



19th Annual
WEST TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT
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AUGUST 1, 2023 | C.J. DAVIDSON CONFERENCE CENTER | ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

CHECK-IN & BREAKFAST

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

**Click Panel or Breakout Session Title to Submit Questions for Q&A*

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS | 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Chancellor Tedd L. Mitchell, Texas Tech University System

President Ronnie Hawkins, Angelo State University

ENERGY: POSITIONING AMERICA TO LEAD THE WORLD | 8:30 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

- **Moderator: Congressman August Pfluger, TX11**
- Congressman Michael Burgess, TX26
- Congressman Marc Veasey, TX33
- Congressman Randy Weber, TX14
- Chairman Christi Craddick, Railroad Commission of Texas
- Ben Shepperd, President, Permian Basin Petroleum Association

Networking Break 9:25 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

BUDGET & ECONOMICS: FUNDING & THE FUTURE | 9:35 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- **Moderator: Representative Drew Darby, HD72**
- Congressman Jodey Arrington, TX19
- Representative Terry Wilson, HD20
- State Comptroller Glenn Hegar
- Karr Ingham, Economist

Networking Break 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.



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BREAKOUT SESSIONS: HEALTHCARE, HIGHER EDUCATION, & TRANSPORTATION | 10:45 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Healthcare

- **Facilitator: Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D., President, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center**
- Senator Charles Perry, SD28
- Senator Kevin Sparks, SD31
- Greg Thompson, President and CEO, Wellpoint

Higher Education

- **Facilitator: Chancellor Tedd L. Mitchell, Texas Tech University System**
- Senator Drew Springer, SD30
- Representative Dustin Burrows, HD83
- Commissioner Harrison Keller, TX Higher Education Board
- Dr. Cheryl Sparks, President, Howard College

Transportation

- **Facilitator: Commissioner Alvin New, TXDOT**
- Representative Brooks Landgraf, HD81
- Caroline Mays, Director of Planning and Modal Programs, TXDOT
- Stan Meador, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Texas Pacifico

Networking Break 11:40 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

LUNCH & FIRESIDE CHAT WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: SENATOR JONI ERNST & SENATOR JOHN CORNYN

11:55 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Networking Break 1:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.



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INTELLIGENCE & NATIONAL SECURITY: FROM CYBER THREATS TO GLOBAL COMPETITION | 1:30 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

- **Moderator: Congressman August Pfluger, TX11**
- Congressman Keith Self, TX3
- Colonel Angelina Maguinness, Commander 17TRW, Goodfellow Air Force Base
- Morgan Ortagus, Fmr. Spokesperson, U.S. Department of State
- Keith Sledd, Chairman, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
- Mark Montgomery, Admiral (Ret), Director, Cyberspace Solarium Commission
- Ronnie Hawkins, President, Angelo State University

Networking Break 2:25 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

AGRICULTURE & FARM BILL: PROTECTING THE HEARTLAND, SUSTAINING THE NATION | 2:35 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- **Moderator: Senator Charles Perry, SD28**
- Senator Pete Flores, SD24
- Russell Boening, President, Texas Farm Bureau
- Shawn Holladay, Chairman, National Cotton Council
- Arthur Uhl, President, Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers

CLOSING REMARKS | 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Congressman August Pfluger, Senator Charles Perry, and Representative Drew Darby



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ABOUT OUR HONORARY CO-HOSTS



CONGRESSMAN AUGUST PFLUGER

Serving his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman August Pfluger represents 20 counties in Texas' 11th congressional district, including Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Killeen, Brownwood, and Llano. Congressman Pfluger grew up in San Angelo before graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He served twenty years as a decorated fighter pilot, later as an advisor on the National Security Council, and still serves as a Colonel in the Air Force Reserves. In Congress, Rep. Pfluger is the first Member to represent Midland and Odessa on the Energy and Commerce Committee. He also serves on the House Committee on Homeland Security, and co-founded the MACH 1 Caucus and the Texas Ag Task Force. He is a conservative Republican, a proud husband and father, and a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. He and his wife Camille live in San Angelo with their three young daughters.



SENATOR CHARLES PERRY

State Senator Charles Perry is a life-long West Texan and a practicing CPA from Lubbock. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 2014 after serving two terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Sen. Perry currently chairs the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs and is Vice-Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. He also sits on the Senate Committees for Finance, Redistricting, State Affairs, Transportation, and Sunset Commission, and he co-chairs the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Advisory Committee and the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (TIRF). Governor Abbott appointed him to the Southwestern States Water Commission and the Western States Water Council. Outside his work in the Legislature, Sen. Perry has served his community as past president of the Lubbock Boys and Girls Club, American Business Clubs, and Community Partners, and previously served on the board of the National Council on Family Violence and the Women's Protective Services of Lubbock. He also serves as a deacon at his church, Southcrest Baptist in Lubbock. Sen. Perry grew up in the district he currently represents, graduating from Sweetwater High School. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting and management information systems from Texas Tech University. Sen. Perry has been married to his wife, Jacklyn, for over 40 years and together they have a daughter, Jordan, and a son, Matthew, and five grandchildren. The entire family are graduates of Texas Tech University.



REPRESENTATIVE DREW DARBY

Representative Drew Darby - House District 72 State Representative Drew Darby currently represents ten counties in West Texas spanning the Concho Valley and Permian Basin. Drew is a lifelong West Texan, a native of San Angelo, and attended San Angelo public schools. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Business Administration, majoring in Finance and minoring in Accounting. He earned a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas and is a graduate of the Emerging Political Leaders Program at the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia. Representative Darby currently serves as chairman of the House Committee on Redistricting and as a member of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and the House Committee on Energy Resources. Additionally, Representative Darby serves as chairman of the Center for the Legislative Energy and Environmental Research (CLEER), is on the Executive Committee of The Energy Council, and is the Texas House's appointee to the Southern States Energy Board. A successful businessman, Drew is the owner of Surety Title with offices throughout West Texas, and is Of Counsel to the Energy and Real Estate practice group at the law firm of Jackson Walker, LLP. Drew and his wife, Clarisa, have five children and ten grandchildren. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo.



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ABOUT OUR PANELISTS

ENERGY: POSITIONING AMERICA TO LEAD THE WORLD



Congressman Michael Burgess, TX26

For nearly 30 years, I practiced medicine in North Texas, and since 2003, I've served the 26th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. I serve as Vice Chair of the House Rules Committee, on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and House Budget Committee. My district includes Cooke, Denton, Tarrant, Cooke, and Wise Counties. I hold degrees from the University of North Texas, the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and the University of Texas at Dallas. My wife Laura and I have been married for over 40 years, with three children and two grandsons.



Congressman Marc Veasey, TX33

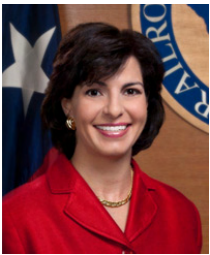
Representative Marc Veasey was first elected to public office in November 2004 to represent House District 95 in Southeast Fort Worth – an area now part of the 33rd Congressional District. Veasey served as a State Representative for eight years, where he was eventually elected Chair of the House Democratic Caucus. In 2012, Veasey was elected by the citizens of DFW to represent them in Congress. Since then, he has worked tirelessly to create jobs, promote comprehensive immigration reform, and provide both quality and affordable healthcare for all Americans. Throughout his time in Congress, Representative Veasey founded the first Congressional Voting Rights Caucus, accepted his appointment as an Assistant and Regional Whip, and served as Whip for the Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce. He is currently a member of the U.S. Energy & Commerce Committee, U.S. House Armed Services Committee, U.S. Helsinki Commission, the Congressional Black Caucus, and the New Democrat Coalition. Representative Veasey continues to fight for affordable healthcare, funding for better schools, and advocating for a livable wage.



Congressman Randy Weber, TX14

Congressman Randy Weber is a public servant, proven conservative, former small business owner, and third-generation Texan representing the 14th District of Texas. In Congress, he serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has the broadest jurisdiction of any legislative committee in Congress. Weber also serves on the Science Space and Technology. For over 68 years, Randy Weber has called the Gulf Coast home - a place to start a family and build a business. Although juggling work and family takes great amounts of time and effort, Weber makes time to be an active member of his church and community. Weber built his air conditioning company, Weber's Air & Heat, in 1981 from scratch and grew his business by using what his grandfather used to call 'good old-fashioned Texas horse sense and a strong work ethic.' Like others who have successfully moved from business to public service, Weber's real-world experience in the private sector underpins his commitment to lower taxes, his contempt for wasteful spending, and his firm dedication to better schools. Prior to being elected to Congress, Weber served four years in the Texas State House. During his tenure, Weber served on the committees of Environmental Regulation, Public Education, and as Vice Chair of Border and Intergovernmental Affairs. While serving in the Texas House, Randy Weber authored landmark legislation to combat human trafficking and protect women, young girls, and boys - some as young as 12 years old. Weber has lived in a 20-mile radius all his life and has been married to Brenda Weber, a retired schoolteacher, for over 45 years. He is a graduate of Alvin Community College, and holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Houston at Clear Lake. Randy and Brenda have three children and eight wonderful grandchildren. He previously served on the House Foreign Affairs and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

ENERGY: POSITIONING AMERICA TO LEAD THE WORLD



Chairman Christi Craddick, Railroad Commission of Texas

Christi Craddick has set a clear standard of integrity, self-reliance and innovation in her position as Chairman of the Railroad Commission. Since her tenure on the Commission began in November 2012, Craddick has pushed to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of an energy industry that is driving the state's unparalleled economic success. In the process, she has repeatedly proven that sensible regulations, careful listening and plain talk can foster innovation that has solidified Texas leadership in the energy sector. Craddick's top priorities include working to educate the public about the oil and gas industry and its impact in Texas, modernizing the agency, and providing regulatory certainty to the industry. A native of Midland, the heart of the Permian Basin, Craddick earned both her Bachelor's Degree as a Plan II graduate and her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas at Austin. Craddick serves as an active member of organizations including the National Petroleum Council, Southern States Energy Board, the University of Texas Liberal Arts Alumni Advisory Council, and University of Texas System Chancellor's Council. Chairman Craddick resides in Austin with her daughter, Catherine, and is an active member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.



Ben Shepperd, President, Permian Basin Petroleum Association

Ben Shepperd serves as the President of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association based in Midland, Texas, a position he's held since 2006. In this role, he represents oil and gas interests in Texas, New Mexico and Washington, D.C. Prior to joining PBPA, Mr. Shepperd logged over 20 years in state legislative and regulatory affairs work experience. During that time, Mr. Shepperd worked for several members of the Texas Legislature, served as Committee counsel for the House Energy Resources Committee, and also served as Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews' Legislative Director. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from UT, and a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Texas A&M. Mr. Shepperd is a board member of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute Foundation at UTPB and serves on the Advisory Council for the UTPB School of Business.

BUDGET & ECONOMICS: FUNDING AND THE FUTURE



Congressman Jodey Arrington, TX19

Jodey Arrington was raised in Plainview, Texas, the son of a tractor salesman and a schoolteacher. He graduated from Texas Tech University. His passion for public service took him to Austin, Texas where he worked for Governor George W. Bush. He was tapped by President Bush to join the White House as a senior advisor before being appointed as Chief of Staff to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In 2007, he returned to West Texas where he was Vice Chancellor of the Texas Tech University System before taking the helm as President of a healthcare innovation company in Lubbock. In January of 2017, Jodey began his time in Congress representing Texas' 19th Congressional District. Currently, he serves as the House Budget Committee Chairman and a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. He is grateful to serve West Texas and is especially thankful for the tremendous sacrifice and support of his wife, Anne, and their three children.



Representative Terry Wilson, HD20

Colonel Terry Wilson, US Army (Ret.), was born in Odessa, Texas. He is a committed husband and father, and a decorated combat veteran. He holds a BS in Business Administration from Texas A&M University and an MS in Strategic Logistics Plans and Management from the Air War University. As State Representative for House District 20, Terry is honored to serve as Chairman of the House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs, which oversees all matters dealing with the relationship between the State of Texas and the Department of Defense, as well as issues impacting veterans and emergency response. Drawing upon his military and leadership experience in research and development. Terry also serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.



State Comptroller Glenn Hegar

As the CFO of the world's 9th largest economy, Hegar is charged with maintaining the state's fiscal health. Having served in both the Texas House and Senate, Hegar has gained a reputation for customer service, transparency in government, and conservative fiscal management. Hegar is a 1993 graduate of Texas A&M University and a graduate of St. Mary's University, where he earned a Master of Arts and his law degree. At the University of Arkansas, he earned his Masters of Law.

BUDGET & ECONOMICS: FUNDING AND THE FUTURE (CONTINUED)



Karr Ingham, Economist

Karr Ingham is an Amarillo based economist, who serves as Petroleum Economist and Executive Vice President for the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. He is a member and panel moderator of the US Association for Energy Economics, holding his affiliation with the Houston chapter, and co-chairs the Supply and Demand Committee of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. He is a member of the Texas Comptroller's Economic Roundtable, a group of statewide and national economists convened to offer economic insight to the Comptroller in terms of the general condition of the Texas economy and the ongoing revenue outlook. He is the creator of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers Texas Petro Index, a tool for tracking growth rates and industry cycles in the Texas oil and gas upstream (exploration & production) sector, as well as the Alliance Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index.

INTELLIGENCE & NATIONAL SECURITY: FROM CYBER THREATS TO GLOBAL COMPETITION



Congressman Keith Self, TX3

Keith Self was born in a military hospital during his father's service in the United States Army and was raised in Texas. He accepted an appointment to The United States Military Academy at West Point, where he began a 25-year career of service to our country. Keith's Army tours included Airborne Infantry Platoon Leader, Airborne Infantry Company Commander, Special Forces Detachment Commander and Special Forces Company Commander. His service took him to Europe, the Middle East, and the Pentagon, where he worked on the most sensitive military programs. He deployed to Grenada, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraqi Freedom. He retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Keith was elected County Judge in Collin County, TX, in 2006. He served three consecutive terms before retiring in 2018. Keith and his wife Tracy reside in McKinney, TX and are active members in their church and local community.



Colonel Angelina Maguinness, Commander 17TRW, Goodfellow Air Force Base

Colonel Angelina M. "PINT" Maguinness commands the 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. A joint center of excellence, Goodfellow is the home for the Department of Defense Fire Academy and multi-service intelligence technical training. The wing is responsible for training more than 14,000 firefighting and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance warriors annually for the United States Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, Coast Guard and other government agencies and allied nations. In addition to Goodfellow, Colonel Maguinness has command responsibility for four geographically separated units in California, Arizona, Florida, and Virginia. She manages property, equipment, supplies and contracts in excess of \$1.5 billion and an annual operating budget exceeding \$288 million. Colonel Maguinness also provides support to Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Space Force on-base units, as well as seven other partner organizations and the Angelo State University's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program.



Morgan Ortagus, Fmr. Spokesperson, U.S. Department of State

Morgan D. Ortagus is the founder of POLARIS National Security and is a principal at Rubicon Founders, a healthcare investment firm. Morgan is also an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy reserves. From 2019-2021, she served at the Department of State as the Spokesperson for the United States of America. At the State Department, she worked closely with the White House on the historic Abraham Accords and led U.S. government efforts to push back against sophisticated Chinese, Russian, and Iranian malign influence campaigns. She previously worked at the Department of the Treasury as an intelligence analyst, and from 2010-2011 was the deputy U.S. Treasury Attaché to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In 2007, Morgan spent several months in Baghdad, Iraq at the USAID Mission, and was a national security contributor to Fox News. Morgan graduated with a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Florida Southern College, and she earned a dual Master of Arts in Government/Master of Business Administration from John Hopkins University in 2013. She lives in Nashville, TN with her husband, Jonathan, and their daughter, Adina. "Morgan Ortagus was a savvy department spokeswoman who had real foreign policy experience as a Navy reservist and former Treasury Department and USAID official. This made her a true weapon at the podium and on TV," - Mike Pompeo, Former United States Secretary of State.

INTELLIGENCE & NATIONAL SECURITY: FROM CYBER THREATS TO GLOBAL COMPETITION (CONTINUED)



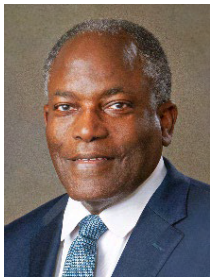
Keith Sledd, Chairman, Governor's Committee to Support the Military

Keith Sledd serves as the Executive Director for the Heart of Texas Defense Alliance which is a regional municipally funded non-profit 501(c)(6) corporation advocating for Fort Hood, regional defense industries, Soldiers and their Families. He served 34 years in the US Army initially enlisting in 1980 before attending college and graduating in 1987 commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry. He retired from the Army in 2017 prior to becoming the Executive Director for the Heart of Texas Defense Alliance. During 34 years in the military, Keith served in numerous levels of command from company through brigade level and staff from battalion through joint force command at a variety of locations around the US and overseas. In 2018, Keith was appointed as the Chair for the Texas Governor's Committee to Support the Military. He is married to Wendy Sledd and they reside near Gatesville, TX.



Mark Montgomery, Admiral (Ret), Director, Cyberspace Solarium Commission

Mark Montgomery is the Senior Director of the Center on Cyber and Technology Innovation and a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. He serves as the Executive Director of Cybersolarium.org, a non-profit organization which works to implement the recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, where he was Executive Director from 2019 to 2021. Previously, Mark was Policy Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee for Senator John S. McCain. Mark completed 32 years as a nuclear-trained surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Rear Admiral. His flag officer assignments included Director of Operations at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; Commander of Carrier Strike Group 5 stationed in Yokosuka, Japan; and Deputy Director, Plans, Policy and Strategy at U.S. European Command.



Ronnie Hawkins, President, Angelo State University

Ronnie D. Hawkins Jr. was appointed president of Angelo State University on Aug. 17, 2020. He is the sixth president of ASU and the 11th president of the institution since it began as San Angelo Junior College in 1928. He is also the second ASU alumnus to serve as president, and the first Black president in the history of the institution. A retired Air Force Lieutenant General, Hawkins is an internationally respected subject-matter expert in leadership, strategic planning, cybersecurity, military matters and Christian discipleship development. He has over four decades of business, military, academic and spiritual development experience. During his 37-year Air Force career, Hawkins served as the director of coalition forces for the Multi-National Forces in Iraq, as well as director of coalition forces for Operation Southern Watch in Saudi Arabia. He commanded at all levels of military command, including Cadet Squadron 24 at the U.S. Air Force Academy and as commander of the Air Force ROTC Corps, Junior ROTC Corps and Officer Training School, which at the time had a combined enrollment of over 20,000 students and officer candidates. His many professional and military honors include the Secretary of the Air Force Leadership Award, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Bronze Star. Following his Air Force retirement, Hawkins returned to San Angelo and immediately became involved in the community. He is the director of Ezra Ministries, which conducts short-term mission trips to Haiti, and serves as pastor of San Angelo's Christian Fellowship Baptist Church. He also started the Hawkins Group, a digital, information technology and cybersecurity firm, and teaches leadership courses at Angelo State. Hawkins was recently recognized with the 21st Distinguished Citizen Award by the Texas Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and he is the first Concho Valley recipient of the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. He and his wife, Maria, were named 2018 Citizens of the Year by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce. A 1977 ASU distinguished graduate, Hawkins earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in computer science. He later graduated cum laude from Liberty Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, and has also earned a Master of Science in management and human relations from Abilene Christian University, and a Master of Science in national resource strategy from the National Defense University. He attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School Program for Senior Managers in Government, and has attended senior executive programs at the Air University at Maxwell AFB.

AGRICULTURE & FARM BILL: PROTECTING THE HEARTLAND, SUSTAINING THE NATION



Senator Pete Flores, SD24

Senator Pete Flores is a proud Texan. He graduated from Laredo Martin High School and later went on to attend Laredo Junior College and graduated from Texas A&M University. Senator Flores spent most of his career as a Texas Game Warden, serving the state for 27 years and achieving the rank of Colonel. Senator Flores was the first Hispanic Texas Game Warden Colonel in history. Senator Flores honorably retired from state service in 2012. Senator Flores was first elected in a special election in 2018, becoming the first Hispanic Republican in the Texas Senate, and again in 2022 to serve Senate District 24. He lives in Pleasanton with his wife, Elizabeth, and has two daughters and two grandsons. During the 88th legislative session, Senator Flores serves as the Vice Chair for the Senate committees on Border Security and Criminal Justice. He is also a member of the Finance, Education, and Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs committees.



Russell Boening, President, Texas Farm Bureau

Texas Farm Bureau President, Russell Boening is a full-time farmer and rancher from Wilson County. He grows feed grains, cotton, and wheat, as well as operates a dairy and a beef cattle operation with his brother and farther near Poth. The fourth-generation farmer was elected president of Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) and Affiliated Companies in December 2014. He was first elected to the TFB Board of Directors in December 2008 and became Secretary-Treasurer in December 2011. He was elected to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Board of Directors in 2015. He currently serves on the AFBF Executive Committee. Boening is a 1981 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Agricultural Economics. Boening served 21 years on the Poth ISD School Board, 8 as President. Boening and his wife, Margie, have three children and four grandchildren.



Shawn Holladay, Chairman, National Cotton Council

Shawn Holladay, a fourth generation West Texas cotton producer who resides in Lubbock, serves as the National Cotton Council's chairman for 2023 upon being elected at the NCC's 2023 annual meeting and after serving as the industrywide organization's vice chairman in 2022. Shawn has served in many NCC capacities including serving as a director and an advisor and on multiple NCC committees including previously chairing its Farm Policy & Economic Policy and its Budget committees. He was chairman of American Cotton Producers in 2018 and 2019. He previously served as chairman of the ACP's Farm Policy Task Force for multiple years and proved to be a tireless advocate for sound farm policy development. He also was played a key role in the creation and implementation of the seed cotton program for U.S. cotton producers. Additionally, Shawn was a founding member of the Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) Political Action Committee, the PCG's political action arm that provides a unified voice and advocacy for cotton producers in U.S. politics. He is a past PCG chairman and is a past president of Lamesa Cotton Growers. He represented U.S. cotton producers internationally – including as a member of Cotton Council International trade delegations to China and South America. Shawn, along with his wife, Julie, and daughter, Katy, own and operate H2H Farms. Their operation covers land in Dawson and Martin counties of West Texas primarily producing cotton. Shawn, who participated in the NCC's Producer Information Exchange program, also is a partner in United Gin Corporation, located south of Lamesa, Texas. Shawn was awarded The Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturalist Award for Production in 2018 by the Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. He was the recipient of the 2017 Cotton Achievement Award from Cotton Grower magazine and was Farm Progress' High Cotton Award winner for the Southwest Region in 2012.



Arthur Uhl, President, Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers

Arthur Uhl is President of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas' oldest and largest livestock trade association, with more than 26,000 members. Mr. Uhl is also Manager of Powell Ranches, LLC, headquartered in San Angelo, Texas, which manages regional cattle and sheep production. Mr. Uhl is also a co-founder and attorney with the law firm of Uhl, Fitzsimons, Burton, Wolff and Rangel, PLLC, based in San Antonio, Texas, a real estate and energy oriented firm serving land and mineral owners across Texas.

BREAKOUT SESSION: HEALTHCARE



Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D., President, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D., is the ninth President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the first female president in the Texas Tech University System. She joined TTUHSC in 1987, and has held multiple leadership positions during her tenure with the university, including Dean of the School of Health Professions and Provost and Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Rice-Spearman led TTUHSC through an unprecedented global health pandemic. This required the transition of all on-campus academic instruction to online and a workforce of more than 5,000 on six campuses to remote operations. During this time, the university's team members led collaborative efforts to produce personal protective equipment for its front-line health care team and providers across the region. They also played vital roles statewide in supplying viral transport medium for COVID-19 testing and conducting a national study on convalescent serum as a treatment option for the disease. As President of TTUHSC, Dr. Rice-Spearman oversees a complex, multi-campus institution with Lubbock as the administrative center, and with regional campuses at Abilene, Amarillo, Dallas, Midland, and Odessa. TTUHSC is committed to regionalized, educational experiences provided across six schools that deliver quality education, research, patient care, and community service programs to meet the health care needs of West Texas, which in total is comprised of 108 counties and represents 50% of Texas' land mass. TTUHSC graduates the most health care professionals in the state of Texas, who are serving patients and driving medical discovery in tangible, life-changing ways – both for the 3 million people in TTUHSC's immediate service area and around the world. Dr. Rice-Spearman has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals and is recognized nationally as an innovator in health professions education. She has served as an accreditation reviewer and site visitor for the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences and the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education. She is an alumna of the School of Health Professions' first class in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program and earned her master's and Ph.D. from Texas Tech University. A West Texas native, Dr. Rice-Spearman is honored to continue serving Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center based in a region she knows and loves. She is committed to advancing TTUHSC's mission to make an even greater impact in West Texas and worldwide under her vision to transform health care through innovation and collaboration.



Senator Charles Perry, SD28

State Senator Charles Perry is a life-long West Texan and a practicing CPA from Lubbock. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 2014 after serving two terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Sen. Perry currently chairs the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs and is Vice-Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. He also sits on the Senate Committees for Finance, Redistricting, State Affairs, Transportation, and Sunset Commission, and he co-chairs the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Advisory Committee and the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (TIRF). Governor Abbott appointed him to the Southwestern States Water Commission and the Western States Water Council. Outside his work in the Legislature, Sen. Perry has served his community as past president of the Lubbock Boys and Girls Club, American Business Clubs, and Community Partners, and previously served on the board of the National Council on Family Violence and the Women's Protective Services of Lubbock. He also serves as a deacon at his church, Southcrest Baptist in Lubbock. Sen. Perry grew up in the district he currently represents, graduating from Sweetwater High School. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting and management information systems from Texas Tech University. Sen. Perry has been married to his wife, Jacklyn, for over 40 years and together they have a daughter, Jordan, and a son, Matthew, and five grandchildren. The entire family are graduates of Texas Tech University.



Senator Kevin Sparks, SD31

State Senator Kevin Sparks is a conservative businessman and community leader in Midland, Texas. After graduating from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1985, Kevin returned home to Midland to begin working at Discovery Operating, a family-owned oil and gas company, where he continues today as CEO. Kevin and his wife Jill have served the Midland community for over thirty years through their roles as Young Life and church leaders, as well as board members for High Sky Children's Ranch, the Texas Public Policy Foundation, and the Natural Gas Producers Association. Kevin and Jill have four adult children, three of whom are married, and now have the addition of their first grandchild. They are active members of Stonegate Fellowship, where Kevin served as an elder, and they have served as small group leaders to young couples rearing their own families. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys hunting, fly fishing and being outdoors. Elected in 2022, Senator Sparks just finished his first session serving his constituents in Senate District 31.

BREAKOUT SESSION: HEALTHCARE (CONTINUED)



Greg Thompson, President and CEO, Wellpoint

Greg Thompson currently holds the position of President and CEO of Wellpoint, which is part of the Medicaid West Region and Government Business Division at Elevance Health. As President, he is responsible for the strategic, fiscal, regulatory, and operational leadership of the health plan. In his role, he is also responsible for building and managing state and local relationships and fostering new growth and strategic opportunities within Texas. Wellpoint provides Medicaid managed care services for over 1 million members as part of the Texas Medicaid program for the state of Texas, which includes TANF, CHIP, LTSS, ABD/SSI, and IDD. With more than 20 years of progressive healthcare experience, Greg has served in several leadership positions for a variety of managed care and healthcare organizations such as FirstCare Health Plans, Covenant Health, and UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Greg is Chairman of the West Texas March of Dimes Board, Chairman of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center National Advisory Board (TTUHSC NAB) and serves on the Staff Parrish Relations Committee at Lakeridge UMC. He is also on the advisory boards for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) and Molecular Pathology Programs. He has respectfully received many awards within Elevance Health, the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award for TTUHSC School of Health Professions, and the 2018 Lubbock 20 Under 40 Award.

BREAKOUT SESSION: HIGHER EDUCATION



Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., Chancellor, Texas Tech University System

Dr. Tedd Mitchell was named the fifth chancellor of the Texas Tech University System on Oct. 25, 2018. As chancellor, he is the CEO of a \$2.65 billion, five-university, higher-education enterprise that collectively enrolls about 63,000 students and operates at 26 academic locations statewide and internationally. The system includes Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Angelo State University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso and Midwestern State University. Dr. Mitchell works collaboratively with the Board of Regents, the TTU System Administration and component university presidents to enhance the system's profile and support shared missions of advancing higher education, health care, research and community outreach. Additionally, he guides the system's engagement with elected officials in Austin and federal leaders in Washington, D.C., to further increase funding and support. Previously, he served as president of TTUHSC and as the president/CEO of the Cooper Clinic in Dallas.



Senator Drew Springer, SD30

Senator Drew Springer, a lifelong conservative Christian, fights to preserve traditional Texas values, promote economic development, and undue burdensome regulations. Ever a fighter for the U.S. Constitution, Drew is a champion for the taxpayers, fights for Pro-Life legislation, and defends the Second Amendment. He was consistently ranked among the top conservatives during his tenure in the Texas House of Representatives. Drew grew up in Weatherford where he attended Weatherford High School. He went on to attend Weatherford College, and then the University of North Texas where he was a letterman and received his accounting degree. He spent fifteen years working for a Texas railcar company where he was an accountant, leasing VP, and president of three divisions. He left to join his father's financial services company where he has specialized in agricultural managed futures for the last sixteen years and now works in securities. Drew and his wife of 31 years, Lydia, reside in Muenster where they are blessed to have raised their three children and welcomed their first grandson in 2020. The family are active members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where Drew serves on the finance council. Additionally, Drew has been a volunteer fireman for fifteen years.



Representative Dustin Burrows, HD83

Dustin was elected as Representative for Texas House District 83 in 2014. House District 83 encompasses a large portion of Lubbock County, and all of Lynn, Gaines, Terry, Scurry, Mitchell, Borden, Garza, Dickens, Crosby, Floyd and Kent Counties. During the 88th session, Dustin chaired the House Calendars Committee. Dustin was born in Lubbock and graduated from Monterey High School. At Monterey, he was involved with FFA, showed pigs and judged livestock. After graduating high school, Dustin went to Rhodes College where he studied economics. After graduating from Rhodes, Dustin moved home in 2001 and graduated from the Texas Tech School of Law and the Rawls College of Business with a J.D. and M.B.A. in 2004. Dustin is a small business owner, practicing law at the Burrows Law Firm in Lubbock. Dustin is married to Elisabeth, who grew up in South Texas in a family involved with cattle ranching and oil & gas. They are parents of three boys, Davis, Whitby and Henry.

BREAKOUT SESSION: HIGHER EDUCATION (CONTINUED)



Commissioner Harrison Keller, TX Higher Education Board

Harrison Keller is Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Texas. Dr. Keller is a sixth-generation Texan with nearly twenty-five years of experience in state budget and policy, university administration, fundraising, and building coalitions among higher education institutions, school districts, and policymakers. He is a recognized innovator in programs to improve college readiness and student success, especially for low-income and first-generation students. Dr. Keller has taught at Georgetown University, St. Edward's University, and the University of Texas at Austin. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and an M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy from Georgetown University. From 2005 to 2015, he served as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve. He and his wife live in Austin with their three children.



Dr. Cheryl Sparks, President, Howard College

Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Ed.D., is President of the Howard County Junior College District, which encompasses campuses in Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo, and includes the Southwest College for the Deaf. With a tenure of 47 years at Howard College, Dr. Sparks has served as District President for 31 of those years. Her educational journey took her to the University of Texas El Paso, Howard College, and Texas Tech University, where she earned her Ed.D. in Higher Education. Dr. Sparks has actively contributed to many community and civic endeavors in Big Spring and the wider West Texas area. She has also been involved in various state and national organizations. Dr. Sparks is rooted in her church and family activities. She has shared a partnership with her best friend, John Richard Sparks, for over four decades. Together, they take great pride in their son J. Rich Sparks, his wife Sarah, their grandchildren Jenson and Lindley, and grand-dog Champ.

BREAKOUT SESSION: TRANSPORTATION



Commissioner Alvin New, TXDOT

Born in Brownfield, Texas, Alvin New grew up on the South Plainscanf Trans-Pecos regions of our state. He came to San Angelo, Texas to attend Angelo State University. He went to work for Town & Country Food Stores while in college, and rose to be a partner in a leveraged buy out, and CEO of the company. The company sold in late 2007. Mr. New was elected mayor of San Angelo in 2009, and re-elected. He has had interests in several businesses and charities, and church since. He was appointed by Governor Abbott to the Transportation Commission in 2018, and again in 2021. He is married to Shelley, and they have four girls. He farms, ranches and travels when not working or being a commissioner.



Representative Brooks Landgraf, HD81

State Representative Brooks Landgraf proudly serves his fellow West Texans across Ector, Loving, Ward and Winkler counties in the Texas House of Representatives. Representative Landgraf is chairman of the House Environmental Regulation Committee, and serves as a member of the House Transportation Committee, the House Redistricting Committee, the House Administration Committee, the House Select Committee on Community Safety, and the House Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety. Brooks takes pride in his commitment to West Texas, his strong work ethic and his fierce advocacy for practical, conservative solutions. He's fought to improve highways and public schools in West Texas while also working to repeal burdensome regulations that harm the Permian Basin's economy. Brooks is a native son of Odessa, a graduate Permian High School; Texas A&M, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, and St. Mary's law school, where he worked as editor-in-chief of the law review. His family has been ranching in West Texas for five generations, and Brooks helps manage the family's business operations. Landgraf is also an experienced business attorney who has worked in the energy and healthcare industries. Brooks and his wife, Shelby, live and work in Odessa, where they're raising their daughter, Hollis Rose and attend church at St. Elizabeth's.

BREAKOUT SESSION: TRANSPORTATION (CONTINUED)



Caroline Mays, Director of Planning and Modal Programs, TXDOT

Caroline Mays joined the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in late 2012 and has held several positions including, Statewide Freight Coordinator, Freight Planning Branch Manager, Director of Freight, and International Trade/Border Section, Director of Freight, Trade and Connectivity, and currently serves as the Director of Planning and Modal Programs. She is charged with directing and overseeing all planning activities of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) through a comprehensive systems approach, ensuring the implementation of a robust multimodal, multidisciplinary, innovative, and consensus-oriented planning process. She is responsible for directing and overseeing Planning and Modal Programs; Aviation, Maritime, Public Transportation, Rail, and Transportation Planning and Programming. Ms. Mays is a member of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners. She serves as the Vice-Chair of the Association of American State Highway Transportation Official's (AASHTO) Special Committee on Freight and is a member of the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Planning and Logistics Committee. Ms. Mays serves on the World Road Association (PIARC) Technical Committee on Freight. Ms. Mays holds a Bachelor's degree in urban and Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo, Canada and a Master's degree of Science in Planning from the University of Toronto, Canada.



Stan Meador, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Texas Pacifico

In his five-year tenure as VP of Sales & Marketing, Stan Meador has been a key member of the executive team leading Texas Pacifico Transportation (TXPF) through radical transformation. Suffering massive losses in railcar volume, TXPF has weathered the storms of the recent past and is well positioned for its future growth. After 15 years of being closed, the final piece of resuming international rail shipments over the newly completed rail bridge in Presidio, TX is at hand with an opening set to happen within the next 12-18 months. In addition to his role as VP of Sales & Marketing, Stan oversees Customer Service, External and Legal Affairs, and Leasing/Contracting among other administrative functions. Stan is a member of TxDOT's Border Trade Advisory Committee and a board member of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce and the Ft. Concho Foundation. He and his wife Gloria are actively involved with his family's fifth-generation ranch, the X Bar Ranch, and they reside in San Angelo. Both of their daughters are students at the University of Texas at Austin.



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The Cactus Hotel

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In the late 1920's, Conrad Hilton provided San Angelo with a fine hotel and a West Texas landmark. The impressive tower and magnificent interior spaces established a tradition of elegant affairs, place of commerce, and quality accommodations. The Hilton Hotel (one of the original Conrad Hilton hotels), later to be renamed the Hotel Cactus, still stands as the tallest building in San Angelo. Stretching fourteen stories into the West Texas sky, it is visible from fifteen miles. The mission tile roof and stately tower have served almost six decades as a familiar reference point and historic landmark. The elegant interior offered unrivaled spaces for most of San Angelo's important meetings, receptions, and other public gatherings.



Texas Pacific Land Corporation

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One of the largest landowners in Texas, the Texas Pacific Land Corporation (TPL) plays an incredibly versatile role in utilizing Texas' and other countries' natural resources. Specifically, the company divides itself into two main roles. One side focuses on the use of land and its resources, and the other surrounds water and its operation. In terms of land, TPL manages the interest it receives from oil and natural gas harvested on its properties. The company also deals in easement contracts, commercial leases, and the harvesting and sale of caliche. In terms of water, the Texas Pacific Land Corporation is affiliated with Texas Pacific Water Resources (TPWR). TPWR is a water service provider located in the Permian Basin that serves the area in a multitude of ways, including providing water for fracking, analyzing, tracking, and testing water for oil and gas operations.

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Atmos Energy Corporation, an S&P 500 company headquartered in Dallas, is the country's largest natural gas-only distributor. We safely deliver reliable, affordable, efficient, and abundant natural gas to more than 3 million distribution customers in over 1,400 communities across eight states located primarily in the South. As part of our vision to be the safest provider of natural gas services, we are modernizing our business and infrastructure while continuing to invest in safety, innovation, environmental sustainability, and our communities. Atmos Energy manages proprietary pipeline and storage assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipeline systems in Texas.



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Since 1929, Blue Cross Blue Shield has led the healthcare industry by rising to the challenges that change brings, enabling new discoveries and continuing to evolve. Learn more about our history, what we are doing today and our commitment to providing access to high-quality, affordable healthcare coverage for all Americans.



Chevron

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Chevron, we define energy in human terms. Access to energy helps improve lives by driving human progress and enabling the benefits of modern society. That's why we're constantly working to provide reliable, affordable, and ever-cleaner energy for the millions around the world that rely on us. We believe humanity can solve any challenge. Our greatest resource is our people. Their ingenuity, creativity and collaboration have met the complex challenges of energy's past. Together, we'll take on the future. We deliver results responsibly. We're leaders in energy because we value responsibility, trust, and integrity. This unwavering dedication to quality drives our company culture and will keep us ahead for years to come.



Diamondback Energy

www.diamondbackenergy.com

Diamondback is an independent oil and natural gas company headquartered in Midland, Texas focused on the acquisition, development, exploration and exploitation of unconventional, onshore oil and natural gas reserves in the Permian Basin in West Texas.



Natura Resources Sustainable Energy

www.naturaresources.org

Natura Resources LLC has brought together Abilene Christian University, The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, and Georgia Tech to form the Nuclear Energy Experimental Testing Research Alliance (NEXTRA), a revolutionary partnership between public and private universities and private industry. NEXTRA was established to design, build, and license the first-ever Molten Salt Research Reactor (MSRR) and the first university research reactor of any kind in the last 30 years.



Port of Corpus Christi

www.portofcc.com

The Port of Corpus Christi has been in operation since 1926 and has since become the largest port in the United States, based on total revenue tonnage, and the nation's largest energy export gateway. The Port boasts a 54-foot-deep channel, three Class I railroads – BNSF, KCS, and UP – and a location adjacent to connecting Texas highways Interstate 37 and Highway 181. With all these assets at our disposal, our mission is and always will be to leverage commerce to drive prosperity for Corpus Christi and the coastal bend.



Raise Your Hand Texas

www.raiseyourhandtexas.org

Based in Austin, Raise Your Hand Texas is an organization that actively supports public policy aiming to benefit Texas public schools. Raise Your Hand Texas identifies with the imperative need to provide a quality education that ensures the success of future generations. While ensuring that public education remains free to all students, the organization also understands that underfunded schools do not have the resources to live up to the public's expectations. To alleviate this burden, the organization strives to ensure that Texas schools receive the funding they need to offer the best education possible. To do this, Raise Your Hand Texas advocates for change and pushes for policy that will benefit the future generations of Texas itself.

LUNCHEON SPONSORS (CONTINUED)



Texas Mutual Workers' Compensation Insurance

www.texasmutual.com

As the leader of the workers' compensation market, Texas Mutual is committed to building a stronger, safer Texas. We were created in 1991 to offer a stable, competitive source of workers' compensation. Our mono-line focus has allowed us to excel in the industry. We exist to protect businesses, promote safe environments, and help ensure Texas workers get home safely to their families. More than 70,000 policyholders trust us to care for their 1.5 million workers. We take this very seriously and have a relentless dedication to provide the type of coverage and services that honors their trust. No matter what the future brings, our goal is to provide a seamless, best-in-class experience for employers and their workforces.



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Texas Tech University System

www.ttu.edu

Headquartered in Lubbock, Texas, the Texas Tech University System is a \$2 billion higher education enterprise consisting of four universities—Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Angelo State University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso—with approximately 55,000 students, more than 15 campuses statewide and internationally, and an endowment valued over \$1.3 billion. With the forthcoming addition of a new Texas Tech University veterinary school in Amarillo and new dental school at TTU Health Sciences Center El Paso, the Texas Tech University System will be one of only nine in the nation to offer programs for undergraduate, medical, law, nursing, pharmacy, dental and veterinary education, among other academic areas.

NEWSROOM SPONSOR



KLST/KSAN

www.nexstar.tv

Nexstar Media Group acquired KLST from Jewell Television Corp in late 2004. KLST has over a 50-year history of being the news leader for San Angelo and the Concho Valley. The station's syndicated programming consists of Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy and Inside Edition. Under the terms of a joint sales and shared services agreement, KLST provides sales, news, production, technical and maintenance for Mission Broadcasting owned KSAN, the NBC affiliate in San Angelo. KLST and KSAN continue to enhance their revenue base by utilizing sales projects, corporate initiatives, and inventory management. Mission Broadcasting acquired KSAN, an NBC affiliate, from LIN Television and operates pursuant with joint sales and shared services agreements with Nexstar Media Group station KLST to provide non-programming services. KSAN's syndicated programming includes Rachael Ray, Judge Judy and Entertainment Tonight.

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Pioneer Natural Resources

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Founded through a merger in 1997, Pioneer Natural Resources is an oil business operating in the Permian Basin. While Pioneer prides itself on being an incredibly innovative oil company, the business also values themselves for focusing first and foremost on the people involved in and affected by their operations. Pioneer's teams' source and explore new technologies by partnering with global laboratories, researchers, and universities. All the company's operations are with the goal of applying world-renowned solutions to its work in the oil and gas industry. Pioneer works tirelessly to find the best methods possible within their industry and strives to continuously improve upon what they already do.

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AEP Texas

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At AEP Texas, service is more than the safe, reliable delivery of electricity at a reasonable price. We use our "Boundless Energy" to create a connection throughout our 97,000 square mile service territory in south and west Texas. That connection extends beyond our power lines, substations and other equipment used to deliver power to over one million homes, businesses, and industries. For nearly a century, AEP Texas has played a very prominent role in the cities, communities, and areas we serve. Our employees take pride in the fact that we not only work and live in these areas, but we also have a strong connection with local organizations, civic groups, and other key community groups. We are proud Texans who care deeply about the communities in which we live.

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Texans for Lawsuit Reform

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We are Republicans, Democrats, and Independents from across Texas. We are small business owners, homemakers, and community volunteers. We are lawyers who want the civil justice system in Texas to be efficient and fair. We are plant managers who want our companies to continue to grow and to create even more jobs for Texans. We are consumers who oppose the wasteful “tort tax” applied to products and services when frivolous litigation is prevalent. We are ranchers and teachers who have anguished over needless lawsuits. We are doctors and nurses who have seen colleagues abandon their chosen professions because of the emotional and financial toll imposed by legal assaults. We are the citizens of Texas who want a better future for ourselves and our children. We’re the faces of Texas... more than 16,800 individual supporters in 900 towns and cities, representing 1,255 different trades, businesses and professions.

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As leaders with along view, we move ever onward and upward. Our commitment to a more sustainable world goes further than investing in renewables or reducing emissions from the power sector. We are constantly evaluating new technologies for commercial applicability, including energy storage, hydrogen, and carbon capture and sequestration – technologies that will help us meet our customers’ needs as we navigate the energy transition. As North America’s premier independent power generator, we will deliver renewable and reliable power to our customers, opportunities to our associates, sustainable returns to the families who invest in us, and a better world to the next generation.



San Angelo Area Foundation

www.saafound.org

The San Angelo Area Foundation was established in 2002 by a \$1 million dollar grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation. While the Health Foundation is a private foundation, the San Angelo Area Foundation is a community foundation whose mission is to improve quality of life in the San Angelo area by assisting philanthropic individuals aggregate funds to benefit the area. More than 7,000 donors have contributed over \$200 million dollars since inception and have created more than 370 funds. Over \$120 million have been awarded in grants and the Foundation has over \$200 million in assets, all supporting a wide array of causes in San Angelo and the surrounding area.



Texas Tech University Health Science Center

www.ttuhsu.edu

Founded in 1969, the TTUHSC School of Medicine has continually worked to address the shortage of physicians in West Texas by providing quality, innovative educational opportunities to medical students and residents who serve as competent and compassionate medical professionals for the region and the state of Texas. The medical education program emphasizes the principles of primary care and provides sound inter-disciplinary and inter-professional training that integrates basic sciences knowledge, clinical skill, diversity, and a humanistic approach focusing on high standards and comprehensive evaluation. The school's medical practice, Texas Tech Physicians, strives to utilize state-of-the-art technology to effectively meet the growing needs of a diverse and largely rural patient population through strong partnerships with clinical affiliates. Principles of teamwork, humanistic care, and cost effectiveness are embedded into the practice of medicine. The research strategy of the school is to develop insights into the science of medicine, treatments, prevention, and cures, and enhanced methods for managing patient illness, with an emphasis on opportunities for medical student research.



Thieman Investments

www.thiemaninvestments.com

Thieman-Stinnett has been working with individuals and businesses in the San Angelo area for over 25 years. We are an independent firm so we can provide truly unbiased and client focused strategies. Our investment and financial advisors have extensive personal and professional experience and are licensed to offer a variety of investment and insurance products. We are dedicated to developing lasting relationships with all our clients. We believe in helping you assess your financial goals and participate in the management of your finances. We invite you to check out the extensive material on our website. If something prompts a question, please send us a quick email, call us or feel free to pop into the office for a chat. You are always welcome! We look forward to speaking with you.

BREAKFAST SPONSORS (CONTINUED)



America's Small Business Development Center-Texas

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The Texas Southwest Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network provides consulting and technical assistance to the small business community. Our goal is simple — to help small businesses start and grow. The SBDC program supports the growth and development of the Texas economy by assisting in job creation, economic diversification, and business expansion.



LCRA-Lower Colorado River Authority

www.lcra.org

LCRA exists to serve the people of Texas. It's been that way since the state Legislature created us in 1934. We continue that legacy today by providing a multitude of vital services to our customers and communities. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of the Texans we serve through water stewardship, energy, and community service. We produce and deliver electric power, manage the lower Colorado River, and provide a reliable water supply, manage a public parks system and support community development. LCRA is funded by revenue we generate, the vast majority of which comes from generating and transmitting electricity. A very small portion of our revenue comes from selling water. We do not receive state appropriations or could levy taxes. LCRA has deep roots in Texas, dating as far back as the Great Depression of the 1930s. We built the chain of dams that tamed the Colorado River and brought power to rural Central Texas for the first time.



Association of Electric Companies of Texas, Inc.

www.aect.net

The Association of Electric Companies of Texas, Inc. (AECT) is a trade organization that provides a forum for member companies to exchange information about public policy and to communicate with the public and government officials. AECT is dedicated to reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity to meet the needs of today and support the future growth and economic success of Texas.

PANEL DISCUSSION SPONSORS



Angelo State University

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Angelo State University has been ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the nation's "Best Colleges" every year since 2010. An affiliate of Texas Tech University, ASU is the home of over 10,000 students and nearly 450 staff members. Offering over 100 majors through its 6 colleges, ASU has remained an integral part of San Angelo since its founding in 1928. As the school's mission states, Angelo State University strives to provide highly competitive graduates to the global marketplace. This is made possible by the schools' goal of delivering quality programs in a values-focused and student-centered teaching and learning environment.



Abilene Regional Growth Alliance

www.abilenechamber.com

The Abilene Industrial Foundation is the Abilene Chamber of Commerce's private sector representative in the community's economic development partnership. Along with the City of Abilene and the Development Corporation of Abilene, the AIF works to cultivate the region's economy through entrepreneurial support, business retention and expansion, downtown redevelopment and workforce development and retention.



Conservative Texans for Energy Innovation

conservativetexansforenergyinnovation.org

We are conservative Texans across the state leading the dialogue about the economic and national security benefits of clean energy. Clean and renewable energy sources represent the future of energy in Texas. As conservatives, we encourage competition and free markets, which allow for vibrant, sustainable economies. Texas inventors, entrepreneurs, and manufacturers are leaders in a global transformation toward cleaner, more secure energy choices that create American jobs and protect our environment.



Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd.

Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. is in Midland, TX, United States and is part of the Lessors of Real Estate Industry. Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. has 100 total employees across all its locations and generates \$40.77 million in sales (USD). (Sales figure is modelled). There are 2 companies in the Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. corporate family.

PANEL DISCUSSION SPONSORS (CONTINUED)



Foster Communications Co, Inc.

Walton Foster founded the company in 1954 and Foster radio stations have been local, live, and loyal for more than 65 years. From Foster Communications Coliseum to Foster Field; Foster Communications is, to this day, proud to be a part of the fabric of San Angelo. The Foster stations include KKSA 1260 AM, KIXY 94.7 FM, KWFR 101.9 FM, and KCLL 100.1 FM. Foster Family employees are very involved in the guidance and direction of many groups in the Concho Valley. At last count, Foster Communication employees work for more than 100 agencies, boards, and organizations in San Angelo and the list continues to grow. Foster Communications Company is proud to be a locally owned media group in San Angelo.



Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

www.gsec.coop

Golden Spread is a not-for-profit rural electric cooperative generation and transmission provider to its 16 Member distribution cooperatives that in turn serve about 301,000 electric meters for their Member-Consumers located in an area covering 24 percent of the Texas land mass, including the Panhandle, South Plains and Edwards Plateau regions, and in the Oklahoma Panhandle, South-west Kansas and Southern Colorado. The cooperative model and support of its Members has made it possible for Golden Spread to construct and operate a fleet of fast-starting and ramping gas-fired electric generators that complement the abundant, intermittent renewable energy resources in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and Southwest Power Pool transmission grids. Golden Spread's portfolio also includes the Golden Spread Panhandle Wind Ranch near Amarillo, Texas which is comprised of 34 wind turbines.



Gulf Coast Authority
Protecting the Waters of Texas

Gulf Coast Authority

www.gcatx.org

Gulf Coast Authority (GCA) celebrated its 50th Anniversary of protecting the waters of Texas in 2019. GCA is a governmental entity created by the Texas legislature in 1969 with the broad charge to protect the waters of the state of Texas, focused primarily at that time on Galveston Bay watershed, and we take our mission very seriously. GCA has the authority to own and operate regional industrial and municipal wastewater treatment plants, water systems, and solid waste facilities statewide and also has the authority to issue bonds for a variety of projects.



Housley Group

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We are a full-service utility construction company. From the company's first day of business, our goal has been to provide consistent, quality, and excellent customer service at a fair price. Staying true to that goal has allowed Housley Group to continually increase our customer base, grow our company and add new products and services consistent with the needs of the marketplace.



ONCOR

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As the largest energy delivery company in Texas, Oncor has a long tradition of serving the people of the Lone Star State. From our founding in 1912 to our role as a 21st century energy innovator, our commitment to make life better for everyone has remained constant. The people who make up Oncor are advocates for reliable energy and great service. With more than 140,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving more than 400 communities and 98 counties, we do more than simply keep the lights on. Throughout the decades, the same determination that fired up the first incandescent bulbs across Texas hasn't faltered. At Oncor, the sparks of innovation are alive and well.



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We're proud to serve nearly 5 million customers across 21 states with Internet, TV, Phone and Mobile services, while building a new 100% Fiber Internet network delivering speeds up to 8 Gig to more homes every day. We also provide advertising solutions and news content from a4, News 12, Cheddar News, and i24NEWS brands, Altice USA keeps customers connected to what they need.

PANEL DISCUSSION SPONSORS (CONTINUED)



Permian Basin Petroleum Associations

www.pbpa.info

Formed in 1961 by a group of oilmen concerned about the federal government's growing regulatory role, the Permian Basin Petroleum Association has grown from fewer than twenty members to more than 1,000 member companies. We represent the interests of exploration & production companies, service companies, midstream companies, and support services companies that operate in the Permian Basin. PBPA is the leading advocate for the Permian Basin petroleum industry throughout West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico. Our trade association is headquartered in Midland, Texas, with satellite offices in Austin and Santa Fe. PBPA serves the industry as an informed and influential legislative, regulatory, and educational voice. PBPA provides respected educational seminars, access to policy makers, networking opportunities, and important petroleum industry news updates. The PBPA is built on tradition and is constantly working toward benefiting the vitality and image of oil and gas companies in the region.



Ports-to-Plains Alliance

portstoplains.com

In the mid 1990's, elected officials and civic leaders in Lubbock, Texas wanted to improve U.S. 87/287 to the north and south of U.S. Interstate 27 between Lubbock and Amarillo, Texas. The goal: to capture the economic benefits of trade along north and south corridors to support increasing trade opportunities. Today, there are three federally designated High Priority Corridors on the National Highway System of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance. Collectively, the U.S. corridors traverse through more than 2,300 miles.



Reece Albert Construction

www.reecealbertinc.com

Today, RAI continues as a major player in West Texas with a diverse and loyal customer base. RAI believes in the value of family, which is reflected in the company motto: "Family first, then safety, then the job." The owners passionately believe that if family life is suffering, every other aspect of life suffers, including employee safety and performance. While the company faces the same challenges as all do in the industry, it does so with that same pioneering spirit with which Reece Albert started the company. Understanding the experiences of the past and holding on to strong values remain at the heart of RAI's business practices and culture. Reece Albert, Inc. has earned the respect and loyalty of our extensive customer network, making us the most trusted name in heavy construction in West Texas.



Sustainability in Action

Republic Services

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As a leader in environmental services, we partner with customers to provide sustainable solutions across their operations. Through our variety of products, services, and materials—for almost every industry—we help make a positive impact on people and the planet.



San Angelo Association of REALTORS

www.sanangelorealtors.org

Established in 1926, the San Angelo Association of REALTORS has been a working professional trade association for over 95 years. The organization's goal is to preserve private property rights while simultaneously ensuring a level of professionalism, empowerment, and ethical behavior among practicing and registered realtors in San Angelo. As of 2022, the organization has a membership of 515, and its Board of Directors is headed by its President Janice Conaway. A selective organization, the San Angelo Association of Realtors holds its members to a high standard and accepts only the best licensed realtors in San Angelo. As the organization states, not every Texas real estate licensee is a REALTOR; but every REALTOR has an active Texas real estate license.



Southern Power/PowerSecure

www.southernpowercompany.com

Established in 2001, Southern Power has continued to be a leading producer of clean energy for nearly 21 years. In total, there are 54 Southern Power facilities either currently being run or built across America. These facilities collectively allow Southern Power to serve 12,490 megawatts of clean electricity throughout country. Despite its immense breadth as a wholesale energy provider located in 14 states, Southern Power also strives to create a uniquely personal environment between them and their customers. A subsidiary to Southern Company themselves, Southern Power understands the importance of not only providing their customers with the cleanest energy solutions, but truly getting to know the organizations and communities they serve.

PANEL DISCUSSION SPONSORS (CONTINUED)



Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association

www.rpcotton.org

The Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association was founded in 1998 and consists of 12 cotton producing counties in the San Angelo area. These counties are as follows: Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Coke, Coleman, Brown, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, Irion, Schleicher, and southern Taylor counties. The Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association is one of the nine cotton producer organizations in Texas.



Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

texas-ec.org

Serving its members since 1941, Texas Electric Cooperatives represents the interests of 76 electric cooperatives throughout the state. The Association offers a variety of services and products, including its ability to advocate for cooperatives in the Texas Legislature, the U.S. Congress, and state and federal regulatory agencies. Texas Electric Cooperatives strives to educate decision-makers on the effects policy can have on energy services in the areas of their cooperative members. Specifically, they want decision-makers to understand the effect policy can have on the affordability, reliability, and quality of life of its consumer members. Texas Electric Cooperatives also engages with its members through its magazine, the Texas Co-op Power, by providing important and exciting news about the electric cooperative and the community it has fostered.



Texas Farm Bureau

texasfarmbureau.org

Headed by its President Russell Boening, the Texas Farm Bureau is an organization that actively advocates for the Texas agricultural industry. Like their mission states, the organization wishes to be the voice for agriculture in Texas. The Texas Farm Bureau also strives to ensure that food is safe, abundant, and affordable for Texans to ensure all families a viable and domestic source of food, fiber, and fuel. Politically, the Texas Farm Bureau cares for and advocates for a variety of issues. These issues include private property rights, the use of water productively, and the idea that government should be both a responsible and reliable body.

NETWORKING BREAK SPONSORS



City of San Angelo, Texas Development Corporation

economicdevelopmentsanangelo.com

The COSADC is a nonprofit economic development corporation formed under the Texas Development Corporation Act of 1979 and governed by a seven-member board of directors. As directed by this Act, the corporation focuses its efforts on the promotion and development of business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs. The City of San Angelo Development Corporation working with economic development partners will retain, strengthen, and diversify the job base of the community to ensure a vibrant business climate for San Angelo and the region. To serve the community by advancing the quality of life and encouraging economic development through projects that expand the tax and job base, foster business growth, attract new businesses or retain and expand existing business enterprises.



Conterra Networks

conterra.com

For nearly three decades, Conterra's professionals have been designing, building, and operating new-technology-based telecom networks in the education, healthcare, enterprise, and carrier industries throughout the U.S. Over the years, we've continued using leading-edge technologies to solve problems of slow, unreliable Internet and phone connections, as well as obsolete data, media, and video transport circuits. Today, more than ever, bandwidth drives business. Using fiber, fixed-wireless and hybrid solutions, we continue to offer huge bandwidth capacity to these industries with forward-facing technologies and service. Fiber allows our network infrastructures to have virtually unlimited bandwidth capacity at the speed of light! This means we can deliver the highest levels of connectivity and reliability to our customers without worry. Our custom-built networks and robust services allow us to tailor comprehensive solutions that fit any business or organization. And we deliver these solutions without compromising security or service quality.

NETWORKING BREAK SPONSORS (CONTINUED)



Lamar Advertising

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Founded in 1902, Lamar Advertising Company is one of the largest outdoor advertising companies in the world, with over 356,000 displays across the United States and Canada. Lamar offers advertisers a variety of billboard, interstate logo, transit and airport advertising formats, helping both local businesses and national brands reach broad audiences every day. In addition to its more traditional out of home inventory, Lamar is proud to offer its customers the largest network of digital billboards in the United States with over 4,000 displays.



Permian Road Safety Coalition

www.permianroadsafety.org

The Permian Road Safety Coalition has a mission to make roads safer and road infrastructure better across Southeast New Mexico and West Texas. We believe that achieving this mission takes a shared commitment by all stakeholders. This is why the PRSC convenes private sector companies, researchers, agencies, and concerned citizens to collaborate on improving road safety and road infrastructure. We leverage our supporters' experience, data, technology, and networks to focus on saving lives by reducing roadway injuries within our local communities.



Reliant, an NRG Company

www.reliant.com

We're ready to serve you now and for years to come. Our solid foundation starts with the hardworking and selfless people of our company who are committed to providing our customers with service that exceeds their expectations. With added support from our Fortune 500 parent company, NRG Energy, Inc., we are leading energy innovation and working to simplify and enhance the way you power and protect your home or business. We take pride in each of the residences and businesses we power. Our goal is your happiness. We are a stable provider with a longstanding history of delivering innovative power solutions and award-winning customer service while continuously improving our customer experience to make powering your home or business as simple as it should be.



Shannon Medical Center

www.shannonhealth.com

For more than 85 years, Shannon Medical Center has served this area, growing with the community, and serving its healthcare needs. Our facility is licensed for 600+ beds and provides a variety of clinical services to meet each patient's needs. Together with Shannon Clinic, Shannon provides access to more than 350 providers in 40 medical specialties across 25 locations. Shannon's services include nationally recognized cardiac and stroke programs with the AirMed air ambulance, designated Level III Trauma Facility which has been named top Trauma Facility in the state, and a designated Women's and Children's Hospital certified as a Level II NICU facility, and provide complete testing and surgical capabilities for cardiology patients, among many more services.



Sonora Bank

www.sonorabank.com

The First National Bank of Sonora opened in 1900, only 10 years after Sonora, Texas became a town. By 1995, Sonora Bank expanded to San Angelo as a \$50 million bank. Today, the Bank has \$415 million in assets and seven locations throughout West Texas and the Hill Country, including Sonora, San Angelo, Boerne, Bulverde and Wimberley. Sonora Bank is a Texas tradition in banking with many of the descendants of the original Board of Directors serving on the current Board. The Sonora Bank team is dedicated to providing sound financial services in a hometown atmosphere.



St. Lawrence Cotton Growers

St Lawrence Cotton Growers Association is an agricultural program in Garden City, TX whose mission is: Integrated pest management - determine and evaluate pest control.



Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association

www.tipro.org

Founded in 1946, the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) represents nearly 3,000 individuals and companies from the Texas oil and gas industry. Established by independent oil and natural gas producers hoping to provide a unified voice for the industry, TIPRO is one of the country's largest oil and gas trade associations and the strongest advocacy group representing both independents and royalty owners in Texas. TIPRO is proud to have served its members for more than 76 years.

NETWORKING BREAK SPONSORS (CONTINUED)



Texas Land and Liberty Coalition

texaslandandlibertycoalition.org

The Texas Land & Liberty Coalition is an alliance of local landowners, farmers, ranchers, community leaders, economic development supporters, and clean energy advocates working together to bring about responsible renewable energy development in Texas. We support commonsense government policies that advance renewable energy, increase rural economic development opportunities, and protect private property rights. The Texas Land & Liberty Coalition is a project of Conservative Texans for Energy Innovation and is affiliated with the national Land & Liberty Coalition effort.

Texas Pacifico

www.texaspacifico.com

Texas Pacifico

Texas Pacifico Transportation Ltd is a railroad operating company in West Texas owned by Grupo México. The company operates over the South Orient Rail Line under a lease and operating agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Pacifico Transportation, Ltd. The Texas Pacifico company began service in March 2001. The South Orient Rail Line runs from San Angelo Junction to the Mexican border town of Presidio, Texas. The line has been rehabilitated from San Angelo Junction through San Angelo and on to Alpine, Texas. Capital improvements are underway for the remaining Excepted track. Texas Pacifico interchanges with BNSF Railway and Fort Worth and Western Railroad at San Angelo Junction and Union Pacific Railroad at Alpine. Traffic had been interchanged with Ferromex at Presidio over the Presidio–Ojinaga International Rail Bridge.

GENERAL SPONSORS



Armstrong Backus & Co, LLP

www.armstrongbackus.com

What began with a chance meeting more than five decades ago has evolved into one of the leading public accounting firms in West Texas. In 1961, Wm. H. Armstrong, CPA opened an office in San Angelo to practice public accounting. He met Mason L. Backus, CPA at a mutual client's office, and the two formed a partnership in 1963 that later became Armstrong, Backus & Co., LLP. Our continual investment of time and resources in professional education and state-of-the-art computer technology is a direct reflection of our commitment to meeting client needs and delivering professional excellence. Armstrong, Backus & Co. is licensed by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy to practice as a CPA firm. The partners and CPA staff are members of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We adhere to all required ethical standards and practices as set forth by both organizations.

Texas Food and Fuel Association

www.tffa.com



The Texas Food & Fuel Association is a non-profit 501(c)(6) trade association representing the retail and wholesale sectors of the oil and gas industry in Texas. Based in Austin, the association works to build consensus among industry professionals, local municipalities, state and federal governing agencies, elected officials, and others who have a vested interest in the petroleum marketing and convenience retail industries. Recognized as the industry leader for advocacy, networking, and educational training in Texas, the association provides leadership opportunities, professional development tools, relationship building events, and knowledge sharing resources to help industry stakeholders navigate through market fluctuations and assess industry trends.

Texas Medical Association

www.texmed.org



Organized in 1835, Texas Medical Association is the nation's largest state medical society. Today, its original 35 creators have expanded into a membership of over 56,000 physicians and medical students. The mission of Texas Medical Association is to stand up for Texas physicians by providing distinctive solutions to the challenges they encounter in the care of patients. The organization strives to improve the health of all Texans while simultaneously ensuring its members are protected and able to overcome many of the current obstacles in the healthcare industry. Specifically, the organization has four main goals. Through its members Texas Medical Association hopes to practice strength, establish a healthy environment, provide trusted leaders, and enhance the unified voice of medicine.

GENERAL SPONSORS (CONTINUED)



The Financial Services Center

www.thefsc.com

Our team believes in the power of financial planning, a strong work ethic, and the necessity for nonnegotiable personal integrity. These core values drive our relationships with each and every one of our clients as we prepare full-service financial solutions customized to their own lives, passions and ideals. Helping you feel a sense of peace and empowerment in pursuing goals for your life, family and community is our priority. We assume responsibility for not only planning for the years ahead—but for safeguarding your future. That's what it means to us to be your partner, and that's what motivates us to provide best-in-class service to our clients every single day.

LISTING SPONSORS



Children's Advocacy Center of Greater West Texas

www.cacgreaterwtx.org

Children's Advocacy Center of Greater West Texas, Inc. (CAC) was established in Tom Green County in 1991. Concerned community members wanted an advocacy center to reduce re-traumatization of children by using a coordinated child-centered approach to child abuse investigations, limiting the number of times a child had to re-tell, and in essence, relive their experience. In 1992, CAC started their first program, Hope House.



Energy Transfer

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We are proud to have one of America's largest energy portfolios with assets in 41 states and Canada, and international offices in Calgary and Beijing. Our core operations include transportation, storage and terminalling for natural gas, crude oil, NGLs, refined products and liquid natural gas.



First Financial Bank

www.bankatfirst.com

As one of the first banks to organize under the new National Bank Act with Charter No. 56, our bank opened in Hamilton, Ohio, as First National Bank of Hamilton on August 15, 1863. After years of growth and expansion in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky, the bank is rebranded with a new name, First Financial Bank. In addition to our new yellow logo, banking centers across our footprint were transformed into an enhanced client experience in an effort to help our clients learn more and succeed. First Financial Communities are next generation banks, workspace sharing, and collaboration spaces all-in-one. We're giving customers, neighbors, and businesses convenience for conferencing, collaborating, and meeting.



South Plains Implement

www.southplainsimplement.com

South Plains Implement is a multi-store John Deere dealership in West Texas and New Mexico. South Plains Implement maintains a steadfast commitment to provide unsurpassed service, state-of-the-art tools, and the latest technology available in the John Deere industry today. We are devoted to the mission of being the farmers trusted resource in all aspects of agriculture. We feature an unbeatable inventory of new and used agricultural equipment to meet your every farming need. Our sales staff is committed to making every sale a positive experience for our customers. The South Plains Implement experience doesn't end with sales. We house a virtually unmatched parts inventory in West Texas and New Mexico and are supported by a staff with a combined 122 years of John Deere parts experience. Our service department features one of the most well-trained groups of technicians assembled under one ownership ready to keep you up and running in the field.



Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

www.texasalliance.org

On January 18, 1930, a group of about 50 independent oil producers met at the brand new Wichita Club to protest "the recent drastic price cut in crude oil, inaugurated by some of the major purchasing companies." One week later, on January 25, the group of independents formally organized and became the North Texas Oil and Gas Association (NTOGA) – one of the Alliance's founding associations. It was during a period of low prices that talks began about a merger. We wanted an association for small independents (Mom & Pops) as well as larger independents. To be more efficient and more effective lobbying on the local, state, and federal levels. Educating the public was another interest. Starting from the grade school up. With the decision to merge decided, the big struggle was over the new name. It was decided the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers fit our objectives.