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We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to each of our sponsors and teams who contributed to the success of the Not So Classic Golf Tournament and recognize the importance of the Chamber of Commerce and its membership. Their generosity helps support the growth and prosperity of our community; and a strong business community means a strong community-at-large.



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2018 New Board Member & Officer Nominations

The following nominations have been made for Duncan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors by a special Nominating Committee appointed by Pennye Slover, Chairman of the Board.

New Members

Temo Ibarra	Sanford Children's
Leigh McEntire	Distinctive Decor
Janice Schornick	First Bank & Trust Co.
Chuck Siess	Farm Bureau Insurance
Vance Taff	The Tilley Group
Tim York	Arvest Bank

New Officers

Chairman	Carl Buckholts, Ellis & Buckholts
Incoming Chairman	Janice Schornick, First Bank & Trust Co.
Immediate Past Chairman	Pennye Slover, BancFirst
Treasurer	Open
VP-Investor Services	Chuck Siess, Farm Bureau Insurance
VP-Organizational Dev.	Melonie Hau, Duncan Public Schools
VP-Business Development	Rex Outhier, The Simmons Center

ADDITIONAL NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Additional nominations can be made by submitting a Petition identifying the nominated persons with signatures of 20 Duncan Chamber of Commerce members in good standing. The Petition must be submitted to the chamber President by September 8th.



Why Invest in the Chamber?

The Duncan Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit voluntary member-based organization, which unites the efforts of business and professional people to improve the economy and to build a better community. Members invest their time and money to accomplish what no one person can do alone. We currently are privileged to serve 496 members. When you invest in the Chamber, you are investing in the future of the area. Quality communities are developed by people with high hopes, high aspirations and willingness to work and invest in the future, and we are interdependent on each other. Bold new steps must be taken to assure our movement into the future that will enhance the quality of life and economy in the Duncan area. **The Chamber's role is to advance the economic, industrial, professional, cultural and civic welfare of Duncan.** We also encourage the growth of existing industries and businesses, support activities and issues that we believe will be beneficial to the area, and promote the welfare of area citizens by following policies intended to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number. The Chamber receives hundreds of requests each year **for our recommendation on where to "do business"**. We refer them to our Chamber members. Since the beginning of the year, your Chamber has responded to 4,088 requests for information and did over 400 direct member referrals. We average over 500 monthly requests from people for various types of information about commerce in our community. We would like to thank our members for their investment in the Duncan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Your investment creates big dividends for everybody's business!

September 2017 Chamber Calendar of Events

- 4 Chamber Office Closed for Labor Day
- 7 Chamber Breakfast, 6:45-8:00AM, Simmons Center
- 12 Leadership Duncan Econ. Dev. Day, 8-5PM, RRTC
- 21 Chamber Board Meeting, 3:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce
- 22 Ambassador Luncheon, 12:00 PM, Chamber of Commerce

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
DUNCAN COMMUNITY EVENTS:
Visit www.duncancalendar.com



Chamber Breakfast Kicks Off

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Join us Thursday, September 7th at the Simmons Center in Redbud Courtyard for the first segment of our Community Breakfast series. Buffet service begins at 6:45 a.m., **the program starts precisely at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 8:00 a.m.** **This month's cash drawing is valued at \$75!** We would like to thank Stephens County Abstract for being our Sponsors. Stephens County Abstract is a family owned multi-generational abstracting company working throughout the state providing abstracting, record searches, and escrow closing services. Stephens County Abstract writes title insurance policies throughout the nation.



FOOD 4 KIDS AUCTION A SUCCESS



Our Annual Food 4 Kids Auction, that supports both the Food 4 Kids Backpack and School Pantry Programs in Duncan Public Schools and schools throughout Stephens County, was held on Friday, August 25th at the Duncan Golf & Tennis Club.

As you know, the Duncan Chamber of Commerce partners with Duncan Public Schools and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to raise money for the Food 4 Kids Backpack and School Pantry Programs. On Friday night, August 25th, we raised \$37,194.00 for these worthy programs! On Tuesday, August 29th, we received \$30,000 in matching funds increasing the total to \$67,194.00. Over the last 7 years, \$311,994.00 has been raised for Food 4 Kids Backpack Program Elementary Sites at Emerson, Horace Mann, Mark Twain, Plato, Will Rogers, Woodrow Wilson and other Elementary Sites in Stephens County; and the School Pantry Sites at Duncan High School, Duncan Middle School and other School Pantry Sites in Stephens County. We will be asking for donations from the community until the end of the year to see if we can get to \$100,000 or more total for our area schools this year.

We would like to thank the many individuals and businesses in our community that supported this important program through their sponsorships and donations of auction items. We also would like to thank Duncan Public Schools, Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, and the many teachers and administrators for their efforts in making our Food 4 Kids Auction such a great success.

We would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the members of the Food 4 Kids Auction Committee Members: Chairman Nicole Punneo, Adrienne Arrington, Judy Latimer, Melissa Ray, Haylee Root, Sandy Stewart, Tara Harper, Lisha Elroy, Cassie Berthold, Betty Beck and Ashley Oglesby.



Leadership Duncan Class XXII Retreat



Class XXII of Leadership Duncan had its Retreat on August 11th & 12th at The Simmons Center and is off to a great start. Brainstorming, personality profiling, an overview of the history of Leadership Duncan, and a strategy session were highlights of the introductory session for this year's class. Improvisational team-building the very next day gave the group excellent training in teamwork and group processing skills. Tera Mathis (Duncan Police Department) and Jerri Lynn Freeman took charge of planning and executing the two-day retreat for new class members that motivated, energized and inspired.

Many thanks to the expert assistance provided by Dr. Martha Burger, Loisdown Jones (Duncan Convention & Visitors Bureau) and to Chairman Bill Gossett (William A. Gossett At-Law) and Vice-Chairman Terrin Liles (Edward Jones) for their leadership in specific study areas. Class XXII from left to right: Front Row; Dixon Harper, Emalee Ligon, Melvin Sanders, Brittany Stewart, Eryn Bull, Lesa Hefner, Betty Beck, Marta French, Amanda Sternadel, Hope Sutterfield, Brandy Peters. Back Row; Richard Gillespie, Anthony Signor, Tara Harper, Aaron Askins, Tyler Smith, Ritchie Dennington, Sara Paape, Casey Rains, Chris Janz, Jill Fritts, Sallie Waters, and Dee Carrio.



Economic Indicators

Stephens County Labor Force Data

	June '17	June '16
Employment	15,853	16,823
Unemployment	1,210	2,211
Labor Force	17,063	19,034
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	11.6%

City of Duncan Statistics

	August '17	August '16
Sales Tax Receipts	\$843,340.21	\$1,196,289.81
Use Tax Receipts	\$111,436.64	\$148,851.49
Stephens County Receipts	\$320,745.13	\$339,630.02

Red River Technology Bid Assistance Center

	July '17	July '16
Number of Clients	82	79
Bids Submitted	6	6
Contracts	5	3
Total Value of July 2017 Contracts		\$17,581.40
Total Value of contracts since July 2017		\$17,581.40



We would like to express our thanks to The Territory for hosting our Leadership Duncan Class XXII Mixer on August the 8th.

Welcome New Chamber Members

(July 29, 2017—August 29, 2017)

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