security Bank, located at 523 Cascade Place. This event is co-sponsored by Albertsons of Taft. Bart Hill and Ron Sousa have teamed up for this event and is one event you don't want to miss. United Security Bank is giving away a crisp \$100 Bill! If you would like to host a mixer at your office, please contact the Chamber at 661-765-2165.

Taft District Chamber of Commerce presents:

# Red, White, & BBQ

Friday, June 17, 2016  
10am—6pm  
400 Kern Street

- Food - Drinks - Beer - Music - Games -

|  |               |                  |
|--|---------------|------------------|
| Catered by<br><b>Flaco's BBQ</b><br>(Dine In or To-Go) | • Pulled Pork | • Ribs           |
|  | • Chicken     | • Kielbasa       |
|  | • Tri-Tip     | • Baked Potatoes |

**Stop by for Lunch and Dinner**



## **TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW**

**Saturday, July 2, 2016**



**YES! I want to  
support the  
Taft Fireworks  
Show!**



**All proceeds go to Fund the Fireworks**



## **FUND THE FIREWORKS Donation Day!**

**June 3**

**4th Street & Kern Street**  
The Bank Sports Lounge will  
donate \$1 for each beer sold to  
the Taft Fireworks Show!



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## Our Deepest Condolences

On behalf of the Taft District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and business community, we would like to offer our condolences to the family of Charlie Beard.

Charlie Beard was an instrumental part of Taft and touched the lives of so many people. As an entrepreneur and owner of many business ventures, his dedication to our community was highly visible. Charlie was best known for his work with General Production Services, Taft Industrial Park, Kern County Raceway Park, Taft Oilworker Monument, Taft Oildorado, Westside Economic Development Corporation, Taft National Bank, and Buena Vista Estates, just to name a few. Charlie was a Chamber member and sponsored many of our events in Taft.

Charlie was born on December 27, 1938 and passed away on May 21, 2016.

## CASA Volunteer Orientation

Plan to attend this one hour meeting to learn how you can make a difference in the life of an abused, abandoned or neglected child. Call Nancy Garcia at (661) 631-2272 to RSVP or visit our website at [www.kerncasa.org](http://www.kerncasa.org) for more information.

**\*\*Stand up for a child so they'll stand a chance\*\***

- Wednesday, May 4th at 5:30pm at the CASA office
- Friday, May 6th from 12-2pm at the Lake Isabella Library
- Wednesday, May 11th at 5:30pm at the CASA office
- Friday, May 13th from 12-2 pm at the Frazier Park Library
- Monday, May 16th at 12 pm at the Buttonwillow Library
- Friday, May 20th at 11am at the Southwest Library
- Tuesday, May 24th at 12pm at the Delano Library
- Saturday, May 28th at 11am at the Southwest Library
- Wednesday, June 1st at 5:30 pm at the CASA office
- Wednesday, June 8th at 5:30 pm at the CASA office
- Friday, June 17th at 11am at the Southwest Library
- Saturday, June 25th at 11am at the Southwest Library

**\*\*\*Bring a completed application which may be found on [kerncasa.org](http://kerncasa.org)**

**Summer Training to begin July 25th 2016!**



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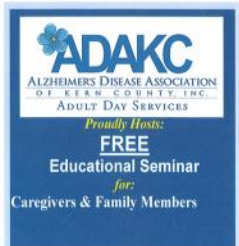
Expertise: Patient Centered Care elder care, Alzheimer's disease, staff development and training, program development

**Saturday, June 11, 2016**

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Hodel's Country Dining -Liberty Hall  
5917 Knudsen Dr.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308

**DEADLINE to RSVP**  
**Friday, June 3, 2016**  
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# 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:  
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400 Kern Street  
Taft, CA 93268  
(861)765-2165 phone (861)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 her/his 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- 550 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 swings, 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 served!
- 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 Maudeane at 861-763-1222. 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 861-765-2165 or shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com

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