

FROM THE GROUND UP: WEST TEXAS DRIVING AMERICAN STRENGTH

JULY 29, 2025 | TENTATIVE PANEL AGENDA

CHECK-IN & BREAKFAST

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

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

MORNING KEYNOTE WITH CHAIRMAN RICK CRAWFORD, HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

8:10 – 9:00 a.m.

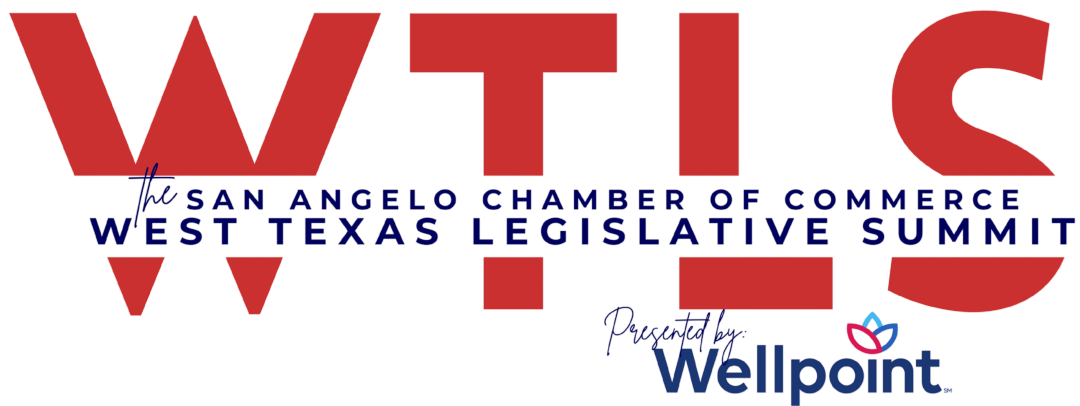
POWERING PROGRESS: WEST TEXAS ENERGY DRIVING A GLOBAL FUTURE | 9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

- **Moderator: Congressman August Pfluger, TX11**
- Senator Kevin Sparks, SD31
- Commissioner Jim Wright, Chairman, RRC Commission
- Ben Shepperd, President, Permian Basin Petroleum Association
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Networking Break 9:50 – 10:00 a.m.

DEEP ROOTS AND STEADFAST RESOLVE: AGRICULTURE GROWING AMERICA'S FUTURE | 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

- **Moderator: Senator Charles Perry, SD28**
- Representative David Spiller, HD68
- Warren Cude, State Director, Texas Farm Bureau
- Dr. Bart Fischer, Co-Director, Agricultural and Food Policy Center
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Networking Break 10:50 – 11:00 a.m.

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 Texas Advanced Computing Center
- Dr. Christopher Moran, Ed.D., Superintendent, San Angelo ISD
- Jeremy St. John, Department Chair, Accounting, Economics, and Finance

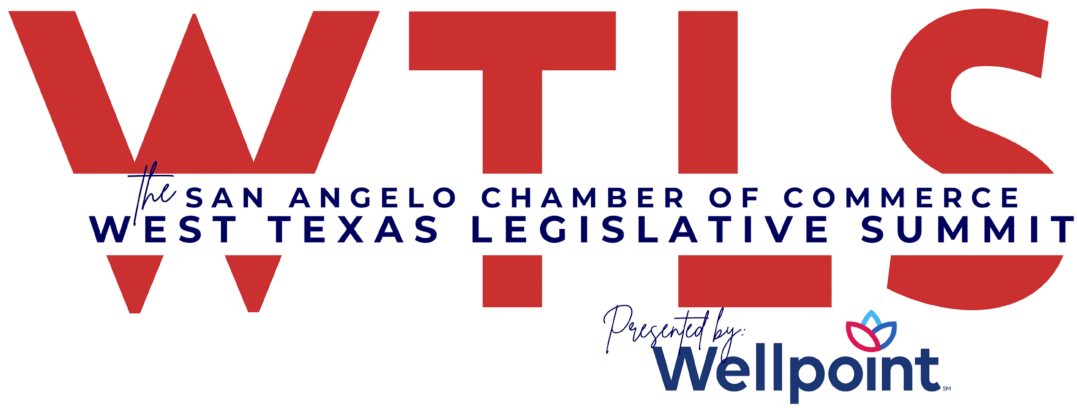
Main Street Momentum: Digital Grit and the Power of AI

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

Securing the Homeland: How AI is Reshaping National Defense

- **Facilitator: Drew Scherberle, Executive Director, National Security Innovation Council**
- Dr. William Taylor, Department Chair, Security Studies & Criminal Justice
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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 – 1:10 p.m.

Networking Break 1:10 – 1:30 p.m.

AT THE HEART OF IT ALL: STRENGTHENING RURAL HEALTH TO SUSTAIN COMMUNITIES | 1:30 – 2:20 p.m.

- **Moderator: Representative Drew Darby, HD72**
- Cole Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, Texas Tech University
- Curtis Donaldson, Director, Community Engagement - West Texas
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FROM DIRT ROADS TO DATA STREAMS: OUR REGION AT THE CROSSROADS OF SPACE & CONNECTIVITY | 2:20 – 3:10 p.m.

- **Moderator: Congressman August Pfluger, TX11**
- Representative Brooks Landgraf, HD81
- Norman Garza Jr., Executive Director, Texas Space Commission
- Kelly Hancock, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
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CLOSING REMARKS | 3:10 – 3:15 p.m.

MEET AND GREET WITH THE CO-HOSTS | 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.