

Summer 2017

Amarillo, Texas

Tri State EXPOSURE

SHOWCASING OUR TRI-STATE CULTURAL HERITAGE



September 15-23, 2017

We've got YOUR ticket to ride! Ride at the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company Tri-State Fair & Rodeo in a few short weeks. "Our committees have worked hard to put together a great line-up of shows and concerts. As well, each of our volunteers have put their best foot forward preparing their departments for our contestants and exhibitors arrival," said Virgil Bartlett, general manager Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. For more information go to tristatefair.com

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Each year with the assistance of Opportunity Plan, Inc. in Canyon, three scholars are chosen to receive the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo scholarships.

The scholarship recipient must have graduated from a high school in the Panhandle's 26-county region and be enrolled in a community college or university. The Exposition is very proud to announce the following students as recipients of our 2017 scholarships.



Landry Little is the daughter of Jess and Donna Little and lives in Claude. She graduated from Claude High School in May. While in high school, Landry participated in band, cheerleading, Student Council, athletics, One Act Play, Snack-Pak-4-Kids, and 4-H. She served in many positions of leadership within these organizations. She served on the Armstrong County Youth Advisory Board for two years and served on the Fair & Rodeo Junior Board for one year. In 2015 she represented her community as "Miss Armstrong County." Though busy with school activities, Landry found time to participate in many community service projects. As a member of Community Bible Fellowship Church, Landry is the audio-visual coordinator and leads Children's Church. Landry plans to attend Tarleton State University to major in Public Relations and Event Management. She will join her two sisters, Morgan and Lauren who are already at Tarleton State. She hopes to use her degree to work with charities and nonprofits.

Bret Barnard grew up in Stratford and graduated from Stratford High School as salutatorian of his class. His parents, Nita and Pat own and operate two agricultural based businesses in town. He has one older sister, Brook Walker. During high school Bret participated in both football and basketball until an injury ended his sports career. As a member of 4-H and FFA, he held officer positions in both organizations. He received the Lone Star Farmer Degree at the state FFA convention in July. As a member of the Texas High School Rodeo Association Bret was able to pursue trap shooting activities and became the State and National Trap Shooting Champion for 2016. He is a member of the National Honor Society and holds the rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America. Bret is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford. Bret plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in Agribusiness with a minor in Wildlife Management. He will also be a member of the OSU Trap Shooting Club.



Lawson Sullivan is from Dimmitt now but has lived in several Texas cities. He graduated from Dimmitt High School this past spring. While in school, Lawson was involved in the National Honor Society, FFA, Student Council, UIL, athletics, FCA and a member of Peer Advisors Leading Students. His father, Jonathan, is a pastor in Dimmitt and his mother, Jennifer, is a school counselor. He has one younger sister and a baby brother. The Sullivan family adopted their little boy and are involved in fostering other children. Lawson is very near receiving his Eagle Scout rank through the Boy Scouts of America and is actively involved at his church. Lawson plans to attend WTAMU and major in animal sciences under the pre-vet program. Later he will attend Texas A&M's Veterinary School. He would like to eventually return to the Texas Panhandle and have his own practice. At some time he would like to participate in mission trips offering veterinary care in impoverished communities.





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Volunteer pin recipients and years served – Bottom row-(l-r) Mark Zimmer (15), Yvonne Bryant (5), Jim Allison (30), Brandon Dukes (10). Middle row – Curt Cash (20), Hanna Van Kote (15). Top row-Pete White (5), Dave Eastlake (10), Leon Church (15), Martin Wilhite (10), Tracy Hill (30).

Fair Kick-Off and Volunteer Party

It's time to kick-off the 2017 Fair season and that's just what happened, July 25 at the Commercial Exhibits Hall.

In order to properly kick-off Fair season an appreciation dinner for our volunteers was served as well as a power point about the upcoming event was shown. Additionally, year pins were presented to many deserving volunteers.

Volunteers are the heart of any organization and the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo is no different. Tracking our volunteers years of service began in 2011. "What a surprise it was to learn that we had volunteers that had served the Fair for 50 and 60 years and they had never been recognized," said Maryann Hueston, volunteer coordinator.

Pins were presented to volunteers and other 2016 award winners were: Kay Ledbetter, superintendent of the year; Glenn McMennamy, ambassador of the year; Livestock, committee of the year.

"There is simply no way we can put on an event of this magnitude with out volunteers. They are here to help us throughout the year and we appreciate each of them," said Virgil Bartlett, general manager, Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

Maryann Hueston reported that the 600-plus volunteers put in over 12,000 hours for the 2016 year.



Family Fun

- » Sinbad High Dive Show
- » Kids Celebration Family Game Show
- » The Rhinestone Cowgirls
- » The Wade Henry Show
- » "Thank a Farmer" Magic Show
- » Southwest Dairy Farmers Milking Demonstrations
- » Texas Farm Bureau Learning Modules
- » Quick Quack Car Wash

ER Now Family Stage

- » Scott's World of Magic
- » Those Funny Little People
- » Jerry Harris "Master Hypnotist"

PRCA Rodeo

- » Thursday, Sept. 21
- » Friday, Sept. 22
- » Saturday, Sept. 23
- » Calf Scramble prior to rodeo
- » Mutton Bustin' Preliminary Round, Monday, Sept. 18

Healthier Fair Food (your kidding)

- » Steak on a Stick
- » Grilled Shrimp on a Stick
- » Surf & Turf
- » Veggie Rice
- » Veggie Lo Mein
- » Rib on a Stick

Fair Food

- » Fried PB&J
- » Fried S'more
- » Calf Fry Basket
- » Fried Cheesecake
- » Fried Pecan Pie

Free Live Music

- » Saturday, Sept. 16- Max Stalling
- » Thursday, Sept. 21- Kimberly Dunn
- » Friday, Sept. 22-Moe Bandy
- » Saturday, Sept. 23-Rick Trevino



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Upcoming Events

August

10-20~West Texas Futurity Cutting | ANC, Bill Cody Arena
25-Sept 2~AQHA Adequan Select | ANC

September

15-23~Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company Tri-State Fair & Rodeo | Fairgrounds

October

7~Cycle City Arena Cross | ANC
12~Flavors of Amarillo | Rex Baxter
14~Panhandle Team Penning | Bill Cody Arena
18-21~Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association | ANC
25-28~National Junior Bull Riders Association | ANC
28~Palo Duro Ambucs Sausage & Pancake Fest | Rex Baxter

November

1-4~Southwest Reined Cowhorse | ANC
4~American Cancer Society Cattle Barons Ball | Rex Baxter
11-12~Panhandle Cutting Horse | Bill Cody Arena
15~Carden Circus | ANC
16~Wine Down & Dessert Wars | Rex Baxter
18~Panhandle Team Penning | Bill Cody Arena
25~Turkey Bash Demolition Derby | ANC
25~Panhandle Team Penning | Bill Cody Arena

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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.

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