

Happy New Year

CHAMBER ANNUAL BANQUET

The Duncan Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be held, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Simmons Center. 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 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 15, 2019.

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 visit from Santa and a Christmas Sing-A-Long lead by Ken Jones. Locally owned and operated *Bank of Commerce* sponsored. Vice President Cindy Reynolds introduced the crowd to the many services provided to the area. She 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.

Community updates were provided to attendees with news from the City of Duncan by Mayor Ritchie Dennington, City of Marlow by City Manager Jason McPherson, Duncan Rotary Club Auction by Cindy Reynolds, Chisholm Trail Kiwanis by Chris Genn, The Simmons Center by Teri Knox, The Stephens County Human Society by Sidney Lewis, and the Annual Christmas Dinner, in its 29th year serving 4,000 people, by Sonny Webb.

Martha Burger spoke about the inaugural Duncan Area Arts Hall of Fame Spectacular and award presentation which will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the Simmons Center Theater. It will be a Grammy-style show with headline artists, award presentations, and the induction of the first class to the Duncan Area Arts Hall of Fame. A meet the performers and inductees reception will be in the Chisholm Trail Hall on January 18, 2019, at 6:30 pm. The show will feature these performers who hail from Duncan: David Briscoe, David Hooten, Laura Gossett Stockton, Danielle Flesher, and Chris Cowen. Carole Maxfield, LPC, LMFT, gave the crowd tips on how to handle holiday stress

Senator Paul Scott won the \$75 cash drawing and donated it to the Stephens County Humane Society.

Please join us for our next community breakfast at 6:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 10th, at The Simmons Center, sponsored by Edward Jones Investments. You could win \$75 in the drawing, if you are present.

2018 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 2018.

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 2018.

Community Improvement Award - Recognizes a business establishment that has made a significant improvement to the physical appearance of their property during 2018.

Free Enterprise Award - Honors individuals or organizations that have strengthened and fostered the development of free enterprise during 2018.

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 2018.

For more information, please visit www.duncanchamber.com



Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings



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Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings in January 2019

Grantham Funeral Home (10 a.m. January 11th), Around The Clock Home Care (2 p.m. January 15th)
& Dr. Che Miller, M.D. (2 p.m. January 22nd)

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Class XXIII



On January 8th, The Social Services Day session for Class XXIII 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 **agencies working with children and youth; Gabriel's House, One True Light (Spokes for Hope), Food for Kids,** and Court Appointed Special Advocate: Agencies working with vulnerable populations; Duncan High School Special Education, Duncan Literacy Council, Duncan Council of the Blind, and Charis Center: Agencies working with aging and disadvantaged populations; Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments (ASCOG), Douglass Eastside Senior Citizens Center, and Duncan Regional Hospital Social Services; Agencies working with disadvantaged population; Oklahoma State Department of Human Services, Stephens County Health Department, Work Force Oklahoma, Christian Helping Hands, and Duncan Rescue Mission. The class came away with fresh ideas on agencies available to our individuals and families with special needs, information on accessing services available in our community, and how agencies receive funding and the roadblocks encountered. This excellent information assisted in dispelling myths and misconception about the vulnerable population in our community.



Economic Indicators

Stephens County Labor Force Data

| | Oct. '18 | Oct. '17 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Employment | 17,529 | 16,771 |
| Unemployment | 662 | 1,030 |
| Labor Force | 18,191 | 17,801 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6% | 5.8% |

City of Duncan Statistics

| | Dec. '18 | Dec. '17 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sales Tax Receipts | \$1,067,439.05 | \$1,204,003.00 |
| Use Tax Receipts | \$121,036.89 | \$148,678.99 |
| Stephens County Receipts | \$328,616.34 | \$328,876.00 |

Red River Technology Bid Assistance Center

| | Oct. '18 | Oct. '17 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Number of Clients | 90 | 84 |
| Bids Submitted | 8 | 3 |
| Contracts | 2 | 0 |
| Total Value of October 2018 Contracts | | \$570,000.00 |
| Total Value of contracts since July 2018 | | \$747,008.45 |

Welcome New Chamber Members

(November 28, 2018 – December 21, 2018)

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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 Penny Patton of BancFirst with 3 years and Lyle Roggow of Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation (DAEDF) with 3 years of service. Lyle will continue his service as an Ex-Officio member.



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COMPREHENSIVE QUICKBOOKS

Wednesday, January 23
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QuickBooks 2018 Laptops will be provided. QuickBooks software is perfect for small businesses that manage their own inventory, sales and other business transactions. Participants in this hands-on workshop will learn how to examine accounts, enter and pay vendors, record deposits, reconcile bank statements, customize reports and other business accounting functions. You will enter the information on the computer using practice sets and will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive guidance on how and why. Desktop version will be used for the training. Attendees will receive a coupon for a discount when ordering software from Intuit.

Presenter: MJ Brienen, Certified QuickBooks Pro Advisor
For more information, contact Marla Herndon, REI WBC, at 800.658.2823.

Investment: \$115 - Includes class and lunch.
Seating is limited to 12!

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