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ABSTRACT

DUNCAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BANQUET

SOARING TWENTIES




SINCE THE ROARING TWENTIES, THE DUNCAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN THE CONNECTING FORCE BETWEEN BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A HEALTHY ECONOMY AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN DUNCAN. WELCOME TO THE SOARING TWENTIES. A NEW ERA. WE ARE BEGINNING THE '20S FROM A PLACE OF STRENGTH CONTINUING OUR MISSION AND PLATFORMS FOR WHICH WE ARE BEST KNOWN, ADVOCATE, CONNECT, GROW.

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FEBRUARY CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Duncan Regional Hospital sponsored the February Chamber Breakfast. Jay Johnson, President and CEO, thanked Duncan and the communities within Stephens County for their support and patronage. Duncan Regional Hospital has a state-wide reputation as one of the premiere Oklahoma hospitals for medical excellence, advanced technology and nationally recognized high levels of patient satisfaction. Jay introduced Dr. Michael Hemphill. Dr. Hemphill is a Board Certified Pulmonologist. Duncan Regional Hospital continues to grow through increased medical specialization and the addition of new services to meet the needs of the communities that they serve. DRH has over 1,000 team members. Jay also talked about the renovations going on at the emergency department and the complexity of the project. DRH will open their first clinic in Comanche County in Elgin and will begin April 16 bringing the total presence of DRH to 10 communities. We would like to thank Duncan Regional Hospital for their continued partnership and support.

City Manager Kimberly Meek shared updates about our community. Marlow City Manager Jason McPherson talked about Marlow and progress there. Other speakers provided information and announcements on all things Duncan and included Darcy Reeves of CTAC, Cora Thomas of Safe Center, Susan Camp of Cameron University. **Katelyn Godfrey, Executive Director of the Beautiful Day Foundation was introduced and recognized as "Someone You Should Know".** Special entertainment was provided by Duncan Little Theatre singing selections from "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers". **DLT presents performances on February 28, 29, March 1, 6, and 7 at the Simmons Center.** Jared Smith won the \$75 drawing and donated it to Main Street Duncan.

Our next Chamber Breakfast is Thursday, March 5th! Arvest Bank and Walmart will be our sponsors. We hope to see you there!!

Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

Congratulations!



Duncan Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, along with Walmart crew and assistant manager Sandy Carl and store manager Marta French celebrated the launch of curbside grocery pickup with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday February 17th.

**Leadership
Duncan**

*Education Day a Learning
Experience for Class XXIV*



Channa Byerly and Allison Lovett, both Alumni of Class XIX, served as Day Chairs for the Leadership Duncan class centering on local education and current educational issues facing Duncan Public Schools and the State of Oklahoma. The objectives of the day were to gain knowledge of the STEM/Career Pathways initiative in the Duncan Educational community, to learn about the impact of local access to higher education from CU students, and to learn about educational opportunity for students enrolled at Red River Technology Center. Class XXIV spent the day learning about the programs offered at Red River Technology Center, Cameron University and Duncan Public Schools. A variety of speakers shared details about the Bio Med and Pre Engineering Program at RRTC, Higher Ed at Cameron, the STEM and career pathways programs at Duncan High School, and funding for public schools. DPS Superintendent Tom Deighan spoke about the DPS 2020 Vision Investment Program which includes two bond proposals benefiting every student, every program and every school. Susan Camp, Cameron University VP & Director, conducted a CU-Duncan Student Panel and Activity to demonstrate the impact of local access to higher education has on our community. Another highlight of the day was the tours conducted by various educators, administrators, and students of Duncan High School, Cameron University-Duncan, and Red River Technology Center. On March 3rd, Class XXIV will have their Health Services Day Session and on March 3rd, Class XXIV will travel to the State Capitol on April 14th for their State Government and Legislative Day. Class XXIV will graduate on May 12th.

Southwest Oklahoma Legislative Reception—Tuesday, April 7th

On Tuesday, April 7th, the Duncan Chamber of Commerce will host a delegation of members and community leaders in Oklahoma City as they participate in the 25th Annual Southwest Oklahoma Legislative Reception. This annual legislative reception is always well attended by area constituents who seek the opportunity to advocate for the needs of Duncan and Southwest Oklahoma.

The event is held at the Oklahoma History Center on Tuesday, April 7th, from 5 to 7 p.m. If you would like to sponsor or attend this important event, please contact the Duncan Chamber of Commerce.

Economic Indicators

Stephens County Labor Force Data

	Dec. '19	Dec. '18
Employment	17,602	17,198
Unemployment	856	644
Labor Force	18,458	17,842
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	3.6%

City of Duncan Statistics

	Feb. '20	Feb. '19
Sales Tax Receipts	\$1,223,707.64	\$1,418,911.91
Use Tax Receipts	\$212,637.11	\$207,859.70
Stephens County Receipts	\$428,266.57	\$441,721.89

Red River Technology Bid Assistance Center

	Dec. '19	Dec. '18
Number of Clients	99	83
Bids Submitted	3	1
Contracts	3	0
Total Value of December 2019 Contracts		\$163,895.70
Total Value of contracts since July 2019		\$1,337,065.19

Welcome New Chamber Members

(January 29, 2020—February 26, 2020)

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We look forward to serving you!

Business Directory Available

The new 2020 Duncan Community Profile and Business Directory is available at the Chamber office. The Directory contains the alphabetical and categorical listings of all Chamber members. The Chamber Directory 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. Pick yours up today!



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