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YOU'RE INVITED!
TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SPEAKEASY GALA

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17TH**



STARTS at 6PM

TAFT CHEVY BUILDING, 501 NORTH ST, BACK ALLEY

JOIN US FOR

Live Music, Dancing AND Delicious Food & Drinks

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PASSWORD REQUIRED

Sponsorships and individual tickets are available now!

Champagne Sponsor - \$1,000

(Includes Reserved Table for 8 with table signage, VIP table placement, chilled bottle of champagne at your table, and recognition in the media, the program, and at the event)

Table Sponsor - \$500

(Includes Reserved Table for 8 with table signage, and recognition in the program)

Event Sponsor - \$150

(Includes 2 event tickets and recognition in the program)

Individual Tickets - \$60

Reserve your tickets by September 14, 2016
Contact the Chamber at 661-765-2165 for more information.



Taft Chamber Events

GRAND OPENING



Poppy's Melting Pot Candle Co.
523 Center Street, Taft
(661)745-4044



The Arc®

Business Mixer

When:

Thursday, September 8, 2016
 5:00 P.M.

Where:

The ARC Taft
 204 Van Buren Street, Taft

FREE!!

Come join us for a fun evening of eating, meeting, and greeting. Enjoy some wonderful food provided by the hosts as well as the clients of the Taft ARC.

Learn more about the wonderful services that the ARC provides for our town. And take the opportunity to network the night away!

Bring your business card for the raffle!



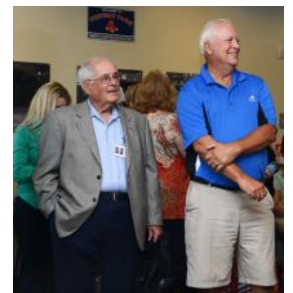
BUSINESS MIXER—WEST SIDE HEALTH CARE DISTRICT W/ WESTSIDE RECREATION

On Thursday, August 11, the West Side Health Care District partnered with Westside Recreation and Park District for our monthly business mixer. Jerry Starr, Executive Director of WSHCD introduced his staff and Board of Directors and presented the plans for the soon to be built medical campus. Health Care in our community is important to the success of our town and the District is moving forward with plans to advance the access to health

care in our community. This event was well attended by members of the community. For more information on the West Side Health Care District, please call 661-765-7234.



Join the Chamber on Thursday, September 8 for the next business mixer. The mixer will be held at the Taft ARC, located at 204 Van Buren Street. If you would like to host a mixer, please contact the Chamber at 661-765-2165.



Up Cycle Aquaponics
610 Kern St, Taft
(661)205-6575

Groundbreaking



MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Y'all Come on Down to
The Historic Fort



Join Us For

Bubba's Good Ole Okie Dinner

Thursday Evenin' - September 22, 2016

Drinkin' & Talkin' - 5:00pm Eatin' & Singin' - 6:00pm

We'll Be A Eatin' & A Drinkin'

Country Fried Chicken
Smashed Taters & Gravy
Corn on the Cob & Fried Okra
Good Ole Beans & Cornbread
Country Cobbler

Iced Tea & Coffee

No-Host Bar

We'll Be A Pickin' & Grinnin' & Havin' A Good Ole Time
with "Country George & Western Edition"

Advance Tickets: \$20.00 ~ \$25.00 at the Door

I Shur Don't Wanna Miss A Good Time Hold Tickets Fur Me

Put Me On Yur List The Check's In The Mail \$ Credit Card

RSVP By September 16th - Checks payable to: The Fort Preservation Society

Name: Phone:

Address:
The Historic Fort ~ 915 N. 10th Street, Suite 2 ~ Taft, California 93268 ~ 765-7371

Taft Community Blood Drive

Taft Chamber of Commerce
400 Kern Street

Tuesday, September 13th
12 PM - 6 PM

Enter To Win A
Carnival
Wristband

10 Winners
EVERY DAY!

EAKC Monthly Donor Prize: Bakersfield Condors Suite



**5K ZOMBIE
RUN FOR
YOUR LIVES
AT THE TAFT**

FRANKLIN FIELD OF SCREAMS

(Franklin Field Sports Complex 281 East Cedar St, Taft, Ca)

OCT 22ND-6PM



Register online at www.raceentry.com or see reverse



10th
Anniversary!

Join us as we celebrate 10 Years
of serving Taft at our Kern Street location!

September 8th • 9th • 10th, 2016

Thursday, Sept 8th

Coffee With A Cop 9-am
Prizes
Balloons

Friday, Sept 9th

32" TV Drawing
Free Samples
Prizes

Saturday, Sept 10th

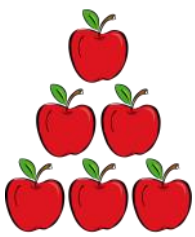
Taft Lions Club

Tri-Tip Barbecue

Gasoline Drawing !

Win 100 gallons FREE !!





September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 CHAMBER CLOSED 6pm-10pm, First Friday Cruise Night, Center Street Honor Flight will be out!	3 7am, Taft Wildcats Black Gold 1 mile & 5K Run, Kern County Race- way Park
4	5 LABOR DAY	6 5pm, Taft Community Garden Meet- ing, Black Gold 6pm, City Council Meet- ing, City Hall	7 9am, Sit 'n Sip, Taft Chamber 6pm, Industry Night, Taft Petroleum Club	8 10 year anniversary Fastrip! 9am, Coffee with a Cop, Fastrip 5pm, Chamber Mixer, Taft ARC	9 9am, West Kern Petrole- um Mini Sum- mit, Aera En- ergy Fastrip 32" TV Drawing 6pm, Malts vs. Hops, The Bank	10 Fastrip 10 year anniver- sary BBQ and gas drawing giveaway! Kern Street & 10th Street
11 	12	13 12-6pm, Houchin Blood Mobile, Taft Chamber 5:15pm, Downtown Meeting, Eve- ry Penny Counts	14 9am, Sit 'n Sip	15	16	17 6pm, Taft Chamber Speakeasy Gala, Taft Chevy Buy your tick- ets NOW!
18	19	20 6pm, City Council Meet- ing, City Hall	21 9am, Sit 'n Sip 6pm, Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall	22 5pm, Bubba's Okie Dinner , The Fort, Re- serve your seats today!	23	24
25	26 12pm, Kern Green Presen- tation, Lunch Provided to Attendees, RSVP today!	27	28 9am, Sit 'n Sip 4pm, Taft Chamber Board Meeting	29	30	



OCTOBER 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 7am, Taft Chamber Car, Truck, and Bike show, Rails to Trails
2	3	4 6pm, City Council Meeting	5 9am, Sit n Sip 6pm, Industry Night, Petroleum Club	6	7 6-9pm, Farm to Table, Bakersfield Museum of Art	8 Express Pharmacy Grand Opening & BBQ
9	10	11	12 9am, Sit n Sip	13 5:30pm, Taft College Cougar Cookout, Quad	14	15

COMMUNITY, CONVERSATION, COFFEE & COPS.

Join Us!
THURSDAY
 September 8, 2016
 9 a.m.

Coffee WITH A COP

FASTrip

903 Kern Street
 Taft, Ca 93268
 661-763-1790

See you there!

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.

SPONSORED BY
TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Chief Ed Whiting

FUEL YOUR SCHOOL

Go
 to your local Chevron or Texaco station.

Fill Up
 with 8 gallons of gas or more.

Support Local Public Schools

In Kern County, California, Chevron will donate \$1 with every fill-up, up to \$300,000, from October 1 through October 31, 2016, to help fund materials and supplies for local public schools through DonorsChoose.org.

Spread the Word
 and find out more at www.FuelYourSchool.com.

#FuelYourSchool

The Fuel Your School program is part of Chevron's overall support for education, which has totaled over \$270 million worldwide since 2013. To learn more about Chevron's education programs and partnerships, visit www.chevron.com/education.

DonorsChoose.org

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that organizes funding for eligible projects in public schools all over the country.

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



Wine Women & Shoes

Benefitting CASA of Kern County

Saturday, October 1, 2016

2-6 PM at the stunning River Bluff

- Sip world-class wine
- Savor delectable hors d'oeuvres
- Shop the latest in shoes & accessories
- Bid on one-of-a-kind auction items
- Kick up your heels for a stunning fashion show



For more information, call 661.631.2272
or visit winwomenandshoes.com/casakc

Be There. Be Fabulous.

Farm to Table

Benefitting Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County

Help a Child Take Flight

Friday, October 7th, 2016

Bakersfield Museum of Art

6:00– 9:00 PM

Eat, Drink, and Be Arty

Feast on farm-to-table cuisine • Indulge in artisan cocktails, craftbeer and boutique wines • Enjoy creative Tableaux and see them come to life • Enter the Mystère Box Raffle and much more.

Join us at the Table and Eat Your Art Out!

Tickets at www.bgclubsofkerncounty.org

Thank you!!

The Taft Chamber would like to acknowledge the Taft Sportsmen's Club and Taft Sport Shooters for their contributions to the Taft Fireworks Show. Their support is a vital part to our community.



The City of Taft is currently accepting applications for the program for

OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION!

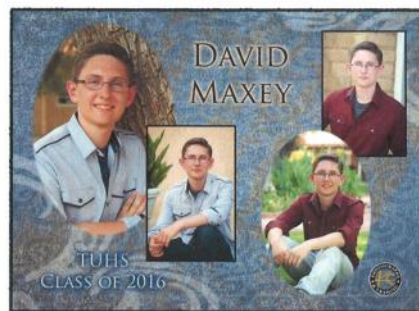
Stop by 209 E. Kern Street and pick up an application. Information is also available at www.cityoftaft.org.

Contact Yvette Mayfield at (661) 763-1222 ext. 16 or Darnell Porter at ext. 22.



KC Photography & Framing
427 Center St. Taft, CA

661-763-5429



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Announcements

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Senior Portrait Package!
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11x14 \$30.00, 16x20 \$60.00

30 years of Senior Experience
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Packages include prints!

Executive Directions

By: Dr. Kathy Orrin,
Executive Director

Your Taft Chamber spent the last three days of the month of August in San Diego at the International Conference of Shopping Centers (ICSC). Maddison and I traveled to the San Diego Convention Center with Taft City Manager Craig Jones and his Assistant Belinda Cole and City Planner Mark Staples and his Assistant Brenda Johns while Shannon held down the fort at the Chamber office. We missed her at the conference, but the Gala is coming, and there are many details that need her attention.

The ICSC Conference is a meet-and-greet, deal-making experience that takes place in a room the size of four football fields. Taft's booth, though not the largest (by a long-shot), is one of the most attractive. The City and the Chamber collaborated to showcase our City and its opportunities in an attractive display.

The largest (longest) day was Wednesday. Maddison and I rotated "booth time" with the folks from the City, alternating sharing information and answering questions with walking around inviting people to visit our booth and discussing the possibilities of bringing their businesses to Taft. The booth was effective in enticing people to stop and chat (people love our flashing American flag pins and chances to win a basket of Taft goodies); our crew was successful in listening to needs and suggesting properties.

This is the fourth year the Chamber has been invited to join the City in this trek to San Diego. It is a great opportunity to learn for what properties folks are looking, the trends in retail that are emerging, and the challenges to growth that currently are trending. As we speak to people from other regions, we learn what the next new economic ideas for growth are getting traction. We also learn, just through conversation, what issues cities our size are facing—whether in regulation, law enforcement, budgeting, and economics. This conference is helpful on many levels.

As you are aware, the Chamber is very proud to represent our business community wherever we go. It is an added bonus to be able to share Taft with folks on a grander stage, away from Kern County, at an international conference. We are grateful for the chance to work alongside our City officials to add a practical (and sometimes historical) assessment of the opportunities available in Taft.



**2016
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Rodney Wikoff
West Hills Church of the Nazarene

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 9, TCFPP Mini Summit

September 17, Taft Chamber Gala

September 22, Fort Okie Dinner

October 1, Chamber Car Show

October 13, Taft College Cookout

October 22, Kiwanis Zombie Run

October 29, Chamber Golf Classic

November 3, The Fort Fall Dinner

November 8, Election Day

Nov. 19, Chamber Trout Derby

December 1, The Fort Gift Show

Dec. 5, Taft Christmas Parade

Dec. 8, Taft Arc Christmas Party

Dec. 10, Soroptomist Fashion Show

**MALTS
VS.
HOPS**

PICK A SIDE. OR JOIN THE FRAY. TRY ALL OF OUR BEERS AND EXPERIENCE AN ASTONISHING SPECTRUM OF PURE MALTS AND HOPS.

FEATURING:

DBA
Nitro Merlin Milk Stout
Union Jack
Unfiltered DBA
Luponic Distortion 002

The Bank
9.9.16
Starts at 6pm
Glassware while supplies last!

Be a Friend, Make a Friend

Taft College is hosting a Best Buddies meeting on **Thursday, September 8 from 12-1pm** at the TIL Lounge (behind the TIL Building). Best Buddies is an international program designed to facilitate one-to-one friendships between students and those with intellectual or developmental disabilities to promote community. See you there!

**COUGAR
COOKOUT**

Catering by **SONNY'S BBQ**
Red Oak Santa Maria Style BBQ

10.13.16
5:30 - 8:00pm - Taft College Quad

Call For Tickets
661-763-7900

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

Sponsored by
TRCA TAFTCOLLEGE SYNAGRO CHEVRON VALLEY

Veterans Eat For FREE!!
Must Present Valid ID.

TAFT OILWORKERS MONUMENT

SPACE IS LIMITED!!

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4x8 Brick: \$100—8x8 Brick: \$175



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Membership Coordinator: Maddison Rubadeau
maddison.taftchamber@gmail.com

The Taft High School Cross Country Teams
Present
The 12th annual
Taft Wildcat
Black-Gold Rush
1 mile & 5K Fun Run
Sep. 3, 2016

Date: Saturday, Sep. 3, 2016

Time: Registration from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.
 1 mile & 5-K races both start @7:30 a.m.

Location-Kern County Raceway Park, Bakersfield, California
 Directions: From Interstate 5 (N or S), take Highway 43 (Enos Lane) exit, go south for a quarter of a mile and make a right onto Raceway drive and enter the raceway grounds.

Awards and Results

*All 1 Mile participants will receive a ribbon at the finish line. Top 3 overall finishers will be awarded medals.

*The first three male and female finishers in each age division in the 5K race will be awarded medals.

Entry Form

Circle One
 1M 5K

Check One

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Sex ___M___F Age race day _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

___19/Under
 ___20-29
 ___30-39
 ___40-49
 ___50-59
 ___60+

Prices:

Registration for 5K-\$20

1 Mile registration is \$15.00.

Make check payable to Taft High Cross Country Team

For information contact Ryan Hickman at rhickman@taft.k12.ca.us or 661-763-2300 x 213

Notice: THE FOLLOWING WAIVER AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK MUST BE SIGNED PRIOR TOPARTICIPATING, IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ALSO SIGN:

I, the undersigned, for myself, my agents, heirs, executors, assigns, personal administrators and representatives, do hereby release and waive any and all claims and actions, for damages caused by any negligence of Releases including but not limited to Taft Union High School and the Cross Country Teams, and their sponsors, advertisers, principals, agents, representatives, board of trustees, officers, directors, administrators, individuals associated with the event, and the like, or otherwise. I agree to hold them harmless and indemnify them. I am fully aware of the risks, dangers, and hazards, including death, and do voluntarily agree to assume all risks connected with the event that might be sustained by me, including but not limited to personal injury, death, and property damage. I have read and understand this release and waiver of all liability.

Participant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Presents The

**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

SPONSORED BY:



**DASH PLAQUES / AWARDS IN EACH CLASS / BEST OF SHOW
AWARD / FOOD AND CRAFT VENDORS / KIDS AREA / RAFFLE
PRIZES / LIVE MUSIC / BEER GARDEN / FREE ADMISSION**

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: _____
\$65 FOR YOUR NAME ON 3 PLAQUES

Make checks payable to the Taft 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

Visa/Mastercard/Discover (call for information)

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

Liability Release: The undersigned, desiring to participate in the Taft District Chamber of Commerce Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, does hereby tender his/her application. In consideration of this application, the undersigned does hereby: 1) 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, 2) Release all other participating business entities and participants from any and all liability from the event, 3) give permission to use any photographs or information obtained prior to the event for print or publication, 4) agree to have vehicle liability insurance required by the state of California DMV. The Taft District Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for the use or operation of said vehicle and is not responsible for any damage to any of the entered vehicles. **Forms must be received by the Chamber by Wednesday, September 28 to be considered pre-registered.**

Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

Saturday,
October 1, 2016
Rails to Trails,
Downtown Taft
Event Times:
7am—3pm



Sponsor/Vendor Form

If you or your company would like to be a part of the **2016 Rails to Trails Car, Truck, and Bike Show**, there are several ways to get involved. Please fill out this form and return to the Taft Chamber of Commerce. Sponsorships due by September 16 & Vendor Forms by September 27.

1. _____ Become a sponsor at the **Limousine level (\$1,000)**: Name and Logo on event t-shirt, poster, and banner, recognition on event calendar, newspaper, and at the event, and vendor booth with sponsor yard stake along the trail
2. _____ Become a sponsor at the **Cadillac level (\$500)**: Name on event t-shirt, banner, and poster, & Recognition in the newspaper and at the event, and vendor booth
3. _____ Become a sponsor at the **Sports Car level (\$250)**: Vendor booth & recognition in the newspaper and at the event
4. _____ Reserve a **Vendor Space (\$50)**: 12'x12' space for the car show Saturday, October 1, 2016 (see box at the bottom for details and requirements)
5. _____ **Raffle Prize donation** of an item or gift certificate. Items need to be delivered to the Taft Chamber by September 27 for recognition in the event program or can be delivered at the event.

Name of Sponsor/Vendor: _____
Contact Name: _____ (Sponsors: Do you need a vendor booth? Yes No)
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Amount Enclosed: _____ Visa/Mastercard (Call for details)

VENDORS—Please fill out:

Items Sold: _____
Food Vendor? Yes No (If yes, must provide copy of permit) Vehicle Trailer

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Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vendor space fee is for use of the property for Saturday's Car show.• Vendor spaces are 12x12—Trailer parking is NOT available behind your booth.• 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 from KC Environmental Health—please attach a copy.• You must obtain a City of Taft business license—Call Maudene at 661-763-1222 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 |
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