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BusinessConnection[®] is May 16th Backing the Home Team...in Sports & in Business

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The 27th Annual BusinessConnection[®] Tradeshow will take over the entire north end of the Amarillo Civic Center Complex on Thursday, May 16th from 10am to 4pm. This year's theme, Backing the Home Team...in Sports & in Business, reminds you of the importance of supporting the local businesses in our community to ensure a healthy economy and a strong local sales tax base. For a city our size, we are also fortunate to have four amazing local sports teams offering great entertainment options for locals and out of town visitors that also help boost our local economy.

BusinessConnection[®] is the area's largest business-to-business tradeshow, and will feature more than 350 booths and businesses showing off their products and services. A limited number of booths remain, so if you are interested in exhibiting, sign up today on our website or contact Mary Garcia at 806.342.2009 or maryg@amarillo-chamber.org for more information.

Make plans to spend the day at the show networking and visiting the more than 350 booths. The show is FREE to attend starting at 10am with a free VIP ticket available at the Chamber, or simply by presenting your business card at the entrance. Don't forget to grab a Tradeshow Food Court ticket for just \$10 in advance, or \$15 the day of the show. You'll get to eat lunch from more than 15 different restaurants and food/ beverage providers in the Regency Room, and won't even have to leave the show or give up your parking space. Get them now on our website and check out page 10 for a list of participating restaurants. The general public may attend the tradeshow starting at 1pm for a \$5 admission.

Check out page 6 for information on the Coffee Memorial Blood Drive that will take place in the South Exhibit Hall on the 16th and give the gift of life.

Contact Jason at 806.342.2018 or jason@amarillo-chamber.org if you have other questions about this event.





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Ribbon Cutting & Ground Breaking Ceremonies in March

Click on http://bit.ly/RibbonCuttingsMarch2019 or a photo below to view or download these pictures from Flickr.com.



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Ribbon Cutting & Ground Breaking Ceremonies in March



WTAMU Amarillo Center—Harrington Academic Hall— 720 S Tyler



Your CBD Store 2909 S Western

Contact Christy at 342-2004 for information on holding your own Ribbon Cutting or Ground Breaking event.

Be sure to look for our Ribbon Cutting photos in upcoming issues of the Amarillo Globe-News.





Supporting the Texas Tech Vet School By: Steve Pair

Support continues to grow for the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine! Last week Amarillo Matters kicked off a major grassroots effort to help build support for the school across Texas.

The group is asking supporters to visit <u>www.unmetvetdemand.com</u> and sign an online petition so that their voices are heard. In just over a week the group has seen support pour in from across the state. More than 2,000 people have signed the petition!

How can you help? Visit <u>www.unmetvetdemand.com</u> and sign the petition. Then, share the website with five of your friends or family members. Amarillo Matters would also love to hear why you support the school! Take a few seconds and email <u>info@amarillomatters.com</u> and let them know why this school is so important to you.

West Texas has pulled together like never before to make this school happen, and we must continue our efforts to push the vet school across the finish line!



Check the Week's Sneak Peek for a list of upcoming ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, committee meetings, and more! <u>http://bit.ly/ChamberWSP</u>

Welcome New Members Thanks for Joining in March

If you are a new member and are listed below, please check that we have all of your information accurate and complete. If not, you may email any updates or missing information to Christy Bigler at <u>Christy@amarillo-chamber.org</u> or call her at 806.342.2004.

Amarillo Matters

Steve Pair PO Box 1532 Amarillo, TX 79105 https://

www.amarillomatters.com/

Amarillo Matters is a non—profit 501(c)(4) was founded in September of 2017. Amarillo Matters will primarily focus on elected positions in which the elected official has a direct governance responsibility to the citizens of Amarillo and the surrounding area. We will also focus on issues that have a positive benefit on Amarillo and the surrounding area. We believe the word benefit has many definitions. They include economic development projects, major investments in our local workforce and students, along with quality of life projects.

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2019 Chamber Event Calendar

5/9	After Hours at Reed Beverage	
5/3-11	National Tourism Week	
5/16	BusinessConnection [®]	
6/6	Cattle Drive Downtown	
6/13	After Hours at the Amarillo Club	
6/20	Summer Celebration (event cancelled)	
6/29	Amarillo Chamber Summer Fireworks	
	Extravaganza (Saturday)	
7/11	After Hours at Midwest Machine	
7/25	Chamber Open Golf Tournament	
8/1	After Hours at Nistler's Lawn & Landscape	
8/22	After Hours at the Embassy Suites	
9/12	Good Times Celebration [®] Barbecue Cook-Off	
9/19	After Hours at FirstCapital Bank	
10/3	After Hours at Casey Carpet One	
10/24	Annual Banquet & Business Excellence	
	Awards	
11/TBA	Fall Mega Market	
11/7	After Hours at WTAMU Amarillo	
12/5	After Hours at Street Volkswagen	

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Please check the <u>Chamber online Calendar</u> for the latest updates.

Free Networking at Business After Hours May 9th

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 past events, visit <u>http://www.amarillochamber.org/after-hours-networking.html</u>. If you would like to host a future After Hours at your business, call Jason at 806.342.2018.

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.

> Thursday, May 9th 5pm-7pm Reed Beverage 3701 SE 25th





View photos from the After Hours at Rockwood Furniture at <u>http://bit.ly/AfterHoursRockwood2019Pics</u>







View photos from the Sod Poodles After Hours at http://bit.ly/AfterHoursHodgetown2019Pics

Join the event on Facebook! http://bit.ly/AfterHoursReedBevFB2019

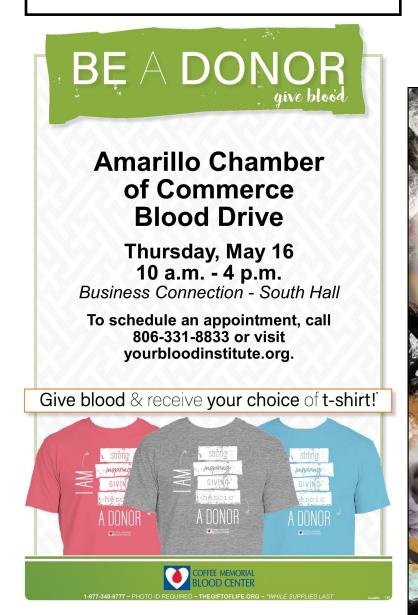
Business Excellence Awards

2019 Nominations Now Being Accepted

The Chamber is now seeking nominations for the 2019 Business Excellence Awards in three categories. We recognize outstanding young professionals with the **Top 20 Under 40** award. Businesses with less than 150 employees who have been established for at least 4 years may be nominated for a **Top Business Award**. Our **Top Emerging Business** award recognizes for-profit businesses that have been in business for at least 18 months, but less than 4 years that have no more than 50 employees.

If you know an outstanding individual or business that you would like to nominate for one of these awards, visit our <u>website</u> to fill out the form and submit the nomination to us by **July 5th**. We will send them an application to fill out and return to us. Award winners will be selected by the Business Council of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and recognized at the banquet in October.

If you have questions, contact Jason Harrison at 806.342.2018 or jason@amarillo-chamber.org.





We recently interviewed some great Chamber members about their organizations in our Facebook "Meet the Member" live videos. This is a great way to learn more about the people behind the companies or non-

profit organizations that are part of our community. You can click on the names in blue below and be taken directly to their video link on our Facebook page.

Thank you to these members for talking with us recently: **Susan Pool**, <u>HF&C Feeds Amarillo</u>; **Heather Taylor**, <u>Rockwood Furniture</u>; **Dacia Anderson** & **Angie Shafer**, <u>PETS Amarillo</u>; and **Dustin True**, <u>Amarillo Sod</u> <u>Poodles Professional Baseball</u>.

If you want to see other videos like Chamber Minute recaps or videos from other events, check out the "Video" tab of our Chamber Facebook page at <u>https:// www.facebook.com/pg/AmarilloChamber/videos/</u>. Be sure you have LIKED the Chamber Facebook page and click the "follow" button to see more of our posts in your newsfeed.

Note, individual links above may not open properly with Internet Explorer.

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Your Chamber's March membership retention rate of 92% puts us in the top 10 Chambers in the nation for our size.

Thanks for renewing your membership in March and for your continued support of the Chamber.

REMEMBER: You can pay your Chamber invoices online and even update your membership listing, including address, phone, fax, email, website, description of services and more. Visit the MEMBERS ONLY section of our website or email <u>Christy@amarillo-chamber.org</u> for your login name and password if you have forgotten it. Need help? Give her a call at 342-2004.

Click here to go to the Members Only Login Section: http://bit.ly/MembersOnlyLogin



Convention & Visitor Council 2018-19 Year-To-Date Statistics

Tourism	
Occupancy Rate (March)	69.3%
Group Tour Buses (Fiscal YTD)	25
Film Commission	
Information requests (Fiscal YTD)	12
Sport & Convention Groups Hosted	
# of Conventions/Groups in Amarillo (Fiscal YTD)	25
Delegates (Fiscal YTD)	45,681
Room Nights (Fiscal YTD)	6,822
Sports & Convention Groups Booked	
Meeting Sales—Contracted Rooms (Fiscal YTD)	1,743
Sports Sales—Contracted Rooms (Fiscal YTD)	7,047
Attendees (Fiscal YTD)	8,790
Leads Issued (Fiscal YTD)	39
Communications / CVC Website Google Analytics 10-1-18 through 2-28-19	
CVC Website Visits	90,360
CVC Website Unique Visitors	76,398
CVC Website Page Views	178,381
CVC Website Average Visit Duration	1:40
Social Media	
Facebook Page Likes Thru March (VisitAmarilloTX)	39,630



Do you get the Tuesday morning email updates for what's going on around town with tourism, conventions, attractions and events? Email Braley Hand to be added to this fun and informative weekly email blast at <u>braley@visitamarillo.com</u>.

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WELCOME THESE SPORT & CONVENTION GROUPS TO AMARILLO

<u>May</u>

1-2	Texas Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus	60
2-4	Greater Southwest Music Festival	10
10-11	USA Cycling	150
10-12	Yellow City Comicon YC3	100
11-12	CBT Productions DaSh Barrel Racing	182
16-19	Panhandle Firemen's & Fire Marshal's Assn.	55
17-19	Panhandle Reined Cow Horse Association	40
20-22	TAMU Division of Student Affairs Symposium	100
29-6/2	Cowboy Fast Draw Association	170

<u>June</u>

21-22	Gold's Gym Weightlifting & Body Image Competition	20
30-8/15	Texas State Trap Shoot	300
<u>July</u>		
9-11	AQHA Youth Excellence Seminar	200

<u>August</u>

20.20	Cartified Annua Deef	200
26-29	Certified Angus Beef	200







View more photos from the Golden Nail Awards in our Flickr album at: http://bit.ly/GoldenNail2019Pics

Golden Nail Awards

The Amarillo Convention & Visitor Council's 37th Annual Golden Nail Awards was held on Thursday, April 25th at the Derrick Event Center. CVC Arts Committee puts on the event to honor area contributors to the arts for their financial contributions, in-kind donations, and volunteerism.

Congratulations to these 2019 Golden Nail Winners:

Individual Bob and Nancy Josserand Jim and Barbara Whitton

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"Brighter Tomorrow" Giveback performance of "Annie", Amarillo Little Theatre Splatter Art in Canadian, Conejo Gallery Chalk it Up Sidewalk Art Festival, Amarillo College

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Summit Award

Joe and Joan Horn

Special thanks to these supporters: Amarillo Convention and Visitor Council, Broadway Spotlight Series, Freeman's Flowers, Golden Nail Awards Committee, The Martinis, Lone Star Productions, The Derrick Event Center, Joe's Catering, and The Anonymous Golden Nail Jury.

View Golden Nail photos at http://bit.ly/GoldenNail2019Pics.

Food, Fun & Fireworks

The Chamber is so excited to be planning a great summer event that will celebrate America's freedom and bring our community together downtown for a free family event.

The *Amarillo Chamber Summer Fireworks Extravaganza* will take place in the heart of the city on **Saturday, June 29th** from 4-10pm*. This event will feature food and beverage vendors, music on 2 stages, the Joe's Beer Garden, and a tremendous fireworks show to end the evening. The Sod Poodles have a home game at 605pm that night, so the fireworks show will be visible from the stadium as well as several other downtown locations. Fireworks will start when the game concludes around 9-930pm.

In spearheading this huge event on the 29th, the Chamber will forgo hosting the Chamber Summer Celebration on June 20th. By focusing on the Summer Fireworks Extravaganza, we are able to give the public the best of both events. The restaurants and food vendors will now have the opportunity to sell their great products to the public, there will be twice the music with two stages courtesy of Amarillo National Bank and Happy State Bank featuring local bands, musicians and DJ's, and there is plenty of room to spread out and bring your blankets, coolers, chairs and kiddos out to this celebration of our country's independence.

Stay tuned for more details on this upcoming event. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor for this Extravaganza, please contact Jason Harrison at 806.342.2018 or jason@amarillo-chamber.org.

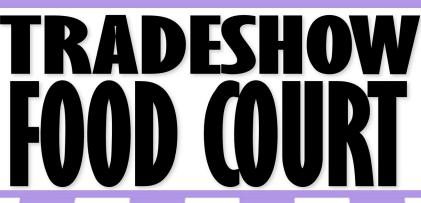
Watch our Chamber website and Facebook page for more information coming soon.

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