

**Museum of North Texas History**  
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## Executive Director's Note

Happy Fall Y'all!

September was a buzz with activity at the museum, and part of me can't believe October is already here! The museum's month started with a bang, with a day full of activities for both the museum and myself. From the Historical Commission visit to Burk, to Art Walk, and Texoma Gives, I was exhausted but happy at the end of the day! We raised \$3775 this year, and I couldn't be more proud of our team or our wonderful supporters!

On September 10th, I flew out of Wichita Regional (which, if you haven't had a chance... is truly a wonderful airport!) to Mobile, Alabama, to attend the 2024 American Association of State & Local History (AASLH) National Conference. It was a wonderful experience packed from bell to bell with professional development and networking opportunities. I learned so much and connected with industry leaders from across the country and the week allowed me to dive deep into museum best practices and the expanded knowledge in the post-COVID world. I also learned that you can walk nearly two miles, bow to stern, inside the tourable space of the Battleship USS Alabama!

For news you'll hear here first, I am happy to share that we have booked the first major temporary exhibit for 2025 and we have now officially entered the planning stage (pun absolutely intended!). The team at Backdoor Theatre will be working with our curatorial staff and myself on creating "*Curtain Call: Celebrating the History of Backdoor Theatre*", which will run in Harvey Hall from May 22nd – August 16th. The

team at Backdoor will work to produce a video to accompany the exhibit while supplying costumes & other artifacts for the exhibit. Once the run is complete, most artifacts and displays will move to their permanent home at Backdoor. Some will remain with the museum and be the foundation for the future Arts in North Texas permanent exhibit.

Lastly, I wanted to say a very big thank you to our friends at the Summerlee Foundation for the award of our \$5,000 Living History of North Texas project grant. Additionally, we received word of our 2025 Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts & Culture (WFAAC) grant for \$8,250! Support from foundations like Summerlee and organizations like the WFAAC has been instrumental in our success as a museum and cultural institution for the past 24 years.

As we move into the final quarter of 2024, I look forward to celebrations ahead for our wonderful institution, and I invite you all to be involved in our Silver Anniversary year!

Respectfully,  
Jeremy L. Davis, M. A.  
Executive Director

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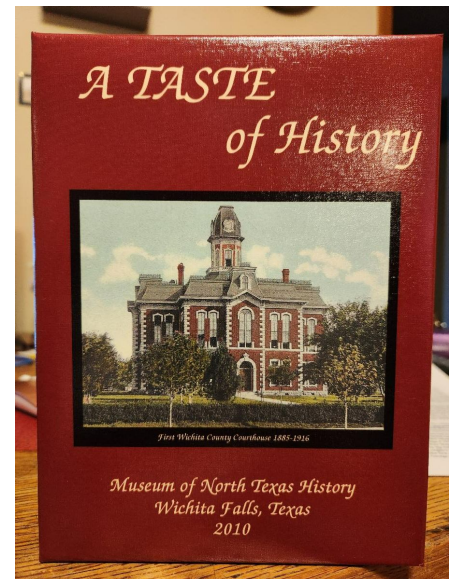
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## WFAAC - The Legends Project

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# THE LEGENDS PROJECT

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLYE OLA FARRIS



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The Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture will dedicate a bronze sculpture of the late Charlye O. Farris as part of "The Legends Project," an effort to honor North Texas legends and trailblazers.

Farris holds the distinction of becoming the first African-American woman licensed to practice law in Texas, the first African-American attorney, male or female, in Wichita County, and the first African-American to serve as a judge in the South since Reconstruction.

**Scheduled for Saturday, October 26th at 10:30 am, the event will take place on the lawn of the Wichita County Courthouse.**

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**MSU Texas Arts Night  
OCTOBER ART WALK**

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The MSU Arts Night at the Museum of North Texas History promises to be an enchanting evening, showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of the region and the artistic talents of faculty and staff from Midwestern State University. Among the highlights of the night is a captivating flute recital by the Mockingbird Flute Ensemble that is sure to mesmerize the audience with works by and about Texans.

Alongside the musical performances, attendees can explore a diverse art exhibit showcasing works from talented MSU and regional artists. This immersive experience is further enhanced by the opportunity to meet both the artists and musicians behind the evening's creations, allowing for insightful conversations and a deeper appreciation of their craft. Whether you're a long-time art enthusiast or a curious newcomer, this FREE event offers a unique chance to celebrate the vibrant arts community in North Texas. ...

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## ACE Awards

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**The Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts and Cultural Empowerment (ACE) Awards with an awards luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, October 16,**

2024. The event will be held at the Bill Bartley Branch YMCA Gymnasium. Tickets go on sale September 6th.

## Tickets



Renowned artist, author, businesswoman, and trailblazer **Gay Gaddis** will be the keynote speaker at the 2024 ACE Awards Luncheon. Gaddis is the founder of T3, an innovative advertising agency. She credits her business acumen to her training as an artist. Gaddis' artwork has been featured in prestigious galleries across the country. She was named by Texas Monthly as one of "10 Texas Artists to Collect Now." Gaddis serves on the board of the Texas Cultural Trust, where she advocates for the arts across the state.

## Texas Historical Marker Dedication Lloyd Ruby

Texas Historical  
Marker Dedication



Wichita County  
Historical  
Commission

Harold Jones Park  
1400 9th Street  
Wichita Falls, TX

Saturday  
October 19th  
3:00 pm



Join us as we dedicate a Texas Historical Marker honoring Wichita Falls racing legend, Lloyd Ruby. The dedication is scheduled for 3:00 pm, Saturday, October 19th. Located in Harold Jones Park on 9th Street, near the small parking lot, the marker commemorates the legacy of Lloyd Ruby.

## October Special Events and Days

Saturday, October 5th

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Burkburnett Friendship Park







WICHITA FALLS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
 FORNAD FAKHOURI, MUSIC DIRECTOR

PRESENTS  
**ESTRELLAS Y SINFÓNICAS**  
 SINFÓNICAS AT TRAVIS PARK

WFSO JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERFORMING:  
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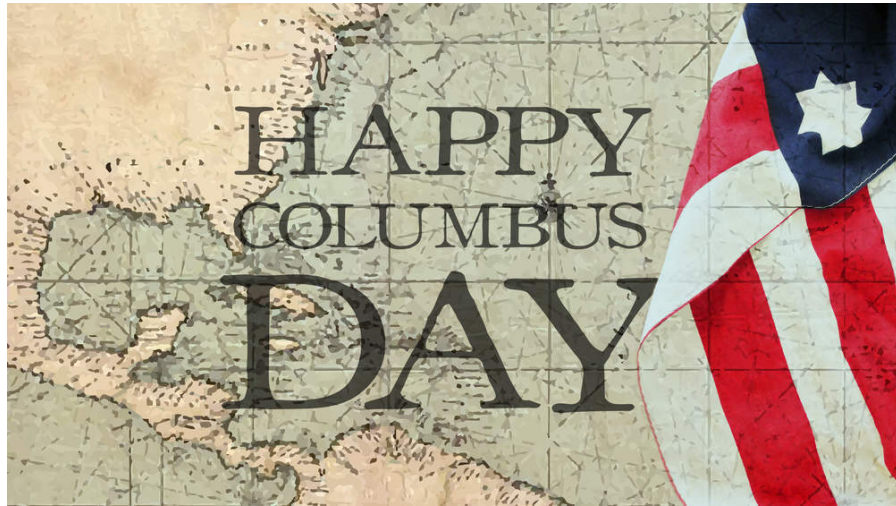
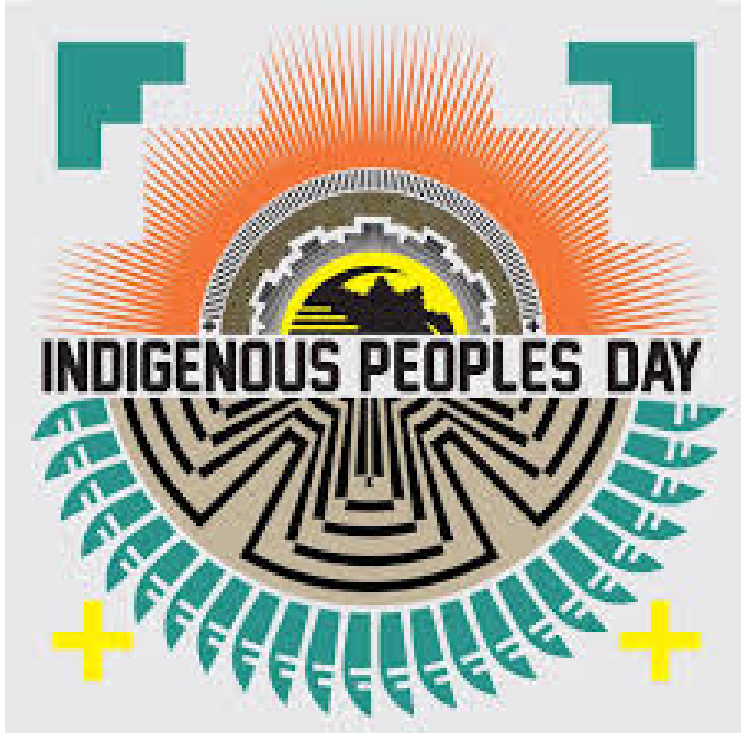
**October 4 7:00 pm**

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 during the  
 final After  
 Hours Artwalk  
 of the season.

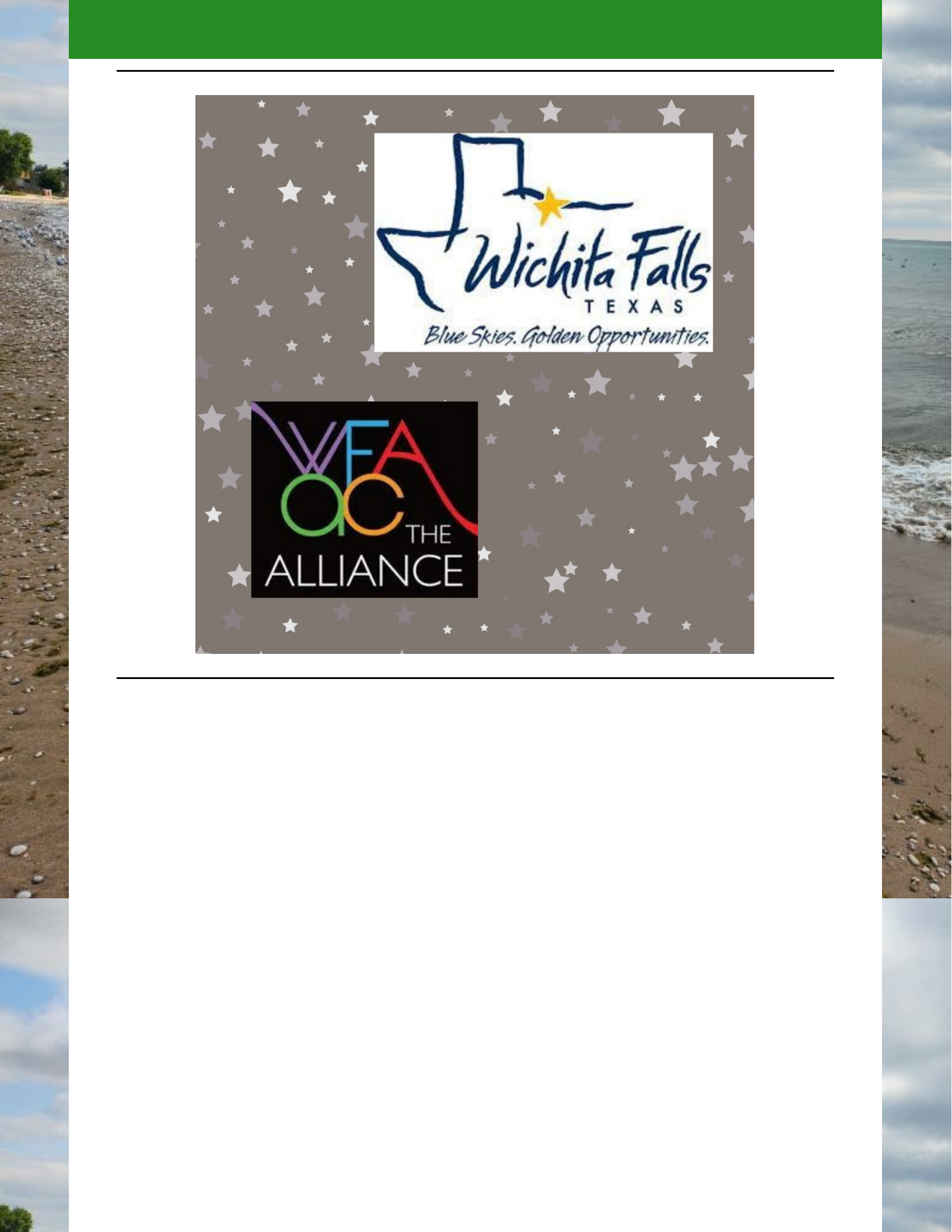
**AHA**  
 after hours artwalk  
 Produced by Downtown Wichita Falls Development

downtown  
 wichita falls  
 1st Thursday  
 April - October

**HISPANIC  
 HERITAGE  
 MONTH**









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**Museum Hours**

**Thursday - Saturday  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Legends of North Texas**



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