



Quote of the Day

Leaders are fascinated by the future. You are a leader if and only if, you are restless for change, impatient for progress and deeply dissatisfied with the status quo. Because in your head, you can see a better future. The friction between 'what is' and 'what could be' burns you, stirs you up, propels you.

- Marcus Buckingham

Leadership Matters

Over the past few months, I have interviewed business, community, educational and military leaders about their views of the community and what our future could be. I have heard about the incredible men and women in our past who recruited new businesses, endowed the university, fought for Sheppard and dozens of other acts of community commitment that changed the lives of generations. I must admit, I am a leadership geek. I have read hundreds of books on the subject, listened to thousands of hours of TED Talks and podcasts, so hearing about our own leadership heroes like Kell, Kemp and Clymer remind me that developing and inspiring leaders does not happen by accident.

If we are going to create a bigger future and disrupt the status quo for Wichita Falls, it is critical that we grow, inspire and invest in today and tomorrow's leaders. With that in mind, I invite you to join us for Leaderfest on December 7th. We will spend the day together learning from leaders who have had an incredible impact as they share their journeys with us.

Check out www.leaderfest.us to learn more and buy your tickets. You have my personal guarantee that no community, company or organization ever got weaker when their leaders got stronger.

Always Forward.

- Ron Kitchens

Exciting Updates to the Chamber Website

The Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce will launch its revamped [website](#) soon. The new website is designed to better target the Wichita Falls Chamber's broad audience that includes Chamber membership, community and military members seeking services and products, existing businesses and site decision influencers.

Chamber Happenings

Wake-Up Wichita Falls

What better way to start your day off than with a good cup of coffee and some great business connections at [Wake-Up Wichita Falls](#). This event will be hosted by the **Clinics of North Texas**, located at 501 Midwestern Pkwy E on **September 7** from 8:00am to 9:00am. Begin your day by supporting a local business and talking with other local business owners.

Burn Shop Steak Cook Off Block Party

Whether you like to cook steak or just want to eat one, you should join the Burn Shop and the Steak Cookoff Association (SCA) for a [Steak Cook Off Block Party](#) on September 2nd. It will benefit the Wichita Falls Police and Fire Fighters Association and feature music from [Them Dirty Roses](#), the [Huser Brother Band](#) and [Matt Williams](#). You don't want to hear about this after the event, come join us!

Falls Feud 2023

The Wichita Adult Literacy Council (WALC) is hosting a brand-new event called Falls Feud on September 16th, where members of local businesses and celebrities will compete "Family Feud" style against each other. Two battles are scheduled:

- KFDX TV3 & Texoma's Fox News Stations vs. 92.9 NIN & 102.3 The Bull Radio Stations
- Arts Council of Wichita Falls vs. Big Brothers Big Sisters

Check out the [WALC website](#) or [Facebook](#) for all the details of this fundraising event.

It's not your imagination, Mythic Roasters Opened Inside Re:Supply

[Mythic Roasters](#) has a brand new espresso bar and is officially up and running inside of Re:Supply at The Yucca House! They are open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm serving incredible, roasted in-house coffee. They serve a variety of types of coffee, including espresso, cappuccino, americano and lattes. If you like to have a midday cup of joe, check them out.

New Members

This week's new member shout out goes to 628 Capital. Having opened in March of this year they help commercial real estate firms source debt and equity for projects across Texas and connect investors and lenders with projects. Welcome to the Chamber 628 Capital!

Military Matters

Work Experience with DOD SkillBridge

Transitioning military members have an opportunity to gain valuable work experience in the civilian sector by participating in specific industry training, apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days of their service.

For [service members](#), DOD SkillBridge provides an invaluable chance to work and learn in civilian career areas. For [industry partners](#), DOD SkillBridge is an opportunity to access and leverage the world's most highly trained and motivated workforce at no cost. Service members participating in [DOD SkillBridge](#) programs continue receiving their military compensation and benefits, while industry partners provide civilian training and work experience.

Two of Chamber members currently offer DOD SkillBridge opportunities: [Union Square Credit Union](#) and [Jason Noyes, Farmers Insurance](#). Learn how you can become the next industry partner.

Professional Clothing Swap Coming Soon

The [Sheppard AFB Military Spouse Professional Network](#) (MSPN), Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and the [Sheppard Spouses' Club](#) (SSC) are partnering to host a professional clothing swap for military spouses. This event will be held on Thursday, September 7 from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the [Sheppard Thrift Shop](#). The Thrift Shop is operated by the SSC and is located on Sheppard AFB. You must be a DOD ID Card Holder to access Sheppard AFB. RSVP and learn how the swap works [here](#).

International Partner of the Month: Qatar

Looking to travel to Qatar? Here are a few [tips](#) you might need to know:

- It is recommended that men and women cover their shoulders and knees.
- Bargaining is expected at traditional markets!
- Qatari women will not shake hands with men.
- Islam plays a large role in daily life, with prayer taking place 4 times each day.
- It's a desert climate, so expect temperatures to range anywhere from 62 to over 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

Jobs Board Highlights

This Week's Featured Job

Do you have extensive experience in EH&S management systems and policies? Are you able to set a long-term vision and demonstrate a short-term sense of urgency? Pratt & Whitney Component Repairs might be looking for you to be their [Environmental Health & Safety Manager](#). An eligible applicant will be required to have strong computer skills, exceptional interpersonal communications and the ability to run reports using PW online tools. To apply for this position, please go to this link on the [Chamber's Job Board](#).

- [Agency Business Consultant](#), Farmers Insurance
- [Radiation Therapist](#), Texas Oncology
- [Certified Pharmacy Technician \(CPht\)](#), Franklin Pharmacy
- [Juvenile Probation/Detention](#), Wichita County

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Downtown businesses thrive from Hotter'n Hell Hundred

"The hotels were maxed out, the campgrounds were maxed out, food was being sold, the grocery stores were full of cars with bicycles in the back."

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Sheppard Elementary named purple star campus

WFISD's Sheppard Elementary has been named a Purple Star Campus for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Entrepreneur

Subway Sells for Billions in One of the Biggest Acquisitions in Fast Food History—To a Company that Owns a Rival...

Subway was put up for sale in February.

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Wichita Falls Chamber?

Start making the right connections today to take your business to the next level.



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