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Chamber Unveils New Video Tour of Amarillo

In January this year we announced a new project and partnership with CGI Communications to produce a series of videos for the Chamber's website to highlight the many reasons Amarillo is a great place to live, learn, work, and play...and why the Chamber is a great place to belong. These new short and informative videos feature great Amarillo people, Chamber member businesses, non-profit organizations, attractions, scenery and more. They are available on the Chamber's homepage at www.Amarillo-Chamber.org for the whole world to see. We know Amarillo has a lot to offer, and now others can see that too.

Look for the VIDEO TOUR OF AMARILLO button on our home page or the Week's Sneak Peek page of our website (like the one shown on the right). One click will take you to a welcome message from Mayor Paul Harpole and the Chamber's own Gary Molberg and Dan Quandt. Then you can click on the other "Community Movies" chapters for LIVE, LEARN, WORK, PLAY, BELONG, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS to get information on real estate, healthcare, employment, attractions, Chamber events, and non-profit groups. Each new chapter will also give you a new selection of video partner logos that sponsored and supported this project. Clicking on one of those logos will take you to their own websites or bring up short video messages about that business. This is a great way to get to know some of the people and members of the Chamber. Sponsoring members who have their own video messages will also have the messages displayed in their online directory link on the Chamber's website. *Note, not all partners have video links, and some videos are still in production. Look for more partner videos coming soon. Thank you to these video sponsors as of July 14:*

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For more information about this ongoing project or promoting your business with videos, contact penni@amarillo-chamber.org or call 806.342.2005.



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Ribbon Cutting & Groundbreaking Ceremonies in June

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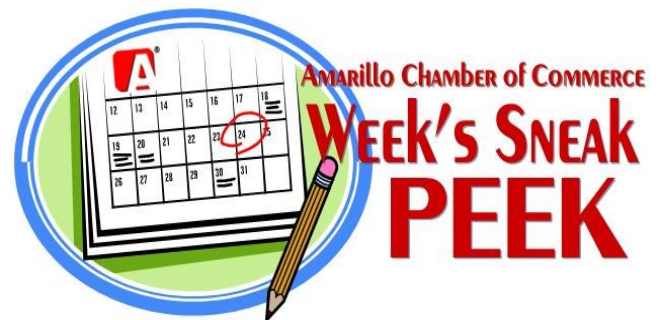
- 8/4 After Hours Networking
- 9/8 Good Times Celebration® Barbecue Cook-Off
- 9/24 Chamber Challenge Shooting Event
- 10/6 After Hours Networking
- 10/20 Annual Banquet & Business Excellence Awards
- 11/10 Fall Mega Market
- 12/1 After Hours Networking

We're on [Fun 99.7](http://Fun99.7) every **Tuesday**

at 8:30am to talk about the week's events, conventions & newest members. It's the most jam-packed three-minute segment. If you miss it live, you can always check out the video recap with more information on our [YouTube Channel](#), [Facebook](#) page or on the [Week's Sneak Peek](#) page on our website.



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Check the Week's Sneak Peek for a list of upcoming ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, committee meetings, and more!

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Free Networking at Chamber After Hours August 4

If you have yet to join us at one of these fun events, you can expect to meet some new faces, connect with some old friends, hand out some business cards, maybe win a door prize, enjoy some great food and beverages, and network, network, network. Best of all, they are FREE. We invite Chamber members to take advantage of this great way to meet new people who might want to know about your business.

For more information about After Hours hosts and to view photos from our last event at Nistler's Lawn & Landscape / The Resplendent Garden, visit <http://bit.ly/AmarilloChamberAfterHours> or call Jason at 806.342.2018 if you would like to host a future After Hours at your business.

Thursday, August 4th
5:00pm—7:00pm
Keller Williams Realty
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Chamber Members & Guests are invited to join us for another FREE Business Networking event. There will be hors d'oeuvres, drinks & door prizes. Adults only please.

Join and share the online event invitation on Facebook at <http://bit.ly/AfterHoursKW2016>



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Convention & Visitor Council 2015-16 Year-To-Date Statistics

Tourism

Occupancy Rate (June)	77.7%
Group Tour Buses (Fiscal YTD)	150
Visitor Center Guests (Fiscal YTD)	2,789

Film Commission

Information requests (Fiscal YTD)	16
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Sport & Convention Groups

# of Conventions/Groups in Amarillo (Fiscal YTD)	58
Delegates (Fiscal YTD)	11,863
Room Nights (Fiscal YTD)	3,792
Convention Delegates Booked-Future Conventions (Fiscal YTD)	15,565
Convention Delegate Room Nights Booked (Fiscal YTD)	11,920
Attendees Booked-Future Sport Events (Fiscal YTD)	6,675
Room Nights Booked (Fiscal YTD)	10,205

Communications / CVC Website

CVC Website Visits (Google Analytics—June)	40,278
CVC Website Unique Visitors (Google Analytics—June)	32,952
CVC Website Page Views (Google Analytics—June)	94,820
CVC Website Average Visit Duration (Google Analytics—June)	2:01

Social Media

Facebook Page Likes Thru June (VisitAmarilloTX)	38,751
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WELCOME THESE SPORT & CONVENTION GROUPS TO AMARILLO

<u>July</u>		
28-31	Panhandle Golden Spread Quarter Horse Assn. Boom Circuit 2016	100
28-8/1	Texas Air Hogs Baseball—Series 3	28
<u>August</u>		
6	Koben Puckett Productions Invitational PBR & Ranch Bronc Riding	50
7-9	American Hereford Association Faces of Leadership Pride	50
13-14	Amarillo Area Tennis Association August ZAT	198
13-21	West Texas Futurity	500
17-20	National Cutting Horse Association 2016 Mercuria NCHA World Series of Cutting	100
19-21	Hills Hallmark Keepsake Ornaments Artist Signing Event	50
22-25	Texas Air Hogs Baseball—Series 4	28
26-9/8	American Quarter Horse Association 2016 Adequan Select World Championship Show	675
29-9/1	Xcel Energy Southwest Power Pool Operator Conference	50
<u>September</u>		
2-6	Texas Air Hogs Baseball—Series 5	28
4-9	Great American Adventures	22
7-11	404th Military Police Unit MP Reunion	120
13-18	Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas	800
19-25	The Deborah Project A Night of Hope	2,500
23-24	First Presbyterian Church of Canyon Regional Meeting	40
23-25	Tascosa High School Class of 66 50th Reunion	60
<u>October</u>		
5	Valley Irrigation Company Workshop	50
7-9	Amarillo High School Class of 76 Reunion	150
8-9	National Route 66 Motor Tour	250
11-16	Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association World Championships	500
20-23	Amarillo College Association of Information Technology Professionals Reg. 3 Conference	300
27-29	National Junior Bull Riders Association NJBRA Year-End Finals 2016	250

August Around Town

By: Eric Miller, CVC Director of Communications

There's something to do in Amarillo in August.

As the summer draws to a close, now is a perfect time to check out all that is happening in our city.

The play TEXAS is finishing its 51st season. This iconic attraction has brought over 4 million viewers to its theater in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. The season ends August 20 so make plans now to catch this show or its wait till 2017. www.texas-show.com.

Wonderland Amusement Park is celebrating its 65th season, all of them owned by the Borchardt/Roads family. The park closes the end of business on Labor Day but in August is planning a special prize incentive. It's the perfect time to visit the park. www.wonderlandpark.com.

Several summer music series have expanded and most of them now have performances well into August. Listen to top-notch live music with Starlight Theater (Tuesday at 7 pm in Sam Houston Park); High Noon on the Square (Wednesday at noon at the Potter County Courthouse lawn) and Music in the Gardens (Thursday at 7 pm in the Amarillo Botanical Gardens). All the concerts are on the Amarillo CVC web site. www.visitamarillo.com.

Discover! 4.0 flashes back to when Labor Day weekend closed with Discover!, an event hosted by the Don Harrington Discovery Center that involved the Amarillo Symphony and fireworks. This year, Discover! 4.0 celebrates the Don Harrington Discovery Center's 40th anniversary. Lots of booths and vendors will be on the DHDC grounds featuring food, music and great activities. The festival ends with a special laser show. Admission to Discover! 4.0 is just \$3 per person (children under 2 are free) and includes all the exhibits inside the Discovery Center. It is August 6 from 4-10 p.m. www.dhdc.org

The same day is a bull riding event that also promises a lot of fireworks! The Koben Puckett Invitational is a PBR-sanctioned event that will bring the best bulls and bull riders to Amarillo. Hosted by Koben Puckett it benefits the Press On Foundation, a group that helps people like Koben who face all the challenges from spinal trauma. The riding will be at the Will Rogers Range Riders Arena near the intersection of Loop 335 and Washington Ave. It kicks off at 7 p.m. www.kobenpuckettinvitational.com

Debuting in August is America's Horse in Art, a major art show and sale at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum. More

than 20 of the best Western artists will display pieces and offer them for sale. The show opens with an invitation-only reception on August 13 but runs through October 15 and it is included with regular admission. www.aqha.com/museum.

Don't miss a brand-new event for Amarillo. The NCHA World Series of Cutting comes to the Amarillo National Center on August 20 at 6:30 p.m. with a performance featuring the top National Cutting Horse Association riders and horses. Better still, the event honors our veterans and donations will be accepted at the gate for local veterans' organizations. http://www.nchacutting.com/ag/shows/world_series.php.

Two public markets continue through August. The Golden Spread Farmers Market features fresh area produce at the Sunset Center parking lot near 15th & Pecos. The market is Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday starting a 7 a.m. and continues until sell out. www.goldenspreadfarmers.com. New this summer is the Amarillo Community Market downtown on the grounds of the Bivins Mansion at 10th and Polk. The market operates on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and features locally made products as well as produce. www.amarillocommunitymarkey.weebly.com.

Have you seen the indoor rainbow? Drop by the Amarillo Museum of Art for the exhibit Side by Side featuring work by Larry Bell and Gabriel Dawe. In the atrium of the museum is what is best described as an indoor rainbow. The installation by Dawe changes color and pattern as the sun and clouds change position outside. Admission is always free at the AMoA but donations are welcome. www.amarilloart.org.

Can't keep track of everything (and that's not everything)? Then subscribe to the Amarillo Convention & Visitor Council's weekly email newsletter, AMarillo. Delivered to your email box every Tuesday morning at 7 a.m., it is filled with events and ideas for the upcoming seven days in Amarillo. It is free and your email information is never shared with any other organization. Find the sign-up at www.visitamarillo.com and click the e-newsletter tag near the bottom of the page.

Congratulations to this Prime Service Award Winner in June

Members of the CVC's Convention & Tourism Committee as well as other Chamber volunteers recently dropped in on the following businesses to deliver an **AMA Prime Service** lapel pin to these employees who provided someone with PRIME customer service.

If you receive outstanding service at an area business, nominate that person for a Prime Service award. Just call the CVC office at 374-1497 or visit <http://www.visitamarillo.com/primeservice/>.

Dr. Christina Kulage
Amarillo Veterinary Clinic





chamber challenge

The fourth annual Chamber Challenge Clay Shoot will be held on **Saturday, September 24th** at the Amarillo Gun Club. We are bringing back Dennis Linden and his famous sporting clays program. There will be 12 stations and 100 target sporting clays, and optional Annie Oakley games will be going on all day for extra fun and prizes!

The following businesses have already signed up to sponsor or have a team in this years event:

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Sign up today and add your business name to this growing list of participants and sponsors. Sponsorship opportunities and team information can be found on our website at <http://bit.ly/ChamberChallenge2016>. For more information, contact Becky Zenor at 342-2010 or becky@amarillo-chamber.org.



Airport Art Display – “I Might Fly Away”

The artist, Nannette Womack, has been selected to exhibit 6 pieces of her artwork at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport from July – October, 2016.

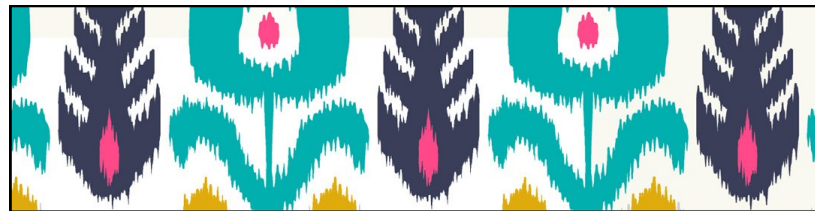
The artwork is mixed media and acrylic on canvas and includes the following: Purple Martin, Saffron Finch, House Sparrow, Raven, Blue Jay, and Green and Gold Tanager. You may view other works of Nannette at Gesture Gallery located at Galleries at Sunset Center, Studio #94.

The Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council Arts Committee, the City of Amarillo and the Rick Husband International Airport kicked off the Airport Art program in December, 2013. This is the fourth display of artwork. The artwork is located on a wall just to the left of the entrance to the TSA security screening area, almost in the shadow of the sculpture of Rick Husband.

We appreciate the assistance from the CVC Arts Committee, CVC Arts Committee Airport Art Subcommittee, Sara Freese of the Rick Husband International Airport, and Alex Gregory of the Amarillo Museum of Art for developing and supporting this ongoing project.



If you are interested in participating in the Airport Art program and would like to receive an application, please contact Becky Zenor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact her at 806 342-2010 or becky@amarillo-chamber.org.



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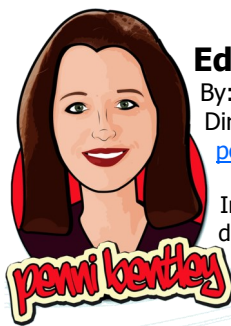
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In less than six weeks on September 8th we will fill downtown with that amazing, mouthwatering smell of meat cooking on a grill when we bring together 5-6,000 of our closest friends for an evening of food, fun, music and networking.

Big outdoor events involve a ton of logistics, staff, planning, and months of coordinating. One thing that is always a top priority for our event is trying to ensure the safety of our participants and attendees. We are honored to contract with the Amarillo Police Department to provide uniformed officers to assist with our entrance gates, security, crowd control, and be on hand for first-aid if necessary during our events. We never anticipate an issue, and have been very fortunate to have a long history of incident-free events (knock wood) over the years.

The picture below is of the officers that were assigned to work our Summer Celebration last month. It's become somewhat of a tradition to make them pose for a group photo before the event starts. We get to see them cutting up with each other and laughing and joking, and it reminds us that they may wear a badge and a gun and a bullet proof vest, but they are still just normal men and women like you and me underneath it all.

Lately, we've seen too many news stories of officers being killed in the line of duty, and it truly breaks my heart. I've come to consider many of the men in these photos friends of mine over the years. My next door neighbor is an APD officer. A sheriff's deputy lives across the street from me. They have wives and kids, a mortgage, stress and bills, joys and celebrations just like I do. But when I come to work every day at the Chamber, I don't worry that someone may physically attack me because of my job. I don't tell my husband goodbye in the morning and worry that he won't come home at night because a customer got mad. The men and women who take an oath as a public servant wake up every morning knowing that they will put themselves in harms way to protect people, who many times by their own actions, don't deserve protecting. And they do it anyway.

I was raised that if you are always doing the right thing and not breaking the law, you probably will stay out of trouble. It's a philosophy that's gotten me to 40-something years of age and kept me out of jail so far. These frequent news stories just remind me now more than ever to be thankful for those who are willing to do what so many could not...and would not do.

Look for some of these faces in the crowd at our barbecue, and thank them for being part of our event. Be sure to go by the Amarillo Police Officers Association tent and meet some more APD off-duty officers. Those guys know how to cook a mean brisket too!

As always, tell us how we are doing. Give us your suggestions, feedback, and input. Feel free to write on our Facebook wall. Get involved. We are proud to be YOUR Chamber.



Successful Summer Celebration

A crowd of 2,000 took part in celebrating summer at the Chamber's 9th Annual Summer Celebration on June 16th downtown on the Chamber grounds with 26 food and beverage companies serving up great eats and drinks. The Velvet Funk Band had the whole place dancing and singing along during the 3 hour event. Huge thanks to all of those that participated, supported, volunteered, and came out for the fun evening. Check out the event photos at <http://bit.ly/SummerCelebrationPics2016> . Mark your calendar for next year's event on Thursday, June 15, 2017.

