

Fire Station 13 - Ready for Service

by Jacob Oehlert, Fire Captain/Public Information Officer



Amarillo Fire Department Station 13 held its grand opening Oct. 12. Located at 6883 SW 45th, just east of the Southwest Library, it is the largest station on the southwest side of the city. It is the core of the specialty rescue program for situations ranging from confined space to high angle rescues. The rescue trailer housed at the station is a fully-loaded tractor trailer rig outfitted with equipment for special rescue emergencies.

In addition to an engine truck, ladder truck, a command vehicle and the specialized rescue equipment, Station 13 is "home" to nine personnel on each shift,

including a chief officer. The staff accommodations include a large living area, partitioned sleeping areas, an industrial-sized kitchen and two offices. A highlight of this station is a basement that serves as a gym.

The dedication of the station included a "Hose Coupling Ceremony"—one of many important fire service traditions. In front of the station was a fire hose with the coupling separated. Mayor Paul Harpole took one side of the coupling and Fire Chief Jeff Greenlee took the other and together they connected the coupling. To complete the ceremony, the fire crew charged the hose with water, sprayed it from the nozzle and Captain Tim Thornhill announced to Fire Chief Greenlee, "Station 13 is ready for service."



Above: Fire Station 13

Right: Amarillo Fire Chief Jeff Greenlee addresses attendees at the grand opening; Amarillo Fire Department Honor Guard; Mayor Paul Harpole and Chief Jeff Greenlee perform the traditional Hose Coupling Ceremony.

Congratulations to our September Retiree!

Phyllis Young
APD Civilian
24 years



Retirement Party
October 25
3:30-4:30pm
APD 4th floor
breakroom

United Way 2013 Chili Throwdown!

Don't forget the 3rd Annual United Way Chili Throwdown on Oct. 25 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Transit area at the Service Center. For just \$3, you can get a delicious homemade lunch and cast a vote for your favorite recipe.

Music will be provided by Dean Yates and Mary Lyn Halley of Insufficient Funds.

Our judges this year will be Mayor Paul Harpole, Fire Chief Jeff Greenlee, and from KVII's Daybreak morning show - Meredith Keller and Anthony Pittman.

ACE Newsletter

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW FIREFIGHTERS WHO "EARNED THE BADGE"



From left: Jarrod Busse, James Arredondo, Jeremy Busse, Cody Rankin and John Stamper. Not pictured: Brad Fisk.

Six more Amarillo Fire Department new hires have "Earned the Badge"! In the recent past, rookies were issued a badge after completing a six-week new employee orientation. Before that, new hires would receive their badge as soon as they were issued their uniform and protective equipment.

Rookies are now sent to their assigned station to join their new crew right after orientation. Throughout the next year they learn and master the Fire Department Recruit Training Manual that contains everything from the most fundamental of firefighting skills to departmental Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines. They are required to pass written tests and successfully demonstrate firefighting skills. The rookie firefighter must also receive positive performance reviews from his or her officer. Not all who attempt this challenging probationary year are able to complete it.

The Amarillo Fire Department proudly announces that this group of firefighters, after completing their rookie year and a lot of hard work, have truly "Earned the Badge."

City Golf League Tournament Results *by Michael Padilla, Traffic Superintendent*

The City Golf League championship doubles match was played Sept. 12. The first place team and winners of the Mayor's trophy were Matt Watlington, Comanche Trails Golf Assistant Pro and Casey Posey.

Coming in 2nd place (not pictured), winning the City Commissioners' trophy, were Mike Kennedy (retired Public Works Director) and Gene Gaston, Solid Waste Service Coordinator.

The City Golf League individual championship was played Sept. 21. Coming in first place after a sudden death playoff, from the Blue Flight, the winner of the City Manager's trophy was Gary Driver, retired Director of Utilities Project Representative. The other standings were: Blue Flight - 2nd Glenn Morris; 3rd KC Cook, Design Tech I; and 4th Gene Gaston, Solid Waste Service Coordinator. Red Flight - 1st Darron Wright, Project Representative II; 2nd Jerry Bird, Traffic Engineer; 3rd Jerry Morales; 4th Kathie Sandorskey.



Doubles winners Matt Watlington and Casey Posey



Gary Driver (left) and 2012 winner Bruce Walterscheid

2013 Parks & Recreation Tour

On Sept. 10, the Parks & Recreation Department hosted their annual Parks Tour. The tour is designed to give Parks & Recreation board members and invited City staff an opportunity to tour Amarillo parks and view park improvement projects that have been completed and those that are planned for the future. One of the tour highlights this year was the proposed Amarillo Recreation Complex site.

In addition, the tour provided an excellent opportunity to see many interesting animals that reside at the Amarillo Zoo, as well as the recently completed Bill & Alice O'Brien Education Center.



Photos by Sonja Gross

Top right: Tour participants view the splash pad at Westover Village Park. Middle row: Parks Director Rod Tweet and Parks Superintendent Clint Stoddard explain the layout of the proposed Amarillo Recreation Complex; Zoo residents Savannah, the Bengal tiger and a ring-tailed lemur. Bottom row: Zoo resident Mikey, the red kangaroo; Rojo and Kali, green-winged macaws; and tour participants learn about Eastridge Park improvements, including a future splash pad to replace a wading pool.

The Lucky 13: Thirteen days ... Maine to North Carolina

A Journey by Gary Holwick, MPO Director

As director of the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization, transportation is my business. My favorite pastime is touring the roadways throughout our great country - on two wheels. I've been riding motorcycles off and on for nearly 50 years. I started with street bikes in 1964, moved to dual sport and trials bikes in the early 1970s, and then rode a Ducati Desmo into the early 1980s. In the late 1990s I bought my first Harley and fell in love with motorcycle touring. The following is Part One of my 10,000 mile summer of 2013:

A motorcycle ride, casino gamblin', and seein' old friends - what more could a guy from West Texas ask? Well, an adventure from Maine to North Carolina for 13 beautiful days in June sounds good. The best part of this experience would be

riding with some of the finest riders on the road. The ride would take us to five gaming houses along the Eastern Seaboard.

The riders met up in Poland Spring, Maine. They came from Canada, Illinois, Oklahoma and all throughout the New England states. Some of us had met before, for others this would forge new bonds. Each rider would ante up \$100, from which any casino winnings would be split at the end of the ride.

After a get-acquainted dinner and rider's meeting at the Oxford Casino, we all spent time in the gaming rooms. No overwhelming success there, but hey, there would be more casinos along the way.

Leaving for Vermont, 'Joey Bones', our ride coordinator, split off to take delivery on a new bike, the end result of some motor

problems on the way North from Tennessee. Soon we ran into others who joined the group, even if just for a short while.

Our next stop was Mystic, Connecticut. Touring this historical seaport was fun, as well as a great dining experience. The best of chowders and oh, the seafood ... wow, nothing like that on the Great Plains! And the casino welcomed our wallets with outstretched palms.

From Mystic to New York State all riders were together again. The ride up through the Adirondack's was spectacular and chilly, ahead some great chili and a stop at Lake Placid. You should see the ride video!

The Akwesasne Mohawk Casino in Hogansburg, New York provided good food

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City Set to Celebrate Charter's Centennial by Sonja Gross, Community Relations Coordinator

Many people, including life-long residents, don't realize this, but in November 1913 the City of Amarillo became the first city in the southwest and the fifth in the United States to adopt the Commission-Manager form of government as an improvement over the mayor-aldermanic form.

But wait ... wasn't Amarillo settled in the spring of 1887? Yes, but several events unfolded before the City of Amarillo as we now know it came into existence. In fact, the town was originally called Oneida and was even relocated to avoid flooding.

According to the City's Charter, Potter County Commissioners Court assembled in a temporary courthouse at Amarillo on September 26, 1887. Judge Plemons presided and it was the first officially recorded meeting of the town. By 1890, the City's population was 482 and on January 27, 1892, 90 legal voters of Amarillo petitioned for incorporation, which was favored by 115, opposed by 41, at the election on February 20. The corporate limits comprised five and one-fourth square miles - or more than 3,300 acres.

Strife over proposed taxation on this thinly populated area wrecked the municipality. The financial distress beginning in 1893 was a factor in this crisis. In fact, functioning of the City Council was interrupted three times by injunctions, and several court hearings brought the incorporation to an end in 1894. The council held its last meeting on January 17. Injunction pleadings set forth that great areas of the corporate limits were uninhabited grazing lands with no dwelling for miles. Court held that a city's limits were determined by its populated area. For five years, municipal government in

Amarillo was suspended. County government and Texas Rangers, brought in to stifle cattle rustling, administered law.

On February 18, 1899, 56 legal voters again petitioned for incorporation, which carried by a large majority at the election on March 8. The error of over-extension was not repeated. The city limits covered only 925 acres, bounded by Jefferson, Sixteenth, Garfield and North Third. Population in 1900 was 1,442. City Council met first on May 4, 1899, in the courthouse.

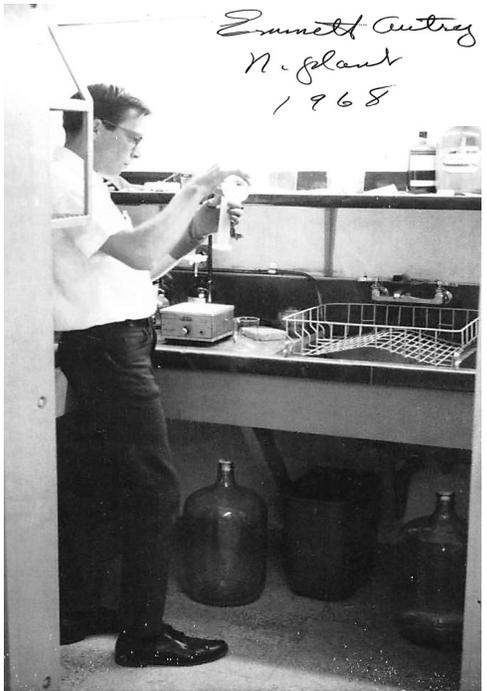
City Hall bonds were authorized in January 26, 1900. On May 10, contract was let to Britt & Currie for \$11,500 and purchase authorized of a site in the Plemons Addition, which was the location of the Amarillo High School.

The new brick City Hall was in truth a schoolhouse, used for that purpose. City Council continued to meet in the Court House. It followed the architect's design of the Fort Worth Sixth Ward School, with library room on the second floor. The building was accepted by the Council on December 11, 1900 and a dedicated City Hall was not built until 1910 at Tyler and Fourth.

Population in 1910 was 9,957. Opportunity to emerge into a major position came in 1913 when Amarillo wrote its own charter as authorized that year by the Texas Legislature. The Charter was favored by 651, opposed by 169, at the election on November 13.

"The Charter is, in effect, the constitution for the City of Amarillo," says City Manager Jarrett Atkinson. "This constitution was written by Amarillo residents, by our leaders, 100 years ago. They did such a tremendous job that it still works today."

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the City's Charter, festivities will kick off with a "Black Tie and Boots" Centennial Celebration Gala on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport. At that celebration, a new logo, tagline and mission statement designed to take the City towards its next 100 years will be unveiled. To learn more about the Centennial Celebration or to purchase tickets to the gala, visit www.amarillo.gov and click on the Centennial Celebration link.



Library Friends Plan Daylong Celebration of Books and Reading

by Stacy Clopton Yates, Amarillo Library Public Relations Coordinator

November 2 will be a great day for book lovers of all stripes as Friends of the Amarillo Public Library hosts the Open Book Festival, which includes an opportunity to meet authors, activities for children, a team trivia competition and the *Books to Broadway* gala.

Library Director Donna Littlejohn says the biggest part of the festival is a gift to the community from the Friends of the Library.

"Meet the Authors is completely free to the public. The Friends have invited local and regional authors to sign copies of their books, and many of these authors will also be offering panel discussions and workshops. The Library Youth Staff has put together activities and story times for kids and that is free to the public as well," Littlejohn says.

The book festival also includes several ticketed events to raise money for Friends' support of library programs. These include:

- A *Moonrise Picnic Lunch* with author Cassandra King, whose new novel

Moonrise, has just been selected an Okra Pick for Fall 2013. Okra Picks are chosen by Southern Independent Booksellers each season as the upcoming southern titles they are most looking forward to hand selling. Tickets are \$25.

- A *Little Knowledge Trivia Contest*, where teams compete to be named *Most Knowledgeable*. Entry is \$50 for a team of up to six players.
- *Books to Broadway Gala*, which includes a cocktail hour, silent auction, dinner and a show of musical numbers from Broadway plays based on books. The theme for this year's show, produced by Dr. Robert Hansen of the WTAMU School of Music, is *Fairy Tales on Broadway*. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Littlejohn says funds generated by the Book Festival allow the Friends to support the library.

"The Friends pay for programs that are not financed with taxpayer dollars. That includes everything from special equipment

and supplies for ESL classes to the library's Summer Reading Club," she says. "These are all programs that we could not offer without the support of the Friends."

For more information, contact Stacy Yates at Stacy.Yates@amarillolibrary.org or 806-378-3051.

Bestselling author Jodi Thomas (left) speaks with book lovers at the Open Book Festival in 2012. She will give a presentation at this year's Festival titled, "So You Want to Be a Writer."



Safety Corner: Halloween Safety and Health Tips

by Charlie Sanchez, Safety Manager



For many people, autumn events like Halloween and Harvest Days are fun times to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, attend parties and eat yummy treats. These events are also opportunities to focus on safety, provide nutritious snacks and enjoy some physical activity.

Any night involving costumes and buckets of candy is going to be a hit with the young crowd. In the United States, more than 90 percent of children aged 5 to 14 go trick-or-treating on Halloween. But, as with most other indulgences, Halloween does come with some risks, aside from the dental ones.

On Halloween night, four times more children are hit by cars than on any other night of the year. Of course, there are other less dire costume-related problems to address. If you've ever tripped, slipped or tipped over wearing a brand new pair of shoes, you've encountered one of those problems. Imagine millions of somewhat less steady kids running around in outfits they've never worn before - outfits that may not even fit right. And they're doing it in the dark.

Check out these tips to help make festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.



Going trick-or-treating?

Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.

Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and to help others see you. Always WALK from house to house—don't run.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

Only walk on sidewalks, if possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

Enter well-lit homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Never accept rides from strangers.

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame resistant costumes.

Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests?

- Provide healthier treats such as low-calorie snacks or drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, veggies, and cheeses.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o'-lanterns away from doorsteps, walkways, landings and curtains. Keep them out of the reach of pets and small children and never leave them unattended.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone! And remember **"TAKE SAFETY HOME."**

Welding Class Graduation

by Alesia Grist, Assistant Director, Human Resources

The City's 4th onsite welding class proudly graduated nine employees Sept. 16. The graduates were treated to lunch at Hoffbrau Steaks to celebrate their successful completion of the program. This class was the 4th to participate in the onsite program taught by Jimmy Bradshaw of Amarillo College.

The students' class project was building a trailer for the Park Maintenance Department (see photo). The trailer was completed, registered and proudly displayed for guests following the luncheon.

Congratulations to the graduates: Raymond Arias, Park Maintenance; Dustin Dorman, Fire Fleet; Francisco Esparza, Solid Waste Disposal; Ramon Fuentes, Solid Waste Collection; Mason Harlow, Airport; Carl Jones, Surface Water; Antonio Madrid, Water Transmission; Dustin Rogers, Fire; and Steven Villalobos, Park Maintenance.



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Promotions/Transfers for September 2013

OLD			NEW	
Name	Title	Department	Title	Department
Gilberto Arroyos	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage	Mechanic I	Municipal Garage
Derek Bailey	Firefighter	Fire	Fire Driver	Fire
Bradley Boman	Firefighter	Fire	Fire Driver	Fire
Andy Carlson	Lieutenant	Fire	Captain	Fire
Jack Coconis	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage	Mechanic I	Municipal Garage
Damon Dennis	Driver	Fire	Lieutenant	Fire
Alex Diaz	Utility Worker - hourly	Street	Utility Worker	Street
Mason Dudley	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage	Mechanic I	Municipal Garage
Robert Enriquez	Utility Worker - hourly	Street	Utility Worker	Street
Daniel Goodman	Utility Worker - hourly	Solid Waste Collection	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Matthew Goodman	Utility Worker	Solid Waste Collection	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Orlando Harris	Utility Worker - hourly	River Road WWT Plant	Utility Worker	Hollywood Road Wastewater Plant
Amy Hedgecok	Bacteriology Technician	Laboratory Administration	Chemist I	Laboratory Administration
Kevin House	Utility Worker - hourly	Street	Utility Worker	Street
Aaron Jackson	Park Technician I	Park Maintenance	Lift Station Maintenance Mechanic	Wastewater Collection
Jordan James	Firefighter	Fire	Driver	Fire
Patrick Johnson	Mechanic - hourly	Municipal Garage	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Mason Lemon	Chemist I	Laboratory Administration	Chemist II	Laboratory Administration
Clifton McElhaney	Asst Production Manager	Civic Center	Production Manager	Civic Center
Johnnie Miller	Utility Worker	Street	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Nicholas Ramirez	Firefighter	Fire	Driver	Fire
Ernesto Saldivar	Utility Worker	Traffic Field Operations	Traffic Technician I	Traffic Field Operations
Brenda Silvestre	Admin Assistant IV	Municipal Court	Civilian Investigator	Police Civilian
Michael Solis	Utility Worker	Aviation	Building Mechanic I	Aviation
Jonathan Turney	Firefighter	Fire	Driver	Fire
August Vinson	Driver	Fire	Lieutenant	Fire
Victor Wilkins	Mechanic - hourly	Municipal Garage	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Casey Woolsey	Driver	Fire	Lieutenant	Fire
Connor Worrell	Utility Worker - hourly	Street	Utility Worker	Street
Arick Wray	Firefighter	Fire	Driver	Fire

Employee Milestones

NAME	JOB TITLE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS
Lina Ayres-Kirby	Transit Demand Response	Dispatcher	5
Terry Bavousett	AECC	Asst. Emergency Communications Manager	5
Michael Boley	Park Maintenance	Visitor Service Coordinator	5
Dwayne Bull	Municipal Garage Operations	Mechanic I	5
Danny Dwight	Fire Civilian Personnel	Fleet Manager	5
Corey Fletcher	Municipal Garage Operations	Mechanic I	5
Courtney Goodman-Morris	Legal	Attorney II	5
Bekki McQuay	AECC	Training/Quality Assurance Sup	5
Randy Mitchell	Water Distribution	Water Meter Mechanic II	5
Jesse Starr	Library	Administrative Assistant I	5
Kimberly Williams	Vital Statistics	Deputy Registrar	5
Greg Aguirre	Park Maintenance	Park Foreperson I	10
James Anderson	Solid Waste Collection	Residential Equipment Operator	10
Christy Craft	Police Civilian Personnel	Administrative Assistant IV	10
Steven Heiskell	Building Safety	Building Inspector I	10
Leo Kirscht	Park Maintenance	Utility Worker	10
Francisco Llamas	Park Maintenance	Park Technician II	10
Mark Price	Bioterrorism Grant	Educator/SNS Coordinator	10
Charles Asbill	Park Maintenance	Park Foreperson I	15
Curtis Gabel	Police	Sergeant	15
Cory Jones	Police	Sergeant	15
Noel Loza	Solid Waste Disposal	Transfer Truck Driver	15
Jaime Lucero	Fire	Fire Captain	15
Mike Martinez	Police	Sergeant	15
Debbie McMurry	Surface Water Treatment	Administrative Assistant V	15
Martin Morgan	Police	Corporal	15
Gary Nabors	Police	Corporal	15
Raquel Saunders	Police	Corporal	15
Michael Stennett	Fire	Fire Lieutenant	15
Mary Willis	Police	Corporal	15
Kenneth McColl	Water Transmission	Treatment Plant Maintenance Foreperson	20
Jimmy Phares	Street	Equipment Operator III	20
Judith Phelps	Transit Fixed Route	Transit Manager	20
Randy Lampkin	Utilities office	Meter Reader I	25
George Gallegos	Traffic Administration	Traffic Technician II	35
Sonya Scruggs	Accounting	Accounting Assistant	35

Welcome to the COA Team!

NAME	JOB TITLE	DEPARTMENT
Karla Abernathy-Thetford	Juvenile Services Coordinator	Teen Court
Robbie Anderson	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage
Maddison Boston	Animal Attendant - hourly	Zoo
Jody Breasette	Utility Worker - hourly	Street
John Brittain	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Ana Castanon	Administrative Assistant I	Public Health
Dennis Castillo	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Jesus Cervantes	Utility Worker	Aviation
William Clayton	Residential Equipment Operator	Solid Waste Collection
Anthony DeLaCruz	Mechanic Apprentice - hourly	Transit
Manuela Espino	Custodian 1	Facilities/Custodial Services
Benjamin Flowers	Utility Worker - hourly	Park Maintenance
Cody Frame	Utility Worker - hourly	Water Transmission
Andrew Gallegos	Residential Equipment Operator	Solid Waste Collection
James Gomez	Inspector - hourly	Building Safety
David Green	Transfer Truck Driver - hourly	Solid Waste Disposal
Beverly Guthrie	PBX Operator - hourly	Telecommunications
Johnny Gutierrez	Firefighter	Fire
Tamra Haidle	Sanitarian I	Environmental Health
Corey Hart	Messenger - hourly	Fire Civilian
Edward Lewis	Crew Leader - hourly	Park Maintenance
Joshua McBride	Airport Police Officer	Aviation
Nakia Nash	Residential Equipment Operator	Solid Waste Collection
Kurtis Neel	Utility Worker - hourly	Park Maintenance
Mitch Norman	Messenger - hourly	Fire Civilian
Matthew Potts	Custodian I	Facilities/Custodial Services
Jaime Pratt	Admin Assistant - hourly	Library
David Praylor	Bus Driver - hourly	Transit
Austin Preston	Registered Nurse	Public Health
Jeffery Reynolds	Airport Police Officer	Aviation
Phillip Smith, Jr.	Airport Police Officer	Aviation
Sheldon Sparks	Custodian I	Facilities/Custodial Services
Curtis Stone	Transfer Truck Driver - hourly	Solid Waste Disposal
Stephen Thomas	Crew Leader - hourly	Ross Rogers Golf Course
Chloe Tupin	Animal Attendant - hourly	Zoo
Jackie Young	School Crossing Guard - hourly	Traffic Administration

From the Pantry: Overstuffed Peppers, Mexican Style

by Margaret Payton, MBA, RD



- 10 ounces 93% extra-lean ground beef
- ½ cup finely chopped onion
- 1 can (4 ounces) mild chopped green chilies
- ½ cup frozen corn kernels
- ¼ cup cornmeal
- ½ of 8-ounce can tomato sauce, divided use
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 large green bell peppers, split in half lengthwise, seeds and stem removed (about 8 ounces each)
- 2 ounces shredded reduced-fat sharp cheddar cheese (¾ cup)

Preheat oven to 375°F.

1. Heat a medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Cook beef until browned. Remove skillet from heat and drain beef on paper towels. Return beef to skillet. Add onion, chilies, corn, cornmeal, ¼ cup tomato sauce, cumin and salt. Mix well.
2. Arrange peppers, cut side up, in a 12x8-inch baking pan. Spoon equal amounts of the beef mixture into each pepper half. Spoon remaining ¼ cup tomato sauce evenly over each pepper half. Pepper halves will be very full. Bake uncovered for 35 minutes or until peppers are tender.
3. Sprinkle each pepper half with equal amounts of the cheese. (Cheese does not have to melt.) Serve immediately or cool and freeze.
4. To freeze, place each pepper half in a 1-quart plastic resealable freezer food storage bag. Release any excess air from bag and seal. Freeze bags flat for easier storage and faster thawing.
5. To reheat, open the food storage bag and place on a microwave-safe plate. Cook on HIGH for 3 to 3½ minutes or until hot. Remove from bag and place on plate.

Makes 4 servings (½ pepper per serving)



City Trivia

There have only been three managers at the Civic Center Complex since it opened in 1968:

David Dewald:
1968–1989 (prior service at the Municipal Auditorium)

Kris Miller:
1989–2009

Sherman Bass:
2009–present



From the collection of the Amarillo Public Library: A 1933 photo from inside the Municipal Auditorium, the Amarillo event venue before the Civic Center was built.

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The Lucky 13 ...

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and a place to leave some cash behind. Then out along the St. Lawrence Seaway and on to Auburn, New York for a couple of nights.

Next we headed toward West Virginia's capitol, Charleston, spent an evening in Pennsylvania, then on to La Valle, Maryland. Nearby at Cross Lanes, we spent two nights. The first was our best attempt at winning more than any other evening, and the next was to rest up from our day exploring the New River Gorge and the historic railroad town of Thurmond, West Virginia.

A quiet ride to Hillsville, Virginia turned out to be a rain drenched soaker. A quick lesson from a master in setting up a dry cleaners in a motel room resulted in warm and somewhat fresh clothes for the next day's ride to Cherokee, North Carolina.



Lake Placid, New York



Gary Holwick (center) with riding companions - Mystic Seaport, Connecticut

A visit to Harrah's Cherokee Casino left us all wanting more. Unfortunately, the next morning brought the end of one of the most exhilarating rides I had ever done. I believe the bonds of friendship we formed will remain with us for many rides to come, if not eternity.

Oh, you're wondering how we did at the gaming tables? Well, I'm still workin'.



Making a corner in beautiful West Virginia