

# PLAYBILL

Duncan Chamber of Commerce 2019 Annual Banquet  
A Night of Broadway

*Please join us for a celebration of our city's best accomplishments during 2018. From businesses that have made a significant impact in improving our community and enriching 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. We sincerely hope you will plan to attend this delightful evening of celebration!*

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Simmons Center

## SPONSORSHIPS

Star Sponsorship \$1,000

Full Table \$600

Half Table \$400

Individual Tickets \$50

Entertainment by



**Duncan Chamber of Commerce**

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## 2019 Chamber Calendar of Events

- 7 Chamber Breakfast, 6:45-8:00AM, Simmons Center
- 7 Dr. Che Miller Ribbon Cutting 2PM, 2845 W. Elk Avenue
- 8 U. S. Cellular Ribbon Cutting, 10AM, 1019 N. Highway 81
- 12 Leadership Duncan XXIII Education Day, 8-5PM, Cameron University
- 21 Chamber Breakfast Committee Meeting, 9AM, Chamber
- 21 Chamber Board Meeting, 3:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce
- 22 Chamber Ambassador Luncheon, 12PM, Chamber
- 25 Leadership Duncan Steering Committee, 12PM, Chamber

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
DUNCAN COMMUNITY EVENTS:  
Visit [www.duncancalendar.com](http://www.duncancalendar.com)

Mark your calendars to attend our first legislative coffee on February 15th, 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 5th and June 7th at 7:30 a.m. We would like to thank Cameron University-Duncan for hosting this **year's Legislative Coffee series.**



## JANUARY CHAMBER BREAKFAST



Over 90 people attended the first community breakfast of the New Year. We would like to thank Chicken Express for sponsoring the January Community Breakfast. Kelly & Brad Wilkerson are the owners of Chicken Express in Duncan and Chickasha. Brad spoke about what a wonderful and generous community **Duncan is and Chicken Express is honored to be a part of it: "We've been blown away by the caring hearts that belong here in Duncan and the way they support the projects here."** Brad introduced Kelly Wilkerson, Store Manager Tammy Gray, and General Manager Stephanie Garcia.

2019 Chamber Chairman Janice Schornick informed the crowd about upcoming Chamber of Commerce events. Nate Schacht provided an update on the City of Duncan including an announcement that our new city hall should be ready by February 26th. Chuck Ralls, Comanche City Manager, talked about the unity between Comanche, Duncan, and Marlow. Melonie Hau talked about the many community partnerships working with Duncan Public Schools. Jay Johnson, CEO of Duncan Regional Hospital, gave an update on all things happening at our hospital, including the comprehensive remodel of the emergency department. Attendee were presented a wonderful opportunity for community unity by encouraging participation in the MLK Celebration on January 21st. Other speakers provided information and announcements on subjects including updates on the CTAC by Darcy Reeves, Duncan Area Arts Hall of Fame by Martha Burger, SC Humane Society by Sidney Lewis, and Red River Technology Center by Jacob Johnson. Robin Arter of Ability First won the drawing for \$75.

We will be drawing from attendees for \$75 in cash at our next breakfast on February 7th. Duncan Regional Hospital will be our sponsors. Please join us!



# Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings



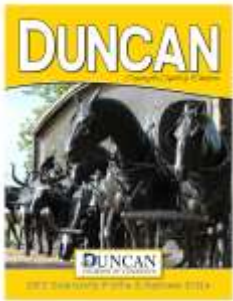
## Congratulations!



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The new 2019 Duncan Community Profile and Business Directory is now available at the Chamber office and for delivery to your business. 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

### Economic Development



Leadership Duncan Class XXIII Economic Development Day was on January 8th. Lyle Roggow, President of Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation (DAEDF), arranged an outstanding day that included great speakers, engaging exercises, fantastic hospitality and a wonderful tour of the incubator and other occupants of the north industrial park. Lyle also reviewed the Requests for Proposal system used to compete with other cities for new businesses looking to relocate. The morning "Starting My Own Business" Panel showed the class what it really takes to start your own business. The class heard from Leigh McEntire of Distinctive Décor, Shay Hayes of Viridian Coffee and Jacob Johnson of the Business & Industry Center at Red River Technology Center. In the afternoon, Class XXIII was treated to tours that allowed them to get a firsthand look at the effectiveness of the Duncan Center for Business Development incubator. We would like to thank DR2, Dream Team Prosthetics, and Completion Science for their exceptional tours.

# Economic Indicators

## Stephens County Labor Force Data

	<b>Nov. '18</b>	<b>Nov. '17</b>
Employment	17,393	17,482
Unemployment	613	944
Labor Force	18,006	18,426
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	5.1%

## City of Duncan Statistics

	<b>Jan. '19</b>	<b>Jan. '18</b>
Sales Tax Receipts	\$1,166,826.69	\$1,180,545.78
Use Tax Receipts	\$134,051.66	\$119,712.16
Stephens County Receipts	\$337,966.91	\$341,387.54

## Red River Technology Bid Assistance Center

	<b>Nov. '18</b>	<b>Nov. '17</b>
Number of Clients	89	84
Bids Submitted	11	43
Contracts	3	4
Total Value of November 2018 Contracts		\$689,000.00
Total Value of contracts since July 2018		\$1,436,008.45

# Welcome New Chamber Members

(December 21, 2018—January 29, 2019)

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*We look forward to serving you!*

The Duncan Chamber of Commerce would like to extend our sincere gratitude to each of our members and 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.



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