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LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

When brand-new Pantexans sit down for new employee orientation, among the instructors filling them in on their second day are culture advocates Pete Ochoa and Ryan Warren. These gentlemen are leaders in their respective unions, and they share their perspective on the unions and our Pantex company culture with the new hires.

Culture is the personality of an organization, Warren explains, and it has a powerful effect on the way organizations behave and communicate. So how does everyone — from new employees to senior staff — know how to keep that healthy work culture? How does that newest of new hires know they, too, are empowered to stop work if they feel it necessary?

“We get there through The Pantex Way,” Warren said. “On their second day, they’ve already seen that slide twice. I tell them it’s a wonderful repetition, and we like going through it from the lens of bargaining employees to show we believe in this, too.”

We are all working to “deliver today, optimize for tomorrow,” and The Pantex Way is the strategic framework on which we are building our futures as Pantexans, while successfully delivering the mission today.

This strategic framework first defines the *most* important part of all of our jobs — mission delivery, also known as the *what*. From weapon assembly and disassembly to the launch of new workspace to working to preserve global security, these responsibilities are why we are all here. It also defines the two other legs of the stool that makes Pantex stand — operational excellence (the *how*) and Pantex citizenship (the *who*). The *how* means accomplishing mission delivery safely and securely with the highest degree of quality. It also means thinking creatively to support innovation and continuous improvement to optimize our ability to meet our mission. The *who* is you, as Pantexans — from the culture we have here at our facility to how we reach out and make the communities we live in better every day.

When we know the what, the how, and the who, we are able to walk the proper path to successfully deliver the mission. Everything we do should directly impact these three outcomes. The immutable values of integrity, competency, and service are unchanging fundamentals that provide a supportive base for achieving these outcomes. They are unwavering, unyielding, and nonnegotiable.

The Pantex Way is available on The Zone, and it is worth taking a closer look.

This spring, we conducted mid-year reviews of Pantex’s performance. I am very pleased that we are reporting more than 100% delivery in several of our major program operations categories. The vast majority of our infrastructure projects are performing on time and on budget. Our safety ratings are world class. Last year, Pantexans stepped up to deliver to United Way the largest employee donation in five years. This is The Pantex Way. None of this happens by accident. It takes employees who are dedicated to their jobs and who make mission delivery, operational excellence, and Pantex citizenship a way of life, not just something we say.

Join me in following The Pantex Way as we continue to deliver for our families, our communities, and our nation.



Kelly Beierschmitt
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MACHINE LEARNING

Pantex Development innovates technology.

By Cary R. Varnado

Known as free-form manufacturing, 3D printing, or additive manufacturing, the process of creating goods by piling layers of varied materials into a designed object has transformed global manufacturing, including parts and tooling at Pantex.

Yet, there is always room for improvement. The United States' Nuclear Security Enterprise (NSE), after all, demands precision, efficiency, and speed.

Enter Technology Development, a dedicated team of about 40 engineers, scientists, and technicians who support production, security, and technical infrastructure improvements. The majority of Technology Development's work is applied research, investigating theoretical opportunities for practical applications.

"We aim to be technology enablers for production and plant support," explained Technology Development Director Ben Stallwitz. "Our projects work to establish capabilities that support and enhance the range of Pantex mission objectives, which are the focus of our broader plant population."

To improve additive manufacturing, Technology Development started with a simple question: *What if?* What if it were possible to identify imperfections during the manufacturing process? Imprecise builds could be abandoned early in the time-consuming layering process. Further, what if the machine's software could learn ways to improve itself so future builds became better with each succeeding generation?

"That's the [ultimate goal]," explained Senior Technical Advisor Stephen Jones, "to save time, material and money."

Working in coordination with Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, the team has developed an algorithm to ultimately do just that. Pantex provides student researchers the specifications for a tool or component. The additive-build process takes place in Abilene and the item is shipped to Pantex for testing.

"All the metallurgical aspects are done here at Pantex," Jones said. "We scan them and feed that data back to the algorithm."

While the underlying software is off-the-shelf technology, Jones' team utilizes its open-library format to tailor a final software product perfectly suited to Pantex.

"We have been able to take their [software] libraries and custom build to our needs," he said.

Using data from each build, the computer model assigns a numerical value between one and four to any suspected voids it finds in the manufactured component.

"We're teaching the system to find those 'ones,'" he explained, "and map that defect and say, 'is that in a critical or noncritical area?'"

Just how good will the Pantex algorithm be?

"The endgame is to get at least 85% accuracy in our defect rate," Jones said. "We keep training the model. It begins to learn. We think with that we could put a system into production that would be able to predict defects accurately."

Jones and his Pantex team are working closely with professors Gabby Guajardo and Matt Jackson at the university in Abilene.

"Using the students and their lab space, we have been able to change out machines and parts much faster than we would have been able to do at the plant site," Jones said.

University staff remain impressed by the potential rewards for their students.

"It has been a pleasure to collaborate with Pantex on this metal [additive manufacturing] project for the last several years," said Dean and Professor of Engineering Matt Jackson. "Through this work, our students gain invaluable experience with cutting-edge engineering technology and research methods, as well as the opportunity to work with leading experts at Pantex and the broader Department of Energy community. Dr. Jones has been an ideal partner and has served as a helpful mentor to our students. Our combined team is making meaningful contributions to the advancement of this technology, and we look forward to metal additive manufacturing continuing to revolutionize manufacturing in the U.S. and supporting our national interests."

Those rewards, of course, extend to Pantex, too.

"We're potentially training a future workforce," Jones said. "It's obviously hard to recruit when you can't expose new people to what we're doing. In an unclassified workload, it's good to have that exposure. Then, later, you can say, 'You're graduating soon. How would an opportunity at Pantex look for your future?'"

RESEARCH HOME

Pantex and West Texas A&M University forge the future of research with a new facility.

By Amberly Winningham

Pantex has sprouted roots in Canyon, Texas, with the launch of the Palo Duro Research Facility. The research facility is located on the campus of West Texas A&M University, approximately 50 miles southwest of the Pantex Plant. This is the first research lab Pantex has had on a university campus.

Pantex is dedicated to forming and maintaining strategic partnerships, and this facility emphasizes the importance of the continued collaboration with the Texas A&M University System.

“Pantex has long been proud to be a cornerstone of the Texas Panhandle community, just like West Texas A&M University,” said PanTeXas Deterrence President and General Manager Kelly Beierschmitt. “This partnership represents not just a physical space but a commitment to the future — one that fosters innovation and collaboration.”

Once operated as a hospital, the building now belongs to WT with Pantex leasing the space. After renovations, the research facility houses approximately 15 members of Pantex’s research and development group, with more than 7,500 square feet dedicated to research and lab areas plus office space.

“The Palo Duro Research Facility is more than just a physical structure — it is an environment where engineers and scientists will tackle the challenges of tomorrow while partnering with future leaders,” said Tyfani Lanier, Pantex engineering director and chief engineer. “We are investing in talent, building a pipeline of skilled workers who will contribute to the growth and security of our country.”

The facility welcomed occupants in March. Dozens of people contributed to this project, which has been underway for approximately three years.

Several years of research and working through requirement processes have led to this cost-effective solution.

“This space provides us a great opportunity to continue to grow our partnerships and leverage the collective intellectual horsepower of our researchers,” said Ben Stallwitz, technology development director for Pantex Engineering. “This setup is more aligned to our exploratory research portfolio and our growing body of material science, digital technologies, and advanced manufacturing capabilities.”

It is also a convenient place for WT students in applicable science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields to have access to internship learning.

“The new Pantex Lab on the WT campus is more than just a facility — it is a bridge between education and industry, research and real-world application,” said Dr. Angela Spaulding, vice president of Research and Compliance and dean of the Graduate School. “This collaboration will provide students with hands-on experience, create workforce opportunities, and foster groundbreaking collaborations between WT and Pantex researchers.”

Pantex’s commitment to the Texas Panhandle mirrors WT’s dedication to serving the region. Together, Pantex and WT are shaping a stronger, more dynamic future for the entire Panhandle.

“The addition of the Palo Duro Research Facility on WT’s campus furthers our commitment to being a regional research university,” said Walter V. Wendler, president of West Texas A&M University. “Having Pantex on campus provides an opportunity for our students that no other university has — we are proud to educate and train the future workforce that will contribute to the Pantex mission.”



A PIECE OF CAKE

Robot dog Cupcake is providing increased safety protection for emergency situations.

By Hali Rowland

Training a dog is not as easy as pushing a button — unless your pup is a robot dog.

Sit, fetch, and roll over are all common tricks for four-legged companions, but for Pantex’s agile robot dog named Cupcake, tricks are more technical.

“She can open and go through doors,” said Emergency Preparedness Specialist William Easley-McPherson. “She can provide a live-view with her multiple cameras and laser detection which gives us situational awareness for any kind of incident.”

Cupcake was purchased from Boston Dynamics in 2023 as part of a Plant Directed Research and Development grant funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. Her original name was Spot, but she was lovingly renamed by a team member’s daughter. Easley-McPherson is one of her handlers and says part of the mission will be to go where it is dangerous for humans to go.

“The first and foremost priority is human safety and the ability to expand situational awareness,” Easley-McPherson said. “Not only for radiation, but let’s say we have a building collapse for some unknown reason and we needed to know if it is safe to go in there or if we have people who need to be rescued.”

Easley-McPherson said in situations like this he could put Cupcake into crawl mode and produce a live feed of building support beams and see if any areas need to be reinforced before people go in for rescue efforts.

“She also has the ability to handle electrical things that would possibly be unsafe for people, like high voltage,” he said. “Her arm can manipulate breakers; she can flip one. Whereas a person would have to suit up and get into protective gear, she can go in and do it straightaway.”

Cupcake has generated interest in the community from local schools, colleges, and emergency services partners. She strengthens social engagement through live demonstrations.

“Almost straight down the line we have two reactions,” Easley-McPherson said. “One set — they love it and they think it’s the coolest thing. They want to interact, they want to learn more about how it works, and they want to see the display. The second are a little creeped out that this robot can do things autonomously. They’ll say ‘what do you mean you can point it at a door and tell it to open it?’”

Despite the polar-opposite reaction, Easley-McPherson enjoys community outreach and showing people what is possible with technology.

“It all goes back to protecting people,” Easley-McPherson said. “We can teach the next generation about robotics and how it can be useful in life whether that be practical, fun, or for emergency situations.”





PROUD MILESTONES

The B61 program celebrates milestones with a last and a first.

By David Lewis

In 1968, the B61 began its service to the nation as part of the nuclear deterrent. At the end of 2024, a major milestone was reached as Pantex produced the last production unit (LPU) for the B61-12, adding to the rich legacy that the program has maintained for more than 50 years.

The weapon has had numerous performance modifications, and achieving the milestone on this modification was a major step in a long process that began in the early 2000s with the early design stages. The LPU marks another major accomplishment for Pantex as it continues to fulfill its role as a key member of the Nuclear Security Enterprise (NSE).

B61 Program Manager Alan Harrison described the importance of the milestone and what it means for the nation.

“The B61 has a long history of providing an agile and flexible strategic defense option for our national security,” Harrison said.

As with all major accomplishments, roadblocks should be expected along the way. The B61-12 was no exception. Intricate systems and a large number of components made the B61-12 one of the largest and most complex mod programs ever attempted, but effort and resilience across the NSE demonstrated the unified understanding of the importance of what achieving LPU meant.

“Reaching B61-12 LPU took tremendous effort from multiple sites and groups throughout the NSE,” Harrison said. “Hitting this goal on time as scheduled shows that the workforce in the NSE is fully capable of providing the assets needed to help protect our nation.”

With ever-changing geopolitics in the world, the B61-12 not only serves in its role as part of the nuclear deterrent but also continues in its evolution with ever-changing needs.

“I expect the B61 to continue to evolve in an effort to support our national security needs for many years and generations to come,” Harrison said.

Tanner Massucci, program manager for the new modification, the B61-13, talked about the importance of applying lessons learned as the program continues to evolve. While working as a program manager for the B61-12, he detailed the importance of learning from past challenges and scenarios and putting them to use as the program moves into its next phases.

“The B61-12 program in general has had no shortage of its constraints or challenges throughout the entirety of the program,” Massucci said. “The Pantex team has really done an excellent job across the board answering the call, persevering, and really just executing to the highest capability. Moving forward, I think that future modernization programs can use the lessons learned from the 61-12.”

So, what does that mean for the B61 program moving forward?

Kyndra Worley, director of Process Engineering, spoke about the enduring nature of the B61 and its role in the nuclear stockpile, which includes continued support through surveillance and the upcoming first production unit (FPU) of the B61-13.

“The B61-13 is progressing very well,” Worley said. “The entire team is engaged and working cohesively toward the common goal. This modification is further proof of our resiliency and ability to respond quickly.”

B61-13 progress serves as a testament to the hard work and ongoing preparedness of the Pantex team to accept new challenges and demonstrates the talent and teamwork necessary to complete such important milestones. As work for the B61-12 comes to a close, the site turns its focus to its next mission.

“This is a cross-functional, multi-disciplinary team that has the capability of quickly responding and delivering on not just one key milestone in completing the B61-12 LPU but in immediately working toward the B61-13 FPU,” Worley said. “And they accomplish all of this while keeping safety, security, and quality at the forefront of everything that they do.”



MATCH, STRIKE, BOOM

A local community group is connecting local heroes through adventures.

By Angelica V. Medina

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, an average of 17 veterans commit suicide every day and 34% of the combined population of veterans, active military, and first responders suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Pantex security police officers (SPOs) Blake Siebrecht, Matthew Brown, Jeremy Cossio, and Hector Flores, veterans and first responders themselves, have all played vital roles in the formation and sustainability of creating a community-based group that gives veterans and first responders a chance to connect with peers from similar backgrounds.

Brothers-Sisters of Our Military (BOOM) Adventures was created to support veterans, active-duty military, and first responders through various outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, hiking, and semi-annual events. Their goal is to ensure local heroes are never without a battle buddy or someone to talk to.

“A huge motivation for us is community,” Siebrecht said. “There are similar organizations out there, but most adhere to strict requirements for participation. It was important to us that we were inclusive to all veterans and first responders that sacrifice so much to serve our community daily.”

Hunting is one of the most loved and popular activities. Cossio has gone so far as to start a bird farm on his property to support the foundation’s upland game bird hunting. The bird program has turned into a huge opportunity for engagement. Service members, Pantexans, and youth of the foundation have come together to build brooders, aviaries, and a miniature refuge that is being used to grow the pheasant population.

“It’s not necessarily about the hunt; it’s about the camaraderie,” Cossio said. “We love to take care of our service members and their kids. The bird program allows us to include more groups because we have a sustainable project that allows us to have more people involved.”

BOOM Adventures credits a lot of its success to partnerships they have secured along the way. Sponsors have helped the group successfully run its bird program or donated food for many events. BOOM Adventures was also the recipient of a Pantex Community Investment Grant in 2024 through the Amarillo Area Foundation.

It comes as no surprise that when the opportunity presented itself for the team at BOOM Adventures to give back to their fellow Pantexans, they did not skip a beat, exhibiting the character traits of outstanding Pantex citizenship. BOOM Adventures, along with a generous sponsor, provided SPOs working the graveyard shift on Christmas a special holiday meal.

“We know firsthand what it’s like to be missing your family for the holidays,” Cossio said. “The ability to break bread with our work family as we sat and reminisced with our team and thought about what we were thankful for was a nice mental reset for us.”

“A large population of SPOs are veterans and first responders, so it was an easy decision for us to provide dinner to our fellow SPOs who were spending Christmas away from their families,” Siebrecht added.

Siebrecht was honored as one of Amarillo’s Citizens on the Move for 2024 by the *Amarillo Globe-News*. This award acknowledges people who spend their efforts serving the Amarillo community. Though Siebrecht was not expecting this award, he felt truly honored and was excited because it would bring awareness to what the foundation is doing and how people can help.

“Jeremy and I always say, ‘it doesn’t matter if we have one dollar or one million dollars; we’re always going to strive to produce more than we have because that’s what the heroes we serve deserve,’” Siebrecht said.





**GREEN BLUE AWARD
TURNING GREEN INTO GOLD**

In January, Pantex earned the GreenBuy Gold Award from the U.S. Department of Energy for sustainable purchasing in Fiscal Year 2024. This is the second time Pantex has been recognized at the gold level, which demonstrates exceptional achievements in sustainable acquisition, and the fifth year Pantex has earned a GreenBuy award at any level. The award will be presented at the 2025 Energy Exchange in August. Pantex is on its way to achieving the Prime Award which is reserved for those that achieve three or more gold-level awards.



**PASSING THE TEST
E-GUN PASSES TESTING**

Weapons reliability happens in large part because of groups like Pantex's Development and Explosives Technology and their commitment to the constant evolution of systems testing and resolve for success. One recent example is the newly redesigned electronic gun, or e-gun, which completed testing and moved to the next phase for use on high explosives. The e-gun technology is not new, but the redesign enhances operational capabilities and provides better fidelity of information. Modernizing the previous old and deteriorating e-gun was a cross-departmental project involving years of meticulous planning, coordination, and teamwork to ensure the materials in storage will do what they need to do without fail.



**SITE SEPARATION PROGRESS
STEP 1 DONE EARLY**

Two years ago, as a response to site separation needs, the Information Technology team began taking the steps necessary to separate Pantex's IT systems from those at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee. Site separation involves a three-step process: Step 0, Step 1, and Step 2. Step 0, or cutover, included in part ensuring critical functions operated independently and all users were migrated to the local Pantex servers. Step 1, which is a separation of priority business systems, was completed more than a week early. Completion for Step 2 is scheduled for the end of Fiscal Year 2026, but Pantex is accelerating to achieve full autonomy this year.



**LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
NEW LEADERS LEARN SKILLS**

What are the qualities of a good leader? How do you develop these qualities in yourself? How do you put these principles to use in the workplace? These questions and more are what the new Pantex Leadership Academy seeks to help answer for leaders to use in their careers and their lives. Earlier this year, Pantex hosted the second official cohort of the Pantex Leadership Academy. Participants included current leaders, future leaders, and those who lead by example. To be included, participants were nominated by their managers and approved by the Pantex Leadership Advisory Team.



THE HEAT IS ON

Team strives to complete HVAC replacements as the heat of summer arrives.

By Candice Copelin

The summer heat is unrelenting, but the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Strike Team is working diligently to make things cooler for Pantexans across the plant.

Pantex recently introduced The Pantex Way that incorporates three key initiatives — mission delivery, operational excellence, and Pantex citizenship. Key outcomes include modernization and continuous improvement.

A team was formed to accomplish tasks addressed in the Quality of Life initiative, which is dedicated to improving the working environments for employees. As a result, a number of decades-old and often inoperable HVAC systems are being replaced.

The 35-member team includes people from Projects, Engineering, Program Management, Safeguards and Security, Infrastructure, and Construction Management, as well as many craft workers.

With aging infrastructure at Pantex, around 1,000 HVAC systems are in need of replacement, and a plan is in place to replace 400 of them in the next five years. The team replaced 53 systems in Fiscal Year 2024 and has already replaced 15 in Fiscal Year 2025, with the goal of 65 by the end of September.

"I have confidence in the team to deliver and utilize the funding to increase the speed of replacements," said HVAC Program Manager Brandy Ramirez. "We have a great team dynamic and work well across groups. I'm very thankful for the team's dedication to improving the quality of life of their fellow Pantexans."

Replacing HVAC systems must be done with safety at the core of planning, and it must be done when the weather is agreeable. If weather is unagreeable, temporary HVAC systems must be used. In addition to the weather, the HVAC Strike Team faces special challenges that come with working at Pantex, such as extra safety requirements and supply-chain restrictions.

The maintenance leaders wanted to thank the craft team for their incredible work and service in supporting the HVAC and Quality of Life initiatives, noting that the teams have truly delivered excellence in all that they do. They also added that their team's expertise and dedication make a huge impact, and they are sincerely appreciated for all of their hard work.

Because of the team's ability to achieve milestones in the face of many challenges, a portion of the Project Management team recently won the Cooling and Heating Asset Management Program (CHAMP) award for their work on-site. The system they replaced was the largest project tackled by any team across the Nuclear Security Enterprise (NSE). This was the first time a Pantex team has won the award, which is presented annually throughout the nuclear complex.

"The CHAMP award is highly competitive, with many NSE sites striving for the title of highest performer," said Jared Brown, director of Facility and Infrastructure Operations. "Pantex's dedication and exceptional performance set them apart, making them a deserving recipient of this recognition."

It was a huge difference for the people in that building, and because of initiatives like this, more Pantexans will be cool for the summer.

WEATHER AWARENESS

Weather is always happening, although it is rarely noticed unless it has gone to extremes. Along with something to talk about at the water cooler, changing weather conditions can impact Pantex's mission.

Almost 5 years ago, the closest official meteorological station was located near the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport, more than 11 miles from Pantex. In this region, a couple miles' difference can lead to major climatic changes, making forecasting difficult.

In 2021, Pantex began installing MesoNet weather sites, enabling measurement of conditions at the site. The Pantex MesoNet site serves as the backup for the Amarillo National Weather Service, should its equipment fail. As always, the West Texas MesoNet data can be seen by all Pantexans and the general public at MesoNet.ttu.edu and by downloading the West Texas MesoNet app, in both the App Store and Google Play.

Lightning strikes can be dangerous and cause delays in production. Pantex purchased and installed lightning detection sensors for the refurbished weather stations,

adding to its lightning detection network that provides vital weather information.

Named the Pantex StrikeNet®, meteorological information including lightning data at 20 different sites across the Panhandle is now available online at strikenet-tx.com or via the StrikeNet app. The app can be found, free of charge, on Google Play and the App Store.

Be weather informed with the help of these tools.



WALKING IS WORKING

A lack of situational awareness can be attributed to the majority of slip, trip, and fall injuries at Pantex.

Here are a few tips to be more situationally aware:

- **BE AWARE** of your surroundings and the potential hazards.

- **BE CONSCIENTIOUS** of foot placement when ascending/descending objects.
- **BE VIGILANT** to look for obstructions in walking paths and focus on path of travel.
- **BE CONSIDERATE** and protect yourself and others.

PEOPLE OF PANTEX: ANNE MARIE WILKERSON

Pantexan Anne Marie Wilkerson has a passion for raising, training, and competing with the same family of Australian shepherd dogs that she grew up with.

She describes the dogs as productive, versatile, and task oriented, which reflects her own attitude toward work.

Structure is cornerstone to Wilkerson's position at Pantex, where she and her team ensure documents are examined thoroughly to prevent the release of sensitive information.

Wilkerson and her husband have a daughter, Claire, who is herself growing up with this same family of dogs.

"Staying close to this line of dogs is very much a family task for me since I've had them all my life," Wilkerson said. "Claire will be raised with this herd of dogs, and it's interesting to see how they interact with her."

People of Pantex highlights Pantexan's hobbies and how they help them contribute to the mission. Contact pantexan@pantex.doe.gov with ideas.



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ANNE MARIE AND HER SHEPHERDS



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to David E. Baker, who this year celebrates 50 years of service to Pantex.

"David has gained a wealth of knowledge from his 50-plus years of experience at Pantex, and I try to learn as much as I can from him every day," said supervisor Craig Noltensmeyer. "He is a joy to work with and puts a smile on every person's face who gets a chance to talk with him."



MOVING TIME

As this magazine went to print, Pantexans had just moved in to the Pantex Amarillo Campus, also known as the PAC, in downtown Amarillo. The PAC gives office space to hundreds of employees. Look for a full story in the next issue of the *Pantexan*!



EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS

From air conditioning to gyms to pizza, do you know the community discounts Pantexans are eligible for? Veterans have additional discounts available! Visit the Employee page on The Zone and check out the Employee Discount list. Know of a discount not listed? Contact us at Public_Affairs@pantex.doe.gov.

community CALENDAR

MAY 30 through JUNE 1

24 Hours in the Canyon

Tune up your bicycle and join the only simultaneous 24-hour mountain and road bike event in the United States. All funds raised from the event go to the 24 Hours in the Canyon Cancer Survivorship Center. For more information visit 24hoursinthecanyon.org.



Palo Duro State Park
11450 Park Road 5
Canyon, TX 79015

JUNE 5 through JUNE 14

Texas Route 66 Festival

There's something for everyone at this 10-day event including classic car shows, bus tours, a cattle drive and parade, live music, and much more.



Historic Route 66
District
Amarillo

JUNE 12

Pantex Night at Hodgetown
7-10 p.m.

Gather your peanuts, crackerjacks, and fellow Pantexans to enjoy an evening watching the Sod Poodles play AA baseball against their rival, the San Antonio Missions. Check The Zone for ticket purchase information.



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JUNE 23 through JUNE 26

AC Kids College
8 a.m.- noon

Visit Amarillo College's website at www.actx.edu to sign your sixth- to eighth-grade students up for fun summer classes and let them explore science, technology, engineering, and math fields.



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SEPTEMBER 1

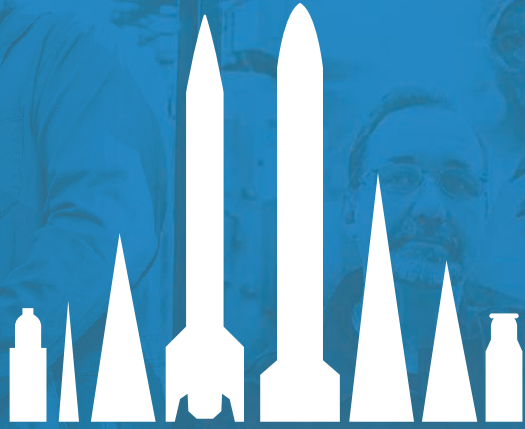
Month of Volunteering Kickoff

Do you have a volunteer group you are passionate about supporting? This Pantex event runs the month of September — check The Zone in the coming months and apply for funding to support your group and then plan a day to improve your community.



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