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### FEBRUARY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



Duncan Regional Hospital sponsored the February Chamber Breakfast. Jay Johnson 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. It is only 1 of 2 hospitals in Oklahoma the is not part of a large healthcare network. Duncan Regional Hospital continues to grow through increased medical specialization and the addition of new services, like the Cath Lab, to meet the needs of the communities that they serve. For over 40 year, Duncan Regional Hospital and its tradition of excellence, compassion, integrity, innovation and service has established a legacy of care bringing value to all it serves. We would like to thank Duncan Regional Hospital for their continued partnership and support. Mayor Ritchie Dennington gave an update on the City of Duncan. Master Officer Ryan Atkinson presented on the February 13th Public Safety Tax Election. Other speakers provided information and announcements on all things Duncan. Brooke and Craig Martindale, Taco Casa owners, were introduced and recognized as new members. Sheri Rice of DeHart Air Conditioning was introduced as our newest member. Special entertainment was provided by Duncan Little Theatre with Miss Madison Wise singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", the famous theme from "Wizard of Oz". DLT presented "Wizard of Oz" on February 23rd and 24, and will also present it on March 1st through March 3rd at the Simmons Center.

Our next Chamber Breakfast is Thursday, March 1st! Charis Pregnancy Center, Inc. will be our sponsors. We hope to see you there!

### Duncan Chamber Legislative Event Series

On Tuesday, February 20th, the Duncan Chamber of Commerce hosted a delegation of members and community leaders to Oklahoma City to participate in the 23rd Annual Southwest Oklahoma Legislative Reception. This annual legislative reception was well attended by area constituents who had the opportunity to advocate for the needs of Duncan and Southwest Oklahoma. The event was held at the Oklahoma History Center. We would like to thank the following members for sponsoring Duncan at this most important event:

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### Leadership Duncan Class XXII State Capital Visit

Students of Leadership Duncan Class XXII will travel to the State Capitol on March 6th for their State Government and Legislative Day. The Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation sponsors this fast paced day and Lyle Roggow serves as Day Chairman. The objective of the day is to educate citizens about the process Oklahoma operates when passing legislation and fiscal budgeting for state agencies. The day will start with greetings from Lt. Governor Todd Lamb and a tour of the Capitol. The class will then observe both the House and Senate in session. Class XXII will then have the opportunity to meet with legislators who serve the Duncan area to include Representative Marcus McEntire, Senator Paul Scott, Senator Chris Kidd, and Representative Scooter Park. The Class will end their day with an exciting tour of the Oklahoma History Center.

**Leadership**  
**Duncan**

*Education Day a Learning  
Experience for Class XXII*



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 gain an awareness of student support initiatives in Duncan, to learn about the higher education degree opportunities through Cameron University, and to develop an awareness of current educational issues effecting Duncan Public Schools. Class XXII 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. Melonie Hau spoke about current educational issues effecting Duncan Public Schools and a District Review of the Strategic Plan. Haylee Root, Executive Director of the **Duncan Public Schools Foundation**, talked about the Foundation's role in encouraging community support of Duncan Public Schools. Susan Camp, Cameron University 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.

# Economic Indicators

## Stephens County Labor Force Data

	<b>Dec. '17</b>	<b>Dec. '16</b>
Employment	16,813	16,831
Unemployment	943	1,611
Labor Force	17,756	18,442
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	8.7%

## City of Duncan Statistics

	<b>Feb. '18</b>	<b>Feb. '17</b>
Sales Tax Receipts	\$	\$1,141,931.38
Use Tax Receipts	\$	\$79,074.59
Stephens County Receipts	\$	\$326,700.59

## Red River Technology Bid Assistance Center

	<b>Dec. '17</b>	<b>Dec. '16</b>
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

(January 26, 2018—February 28, 2018)

Elk Crossing Nursing & Rehabilitation  
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Duncan, OK 73533  
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We look forward to serving you!

## Business Directory Available

The new 2018 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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