

Happy New Year

CHAMBER ANNUAL BANQUET

The Duncan Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be held, Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Simmons Center. Please join us for a celebration of our city's best accomplishments during 2017. From businesses that have made a significant impact in improving our community and fostering free enterprise, to individuals who have exemplified true community spirit and contributed their talents for the benefit of others. Our annual awards presentation seeks to highlight and reward these admirable endeavors. Nominations are being accepted now! Please submit your nominations for outstanding businesses and individuals in our community that you believe to be deserving of recognition. *It is important that you explain why your nomination should be considered for the award.* Please mail, fax, or email your nomination form, found on our website and inside this newsletter, prior to February 8, 2018.

Entertainment (Star) Sponsorships, table and half table sponsorships are available for \$1,000, \$600 and \$400 respectively. Individual tickets are available for \$50. For more information, call Sandy Stewart at 580-255-3644 or email duncancc@duncanchamber.com. We sincerely hope you will plan to attend this delightful evening of celebration.



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December Community Breakfast

December's Community Breakfast was great fun in celebration of the Holiday Season, and was highlighted by live entertainment from Duncan Little Theatre "Sketches of Christmas" performances by Leigh McEntire, Ian McEntire and Jordyn Harwell. Locally owned and operated Bank of Commerce sponsored. Vice President

Brian Davis introduced the crowd to the many services provided to the area. Brian talked about "Relationship Banking" and what it means. Relationship Banking means community-owned and staffed, with a team of banking professionals who know you by name and understand your needs. It means local decision-making and a comprehensive suite of lending and depository products and services. It means a superior customer experience with a commitment to the communities Bank of Commerce serves.

Our State Representative Marcus McEntire provided a legislative update on the Special Legislative Session, the State budget process, the compromised budget bill passed in the Special Session, and its subsequent veto by Governor Mary Fallin. An additional Special Session was called in December to address the State budget shortfall and deficit funding.

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 Rotary Club Auction by Haylee Root, DLT, Christian Helping Hands by Pam Dobbin, Chisholm Trail Kiwanis by Johnny McFatridge, and the Annual Christmas Dinner, in its 29th year serving 4,000 people, by Sonny Webb. Joseph Remington "Joey" Stewart was introduced as our newest member sponsored by Johnny McFatridge. Kristen Arrington of Edward Jones won the \$75 cash drawing.



Johnny McFatridge & our newest member Joey Stewart

Please join us for our next community breakfast at 6:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 4th, at The Simmons Center, sponsored by Edward Jones Investments. You could win \$75 in the drawing, if you are present.

2017 Award Nominations

Lifetime Achievement Award - Recognizes a man or woman whose outstanding civic contributions and leadership have been in the pursuit of an improved quality of life in Duncan during their lifetime.

Woman of the Year - Recognizes a woman whose outstanding civic contributions and leadership have been in the pursuit of an improved quality of life in Duncan during 2017.

Man of the Year - Recognizes a man whose outstanding civic contributions and leadership have been in the pursuit of an improved quality of life in Duncan during 2017.

Community Improvement Award - Recognizes a business establishment that has made a significant improvement to the physical appearance of their property during 2017.

Free Enterprise Award - Honors individuals or organizations that have strengthened and fostered the development of free enterprise during 2017.

Al Hinshaw Community Spirit Award - Recognizes individuals who exemplify the enthusiastic "Can Do" spirit of Duncan through their volunteer efforts to accomplish great challenges for the benefit of the community during 2017.

For more information, please visit www.duncanchamber.com



Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings



Congratulations!



Cells-U-More
Grand Re-Opening
North Highway 81
November 10, 2017



PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA
Grand Opening
1515 North Highway 81
November 28, 2017



McDonalds
Grand Opening
1817 North Highway 81
December 7, 2017

Food 4 Kids

Chamber Food 4 Kids Auction Committee Members Sandy Stewart, Adrienne Arrington, Tara Harper, Haylee Root, and Chris Deal, present a check for \$74,000 in auction proceeds to Duncan Public Schools Superintendent Melonie Hau for the Food 4 Kids Backpack and school pantry programs through the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.



Leadership ≈ Duncan

Leadership Duncan Class XXII

Class Photo with Commissioner White



The Health Education Day session for Class XXII on December 12th included a full day studying a variety of topics related to health services in Duncan and our region. As Day Chair, Tanya Case, with the assistance of Jay Johnson planned a comprehensive program including discussions of public health, hospital finances and health care reform, student reports of interviews with local health care organizations, and tours of the specialty services available at Duncan Regional Hospital through the Cancer Center, Wound Care Center, & Learning Center/Skill Lab. The session was designed to gain knowledge about the various health care agencies in Stephens County, especially Duncan Regional Hospital, and to gain knowledge regarding important statewide health care organizations. We would like to thank our speakers for the day: Tanya Case, Chairman of the National Association of State Comprehensive Health Insurance Plans, Cindy Rauh, Vice President & Chief Nursing Officer of Duncan Regional Hospital; Commissioner Terri White of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Jay Johnson, CEO of Duncan Regional Hospital; Lane Hooten, COO of Cancer Centers of SW Oklahoma; Dr. Jimmy Jones, Medical Director of the DRH Wound Care Center; Cyndi Crook, Director of the DRH Health Foundation; Mendy Spohn, MPH, Regional Director for Stephens, Carter, Jefferson, Love, Marshall & Johnston County Health Departments; and Jeff Gregston, Owner/Operator Marlow Nursing and Elk Crossing. A special DRH case study in community leadership about the creation of Duncan Regional Hospital closed the day. We would like to thank Dr. Robert J. Weedn, Tommy Jones and Betty Apple for their wonderful insights and dedication to the development of Duncan Regional Hospital and the leadership they have provided to our community.

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Economic Indicators

Stephens County Labor Force Data

	Oct. '17	Oct. '16
Employment	16,771	16,842
Unemployment	1,030	1,863
Labor Force	17,801	18,705
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	10.0%

City of Duncan Statistics

	Dec. '17	Dec. '16
Sales Tax Receipts	\$1,204,003.00	\$940,812.97
Use Tax Receipts	\$148,678.99	\$75,635.17
Stephens County Receipts	\$328,876.00	\$264,657.01

Red River Technology Bid Assistance Center

	Nov. '17	Nov. '16
Number of Clients	84	78
Bids Submitted	43	1
Contracts	4	0
Total Value of November 2017 Contracts		\$1,251,000.00
Total Value of contracts since July 2017		\$2,669,335.80

Welcome New Chamber Members

(November 29, 2017 – December 28, 2017)

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA

Elk Plaza
1515 N. Hwy 81
(580) 255-0000
www.papajohns.com
Restaurant ~ Pizza

ToneZone Fitness

Chisholm Mall
1206 N. Hwy 81
(580) 252-2639
info@tzfitness.com
www.tzfitness.com
Gym ~ Health & Wellness ~ Tanning

We look forward to serving you!

The Duncan Chamber of Commerce would like to thank our outgoing Board Members for their years of service to the Chamber and the community: Past Chairman John Galloway of Ace Hardware with 5 years; Treasurer Chiree Plumlee of First Bank & Trust Co. with 3 years; VP Tim Hushbeck of PSO with 3 years; Aaron Askins of Stephens County Abstract Co. with 3 years; Ron Martin of Arvest Bank with 3 years; and Jimmy and Kimberly Tilley of The Tilley Group, each with 3 years of service.



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