

FROM THE GROUND UP: WEST TEXAS DRIVING AMERICAN STRENGTH JULY 29, 2025 | PANEL AGENDA

CHECK-IN & BREAKFAST

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS | 8:00 – 8:10 a.m.

Mayor Tom Thompson, Mayor of San Angelo

Stan Meador, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Board Chair

MORNING KEYNOTE WITH CHAIRMAN RICK CRAWFORD, FOLLOWED BY FIRESIDE CHAT WITH CONGRESSMAN AUGUST PFLUGER & EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER JONATHAN MILLER, AMO, CBP

8:10 – 9:00 a.m.

Networking Break 9:00 – 9:10 a.m.

AT THE HEART OF IT ALL: STRENGTHENING RURAL HEALTH TO SUSTAIN COMMUNITIES | 9:10 – 9:55 a.m.

- **Moderator: President Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D., Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center**
- Representative Brooks Landgraf, HD81
- Greg Thompson, President and CEO, Wellpoint Texas
- Cole Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, Texas Tech University
- Curtis Donaldson, Executive Director, Rural Medicine, Texas A&M University College of Medicine



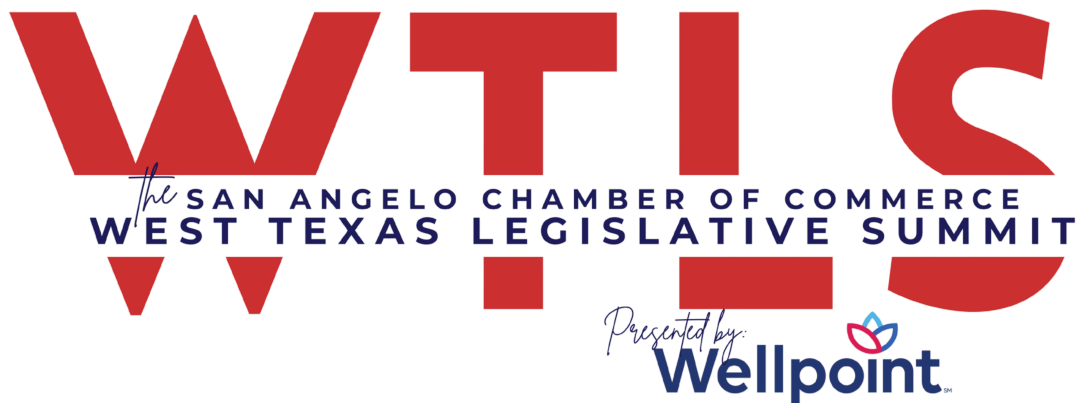
Healthcare Q&A

Networking Break 9:55 – 10:05 a.m.

BEHIND THE SCENES: DISCUSSION OF THE ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL WITH CHAIRMAN JODEY ARRINGTON AND CONGRESSMAN AUGUST PFLUGER

10:05 – 10:45 a.m.

Networking Break 10:45 – 11:00 a.m.



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BREAKOUT SESSIONS | 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Chalkboards to Chatbots: The AI Revolution in Learning

- **Facilitator: Scarlet Clouse, Dean of the College of Education, Angelo State University**
- Nikki Hendricks, Sr. Cybersecurity Education Specialist, The University of Texas at Austin
- Dr. Christopher Moran, Ed.D., Superintendent, San Angelo ISD
- Jeremy St. John, Department Chair, Accounting, Economics, and Finance, Angelo State University



Education Q&A

Main Street Momentum: Digital Grit and the Power of AI

- **Facilitator: Glen Hamer, President & CEO, Texas Association of Business**
- Preston Wimberly, Entrepreneur, San Angelo To Go
- Simeon McCullough, CEO, Simple Host
- Elisabeth Dantzler, Certified Business Advisor, ASU Small Business Development Center



Mainstreet Q&A

Securing the Homeland: How AI is Reshaping National Defense

- **Facilitator: Drew Scherberle, Executive Director, National Security Innovation Council**
- Lieutenant Colonel Laura Weimer, US Army Futures Command
- Master Sgt Jesse High, 17th Training Wing Innovation Spark Cell POC, Goodfellow AFB
- Charlie Burgoyne, Founder & CEO, Valkyrie Intelligence
- Dr. William Taylor, Chair, Department of Security Studies & Criminal Justice, Angelo State University



Defense Q&A

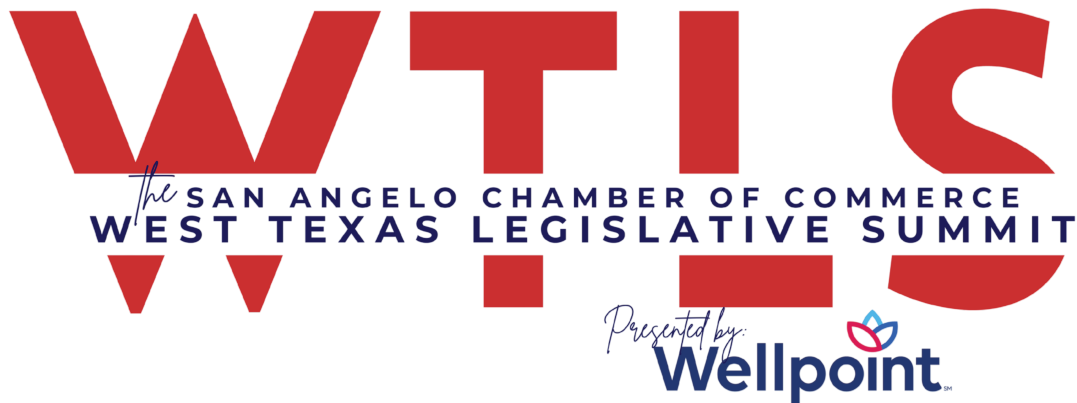
Stakeholders Conversation: West Texas Energy Driving a Global Future

- **Facilitator: Chairman Drew Darby, House Committee on Energy Resources**
- Representative Paul Dyson, HD14
- Jim Wright, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas
- Ben Shepperd, President, Permian Basin Petroleum Association



Energy Q&A

Lunch Service 11:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.



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LUNCH & FIRESIDE CHAT WITH GENERAL DAN CAINE, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

12:05 – 1:05 p.m.

Extended Networking Break 1:05 – 1:25 p.m.

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY STEPHEN VADEN, US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1:25 – 1:45 p.m.

DEEP ROOTS AND STEADFAST RESOLVE: AGRICULTURE GROWING AMERICA'S FUTURE | 1:45 – 2:30 p.m.

- **Moderator: Chancellor Tedd L. Mitchell, Texas Tech University System**
- Commissioner Sid Miller, Texas Department of Agriculture
- Warren Cude, State Director, District 6, Texas Farm Bureau
- Dr. Bart Fischer, Co-Director, Agricultural and Food Policy Center



Agriculture Q&A

Networking Break 2:30 – 2:40 p.m.

FROM DIRT ROADS TO DATA STREAMS: OUR REGION AT THE CROSSROADS OF SPACE & CONNECTIVITY | 2:40 – 3:25 p.m.

- **Moderator: John Austin Stokes, Executive Director of Concho Valley Council of Governments**
- Montgomery Goforth, Director, Business Development & Technology Integration, NASA Johnson Space Center
- Kelly Hancock, Acting Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Chris Ivory, CCO & CEO of AST Government Business, AST SpaceMobile, Midland
- Blake Calvert, Deputy Executive Director, Texas Space Commission



Space Q&A

CLOSING REMARKS | 3:25 - 3:30 p.m.

MEET AND GREET WITH THE CO-HOSTS | 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.