



Summer 2016

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AMARILLO, TEXAS

# Tri-State EXPOSURE

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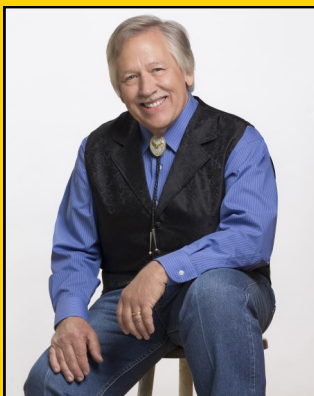
The countdown is on and it won't be long until the annual Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Tri-State Fair & Rodeo takes over Amarillo and the surrounding communities as the place to be.

"Our committees and staff have worked hard to bring another great fair and rodeo to town, and we look forward to all of you visiting us during the event," said Virgil Bartlett, general manager of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

For more information go to [tristatefair.com](http://tristatefair.com)!

## Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Gala

*A fundraiser  
and a fun time!*



**John Conlee**  
Saturday, Sept. 10  
Amarillo National Center  
376-7767 to  
purchase a table

### Family Fun

- ♦ All-Star Stunt Dog Challenge
- ♦ Bengal Tiger Encounter
- ♦ Pirates of the Sky
- ♦ The Rhinestone Roper
- ♦ "Thank a Farmer" Magic Show
- ♦ Southwest Dairy Farmers Milking Demonstrations
- ♦ Texas Farm Bureau Learning Modules
- ♦ Quick Quack Car Wash Petting Zoo

### ER Now Family Stage

- ♦ Scott's "Future of Magic" Show
- ♦ Jerry Harris "Master Hypnotist"
- ♦ Those Funny Little People

### PRCA Rodeo

- ♦ Thursday, Sept. 22
- ♦ Friday, Sept. 23
- ♦ Saturday, Sept. 24
- ♦ Mutton Bustin'-Preliminary Round, Monday, Sept. 19
- ♦ Calf Scramble

### Fair Food

- ♦ Stuffed Sopapilla
- ♦ Indian Taco
- ♦ Fried Pickles
- ♦ Chicken on a Stick
- ♦ Alligator & Shark on a Stick
- ♦ Bacon Maple Funnel Cake
- ♦ Fried Pecan Pie
- ♦ Fried Ice Cream
- ♦ Elephant Ears

### Free Live Music

- ♦ Saturday, Sept. 17-Micky & The Motorcars
- ♦ Thursday, Sept. 22-Bri Bagwell
- ♦ Friday, Sept. 23-Chris Knight
- ♦ Saturday, Sept. 24-Cooder Graw

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## 2016 Exposition Scholars



**McKenna Bush** was born in Abilene. She and her mom Susan and brother Grason moved to Canyon for her sophomore year. While at Canyon High School, McKenna was involved in varsity track and soccer as well as FFA, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and Student Council. During her high school years, she served as FFA Chapter and Amarillo District president. In addition to school, McKenna has been an active member of the Canyon University Church of Christ. This fall she plans to attend Texas Tech and major in Agricultural Communications. After that she plans to go to Texas A&M University where she will earn an advanced degree in Agricultural Leadership. With this educational background, she would like to pursue a career in public relations, politics or lobbying for the agriculture industry.



**Ellen Crabtree** was born and raised in Amarillo. She attended Tascosa High School where she was very active on the varsity tennis team, placing high in district and regionals play. Also at school, she served as president of the Fanatics - the football spirit squad, was choir secretary and a member of the National Honor Society. She was also part of the FISH (Friends in Service of Hunger) club. Ellen was an eight-semester Superintendent Scholar and was part of the Leadership program of Amarillo and Canyon. Ellen plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall and major in Biomedical Sciences with future plans to become a pediatrician. She has been chosen to participate in the freshman leadership program at Texas A&M. Ellen has been active all her life at the Polk Street United Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Kimberly Crabtree.



**McKenna Yauck** is the daughter of Brent and Melissa Yauck from Claude. McKenna considers herself lucky to have been raised on a farm and involved in 4-H and FFA most of her life. At Claude High School, she was a class officer, FFA treasure and a member of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of the 4-H Gold Star and FFA Lone Star awards. Being part of the community is important to her also. She has helped organize clothing and school supply drives for the community. She was a member of the Teen Leadership Amarillo/Canyon where she learned about helping others. Since then she has served as a counselor for underprivileged children, an experience that has changed her life. McKenna plans to attend West Texas A&M University and get a degree in Biology and minor in Criminal Justice.

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## Texas Association of Fairs & Events Scholarship Winner



Laura Corder of Amarillo is one of 10 scholarship recipients chosen by the Texas Association of Fairs and Events (TAF&E) to receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Laura will further her education at West Texas A&M University majoring in Agribusiness.

Laura's application 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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## Fair Kick-Off and Volunteer Party

Volunteers of the annual Tri-State Fair & Rodeo gathered on July 26 to find out what the 2016 event will have in store as well as to honor the 50-plus volunteers who received their service pins.

Once the hamburger dinner was completed, volunteers in attendance watched a power-point presentation to find out more details of the upcoming fair and rodeo.

Many volunteers were honored and received their year pins. "Year pins are distributed when a volunteer has served a minimum of five years. This year, Marie Porter, youth culinary assistant superintendent, received her 60-year pin," said Dale Williams, volunteer committee chairman. "Marie has been faithful to our organization for 60 years and that says a lot not only of her but of how she feels about the kids, the fair, and how important community service is in her life."

Other award winners for 2015: Don Reeves, ambassador of the year; Ronald Gooch,

superintendent of the year (open cattle); and Dennis Horn, committee chairman of the year (concessions).

"I have said this many times before and I will continue to say it-we cannot put this fair on without the support we have from all of our volunteers," said Virgil Bartlett, general manager of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

Maryann Hueston, volunteer coordinator, reported that the 600-plus volunteers for the organization put in over 14,000 hours during the 2015 year.



Don Reeves, open cattle superintendent received a belt buckle for being named ambassador of the year.



Award Winners (l-r) Tori Wellman (5), Chris Reed (20), Marie Porter (60), Karen Artho (15), Jaci Wagner (10), Joni Wagner (10), Plug Piehl (5). Second Row-Dave Eastlake (10), Monte Winders (25), Tracy Barnett (15), Dorothy Graves (15), Carol Meeks (5), Don Reeves (30). Top row-Ryan Zimmer (5), Ted Hennis (20), Kim McKinney (15).



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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

13-21~West Texas Cutting Horse Futurity | ANC  
26-Sept. 3~AQHA Adequan Select World Show | ANC

#### September

10~Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Gala | ANC  
16-24~Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Tri-State Fair & Rodeo | Fairgrounds

#### October

1~Kicker Arena Cross | ANC  
6~Amarillo Hispanic Chamber "Flavors of Amarillo" | Rex Baxter  
7-9~Panhandle Cutting Horse Assoc. | Bill Cody Arena  
12-15~Cowboy Mounted Shooting World Championships | ANC  
20-23~Southwest Reined Cow Horse Show | ANC  
22~AMBUCS Pancake & Sausage Feast | Rex Baxter  
27-29~National Junior Bull Riders | ANC  
28-30~Panhandle Cutting Horse Assoc. | Bill Cody Arena

#### November

5~Welcome Home Veterans | Rex Baxter  
5~COTAHC Open Horse Show | Bill Cody Arena  
12~Cattle Barron's Ball | Rex Baxter  
17~Wine Down & Dessert Wars | Rex Baxter  
19~Panhandle Team Penning & Sorting | Bill Cody Arena  
26~Turkey Bash Demolition Derby | ANC

## Exposition Staff

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

## Exposition Officers

*Tom Spanel-President*  
*Mark Zimmer-President Elect*  
*Virgil Bartlett- Secretary*  
*Jim Jennings-Treasurer*  
*Dennis Horn-Treasurer Elect*

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