



Fall 2016

SHOWCASING OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE...

AMARILLO, TEXAS

Tri State EXPOSURE

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One for the Record Book

Tremendous crowds, fabulous weather and great Fair fun was had by all that attended the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

Committees and volunteers came together to give Amarillo and the surrounding communities an outstanding event.

"The Tri-State Fair has been a huge success for all," said Tom Spanel, president, Amarillo Tri-State Exposition. "The weather was picture perfect for the exhibitors, rodeo, horse and stock shows and after nine days of plentiful food, exciting rides and exceptional entertainment, the dust has settled on yet another great fair."

Thank you to all who participated in and supported our annual event.



- 129,625 Attendance
- 9,800 PRCA Rodeo attendance
- 106,110 Website views
- 88,822 Website views on Smart Devices
- \$27,000 Gala raised for Scholarship Fund
- \$18,000 College Scholarships awarded
- \$7,500 Calf Scramble Scholarships awarded
- 617 Pounds of food donated to the High Plains Food Bank
- 768 Coats donated through Eveline Rivers Coat Night
- 426 Seniors attended Senior Citizens Day Health Fair & Program
- 378 Livestock Judging contestants
- 1,391 Youth Livestock entries
- 116 Equine entries
- 805 Dairy goats, rabbits and chickens judged
- 549 PRCA Rodeo contestants
- 186 Special Culinary Contest entries
- 2,761 Creative Arts entries
- 487 Garden & Agronomy entries
- 27 Belt Buckles awarded
- 103 Rosettes
- 143 Banners
- 70 Trophies
- 143 Plaques
- 240 Trolley driver hours
- 295 Hours logged by 32 WTAMU Ag Communications students taking photos and operating video cameras during the PRCA Rodeo



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Coburn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah, rides *Raise Your Glass* to a third place win in front of a packed house during Saturday nights performance.

Western Heritage Honoree

The 2016 Western Heritage award was presented to Gene Shipman, Happy, Texas, during the annual gala.

"Gene Shipman embodies the values of our Western Heritage of friendship, neighbor and selfless service to worthy causes. He enjoys more friends than any one person that I have known. He lives by a creed of integrity, service, and friendship which is our western heritage," said Dr. Bob Robinson, Amarillo Tri-State Exposition board member.

Gene and his wife Judy along with their children and many other friends and relatives were in attendance during the event.

The Western Heritage award, started in 1996, honors those who have made significant contributions to the agricultural community of the Golden Spread Area.



Dr. Bob Robinson and Virgil Bartlett present Gene and Judy Shipman a belt buckle for the Western Heritage award.



Scholars (l-r) Kimberly Cantrell, Cassy Monzingo, Kelsey Beal, Ethan Triplett, McKenna Yauck, McKenna Bush, Logan Robb and Cole Kleman.

Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Scholars

Eight of the 10 students currently receiving funds from Tri-State Fair & Rodeo scholarships were in attendance at the annual gala.

The students represent Texas Tech University and West Texas A&M University. Opportunity Plan, Inc. in Canyon handles the scholarship funds and applications.

Funds for the scholarships are accepted from private donations, the Gala and from Fair patrons dropping their unused tokens in the donation boxes as they leave the fair.

With the addition of the 2016 recipients the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo scholarship fund has awarded \$134,500 to 34 students.

Kiker Family Honored

The grand finale of the Happy State Bank youth livestock shows takes place the final Saturday of the Fair with the steer show.

This year the livestock superintendents and volunteers wanted to honor Richard Kiker of Allison for his dedication to the show cattle industry. Richard passed away March 2016.

Richard's family was in attendance during the grand champion selection and presented the awards.



Richard Kiker Family (l-r): Kimberly Payne, Korbin Payne, Max Payne, Kyler Payne, Carol Kiker, Richie and Twanna Kiker, Kinsey and Matt Kiker. Not pictured, Kaylynn Kiker

South Restroom Remodel

Prior to the kick off of the 2016 Fair season the south restrooms were remodeled and showers were added for our extended stay guests.

This project cost \$149,000 and replaces the dilapidated north restrooms/showers that were built in the 1950's.

Volunteers Make the Fair Work

THANK YOU to our volunteers, you make all the difference!

Not only are our volunteers dedicated enough to attend committee meetings throughout the year but they take personal time off from their jobs before, during and after the Fair to make sure things get done. Some jobs may seem small in stature but someone has to make sure they get done and for that we are grateful.

"The Tri-State Fair is honored to have over 600 dedicated volunteers who have given thousands of hours of their time to make the Fair a success," said Tom Spanel, president, Amarillo Tri-State Exposition.

One part of our Junior Board's responsibility is to give presentations about the Fair to

organizations in the local communities. They attend orientation at the fairgrounds and are given a rundown of their responsibilities as well as a power point about the upcoming Fair for their use at their presentations. Additionally, they help ready the entries alongside our superintendents and department volunteers. Wait, they need volunteers to oversee their schedules and training - thank you Kim McKinney, Carrie Montgomery and Tori Wellman.



2016 Junior Board Members logged 605 hours before, during and after the Fair.



Javier Howard (right) has volunteered as the mutton bustin' clown for six years. This year he was joined by Cazwell "Caz" Harrison, son of John Harrison, 2016 Specialty Act.

When the decision was made to add some decorations to the Rex Baxter Building, Lisa Foreman gathered up Dorothy Graves and Monika McGiboney and they made sure it was taken care of.

When the rodeo committee decided they needed an additional night of mutton bustin' so each child could participate, they put their starched shirts on and came forward an additional night of the Fair.

Board members Dale Haley, Dennis Horn, David Pitt, Butch Bingham and Tom Spanel saw that the rodeo committee needed help getting the helmet and vests on the mutton busters prior to their competition. They didn't ask who would do that - they showed up and helped the committee.

The saying may be that it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes hundreds of dedicated volunteers to put on the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. However you helped, please know that you are appreciated!



Graves & Foreman



Haley, Bingham & Horn



Livestock Committee Members



Members of the 2016 Rodeo Committee along with Lisa Lageschaar, Miss Rodeo Texas; Mike Mathis, Rodeo Announcer and Dave Arnold, Sheep Herdsman.



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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.

Upcoming Events

November

12-Cattle Barons Ball | Rex Baxter Bldg
17-Wine Down & Dessert Wars | Rex Baxter Bldg
19-Panhandle Team Penning & Sorting | Bill Cody Arena
26-Turkey Bash Demolition Derby | ANC

December

2-4-Christmas Cash Barrel Race | ANC
20-22-Salvation Army Christmas Gift Distribution | Rex Baxter Bldg
30-31-Championship Roughstock Challenge | ANC

January

14-Tri-State Chili Cook-Off | Rex Baxter Bldg
13-15-McCracken Team Roping | ANC
21-Original Team Roping | ANC
21-22-Panhandle Cutting Horse | Bill Cody Arena
27-28-Potter County Jr. Livestock Show | Glenn McMennamy Bldg
28-Panhandle Team Penning & Sorting | Bill Cody Arena

February

3-4-Cycle City Promotions Monster Trucks | ANC
10-High Plains Damage Prevention Council | Cody & CEH
11-Original Team Roping | ANC
18-19-Three Star Memorial Roping | ANC
25-26-Panhandle Cutting | Bill Cody Arena

March

2-Restaurant Roundup | Rex Baxter Bldg
3-4-Cycle City Promotions Arenacross | ANC
18-19-Wiley Hicks Jr. Memorial Roping | ANC

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