



Who Do You Know?

I have written before about one of my favorite quotes by John Maxwell, who asks, "Who do you know that I should know, and will you introduce them to me?". This has never been clearer than this last week when we had three companies visit the community because they were introduced to us by community members.

Not a day goes by that I do not hear that we need more and better jobs in the community, and I agree. Let's take that past laments of our status and proactively act. Together we truly are connected to the companies and people that can and will change our future. So, "Who do you know that I should know, and will you introduce them to me?"

Always Forward.

- Ron Kitchens

Chamber Happenings

Where the Scissors Cut the Ribbon

Come join the Chamber Team and Gold Coat Ambassadors as we break out our jumbo scissors to cut the red ribbon in celebration as members grow their presence in our community. Mark your calendars and join us!

- [Dream Vacations – Valerie Stockhausen](#): February 16, starting at 2:00 p.m. in the American National Bank & Trust Boardroom at 900 8th Street, Suite 100.

State of the Economy - March 19, 2024

The Wichita Falls Chamber's State of the Economy will be a gathering of National, State, and Local Economic Experts for the purpose of discussing the current state of affairs. The event will take place on March 19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sikes Lake Center. Interested in being a sponsor for this event? Contact our Small Business Team at 940.723.2741.

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This event's guest speaker is Wells Fargo's Corporate and Investment Banks Economist, Nicole Cervi. Nicole graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and oversees the U.S. macro economy and assists with quantitative analysis. Nicole also contributes to the group's Weekly Economic & Financial Commentary and other various special reports. Click the [link](#) to buy your tickets today!



STATE OF THE **ECONOMY**



Military Matters

Recap: Hidden Gems: Valentine Cookie Decorating with Sweet 1020

Hidden Gems is a program for our active-duty military members and their spouses and families to introduce them to local hidden gems within our community. Our most recent event was a Valentine cookie decorating event with [Sweet 1020](#), where guests decorated 2 cookies, enjoyed light refreshments, and met new friends.

Don't miss our next event by signing up to be on our [mailing list](#) for military only events.



Salute to Service Tribute Program

The Salute to Service Tribute program honors and thanks local veterans under hospice care, for their service and sacrifice to our country. This program is in partnership with Hospice of Wichita Falls and is currently made up of a team of 18 local volunteers.

The picture below is from one of the most recent ceremonies for an Air Force veteran in hospice care. Volunteers included two active-duty Navy personnel from the local Navy Recruiting Office, a retired Navy Captain from the local American Legion, a Marine from the National Guard, and a retired Colonel from the Air Force.

If you're interested in volunteering with this program please contact Michele Houck at houckmichele12@gmail.com or the Sheppard AFB Retiree Activities Office at sheppardrao@gmail.com or (940) 676-5088.



Jobs Board Highlights

Are you wanting to join a growing team? Do you like to develop relationships with business leaders? [Catholic Charities](#) is hiring for a Community Outreach Specialist in their Veterans Department. Don't wait, apply [here](#).

