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Business Excellence Award Nominations Being Accepted Through July 8

Time is running out to nominate a young professional or an outstanding business for the Chamber's 2016 Business Excellence Awards. If you haven't already done so please take advantage of this opportunity to nominate fellow coworkers, employees, or friends for a Top Twenty Under 40 award, or a business you frequent for an Emerging Business or Top Business award.

These annual business awards are coordinated by the Chamber's Business Council to honor excellence in Amarillo's business community. The **Top Twenty Under 40 Award** honors professionals under the age of 40, while the **Emerging New Business Award** honors businesses established within the last 4 years, and the **Top Business Award** recognizes businesses established longer than 4 years. Award winners will be announced in September and officially recognized as part of the Chamber's Annual Banquet event on October 20th.

Visit <http://bit.ly/BusinessExcellenceAwards> to learn how to submit a nomination or the list of criteria for these awards. **The Deadline for Nominations is July 8, 2016.**

Questions call Jason Harrison at 342-2018 or email jason@amarillo-chamber.org. Check out the list of last year's winners below.

2015 Top Twenty Under 40 Winners:

- Jennifer Altmiller, Golden Spread Electric Co-Operative
- Tracy Archer, Amarillo National Bank
- Chester Brown, Xcel Energy
- Benjamin Doyle, Underwood Law Firm. P.C.
- Caleb Fowler, Bell Helicopter
- Kyla Frye, WT Enterprise Center
- Kyle Haymes, Bell Helicopter
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- Alason Moorhead, Habitat for Humanity
- Jacob Moreno, Altura Engineering & Design
- Lindsey Murphy, Education Credit Union
- Brad Paschal, Street Volkswagen
- Geoff Phemister, Happy State Bank
- Stephanie Price, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum
- Lance Purcell, FirstBank Southwest
- Seth Solomon, Swann Animal Clinic
- Brad Stuteville, First Capital Bank of Texas
- Lauren Walsh, American Quarter Horse Association
- Zack Wilson, High Plains Food Bank
- Brandon Wing, Sprouse Shrader Smith

2015 Top Business Winners:

- 575 Pizzeria, Amarillo Wireless, Anchor Power Services, Casey Carpet One, Cat-Man-Du, Citizens Bank, Diversified Improvement Contractors, English Field Aviation, Fanelli's



Finest, NCW Insurance, Officewise Furniture and Supply, Rhynehart Roofing, and Swann Animal Clinic.

2015 Top Emerging Business Winners:
Altura Engineering & Design, Andrews & Associates, Estacar Companies LLC, and Street Volkswagen of Amarillo

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Ribbon Cutting & Groundbreaking Ceremonies in May

Click on <http://bit.ly/RibbonCuttingsMay2016> to download these pictures.



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Be sure to look for our **AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS**
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Contact Christy at 342-2004
for information on holding
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Thanks for Joining in May

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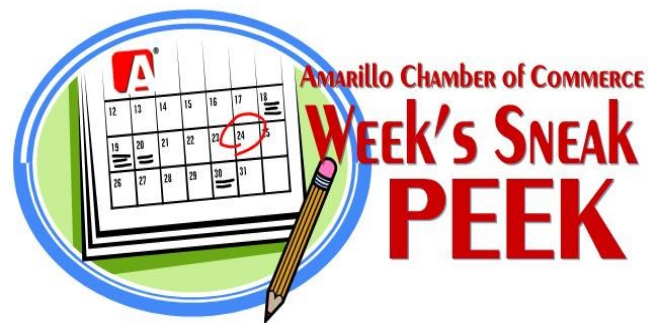
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Mark Your Calendar:

- 7/28 Chamber Open Golf Tournament (Sold Out)
- 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 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.



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

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
(3955 S Soncy)

Chamber Members & Guests are invited to join us for another FREE Business Networking event. There will be hors d'oeuvres, drinks & door prizes.



June 9



Nistler's Resplendent Garden



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





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

Tourism

Occupancy Rate (May)	68.1%
Group Tour Buses (Fiscal YTD)	135
Visitor Center Guests (Fiscal YTD)	2,083

Film Commission

Information requests (Fiscal YTD)	16
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Sport & Convention Groups

# of Conventions/Groups in Amarillo (Fiscal YTD)	45
Delegates (Fiscal YTD)	10,884
Room Nights (Fiscal YTD)	2,813
Convention Delegates Booked-Future Conventions (Fiscal YTD)	14,870
Convention Delegate Room Nights Booked (Fiscal YTD)	11,155
Attendees Booked-Future Sport Events (Fiscal YTD)	6,675
Room Nights Booked (Fiscal YTD)	10,205

Communications / CVC Website

CVC Website Visits (Google Analytics—May)	38,235
CVC Website Unique Visitors (Google Analytics—May)	31,303
CVC Website Page Views (Google Analytics—May)	86,189
CVC Website Average Visit Duration (Google Analytics—May)	1:56

Social Media

Facebook Page Likes Thru May (VisitAmarilloTX)	38,379
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WELCOME THESE SPORT & CONVENTION GROUPS TO AMARILLO

July

1	Texas Workforce Commission Texas Business Conference	15
4-10	Texas Air Hogs Baseball Series 2	28
12-14	American Quarter Horse Association Youth Excellence Seminar (YES) Leadership Seminar	360
14-17	Jehovah's Witness Christian Congregation	2,500
21-24	AMA-CON 2016	1,700
28-31	Panhandle Golden Spread Quarter Horse Assn. Boom Circuit 2016	100
28-8/1	Texas Air Hogs Baseball Series 3	28

August

6	Koben Puckett Productions Koben Puckett Invitational PBR & Ranch Bronc Riding	50
7-9	American Hereford Association Faces of Leadership Pride	50
13-14	Amarillo Area Tennis Association August ZAT Tournament	198
19-21	Hills Hallmark Keepsake Ornaments Artist Signing Event	50
22-25	Texas Air Hogs Baseball Series 4	28
29-9/1	Xcel Energy Southwest Power Pool Operator Conference	50

September

2-6	Texas Air Hogs Baseball Series 5	28
4-9	Great American Adventures	22
7-11	404th Military Police Unit MP Reunion	100
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
24-25	Tascosa High School Class of 66 Reunion	60

National Day of the Cowboy is July 23rd

It's back for the sixth time!

The [National Day of the Cowboy](#) is celebrated around the country, including right here in Amarillo. Local groups have joined forces to teach, entertain and celebrate with the public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's great entertainment for the entire family.

A highlight of the event will be the chance to ride an American Quarter Horse. This event has given over 1,000 children in the last 5 years the opportunity to experience their first ride on an American Quarter Horse. Other local partners include the [Amarillo Public Library](#), country music station [97.9 KGNC FM](#), Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, Center City of Amarillo, Southwest Cowboy Poet Society and [the Amarillo Convention & Visitors Council](#). Visitors can look forward to these activities and events during the day (schedule is subject to change):

- Barrel racing on the lawn from 10 a.m. to noon
- Ride an American Quarter Horse between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sign-up starts at 10 a.m.
- Listen as employees of the Amarillo Public Library read children stories about cowboys at the Museum, with readings at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Make your own stick pony or cowboy trail mix
- Listen to cowgirl and cowboy poetry with the Southwest Cowboy Poet Society at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.
- Employees from the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum will show young visitors how to create their own brand from noon to 2 p.m. Panhandle Plains Historical Museum Director Curator of Art and Western Heritage, Michael Grauer is also a historic interpreter and he will become an 1890's cowboy and teach visitors about the real west.
- Meet the horses and actors from the TEXAS outdoor musical
- Take a tour of the Hall of Fame & Museum
- Explore the Bold & Beautiful: Trailblazing Women of the American Quarter Horse exhibit
- Make your mark on a Center City stallion statue

Thanks in part to our underwriters, Fairly Group and Ford, there is no admission fee, and free food and drinks will be provided as long as supplies last.

The National Day of the Cowboy campaign was founded in 2004 to preserve, protect and promote the cowboy and our Western heritage. The campaign lobbies for the passage of the national resolution designating the fourth Saturday of every July a permanent celebration on the national calendar. The campaign believes in honoring cowboys and cowgirls for their enduring contribution and their courageous, pioneering American spirit. For more information on the scope of this day as a national event, go to www.nationaldayofthecowboy.com.



Save the date for Amarillo's celebration of National Day of the Cowboy on July 23 at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum.

Congratulations to these Prime Service Award Winners in May

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/>.

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Chamber Open Set for July 28th

By: Becky Zenor, Director of Quality of Life

It's almost time to tee off at the 17th Annual Amarillo Chamber Open golf tournament on **Thursday, July 28, 2016** at the Ross Rogers Golf Complex. There are no sponsorships or teams available; however, there are spots for (2) golfers at \$250.00 each on a first come first serve basis.

Anyone that has coordinated a golf tournament knows it cannot take place without the many sponsors, volunteers and golf pro and staff. We would like to thank the following sponsors for making our golf tournament one of the largest one-day tournaments in the area:

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For more information, contact Becky at 806.342.2010 or email becky@amarillo-chamber.org.



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:

Sharpshooter Sponsor: Scarborough Specialties

Marksman Sponsors: Amarillo National Bank, Axigent Technologies Group, FirstBank Southwest, and Yellow-house Machinery

Teams: Amarillo Independent School District, ASARCO, Bell Helicopter, Glazer's Wholesale Distributors, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Inc., Happy State Bank, Run Business Solution, Tascosa Road Fellowship Church and Toot'n Totum.

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.



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As a member of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives, long-time employees of the Amarillo Chamber are recognized for their years of service. Chamber President, Gary Molberg, recently attended the TCCE conference and picked up some impressive tenure awards for 3 of our staff members.

Mary Ramirez began her more than **10-year journey** with the Chamber working part-time on the weekends at the CVC Visitor Information Center in 2005. In 2006 when I moved from managing the VIC to my new position at the Chamber, Mary was a logical choice for me to recommend as my full-time replacement. She showed great promise with her interactions with our center guests, and her organization skills and dependability made her a huge asset to the VIC for more than 6 years. It is no surprise that she was promoted to the CVC Executive Assistant position in 2012 where she's been ever since.



Mary R



Mary G

Mary Garcia's professionalism and pleasant disposition is what earned her the title of Director of First Impressions many years ago. Her more than **15-year career** with the Chamber started off part-time, but within a few months, management realized she was the perfect person to greet in-person and calling guests, and was essential to the Chamber's team. Mary has joked that she should write a book with the funny stories and calls she's witnessed in that position, but she never loses her cool and handles the strangest requests like a pro. (People really do call the Chamber for just about ANYTHING!)

Job duties and staff members have changed and come and gone over the years, and Mary's ability to adapt and step into new roles with new responsibilities makes her a great team player.

Christy Bigler joined the Chamber in December of 1996. For nearly **20 years** she has kept our massive list of members in order as the Chamber's Database Administrator. Invoicing members, applying payments, and updating contact information for our more than 1,700 members is a mammoth job, and she does it so well. Technology and system updates have never phased her as we have moved from different software programs over the years, and no matter what new task is handed to her, she smiles and jumps right in always eager to learn new things. Always striving to make sure your membership listing is accurate and the best representation of your organization is why she is such a valuable member of the Chamber team. Christy is also the ring leader of our great group of Round-Up Club members. We do more than 100 ribbon cutting or groundbreaking ceremonies a year, and Christy is always there with a smile, the camera, and the big scissors or shovels and keeping all of the events organized.



Christy

By telling you about a few of our awesome staff, we realize that makes them targets for other businesses to try to recruit. One of our other coworkers was recently struggling with an offer to leave the Chamber. She emailed us a note that included, "I heard a message that said we have to pay attention to the small blessings we are given every day, and I am given so many by you all. I feel so truly fortunate to be a part of this amazing organization, and want to be here as long you all will have me."

Gary echoed her sentiments about the Chamber being a family and shared a quote from Theodore Roosevelt that sums it up best... "The best leader is the one who has the sense enough to pick good people to do what he wants done... and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do."

See our entire Family Tree at <http://www.amarillo-chamber.org/contact-us.html>

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.

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BusinessConnection® A Big Success

BusinessConnection was held on **May 19th, 2016** at the Amarillo Civic Center. There were over 300 businesses represented in over 350 booths with more than 4,000 people in attendance. The Tradeshow Food Court once again was a huge hit of the show with 15 amazing restaurants & caterers providing food and drinks to over 600 people.

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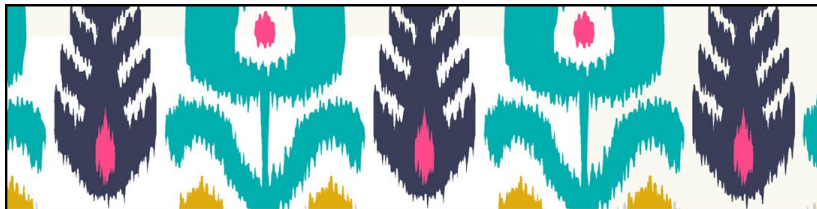
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Congrats to Brian Wink who won the 2 round-trip airline tickets on Southwest in the Opportunity to Win drawing.

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