



illuminating Success

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all who came to Leaderfest!

Throughout the event, the speakers graced the stage, delivering keynote addresses that resonated with wisdom and passion. Their profound insights sparked and challenged us to think expansively and act decisively in the pursuit of our shared objectives. The power of their words reverberated, leaving a mark on the hearts and minds of all in attendance. We received feedback from someone on the verge of moving to the metroplex, after Leaderfest they chose to stay in Wichita Falls due to the exciting things in store for our community. Change is coming, 2024 is looking bright!

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Leader to Leader

Meet Gordon Drake, Oncor Area Manager and Chamber Board Chair

What made you want to become a Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce Board Member?

I am a native Wichitan serving on numerous community Boards and Committees in support of those already working to make our community stronger. I enjoy working with our private entities, our academic partners and SAFB to ensure the entirety of our diverse base of industry has the opportunity to grow and succeed in our business community.

What is your favorite place in town to eat lunch?

I support all types of food and establishments in town, we are lucky to have a plethora of options for our community.

What is your favorite thing to do in Wichita Falls?

Support local businesses and attend as many community activities as possible.

What is the most influential business book you have read?

I have recently read, Power of Who by Bob Beaudine.

What advice would you give to a future community leader?

Becoming more involved, be engaged in our local community and be aware of our local and state government regulations that have a positive and negative impact on our area businesses.



Chamber Happenings

Look Out for the Giant Scissors

Join the Chamber Team and Gold Coat Ambassadors in a ribbon-cutting celebration as our community presence grows. Save the date and be a part of it!

- [Zavala's](#) Grand Opening of New office space, Tuesday, December 13, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Big Blue – eighth Floor, 719 Scott Steet, Suite 825
- [All American Car Wash](#) Grand Opening, Thursday, December 14th, at 2 p.m. at 2221 Airport Drive

Network & Socialize at Business After Hours

Elevate your evening with networking at Business After Hours! Join us, along with your Chamber peers and the Chamber Team, at the upcoming event hosted by [Delta T Thermal Solutions](#) on December 14th, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Find us at 1900 Old Burk Highway – Close to Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Tx 76306 and seize this fantastic chance to expand your network, promote your business, savor delicious food, and even score some enticing door prizes! See you there!

Featured Event

Chamber Open House

Open to all members, come visit with us as we watch the City Lights Parade outside our office. We will have hot cocoa and cookies. This Saturday, December 16, at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

What's Happening This Week?

Monday, December 11

- [Commissioner's Court](#), attend via zoom or in person starting at 10 a.m.
- [Restorative Yoga with Tina](#), at Great Scott Studio, starting at 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12

- [Trolley Tours, City of Wichita Falls Parks and Recreation](#) starting at 6 p.m to 9 p.m.
- [Free Restaurateur Educational Session](#), at the Iron Horse Pub, starting at 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13

- [Tower Extrusions Hiring Event](#), at the Galaxy Center, entrance 5. Starting at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- [Nutrition and Active Living Class](#), by the Wichita County Public Health District at the Wichita Falls Public Library. Starting at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 14

- [Trolley Tours, City of Wichita Falls Parks and Recreation](#), starting at 6 p.m to 9 p.m.
 - [Evergreen Angel](#), Painting At the Kemp Center for The Arts, starting at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - [Holiday Open House at the Alliance](#), a mid- century modern charm starting at 2 p.m.
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Friday, December 15

- [A Christmas Carol](#), at the Wichita Theatre starting at 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- [Two Turtle Doves Date Night](#), At Horseshoe Bend Cellars starting at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, December 16

- [MSU Texas Commencement](#), At D L Ligon Coliseum, starting at 10 a.m.
- [City Lights Parade and Festival](#), starting at 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, December 17

- [Mini & Me Aerial Class](#), at Weightless. Starting at 2 p.m.
- [Music Bingo Sunday](#), at Wichita Falls Brewery, starting at 5 p.m.

What's Happening Next Week

Monday, December 18

- [The Upside](#), Advocacy and Advancement for Individuals with Down Syndrome Monthly support Meeting, starting at 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- [Open Mic Night](#), at Legends Roadhouse starting at 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Tuesday, December 19

- [Train to 5k Training Group](#) Info Meeting, at Endurance House. Starting at 5:45 p.m.
- [Ho Ho Highland Canvas Paint and Sip](#), at A Pigment of Your Imagination. Starting at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

- [Homeschool Art with The Everyday Monet](#), at Crashworks STEAM. Starting at 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 21

- [Holiday Hope Night](#), at Hospice of Wichita Falls, starting at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, December 22

- [The Grand Ol' Christmas Show](#), at the Wichita Theatre, starting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

- [Hogwarts Yule Ball](#), at the Deep End, starting at 9:30 p.m.
- [Christmas Candle Lighting](#), at City of Hope, starting at 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 24

- [MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights](#), at MSU. Starting at 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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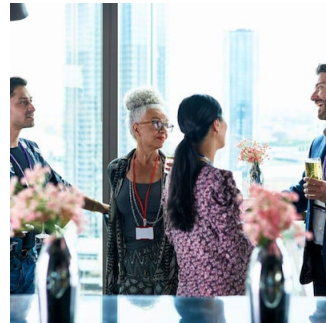


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Burkburnett High School Swim Team prepares for state

The Burkburnett Swim Team is gearing up to start the district competition next month.

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