

CALENDAR

May 2026

May 1 Fajita Festival. Presented by Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Mouth-watering, all-you-can-eat fajitas, live music (Los Hermanos Mendoza and Conjunto Relincho), great entertainment, fun atmosphere with family, friends and community. 5-10 p.m., Hodgetown. Tickets at the door (\$40 Adults, \$10 Children, Free for Children 2 and under). 379-8800.

May 1 WTAMU Showcase of Music. 7:30 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. Free. 806-651-2780.

May 1-17 "School of Rock." Based on the hit 2003 film, this musical follows Dewey Finn, an out-of-work rock singer and guitarist who pretends to be a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. After identifying the musical talent in his students, Dewey forms a band of fifth graders in an attempt to win the upcoming Battle of the Bands contest. Production by Amarillo Little Theatre. For tickets: 355-9991.

May 1- June 13 "Human Resonance: Portraits with Presence," Canadian. The exhibit speaks to the universal desire to see and be seen. These artists explore our shared and individual histories, the inner life of their subjects, and the quiet moments that shape who we are. The Citadelle Art Museum in Canadian. 806-323-8899.

May 2 Bubbles for Babies. Presented by Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, this Community Baby Shower benefits Joseph's Project, a Pregnancy Resource Center, providing free services, support, and education to families as they prepare for their pregnancy journey and child's infancy. 10 a.m. - Noon, Amarillo Area Foundation, 919 S. Polk Street. For sponsorships and gifts: 376-4571 ext. 250.

May 2 HPPR Book Club Radio Readers. Presentation and discussion on Will Rogers by Rachel Jackson. Rachel is a descendant of Will Rogers. She also holds tribal membership in Oklahoma. 3:30-4:30 p.m. ChapterHouse Books. Beginning the afternoon on May 2nd, there will be a portable studio of sorts at ChapterHouse for anyone to record their thoughts or memories of Route 66. It will be available until mid-June. Comments will be shared with the HPPR Radio Audience during the coming months. ChapterHouse Books, 3317 SW 6th Ave. 1-800-678-7444.

May 2 Greater Southwest Music Festival Awards Ceremony. Awards will be presented to the Best in Class and Best Overall groups of the 2026 Greater Southwest Music Festival. With performances from 2025 Best Overall Band & Orchestra, Bowie MS Orchestra and Canyon HS Band. Free event. 6 p.m., Globe-News Center. 376-8782.

May 2 Amarillo Warbirds Indoor Football VS Omaha Beef. 6:30 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. For tickets: 378-3096.

May 2-3 Panhandle Quarter Horse Association Bomb City Blowout. 8 a.m., Tri-State Exposition Amarillo National Center and Bill Cody Arena. 806-220-7652.

May 3 John Crist Live. Combining sharp wit, tactfully-unhinged stand-up and viral sketches, John Crist is one of today's most distinctive, fastest-rising comedic voices. 7 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. For tickets: 806-378-3096.

May 4 May the Fourth Be With You. DHDC has all the Star Wars Day fun you need! Enjoy an adults-only evening at the Discovery Center with a specialty cocktail, a space-ship-like atmosphere, and an on-screen classic in our Space Theater. Grab a beverage from the bar, buckle up, and enjoy a screening of "Return of the Jedi" in a fun, adults-only atmosphere. 7 p.m., Don Harrington Discovery Center. Tickets: \$10; (food + drink wristbands: \$25): 355-9547.

May 5 Downtown Women's Center Spring Luncheon. "What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?" is the theme for the luncheon that supports the DWC Recovery program serving homeless women in recovery from alcohol and other drug addictions and for their children. 11:30 a.m., Amarillo Civic Center North Exhibit Hall. Tickets (\$40): 372-3625.

May 5 Potter County 4-H. 7 p.m., Tri-State Exposition Bill Cody Arena. 806-670-6127.



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May 5-10 **Sod Poodles baseball VS Wichita Wind Surge.** Tues: 6 p.m., Wed: 11:05 a.m., Thurs: 6:35 p.m., Fri & Sat: 7:05 p.m., Hodgetown Stadium. For tickets: 806-803-7762.

May 6 **WTAMU Concert and Symphonic Bands,** Canyon. 6 and 8 p.m., WT Northen Recital Hall. Free. 806-651-2780.

May 8-9 **"Clue,"** Lubbock. Murder and blackmail are on the menu when six mysterious guests assemble at Boddy Manor for a night they'll never forget! Based on the fan-favorite 1985 Paramount Pictures movie and inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, Clue is the ultimate whodunit that will leave you dying of laughter and keep you guessing until the final twist. 7:30 p.m., Buddy Holly Hall, Lubbock. For tickets: 806-792-8339.

May 9 **Goodnight Invention Convention,** Goodnight, TX. Event will explore the inventions that occurred during Col. Goodnight's lifetime from 1836-1929. Topics will include airplanes and rockets, Model 1860 rifles, Victorian toys, the sugar mill, the telephone and more. Food and refreshments will be provided. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., The Charles & Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch State Historic Site. 806-25-2607.

May 9 **AHS Choir Banquet.** 6:30 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. 806-326-2000.

May 12 **Potter County 4-H.** 7 p.m., Tri-State Exposition Bill Cody Arena. 806-670-6127.

May 14 **33rd Annual Business Convention & Tradeshow.** 2026. Presented by Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center North End of Facility. 806-342-2009.

May 15. **Caprock High Band Banquet.** 6 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Regency Room. 806-326-2200.

May 15-16 **Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy's 30th Anniversary Celebration.** 5:30- 9:00 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room. 806-414-9629.

May 15-17 **Dog Agility Show.** Presented by Amarillo Obedience Training Club. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tri-State Exposition Amarillo National Center. 806-676-0086.

May 15-17 **Academy Unleashed. Presented by Lone Star Ballet Academy.** Fri: 7 p.m., Sat: 3 p.m. & 7 p.m., Sun: 2 p.m., Globe-News Center. 372-2463.

May 16 **Panhandle Team Penning Association.** 8 a.m., Tri-State Exposition Bill Cody Arena. 719-342-3089.

May 16 **Texas Tech School of Pharmacy Graduation.** 5:30 -9:00 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Ballroom. 806-414-9629.

May 16-17 **Pioneer Gun Show.** Amarillo Civic Center South Exhibit Hall. 378-4297.

May 17 **TexasTech University School of Veterinary Medicine Commencement.** 11:30 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. 806-742-3200.

May 17 **Amarillo Warbirds Indoor Football VS Salina Liberty.** 4 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. For tickets: 378-3096.

May 17 **Bob Livingston in concert,** Panhandle. 7 p.m., Buffalo Grass Music Hall, 123 Main St., Panhandle. For tickets: 806-236-2933.

May 19 **Potter County 4-H.** 7 p.m., Tri-State Exposition Bill Cody Arena. 806-670-6127.

May 19-24 **Sod Poodles baseball VS Northwest Arkansas Naturals.** 7:05 p.m., (Sun: 1:05 p.m.) Hodgetown Stadium. For tickets: 806-803-7762.

May 22 **National Narcotic Detector Dog Association National Conference.** 7 a.m., Amarillo Civic Center North Exhibit Hall. 378-4297.

May 22 **Highland Park Graduation.** 7 p.m., Globe-News Center. 806-335-2823.

May 23 **Amarillo Warbirds Indoor Football VS Pharr Phantoms.** 6:30 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. For tickets: 378-3096.

May 23 **Lubbock Symphony Orchestra concert,** Lubbock. Celebrate America concert featuring the 1812 Overture. 7:30 p.m., Helen DeVitt Jones Theater, Buddy Holly Hall. For tickets: 833-550-6453.

May 28 **"Stayin' Alive,"** Lubbock. The quintessential tribute band to the Bee Gees, capturing the excitement of live performance and the tender subtleties of the human voice! 7:30 p.m., Buddy Holly Hall, Lubbock. For tickets: 806-792-8339.

May 29-31 **The Branding Cattle Show.** 8 a.m., Tri-State Exposition Amarillo National Center and Glenn McMennamy Livestock Center. 806-319-0797.

May 30 **Armstrong Off The Rails,** Claude. Live bands, food trucks, family friendly, drawings for prizes. Bring a lawn chair and a cooler. No pets. Parking east of Allsup's. 6:00 – 11:30 p.m., in front of Armstrong County Museum, 120 Trice, Claude. Tickets: \$30 (online) or \$40 at event. 806-226-2187. *AW*

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For residents of Amarillo and nearby areas, please don't hesitate to consult a Rheumatologist, whether for complex autoimmune diseases, unexplained symptoms or management of arthritis. Joint pain and swelling or unexplained fatigue that lasts more than a couple of weeks shouldn't be ignored—early diagnosis can make a big difference, especially with autoimmune conditions like lupus or rheumatoid arthritis.

Stay active with gentle exercises but balance activity with rest, especially during flares. A healthy lifestyle—balanced diet, good sleep, stress management, and avoiding smoking—can help reduce inflammation.

Most importantly, please partner closely with your care team, keep your follow-up visits, and know that the earlier we address your symptoms, the better we can protect your health and quality of life.

I completed my rheumatology fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta. That strengthened my clinical expertise and deepened my commitment to patient-centered care. I was born and raised in Nepal, a country renowned for its stunning mountains and rich cultural heritage. Growing up surrounded by the Himalayas fostered in me a deep love for hiking and being outdoors—it's my way of recharging and staying grounded. I also enjoy gardening, which provides a sense of calm and serves as a reminder that both plants and patients thrive best with patience and care. I have a passion for exploring new cuisines, often sparking meaningful conversations about healthy eating with my patients.

Whether hiking, gardening, or trying new dishes, these personal interests help me bring balance and empathy to my work as a rheumatologist. I am married, and I've found that the warm hospitality here in Amarillo, Texas, closely matches the welcoming culture of Nepal, making me truly feel at home.

I want my patients and the community to know that my practice is deeply rooted in compassion and a genuine dedication to improving lives. I am dedicated to serving communities with limited availability of rheumatologists and was drawn to Amarillo because it serves as the medical hub of the Texas Panhandle. Amarillo offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful difference not only in the city but also in the surrounding rural areas. Together with my team, I am committed to providing comprehensive, patient-centered care in an environment where every individual feels heard and empowered throughout their healthcare journey. We strive to build a trusting relationship to ensure our patients achieve their best possible health.

My secret to success is a relentless passion for helping others, combined with hard work, dedication, and patience—qualities I consistently bring to patient care. I am committed to lifelong learning, staying updated with the latest medical advancements, and truly listening to my patients' needs. This enables me to provide effective, tailored care that makes a meaningful difference in their lives, fueling my continual growth as a healthcare provider and allowing me to positively impact my community.

What I love most about being a physician is the opportunity to make a real, positive difference in people's lives—whether it's helping to relieve pain, unraveling complex medical problems, or supporting patients through difficult times. Building genuine, trusting relationships and witnessing patients regain their health and confidence is incredibly fulfilling. This daily reward is what inspires my ongoing dedication to the field of medicine.

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As a rheumatologist new to Amarillo, I suggest it is easier to treat disease early than after things have gone out of hand. I am married. My wife and I are raising our ten-year-old son and three-year-old daughter. We love skiing, golfing, and travelling internationally. I've spent half of my adult life in Japan, working in both pharma and in academic medicine. I believe in humility, presenting treatment options, and listening to learn and understand patients' needs. Seeing patients get better is what I love most about the practice of medicine.

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I am a general rheumatologist whose primary interests include lupus and vasculitis. I moved to Amarillo this year, trading the city hustle of New York for wide open skies and a slower, more grounded pace of life. The change has given me a fresh perspective, and I'm excited to dive into the community. I have a knack for listening to stories, figuring out what's really going on under the surface, and putting together a plan that balances medication, movement, and everyday life. My job is to take that frustration out of a patient's routine and help them move with less pain and more freedom. So, if you have a persistent ache, a sudden swelling, or just the nagging feeling that your joints might be asking for a break, remember I'm here.

I was born in China and raised in Argentina, a blend that gives me a broad view of life and culture. In my spare time I love photographing—from quiet desert dawns to colorful Buenos Aires festivals—and I keep active by biking along scenic trails or through city streets.

I'd like my patients and the Amarillo community to know that I come from a place that values compassion, curiosity, and commitment—principles that guide every aspect of my practice. I spend time exploring every place that I go capturing those moments through photography, which keeps me grounded and reminds me of the simple joys that we all share.

My secret to success is simple: treat every patient as a unique story and partner with them to cocreate a realistic plan. I blend evidence based medicine with a listening ear, staying current through lifelong learning while also valuing interdisciplinary teamwork to keep my patients moving. This balance on the individual keeps me motivated, the patients satisfied, and the practice flourishing.

I love that being a physician is an art, a continuous dialogue between science and humanity. Every day I get to help with tangible relief for someone's aching, but I also get to listen to their stories, understand their hopes and fears. The privilege of seeing a patient's life improve makes it all worthwhile.