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UNITED SUPERMARKETS announced plans to build a new **MARKET STREET** in Amarillo. The store will be located at Hollywood and Coulter and will include a full-service pharmacy, a Chopsticks Noodle & Sushi Bar, along with many other amenities, including the first Evie Mae's Barbecue in Amarillo!



SPROUSE SHRADER SMITH announced the addition of two new associate attorneys, **PIPER HAMPTON** and **KELSEY MATCHEN**. Piper Hampton received her Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration in Business Economics from the University of Arkansas in 2019. She then went on to the University of Oklahoma College of Law to complete her J.D. Piper's primary legal focus is on oil and gas title examination as well as corporate transactions. Kelsey Matchen joins the firm in the Wealth Planning and Probate section where he assists clients with wills, trusts, probating estates, tax



planning, and real estate matters. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Texas Tech University and his J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law.

Seven Amarillo ISD high school Seniors have been named as semifinalists in the **2023 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**. According to the AISD, they are the only students in Amarillo and the Panhandle area to earn this recognition for the 2022-2023 school year.

AMARILLO COLLEGE recently received \$3 million from **FirstBank SOUTHWEST** making them the founding sponsor for the school's athletic program inactive for more than thirty years. As a result, the building set to house Amarillo College's revitalized athletics program will be transformed from the Carter Fitness Center to the "FirstBank Southwest Center. Renovations to the fitness

center include a second story expansion on the south side that looks out on Memorial Park and will feature cardio and strength training equipment.



AC President **RUSSELL LOWERY-HART** said the gift is one of the largest they've ever received from a single donor. **ANDY MARSHALL** is President and Chief Executive Officer at FBSW. The facility, expected to be completed sometime around the first of next year, will include facilities for AC's accelerated sports programs: Badger baseball, volleyball and cross-country teams, as well as a premiere fitness center for students, faculty, staff.



FirstBank SOUTHWEST recently announced the promotion of **MATT MATHIAS** as Amarillo Market President. Previously, Matt was serving as Senior Vice President for the Bank's commercial lending team. Matt specializes in commercial real estate and residential construction loans. In additional news, the bank was ranked #18 among the "Best companies to Work for in Texas" by the Texas Association of Business. And, the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) honored **FirstBank SOUTHWEST** with a Silver Eagle "Best of Community Banking" award for their Bank Culture.



ANGELA KNAPP EGGERS, the Senior Director of Community Outreach of the **LAURA BUSH INSTITUTE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH**, received a Lifetime Achievement Award recently.



KATHERINE STRIBLING is the new Assistant Director of Community Engagement at **AMARILLO CHILDREN'S HOME**. With a degree in Marketing from the University of Houston, she has worked in ad agencies in both traditional and digital advertising and at one point owned her own agency. She has also worked for Amarillo Opera (Director of Marketing), and Amarillo Youth Choirs (Executive Director).

The **CATTLE FEEDERS HALL OF FAME** has announced the 2023 inductees and award winners who will be recognized at the organization's 14th annual banquet on Jan. 31, 2023, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Established



in 2009, the Hall of Fame recognizes and honors exceptional visionary men and women who have made lasting contributions to the cattle feeding industry. Among the new inductees: **ED BARRETT** of **BARRETT & CROFOOT FEEDYARD** in Hereford, who was in

the cattle feeding industry full time for over 60 years. Owning three yards with a total capacity of about 135,000 head. Barrett devoted his life to the cattle industry.



The new **WTAMU** Vice President for Student Affairs is **DR. CHRISTOPHER THOMAS**, currently vice president for student affairs at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Thomas joins the WT administration in a new role following the elevation

of enrollment management to the vice-presidential level. **MIKE KNOX** was named vice president for enrollment management



The **UNITED WAY OF AMARILLO & CANYON (UWAC)** announced recently that **KILEY MURRAY** has been selected to serve as President and CEO of the organization effective Sept. 12. Murray is an experienced leader in the non-profit space and having recently been the Executive Director of American

Red Cross TX Panhandle Plains. Murray served in the United States Marine Corps as an active-duty member, and in the Texas Army National Guard both for four years each. Murray also is currently serving his sixth year with the Navy Reserves.

The **XCEL ENERGY FOUNDATION** distributed almost \$400,000 in grant funding to nonprofits in the spring, part of an overall annual investment in area communities that totaled close to \$1.4 million in 2021. Recently representatives from 51 Texas-New Mexico nonprofits that received Xcel Energy Foundation grant funds were recognized at a grant reception reception. The nonprofits won grants through the Xcel Energy Foundation's STEM Career Pathways, Community Vitality and Environmental Sustainability focus areas. These focus area grants are disbursed once a year.

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William Boyce, Todd Gower, Richard Gower, and Peter Boyce

PETER BOYCE AND WILLIAM BOYCE are proud to announce the addition of Gower & Company to Williams-Boyce Agency, LLP. **GOWER & COMPANY** was started by Richard Gower in 1970 and has been led by Richard and Todd Gower for many years. Both Richard and Todd will be "Joining Forces" with Williams-Boyce Agency in order to perpetuate the long term reputations for teamwork and detailed customer service of both Williams-Boyce Agency and Gower & Company.

Williams-Boyce Agency was established in 1904 and is the oldest Independent Insurance Agency in the Texas Panhandle. Gower and Company was established in 1970 by Richard Gower. By "Joining Forces" with Williams-Boyce Agency, the combined total years of both independent insurance agencies is an amazing 170 years, which is older than the City of Amarillo.

Williams-Boyce Agency looks forward to having the knowledge and expertise of both Richard and Todd Gower. According to Peter Boyce: "We respect the way the Gowers do business and we look forward to their continued positive contribution to the Amarillo community!"

The Department of Energy's **NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION** has awarded a contract extension to **CONSOLIDATED NUCLEAR SECURITY, LLC** for the management and operation of the Y-12 National Security Complex and the Pantex Plant. The extension period is up to five years for the Y-12 National Security Complex and up to three years for the Pantex Plant.