



AMARILLO, TEXAS
Tri State EXPO

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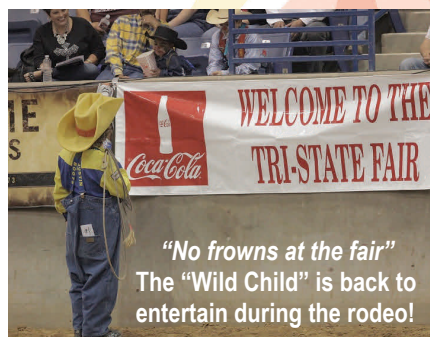
Each year the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition sets the stage to *ooh* and *aah* visitors at its annual fundraiser the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. This year will be no exception.



The most noticeable change will be when visitors head to the concession area to tempt their taste buds. Not only does it look new and improved but there is shade to enjoy your refreshments from one of our many vendors.

In addition to facility renovations that can be enjoyed year-round the fair entertainment has taken on a bit of a twist. “As a committee we were committed to bringing more entertainment to this year’s fair. We have booked six bands of local, regional and national appeal, said Tod Mayfield, Entertainment Committee Chair. “We are also bringing numerous new acts and past favorites to perform during the day and early evening. We truly believe this year’s fair will have something for everyone.” Six nights of musical entertainment are being offered as well as entertainment the fair community can get involved in. The musical line-up includes: Tejas Brothers, Dirty River Boys, Eleven Hundred Springs, Rodney Parker & 50 Peso Reward, Ray Wylie Hubbard and Billy Joe Shaver. New to the traditional line-up of the petting zoo, pig races and log climbers will be a Hollywood Stunt Show, Rhinestone Roper, Banana Derby, Kid’s Celebration and a Shark Show.

Each day the fair offers great specials on gate admission and ride discounts so be sure and check out the website to find those. Student coupon nights will be held Monday, Sept. 17, Wednesday, Sept. 19 and Thursday, Sept. 20. “We added the additional student night on Thursday so that families would have an additional evening to spend together at the fair,” said Virgil Bartlett, General Manager, Amarillo-Tri-State Exposition. “Thursday night includes the first night of the PRCA Rodeo so we look for this to be a big draw for families.”



Come on out September 14-22 and come “*Along For The Ride.*” You won’t be disappointed.

Exposition Grounds See Improvements

Construction began in March on a 40’ x 600’ covered area that will serve the Exposition in many facets. “The area referred to as the “Corral” to those of us at the fairgrounds was built to serve the community in many different ways,” said Virgil Bartlett, General Manager, Amarillo Tri-State Exposition. “It will serve as a food court during the fair but additionally we can rent the facility for car or motorcycle shows, BBQ cook-offs, dances, and have the ability for additional stalling should an event require it.”

The Bill Cody Arena has seen its share of renovations this summer also and equine enthusiasts will notice that immediately upon entering that facility. “We have air conditioned the restrooms, concessions area and included a lounge in the area that was once the stalling office,” Bartlett said.



Saturday, Sept. 8
Amarillo National Center
Featuring...



2012 Scholarship Recipients



Cheyenne Dawn Hagerman of Amarillo graduated from River Road High School and was active in both 4-H for 10 years and FFA for 6 years. She was one of the pioneers of the Vet Science 4-H program in Potter County. She has shown steers, pigs, lambs and goats at the Tri-State Fair. She was a State Representative for the Texas 4-H Congress and presented a bill to the 4-H judiciary committee in Austin. She was a “section leader” in the River Road Band at her High School. She implemented a fundraising plan to purchase and plant 40 trees at the new school. Cheyenne plans to pursue pre-veterinary studies at West Texas A & M University and then pursue her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree at Texas A&M in College Station. She would like to open her own practice specializing in large and exotic animals.



Casen Losey Hawkins was raised in Quitaque where he attended Turkey-Valley schools for the majority of his schooling. He graduated from Valley High School in May. He was very active in both FFA and FCCLA. Casen showed heifers and pigs locally and regionally. He qualified for state in both dairy judging and wildlife FFA CDE contests. He was “high individual” in dairy cattle and wildlife in area contests his junior year. He served as a committee chairman for FFA and held class offices his sophomore, junior and senior years. While at Valley, Casen played football, track, and basketball. In the fall, Casen plans to attend West Texas A & M University and major in animal science and get his teaching certificate. He would like to become an Ag teacher.



Zozan Khoshan of Amarillo, formerly from Kurdistan, Iraq, came to the United States 15 years ago. She is a 2012 graduate of Palo Duro High School. Raised on the North side of town she witnessed many children struggling with a language barrier. Through volunteering with the “Reach Out and Read Program” she discovered helping children learn and become literate eliminates barriers and gives them the means to change their fate. For this reason, Zozan has decided to go to Amarillo College for two years and then transfer to Texas Tech to get her teaching degree. After getting some practical experience, she plans to continue her education and eventually get a PhD and be in a position to influence educational policy.

Former Scholarship Recipient Looks to the Future

James Graves Tri-State Exposition scholarship recipient of 2008 graduated from West Texas A&M University in May of 2012 with a B.S. in Animal Science. James will be attending New Mexico State University in the fall and begin work on his M.S. in Animal Science with his focus on Ruminant Nutrition and Beef Cattle Health. Good luck to James!



James Graves (center) with his parents Johnny and Dorothy Graves at WTAMU's May commencement.

TAF&E Awards Scholarship to Former Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Junior Board Member

Reese Morris of Vega is one of ten scholarship recipients chosen by the Texas Association of Fairs & Events (TAF&E). Morris will receive the \$2,000 scholarship to further his education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock majoring in Agricultural Education.

Morris was active on the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo's Junior Board of Directors in 2010 and 2011. Morris assisted with daily operations of the fair both years. He has also competed in the Ag Mechanics division at the fair since 2008. Additionally, Morris competes at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the Ag Mechanics division.

“The fair was honored to forward Reese's scholarship application on to TAF&E for consideration of their scholarships, said Virgil Bartlett, General Manager of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. “We appreciate the hard work Reese put forth by serving on the junior board and by actively exhibiting at the fair in the Ag Mechanics show.”

Morris is the son of Roger and Mary Ann Morris of Vega.

TAF&E is a non-profit trade association of Texas fair and festival professional, volunteers and suppliers that began in 1926.



A Big Thank You to...



Tom Spanel

Fair & Rodeo volunteers were honored on April 19th at the Volunteer Recognition Party. Over 220 volunteers were awarded service pins, jackets and windbreakers. Several were recognized for over 50 years of volunteer service.

New this year was the awarding of the "Superintendent of the Year", "Committee Chairman of the Year" and "Committee of the Year". The engraved "Belt Buckles" were awarded to Mateel Brown (Open Culinary Superintendent), Johnny Johnson (Rodeo Committee Chairman) and Tom Spanel (Committee of the Year) accepted the honor for the Concessions Committee.



Mateel Brown



Johnny Johnson



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Amarillo Tri-State Fair

Mission Statement

The Amarillo Tri-State Exposition will provide a wholesome, educational, cultural and recreational experience for area citizens by hosting the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo and other events to strengthen the Amarillo economy.

Mark Your Calendar...

August

- 4 ~ Panhandle Team Penning & Sorting | Bill Cody Arena
- 4-5 ~ Panhandle Cutting Horse | ANC
- 11-19 ~ W. Texas Futurity | ANC
- 24-Sept. 1 ~ AQHA Adequan Select | ANC

September

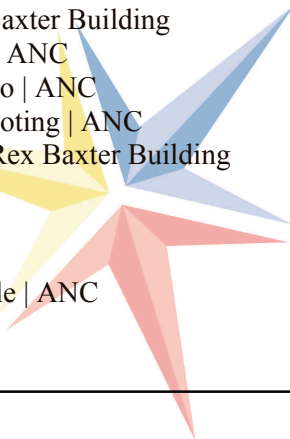
- 8 ~ Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Gala | ANC
Featuring the Josh Abbott Band
- 14-22 ~ 89th Annual
Tri-State Fair & Rodeo

October

- 6 ~ Cattle Baron's Ball | Rex Baxter Building
- 6 ~ Cycle City "Arena Cross" | ANC
- 12-13 ~ Women's Ranch Rodeo | ANC
- 17-20 ~ Cowboy Mounted Shooting | ANC
- 27 ~ Ambucs Pancake Feast | Rex Baxter Building

November

- 3 ~ Mini Sprint Cars | ANC
- 6-11 ~ Western Bloodstock Sale | ANC



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- Virgil Bartlett- General Manager*
- Cindy Backus- Office Manager*
- Lavonna Davis- Event Coordinator*
- Angela Ragland- Sponsorship/Marketing Director*
- Trinidee Chambers- Bookkeeper*
- Lani Ambs- Receptionist*
- Maryann Hueston- Development/Fundraising*
- Alton Wilson- Grounds/Maintenance Supervisor*
- Jonathan Strader- Assistant Supervisor*

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- Virgil Bartlett- Secretary*
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