



Summer 2015

SHOWCASING OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE...

AMARILLO, TEXAS

# TriStateEXPOSure

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**Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Gala**  
A fundraiser and a  
fun time!



**Asleep at the Wheel**  
Saturday, Sept. 12  
Amarillo National Center

Amarillo Tri-State Exposition  
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We are FINALLY weeks away from the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Tri-State Fair & Rodeo!

The 2015 event is shaping up to be one of the best events we have brought to you and your family, and we can hardly wait for 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 to arrive. Here is a sneak peak of what we are bringing you.

### Food & Drink:

- ◆ Strawberry Puff Pastry
- ◆ Fried Pecan Pie
- ◆ Garlic Chicken on a Stick
- ◆ Porkroll Sandwich
- ◆ Fried Jalapeno Cheese on a Stick
- ◆ Pecan Cobbler & Ice Cream

### Free Live Music:

- ◆ Jason Boland & The Stragglers, Saturday, Sept. 19
- ◆ Next to Kin & Insufficient Funds, Tuesday, Sept. 22
- ◆ Kimberly Dunn, Thursday, Sept. 24
- ◆ Southern Brothers, Friday, Sept. 25
- ◆ Gary P. Nunn, Saturday, Sept. 26

### Family Fun:

- ◆ All Star Stunt Dog Challenge
- ◆ Aussie Kingdom Show
- ◆ Monkey Show
- ◆ Those Funny Little People
- ◆ Quick Quack Petting Zoo
- ◆ The Rhinestone Roper
- ◆ Scott's Future of Magic Show
- ◆ Jerry Harris-Master Hypnotist
- ◆ TAF Magic Show
- ◆ Mountain Dew Midway

### PRCA Rodeo:

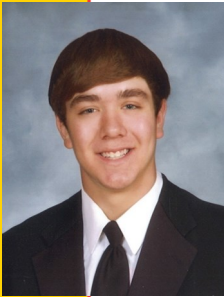
- ◆ Thursday, Sept. 24
- ◆ Friday, Sept. 25
- ◆ Saturday, Sept. 26
- ◆ Mutton Bustin'
- ◆ Calf Scramble

Grab all your friends and their friends and come see us at the No. 1 family event in the Texas Panhandle.

***Come on let's all go...  
to the  
Tri-State Fair & Rodeo!***

## Exposition Scholars

With your continued support of the Gala and the annual Fair and Rodeo, the Exposition was able to assist an additional student for 2015 with a \$6,000 scholarship. The Exposition cannot thank the community enough for assisting us with this endeavor so that more Panhandle youth will benefit in years to come.



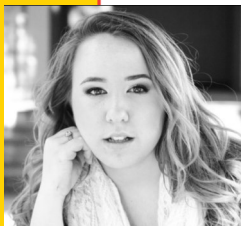
**Cole Kleman** - Cole grew up in Nazareth, Texas with his parents, Mark and Missy, and two sisters, Hallie and Emma. While attending Nazareth High School, Cole was involved in football, basketball and tennis. He was also a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and FFA. Cole also held officer positions in FFA. He has exhibited livestock at the Fair for nine years and participated in livestock judging. Cole also was involved in athletic community service projects and a member of his church youth group. Cole graduated in May and plans to attend Texas Tech University, where he will major in Animal Science: Pre-pharmacy, in hopes of one day becoming a pharmacist.



**Ethan Triplett** - Ethan grew up in Canyon, Texas where he attended Canyon schools and graduated in May. He comes from a large family who is deeply involved in missions and ministry. Ethan has been involved in a wide variety of school activities ranging from showing hogs to singing Handel's Messiah. He was very active in his church youth group. His hobbies include fly-fishing, hunting, raising hogs and enjoying the biome of the Great Plains. Ethan plans on becoming a crop pest manager with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Biology from WTAMU. His end goal is to obtain a master's and doctorate in Crop Pest Management from Texas Tech. Ethan is the son of Tim and Suzan Triplett.



**Cassy Monzingo** - Cassy graduated from Memphis High School in May as class Valedictorian. She is the daughter of Brad and Connie Monzingo and has a sister Megan. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as treasurer of that organization. She has been involved in 4-H since she was five years old, serving at many events and holding several offices. Cassy has been involved in many community volunteer and church activities such as helping with the Adopt-A-Highway program, High Plains Food Bank and Veterans Day Breakfast. She plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall and major in Biomedical Sciences in hopes of going on to medical school to become a pediatrician.



**Jessica Andersen** - Jessica moved from Nebraska to Amarillo when she was 2 years old. In May, she graduated from Highland Park High School. She was involved in many activities while in school including: student council, the debate team, volleyball and basketball. Her community activities include being on the executive board of Student Crime Stoppers, the Rotary Mentoring Program and Teen Leadership of Amarillo and Canyon. She is the daughter of Bud and Michelle Andersen and has two sisters, Coryn and Hayley. Jessica plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in English Education. One day she wants to teach English and be a school counselor.

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### Texas Association of Fairs & Events Scholarship Winner



Kylie Peden of Claude is one of 10 scholarship recipients chosen by the Texas Association of Fairs & Events (TAF&E) to receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Kylie will further her education at Lubbock Christian University majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Kylie was submitted by the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition and was ranked in the top 10 from 26 applicants throughout the state of Texas.

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





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## Exposition Awards & Accomplishments

Xcel Energy recently awarded the Exposition a \$10,000 grant to complete Phase 1 of the Expo Park. The park is located at Gate 1 and will be used for a trolley stop for guest transportation during the annual Fair and Rodeo.

The final phases will include xeriscape landscaping a shade structure and rest area.

Pictured are Paul Harpole, Amarillo Mayor; Maryann Hueston, Development/Fundraising, Amarillo Tri-State Exposition; David Hudson, President, Southwestern Public Service, Xcel's Amarillo subsidiary.



Ruthie Wheat, an Exposition employee for over seven years recently received a citation from the Harbor America Payroll Company. Each quarter employees of the Exposition can make submissions for a "Safety In Excellence Award." Ruthie's name was chosen and she received a \$500 stipend.

Pictured are Virgil Bartlett, general manager and Ruthie Wheat, Exposition employee.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service recently recognized the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo as a Panhandle District Friend of Extension. Officers and staff received the award on behalf of the Exposition and many Fair volunteers who continue to provide outstanding support of Extension education and are advocates of agriculture and healthy lifestyles throughout the district.

Pictured are: Robert Devin, president; Cindy Backus, office manager, Gary Fletcher, past president; Lavonna Davis, events coordinator; Virgil Bartlett, general manager; Angela Ragland, sponsorship/marketing director and Mark Zimmer, treasurer.





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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**

#### **August**

8-16~West Texas Cutting Horse Futurity | ANC  
28-Sept. 5~AQHA Adequan Select World Show | ANC

#### **September**

12~Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Gala | ANC  
18-26~Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Tri-State Fair & Rodeo | Fairgrounds

#### **October**

3~Kicker Arena Cross | ANC  
8~Flavors of Amarillo | Rex Baxter Building  
10~Battle of the Badges | ANC  
13-18~Cowboy Mounted Shooting World Championships | ANC  
17~Denim & Diamonds | Rex Baxter Building  
20-25~Weekend Cutting Horse Assoc. | ANC  
24~AMBUCS Pancake & Sausage Feast | Rex Baxter Bldg.  
31~COTAHC-Open Horse Show | Bill Cody Arena

#### **November**

5-7~National Jr. Bull Riders | ANC  
6-8~Panhandle Cutting | Bill Cody Arena  
14~Cattle Barron's Ball | Rex Baxter Building  
28~Turkey Bash Demolition Derby | ANC

Amarillo National Center=ANC

### **Exposition Staff**

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

### **Board Officers**

*Robert Devin-President  
Tom Spanel-President Elect  
Virgil Bartlett- Secretary  
Mark Zimmer-Treasurer  
Jim Jennings-Treasurer Elect*

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