



September 2018 Newsletter

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Our Platinum Sponsors



Our Gold Sponsors



15th Annual Taft Chamber Golf Classic Saturday, September 29, 2018 @ BV Golf Course

Only a few teams spots remain until the
tournament is sold out!

Reserve your team today!

Taft Candidate Forum Wednesday, October 17, 2018 @ OT Cookhouse

The Candidate Forum is designed to
give the voters on the Westside of Kern
County an opportunity to hear from the
candidates themselves, prior to the
November 6 election.



Taft Chamber Trout Derby Saturday, November 17, 2018 @ Buena Vista Lake Evans



Register at the Taft Chamber, Bob's Bait
Bucket, or Cope's Tackle & Rod—\$1,000
Grand Prize



S eptember Happenings in Taft

Taft Union High School Oil Technology Academy

2018/2019 kick off BBQ and program

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

West Kern Oil Museum, 1168 Wood Street

Serving dinner at 5:30pm

All friends of Oil Tech are invited to attend.

Westside Waste Management South Taft Community Cleanup Event

Collecting Bulky Waste items

FREE!!

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Place all bulky waste items at your curbside by 7:00 AM
Drop off items by 11:00 AM at the empty lot on the corner of
Asher and Crystal

Household Bulky Waste Items such as:

Refrigerators
Couches
Washers/Dryers

Mattresses
Stoves
Other Furniture or Appliances



* Items **MUST** be out by 7:00 AM if you want it picked up
* Items not out by 7:00 AM can be taken to the Drop Off location until 11:00 AM
* **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:** tires, hazardous waste, or construction and demolition

The ARC-Taft Festi-fall Crafts & Vendor Event September 28th @ 6pm



KERN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS

DISCOVER THE BEGINNINGS OF KERN COUNTY
BY GREG MUDGE,
DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS WEST KERN OIL MUSEUM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018
BEALE LIBRARY-TEJON ROOM
1:00PM

LONG TIME RESIDENT OF TAFT AND OIL INDUSTRY
EXPERT, GREG MUDGE WILL
DELVE INTO THE BEGINNINGS OF THE OIL
INDUSTRY IN KERN COUNTY, ONE OF OUR
LARGEST RESOURCES.
FREE TO THE PUBLIC



Y'all Come on Down to The Historic Fort



Join Us For

Bubba's Good Ole Okie Dinner

Thursday Evenin' - September 20, 2018

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

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

Please RSVP By October 5th Checks payable to: The Fort Preservation Society

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Table Sponsors: \$125.00 _____ \$250.00 _____ \$500.00 _____
\$125.00 / 2 Tickets \$250.00 / 4 Tickets \$500.00 / 8 Tickets

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

LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ... A GLIMPSE INTO TAFT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND BEYOND

This mini-panel will discuss the operation of prisons that
house the most violent, dangerous, and manipulative
individuals as well as the importance of treating each
incarcerated person with dignity and respect.

~PRESENTERS~

CRAIG AMER
AND
RANDY LOGAN

TIME -- 3PM-430PM

LOCATION -- COUGAR ROOM

TUESDAY · SEPTEMBER · 11

EVENT IS FREE AND SPONSORED BY THE TC FOUNDATION

September Happenings in Taft

America's JobCenter of California™

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS



Innovative Workforce Training SEMINAR

WED. 9/19/2018
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Beale Memorial Library - Auditorium
701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield

FEATURING
ROBIN PAGGI
Training & Development Specialist
Worklogic HR

KEY TOPICS

- » Onboarding Tools for Employers
- » Work Opportunity Tax Credits
- » 2018 Labor Law Updates

PLEASE RSVP BY 9/17/18 WITH:

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Kari McLeod
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AJCC & WIOA are an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Taft District Chamber of Commerce
15th Annual Golf Classic
Saturday, September 29, 2018
Buena Vista Golf Course, Taft, CA



6:00am
Registration
7:00am
Shotgun Start

Entry fee:
\$500 per team
Registration includes green fees, cart fees, drinks, goody bag, lunch, and participation in the putting contest

Play format:
4 Person Team
(form your own team)
Scramble Format

Lunch and raffle following event to be held at the Clubhouse

Register online or find additional information at www.taftchamber.com.
No pro participation.

PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS

Top 6 Teams Win!

1st Place	\$1,600
2nd Place	\$1,400
3rd Place	\$1,200
4th Place	\$1,000
5th Place	\$800
6th Place	\$600

Hole-In-One @ Par 3's (Hole #2, 6, 13, 17)
\$20,000 Cash plus Bonus Prizes

Closest to the Hole
\$200 Cash on each par 3

Long Drive
\$150 Cash on 7th hole tees

Putting Contest
\$200 Cash

Golfer Registration

Player #1: SCGA Handicap: _____ Age 65+ Y/N _____ Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	Player #2: SCGA Handicap: _____ Age 65+ Y/N _____ Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	Player #3: SCGA Handicap: _____ Age 65+ Y/N _____ Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	Player #4: SCGA Handicap: _____ Age 65+ Y/N _____ Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
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PINT FOR A PASS
TAFT COMMUNITY Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 11th
Taft Chamber of Commerce
400 Kern Street, Taft CA
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Donors receive a FREE Adult Admission to the Kern County Fair!




To Make an Appointment
Call: 616-2505

Those donating at this blood drive must:

- Bring picture ID with date of birth
- Be free from cold, flu, cold sores, and all signs of infection
- Eat a meal at least 3 hours prior to donating
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be at least 16 years old - Minors must have a signed parental consent form available at www.hccb.com

BASEBALL HITTING & PITCHING CLINICS

DATE
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 9

TIME
CHECK IN - 8:30 A.M.
STARTS - 9:00 A.M.
ENDS - 12:00 P.M.


GRADES
4-8

FEE(S)
\$25 HITTING
\$25 PITCHING
\$40 BOTH

JOIN CSUB BASEBALL FOR A HITTING & PITCHING CLINIC. NOT A PITCHER? NO PROBLEM! YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR ONE OR THE OTHER!

LOCATION
TUHS VARSITY BASEBALL FIELD

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018



WEST SIDE
RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
500 CASCADE PLACE, TAFT
(661)763-4246 (661)765-6677

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Happy Labor Day!	4 5:30pm, TUHS Oil Tech BBQ 6pm, City Council Meeting	5 9am, Sit n Sip w/ Sandra Downing 4pm, Planning Commission Meeting Industry Night @ Petroleum Club	6	7 6pm, First Friday Cruise Night on Center Street	8 7am-11am, South Taft Community Cleanup, sponsored by Westside Waste Management
9 9am-12pm, WSRPD Baseball & Pitching Clinics w/ CSUB	10	11 12-6pm, Houchin Blood Mobile @ Chamber 3-4:30pm, OBOBOK event @ Taft College	12 9am, Sit n Sip w/ Andrew Wagner 10am, Mobile Office Hours w/ Cole Karr for Kevin McCarthy	13	14 TCFPP Wine Tasting Tour 12pm, Arch Committee Meeting	15 Buttonwillow Fall Farm Festival
16	17	18 1pm, Beginnings of Kern County @ Beale 6pm, City Council	19 9am, Sit n Sip w/ Josh Bryant & Tom White 1-4pm, Workforce Training	20 5pm, Fort Okie Dinner, \$20 advance, \$25 at the door	21	22 CASA of Kern 25th Anniversary
23	24	25	26 9am, Sit n Sip w/ Mike Long 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting	27 3-4:30pm, OBOBOK event @ Taft College	28 Taft ARC Festival	29 7am, Taft Chamber Golf Tournament @ BV Golf
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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2018

4, West Kern Adult Education Network GED Graduation

5-6, Class of 1998 Reunion

9, Oildorado 2020 Launch Party

11, Taft College Cougar Cookout

17, Taft Candidate Forum

18, Coffee with a Cop & The Fort Fall Harvest Wine & Beer Tasting

20, Rotary Club Biscuits & Gravy Fundraiser

27, Boomtown Days @ West Kern Oil Museum

29, West Side Recreation Trunk or Treat & McKittrick Carnival

31, Halloween Spooktakular

November 2018

7, Kern County Energy Summit

15, Champagne & Shopping Downtown Event

17, Taft Chamber Trout Derby

30, West Side Recreation Holiday Craft Show

December 2018

1, West Side Recreation Holiday Craft Show

3, Taft Christmas Parade

6, The Fort Gift Show

7, Photos with Santa & Cruise Night

11, ARC Sponsor Christmas Party

12, Chamber Board Meeting

January 2019

12, West Side Recreation WESPY's

February 2019

7, Taft Chamber Installation Gala

CALLING ALL TUHS GRADUATES!

TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED!

Did you or your family member graduate from Taft Union High School?

The Taft Union High School Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for upcoming Hall of Fame Celebrations. Annual ceremony is held in April at TUHS Mullen Gym.

Applications are available at:

www.tuhshalloffame.com

www.taftchamber.com

400 Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268

For more information, contact Kathy Orrin at Kathy.taftchamber@gmail.com or by calling 661-765-2165.



October Events You Can't Miss



SAVE THE DATE

11 october

Ticket \$30/\$20

9th Annual Alumni & Friends

COUGAR COOKOUT

Raffle Prizes


Veterans Eat For FREE!!

LIVE MUSIC / DANCING / ALUMNI BEER GARDEN
STARTS AT 5:30PM IN THE QUAD AT TAFT COLLEGE

2018 COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD
DON AND LINDA ZUMBRO

GET TICKETS HERE!!!

[HTTPS://COUGARCOOKOUT.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://cougarcookout.eventbrite.com)



Taft Candidate Forum


Wednesday, October 17, 2018

6:00pm-8:30pm

OT Cookhouse, 205 N. 10th Street, Taft

Candidates for the following Offices
will be invited:

City Council City of Taft	State Senator 16th District
Kern County Supervisor 2nd District	U.S. Congress 23rd District
State Assembly 34th District	




This Candidate Forum is designed to give the voters on the Westside of Kern County an opportunity to hear from the candidates themselves prior to the general election on **November 6**.
Contact the Chamber at 661-765-2165 for more information.

**COMMUNITY, CONVERSATION,
COFFEE & COPS**

Join us at The Recreation Center
Party Room

**Thursday
October 18, 2018
9:00 AM.**




**500 Cascade Place
Bldg. D
Taft, Ca 93268
661.763-4246**

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.**

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TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT

For additional information, please contact
Chris Carpenter at Taft Police Department
(661) 763-3101 Extension 146



October 6th, 2018 at Three-Way Chevrolet!

4501 Wible Road

GM Cars and Trucks only – \$25
Get \$5 off when you bring a non-perishable
food item to benefit Gleaner's Food Bank

Pre-Registration Time: 7:30-8:30am
Car Show Time: 8:30am-3:30pm

Trophies Awarded at 3:00pm
Best Custom Build
Best Paint
Best in Show

**BBQ for sale - All proceeds benefit
Centennial High School Football!**

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



Taft ARC is starting an Aktion club here in Taft! This news is very exciting because we will be the first here in Kern County. There are already well established Aktion clubs nationally, but none in our local proximity. Aktion club is a service club branched off our already energetic Kiwanis Club. Aktion Clubs are made-up of various organizations that support individuals with disabilities. So, the club will be headed and supported by local members of our community with disabilities. The current Kiwanis Taft Club president, Michael Chiamonte, will be the Adviser for the club and ARC-Taft will host a majority of the members. An invitation to join the club will include the TIL and any others interested in our community.

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 661-765-5001  rswhomefurnishings.com

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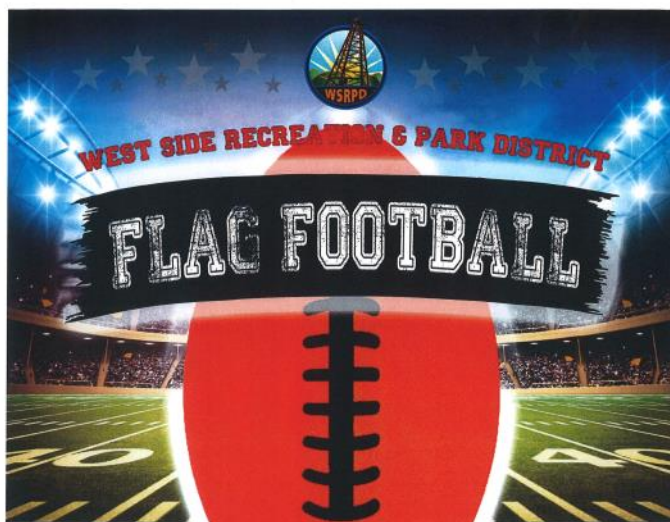
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Taft Ca 93268

**SOFAS, LOVE SEATS, & MATTRESSES
UP TO 12 MONTHS SAME AS CASH**

MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM-6PM / SATURDAYS 10AM-3PM

WEST SIDE

RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT



WHEN:
OCTOBER 22 -
DECEMBER 15

PRACTICES: WEEKDAYS
GAMES: SATURDAYS

LOCATIONS:
A ST PARK &
FRANKLIN FIELD
COMPLEX

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
SIGN UP TODAY AT WSRPD
500 CASCADE PLACE, TAFT
(661)763-4246 (661)765-6677

GIRLS
WELCOME!

INSTRUCTIONAL
GRADES K-1
\$40
YOUTH
GRADES 2-5
\$55
JR HIGH
GRADES 6-8
\$55

Holiday Vendor & Craft Show

Friday, November 30
5:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 1
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$35 per space or
\$50 per premium space

Returning Vendor Registration begins:
Tuesday, August 21, 2018

New Vendor Registration begins:
Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Register by phone or in person
at the District Office

WSRPD Community Center
500 Cascade Place, Taft

661-763-4246
www.wsrpd.com

**Vendors are required
to have a City of Taft
business license.**



2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jordan Miller
Roger Miller Insurance Agency

1st Vice President: Les Clark III
Westside Recreation & Park District

2nd Vice President: Rodney Wikoff
West Hills Church of the Nazarene

Treasurer: Bart Hill
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Cooper's True Value

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Taft College

Mary Ann Hagstrom
Taft ARC

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Taft Community Garden

Sandy Koenig
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Dennis Schertz
Asian Experience

Harry Starkey
West Kern Water District

Jerry Starr
West Side Health Care District

Adele Ward
Taft City School District

Tommy White
Taft Union High School

Oildorado Announces new President, Board Positions, and Dates for 2020

Taft Oildorado is pleased to announce the new President for the upcoming celebration. Shannon Miller, Director of Operations at the Taft Chamber of Commerce will take over for outgoing President Paul Linder. As an Executive Board member since 2012, Shannon served as the Treasurer for the 2015 event, a role in which she will continue to assist as the new President.



Taft Oildorado Days is planning a launch party to be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6pm in the Oildorado Room at the Taft Transit Center to announce the newest members of the general Board of Directors. Individuals who are interested in a particular event or activity can submit a volunteer form to express interest as the chair, committee, or volunteer. All current and past volunteers as well as any community members wishing to participate in the festivities will need to return the brief form. Oildorado would not be possible without volunteers and we want you to have an opportunity to participate! Volunteer forms are available at www.taftchamber.com or on the Oildorado Facebook page and need to be returned by September 28, 2018.

Mark your calendars for Oildorado 2020. Oildorado will be held October 9-18, 2020 and include the time-honored traditions and events including the civic luncheon, queen pageant, Whiskerino and Tessie Garratt competition, oilfield skills competition, hot air balloons, carnival, grand parade, air display and fly-over, melodrama, and more. The Sheriff's Posse and Wooden Nickel Gang will return as well as the Maids of Petroleum and Headquarters Store.



An updated website will be unveiled soon. For more information about prior Oildorado celebrations, the City of Taft, and event information, please visit www.taftoildorado.com. You can contact the new President, Shannon Miller, at 661-765-2165 or at shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com.

TAFT OILWORKERS MONUMENT SPACE IS LIMITED!!

Call us at 661-765-2165 to order a brick for that special oilfield worker or family member to be placed at the Taft Oil workers Monument.

4x8 Brick: \$100—8x8 Brick: \$175



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