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Christmas Roundup to bring 200 vendors to Civic Center



In this 2022 file photo, hundreds line up for the opening of the Amarillo Museum of Art's 42nd Christmas Roundup at the Amarillo Civic Center. NEIL STARKEY/FOR THE AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

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If you have some jingle in your pocket, you better hold onto it until Friday, Nov. 7, when the 45th annual Christmas Roundup comes to town. In one of the most anticipated holiday markets, the Amarillo Civic Center turns into a giant shopping marathon for local and area shoppers.

Having more than 200 vendors, the magical market features new products, retail clothing and products, jams and jellies, jewelry and just about everything else a shopper could imagine.

"Over half of the vendors are not from Amarillo," Amarillo Museum of Art Executive Director Kim Mahan

said. "They come in from all over and bring some new and different items."

For \$10, a shopper can enjoy three days of almost endless shopping and all the while, benefit the educational programs of Amarillo Museum of Art. Children younger than 12 can get in free.

There's a lot more than meets the eye to an event this huge, according to Mahan. The massive project has about 30 helpers who started on Tuesday to put out the pipes and drapes for individual booths, along with garland for the merchants. During the event, they have around 50 volunteers to help with selling tickets and other work needed.

"On Thursday before the event, the merchants are allowed to come in and set up their booths for 12 hours," Ma-

han explained. "Many of them come from out of town to participate."

"We expect around 200 merchants this year," Mahan said. "We usually have around 7,500 visitors fill our halls during the three days, and they line up early. Every year, we have the same two ladies who are the first in line for the Red Bird Special — to get the special bag — so we put out chairs for them."

Mahan said they used to hold the event in conjunction with the Amarillo Symphony, but around 10 years ago, they dropped out. "It started in 1980, and we just had the South Hall. Then we grew and had the South Hall and half of the North Hall. Now we have both," she said.

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Canyon
City Sec.
to lead
TX clerks
group

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Gretchen Mercer has worked for the City of Canyon 29 years, the last 18 as the city secretary.

Her quote at the bottom of emails that she sends out with Canyon City Commission agenda has a good description: "No other office in municipal service has so many contacts, it serves the mayor, the city council, the city manager, and all administrative departments without exception. All of them call upon it, almost daily, for some service or information. Its work is



Mercer

not spectacular, but it demands versatility, alertness, accuracy, and no end of patience. The public does not realize how many loose ends of city administration this Secretary/Director of Administrative Services pulls together' — William Bennett Munro, Political Scientist, 1934"

Now she's adding leadership of a statewide association to her tasks.

"I'm truly honored and humbled to have been elected President of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association for 2026. Serving in this role is such a privilege, and I'm excited for the opportunity to represent municipal clerks from across our great state," Mercer said.

"When people ask what I do, I tell them to think of the Secretary of State, but at the local level. I love what I get to do and love Canyon," she said.

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TxDOT study clears way for traffic
lights along southwest SL 335

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Four intersections along the southwest side of State Loop (SL) 335 will be getting traffic lights at some point in the future to improve safety, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Amarillo office announced Tuesday after study results were finalized.

TxDOT said an extensive signal light warrant study, which was conducted on the southwest corridor of SL 335 around the city of Amarillo, concluded that the intersections of SL 335 at FM 2186, Arden Road, Hillside Road, and 34th Avenue met one or



In this June file photo, a sign at the intersection of Loop 335 and Arden Road instructs drivers to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. Amarillo police responded to the area after a pedestrian was struck by a small SUV while crossing the road. MICHAEL CUVIELLO/AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

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