



Startup company Shabby Chick Cleaners originally began producing its line of certified all-natural cleaning products at home, but kept growing and selling out at area farmer's markets. Shabby Chick realized it had a valuable product line, but it was unable to keep up with

demand and needed either to outsource production or find a larger manufacturing space. This is when it chose to maintain control of its product and approached the Duncan Center for Business Development (DCBD) about locating in the business incubator. After entry into the DCBD, sales and manufacturing increased over 300 percent. Earlier this year, Shabby Chick was chosen as a winner of The 2017 American Small Business Championship hosted by SCORE. As their operations expanded, they moved into their own facility located at 7025 Nix Drive.

Through hours of research and product testing, Shabby Chick hit early home runs with a pair of all natural products to clean your entire house: an all purpose cleaner and a glass & appliance cleaner, called "dangerously effective", because it cleans glass, stainless steel, appliances, and more! Shabby Chick tackled laundry soap with an all natural laundry soap, followed by an all natural insect repellent, "Critter Gitter". Shabby Chick has grown from selling at a local Farmer's Market, to festivals and fairs, to the bigger trade days and shows, to retail stores. Demand keeps growing, and people are excited about Shabby Chick products.

Recently, on October 23rd, Shabby Chick Natural Products made its television debut on the "American Dreams" segment on HSN (Home Shopping Network). Shabby Chick is committed to growing the economy by keeping their products "American Made" by hard working team members. Congratulations, Shabby Chick! Well done!



Shabby Chick
7025 Nix Drive
October 16, 2017



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Happy Thanksgiving



November 2017 Chamber Calendar of Events

- 2 Chamber Breakfast, 6:45-8:00AM, Simmons Center
- 3 Legislative Affairs Committee, 10AM, Chamber
- 14 **Leadership Duncan Local Gov't Day, 8-5PM**
- 16 Chamber Board Meeting, 3:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce
- 22-24 Chamber Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 27 Leadership Duncan Steering Committee, 12PM, Chamber

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October Chamber Breakfast

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Another crowd of over 80 gathered for the October Community Breakfast sponsored by Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation (DAEDF). Jeannie Bowden, Business and Industry Specialist for DAEDF, reported on the continued progress DAEDF is making in diversifying industry while leveraging sales-tax dollars through pursuing every opportunity and raising awareness of Duncan through the economic development field, media and to companies looking to expand or relocate. DAEDF continues to work as a liaison to connect industry and education continuing partnerships with Duncan Public

Schools in Career Pathways, STEM, and the development and creation of internships locally. DAEDF will once again host Youth Engineering competitions this year for students. Students compete for money award **in the areas of engineering, the fastest CO2 racecar, overall and people's choice.** **Duncan's Dream It! Do it!** Initiative is a manufacturing career pathway associated with the Manufacturing Institute and the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM).



Community updates were provided to attendees with news from the City of Duncan by Mayor Ritchie Dennington, City of Marlow by Mayor Brad Boles, **Duncan Public Schools Foundation, Propel Duncan Women's Haven, Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeo, Youth Services of Stephens County, Chisholm Trail Arts Council, DLT, Main Street Duncan, Silver Haired Legislature, 905 Railroad Museum, Human Society, VFW Veterans Parade, The Simmons Center and the Duncan CVB** by Loisdown Jones. New Members Michelle Emig and Shy Pflueger of Sam's Club and Sheila Epley of YS Asset management were present. Kelli Wilkerson of Chicken Express won the \$75 cash drawing.



Join us for our next community breakfast at 6:45 a.m. on Thursday, November 2nd at the Simmons Center with Arvest Bank as our sponsor. You could win \$75 in the drawing if you are present. Hope to see you there!

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Viridian Coffee Co.
1410 W. Main Street
September 30, 2017



Charis Pregnancy Center
1700 Jones Avenue
October 25, 2017

Leadership Duncan

Leadership Duncan Class XXII Politics Day

Leadership Duncan Class XXII Politics Day was on October 10th. State Representative Marcus McEntire served as Day Chair for one of the favorite class sessions in Leadership Duncan. Spirited debates and discussions kept the day lively. Class members were also encouraged to get involved with local party politics and encouraged to share their perspective on a variety of issues. Special guest speakers included Matt Pinnell, a candidate for Lt. Governor; Cordon DeCock from the State Chamber of Oklahoma discussed the role of lobbyists in policy making and recent trends in voter sentiment; and Dr. Robert Dauffenbach discussed the Oklahoma Economy and Polity. Other topics of discussion for the day led by Representative McEntire included the State Budget, Taxing Vices or SQ640, and the structures that make governing difficult like off-the-top spending and SQ640. Class members were also offered the opportunity to share their personal political experiences and aspirations. The main leadership development skill for the day: Advocacy.



Class XXII discusses
State & National Voting Trends.

The next Leadership Duncan Class XXII Session will be Local Government Day on November 14th. Julie McKinney will Chair the Day. Its primary focus will be the functioning, structure and financing of city and county government.



Candidate for Lt. Governor
Matt Pinnell addresses Class XXII

Economic Indicators

Stephens County Labor Force Data

	August '17	August '16
Employment	15,723	16,423
Unemployment	1,200	2,036
Labor Force	16,923	18,459
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	11.0%

City of Duncan Statistics

	Oct. '17	Oct. '16
Sales Tax Receipts	\$1,148,125.27	\$1,052,879.00
Use Tax Receipts	\$115,532.60	\$78,119.30
Stephens County Receipts	\$419,779.10	\$306,468.90

Red River Technology Bid Assistance Center

	Sept. '17	Sept. '16
Number of Clients	83	76
Bids Submitted	6	10
Contracts	6	10
Total Value of September 2017 Contracts		\$1,330,220.20
Total Value of contracts since July 2017		\$1,418,335.80

Welcome New Chamber Members

(September 28, 2017–October 27, 2017)

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