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10/6 After Hours Networking
10/20 Annual Banquet & Business Excellence Awards
11/10 Fall Mega Market
11/30 Texas Wheat Symposium & Ag Appreciation Luncheon
12/1 After Hours Networking
2/2 After Hours Networking
2/20-21 Panhandle Days in Austin
3/TBA Spring Mega Market
4/6 After Hours Networking
5/11 BusinessConnection
5/5-13 National Tourism Week
6/1 After Hours Networking
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7/27 Chamber Open Golf Tournament
8/3 After Hours Networking
9/14 Good Times Celebration Barbecue Cook-off

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Free Networking at Chamber After Hours October 6

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 Keller Williams, visit http://bit.ly/AmarilloChamberAfterHours. If you would like to host a future After Hours at your business, call Jason at 806.342.2018.

Thursday, October 6th
5:00pm—7:00pm
Casey Carpet One
(3500 I-40 West)

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 the event on facebook at http://bit.ly/AfterHours100616
WELCOME THESE SPORT & CONVENTION GROUPS TO AMARILLO

October
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

November
1-5  National Assn. of Teachers of Singing 66th Texoma NATS Regional Conference  1,100
10-13  Working Ranch Cowboy Association WRCA 21st World Ranch Rodeo  1,000
23-27  Gulf Latin American District Youth Ministries Assemblies of God Youth Conference  200
25-26  Texas USA Wrestling 2016 Panhandle Nationals Wrestling Tournament  400
29-12/1  IDEAg Group LLC Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show  1,500

Staff Changes & Updates
The CVC has officially closed the Visitor Information Center inside the Amarillo Civic Center. All information requests should be directed to the Texas Travel Information Center, 9700 I-40 East (Airport Exit) or by calling the CVC main number at 806.374.1497.

We are glad to announce Braley Hand, who has been the VIC Manager since 2015, will stay on with the CVC as the Tourism Coordinator assisting Kashion Smith.

Denise Rayford, who was the VIC Service Counselor since 2012 will be moving over to the Chamber front desk receptionist position.

Mary Garcia is moving from the front desk position to be the new Business Development Coordinator.

Hollie Hawkins is moving up from the Sales Coordinator position to Sales Manager over the association, government and corporate markets.

Hope Stokes will also be officially moving to a full-time position as the Interactive Media Manager in the CVC.

There are exciting things in store for the new fiscal year 2016-17!
Straight Shooters and Junior Bull Riders Return to Amarillo For Their Respective Championships

From chasing outlaws out of town to the legendary Showdown at the OK Corral, cowboy shoot-outs always get our adrenaline pumping. And bull riding has been a popular Western sport for years and champions wear their belt buckles with pride.

Two top-flight Western events, the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA) Wrangler World Championships October 12-15, 2016 and the National Junior Bull Riders Association (NJBRA) Finals October 27-29, make Amarillo a place to be for Western action.

Roughly put, the sport of mounted shooting focuses on a cowboy or cowgirl, dressed in traditional western garb, riding a specified course in the arena as fast as possible while shooting small balloon targets with either an 1873-style single-action revolver or a lever-action rifle. The fastest, most accurate competitor wins.

CMSA competition is at the Amarillo National Center and competition starts early each day at 8 a.m. Friday night’s Showcase (October 14) at 7 p.m. brings the world’s top ten professional competitors in each of six divisions together to determine the CMSA’s best horseback competitor.

A couple weeks later youth ages 5-19 will be in the Amarillo National Center to test their mettle in the National Junior Bull Riding Association Finals. Bull riding is not for the faint of heart. Even at a young age (the youngest competitors are riding sheep) riding the back of an animal gets the blood moving.

Last year’s competition was one of their best, with over 160 young men and women competing for the title national champion. They expect almost 200 contestants this year. Tickets for all five action-packed sessions, including the finals at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, are available at the door.

Before Saturday’s finals, a group of contestants will be at BSA and Northwest Texas Hospitals on Saturday, October 29 at 10 a.m. to meet some of the patients (who are not much younger than they are) while they distribute toys and good will.
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I write about change a lot in this section. I’m not sure if that’s because everything is always changing, or adapting to change is one of those things I always can use a refresher on. If you checked out the staff updates on page 6, you’ll see there is a lot of change going on. We’re excited about those moving into new positions and the fresh ideas and enthusiasm that will come with them. There are always new challenges, and that’s sometimes scary, but we are looking forward to serving all of our members and the visitors in our community even better than before.

Just on the horizon is a big change coming for everyone. I’m to the point that I wish I could filter my Facebook newsfeed to weed out anything pertaining to politics or upcoming elections because it is so divisive. The opportunity to vote on important issues or select leaders for your community or country is a gift, but standing on different sides of the fence or aisle should not determine what friends you keep in your social circle. Political posts against the candidate of your choice shouldn’t instigate such venomous rage and rants as I’ve seen posted. Remember when the election is over, we still all have to live here together. (Unless you’re one of those who are moving to Canada if your candidate loses.)

As a country, it’s clear that there will be big changes, and it’s safe to say that at least half of the country will be disappointed with the outcome. Some will be happy, and some will not when the polls close. That’s the beauty and curse of a democracy. We each are given the right and the freedom to go and vote and let our voices be heard. And being heard doesn’t mean you have to make it your personal mission to post 85 political memes, articles and videos bashing another candidate daily on social media. I figured out with the first dozen posts who many of my friends or family were voting for, and I’m choosing to not post equal amounts of opposing memes, articles and videos. Why? Because chances are, it won’t change their minds, and getting worked up over it only takes away from my own peace.

One of the most important lessons in life we were all taught at an early age is to PLAY NICE! Wouldn’t life be great if everyone paused and re-read the Robert Fulghum post about “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten,” or the Golden Rule and practiced those habits daily?

And when changes come, just embrace them and look for the silver lining in whatever clouds come and go with the flow. Remember, it’s hard to take back calling your friend an idiot when their candidate gets elected and yours doesn’t. Take the high road. There’s less traffic up there.

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.