



You are cordially invited to attend the

23rd Annual Southwest Oklahoma Legislative Reception

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER. 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Duncan Chamber of Commerce

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Duncan Chamber Legislative Event Series

On February 20th, the Duncan Chamber of Commerce will lead a delegation of members and community leaders to Oklahoma City to participate in the 23rd Annual Southwest Oklahoma Legislative Reception. This annual legislative reception is a wonderful opportunity to meet with our area lawmakers about the needs of Duncan and Southwest Oklahoma. The event will be held at the Oklahoma History Center and begins at 5:00 p.m. We would like to thank the following members for sponsoring Duncan at this most important event:

<i>Arvest Bank</i>	<i>BancFirst</i>	<i>Bank of Commerce</i>	<i>Cotton Electric</i>
<i>Cotton Electric</i>	<i>Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation</i>	<i>Duncan Power</i>	<i>Duncan Regional Hospital</i>
<i>Edward Jones</i>	<i>First Bank & Trust</i>	<i>Halliburton</i>	<i>Halliburton Employee Federal Credit Union</i>
	<i>Legacy Bank</i>	<i>Stephens County Abstract</i>	

Mark your calendars to attend our first legislative coffee on February 16th, at Cameron University-Duncan, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Our legislative events are designed to provide an opportunity for Duncan citizens to hear updates from our area legislators and visit with them about your concerns. There is no charge for the event. Mark your calendars now for the next Legislative Coffees on April 6th and June 8th at 7:30 a.m. We would like to thank Cameron University-Duncan for hosting this year's Legislative Coffee series.


Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

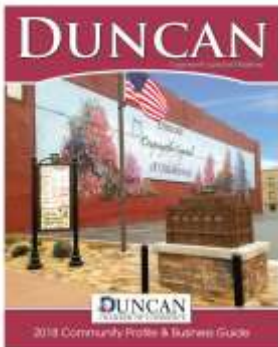
JANUARY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



Over 90 people attended the first community breakfast of the New Year. We would like to thank Edward Jones for sponsoring the January Community Breakfast. Kristen Arrington talked about the many financial services provided by Edward Jones. Kristen introduced Edward Jones representatives Kelsey Avants, Tanner Cline, Lynn Bailey, and Don Graham. 2018 Chamber Chairman Carl Buckholts informed the crowd about upcoming Chamber of Commerce events. State Senator Paul Scott provided a legislative update and hopes for the upcoming legislative session that begins on Monday, February 5th. Senator Scott encouraged attendance to the Chamber sponsored Southwest Oklahoma Legislative Reception on February 20th at the Oklahoma History Center. Duncan Mayor Ritchie Dennington gave an update on the City of Duncan briefed everyone about the many things happening in our great city. Lyle Roggow, President of the Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation, addressed our rebounding economy with its **increase in jobs in 2017 and discussed the incubator's effectiveness in diversifying our economy.** Jay Johnson, CEO of Duncan Regional Hospital, gave an update on all things happening at our hospital, including **the intense flu season encouraging using your first line of defense, "washing your hands".** **Duncan Regional Hospital is our community's largest employer.** Shannon Sanders presented a wonderful opportunity for community unity by encouraging participation in the MLK Celebration on January 15th. Other speakers provided information and announcements on subjects including updates on the CTAC by Darcy Reeves, **AARP Tax Preparation by Virgie Hill, and Women's Haven by Linda Raber.** **Our newest member, Kaye Jennings of ToneZone Fitness, was introduced.** Rex Outhier of the Simmons Center won the drawing for \$75 and donated back to the Chamber. The Chamber then donated back to the Simmons Center for their Community Spirit program. We will be drawing from attendees for \$75 in cash at our next breakfast on February 1st. Please join us!

♥ February 2018 ♥

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Chamber Breakfast 6:45-8a Simmons Center	2	3
4 MidSouth Youth Rodeo - Expo Center	5	6	7	8	9 OK Horse Fair - Expo Center Stephens County Coin Show Fair & Expo Center	10 OK Horse Fair - Expo Center
11	12	13 XXII	14 	15 First Christian Church - Bean Dinner	16 Legislative Coffee 7:30 CU	17 CTCC Team Roping - Expo Center
18	19 79th Stephens County Jr. Livestock Show - Fair & Expo 19-23	20 Chamber SW OK Legislative Reception - Oklahoma History Center	21	22	23 DLT's "The Wizard of Oz" Simmons Center	24 DLT's "The Wizard of Oz" Simmons Center
25	26	27	28			



The new 2018 Duncan Community Profile and Business Directory is now available at the Chamber office. The Directory contains the alphabetical and categorical listings of all Chamber members. The Duncan Community Profile is distributed by the Chamber throughout the community and to persons interested in relocating to Duncan. Placed at all hospitality locations, most visitors to Duncan use it as a handy reference to location businesses and services in our community. It is also used by the Duncan Conventions & Visitors Bureau to promote tourism, and provided to residents establishing new utility services by the City of Duncan. In addition, Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation, Duncan Regional Hospital, and other businesses use this publication to attract new employees.

**Leadership
Duncan**

Social Services Day



On January 9th, The Social Services Day session for Class XXII included a full day studying a variety of topics related to social services in Duncan. As Day Chair, Gina Flesher, with the assistance of Edie Stewart, planned a comprehensive program designed to help class members gain a better understanding of what social services are, what social services are available in our community, how to access needed services, and a better awareness of vulnerable populations with a local perspective. There were many informative presentations and agency tour of Ability First. Other session highlights were the panel discussions that focused on Children and Youth, Vulnerable Populations, Aging and Disadvantaged Populations.

Economic Indicators

Stephens County Labor Force Data

	Nov. '16	Nov. '16
Employment	16,888	16,924
Unemployment	920	1,667
Labor Force	17,808	18,591
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	9.0%

City of Duncan Statistics

	Jan. '18	Jan. '17
Sales Tax Receipts	\$1,180,545.78	\$1,555,206.93
Use Tax Receipts	\$119,712.16	\$79,777.80
Stephens County Receipts	\$341,387.54	\$326,695.33

Red River Technology Bid Assistance Center

	Dec. '17	Dec. '16
Number of Clients	83	78
Bids Submitted	13	4
Contracts	12	6
Total Value of December 2017 Contracts		\$2,765,000.00
Total Value of contracts since July 2017		\$5,434,335.80

Welcome New Chamber Members

(December 24, 2017—January 26, 2018)

DeHart Air Conditioning

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The Duncan Chamber of Commerce would like to extend our sincere gratitude to each of our sponsors who contribute to and recognize the importance of the Chamber and its membership. Their generosity helps support the growth and prosperity in our community; and a strong business community means a strong community-at-large.



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