



22nd Annual Southwest Oklahoma Legislative Reception

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Duncan Chamber Legislative Event Series

On February 7th, the Duncan Chamber of Commerce will lead a delegation of members and community leaders to Oklahoma City to participate in the 22th Annual Southwest Oklahoma Legislative Reception. This annual legislative reception is a wonderful opportunity to help keep our lawmakers focused on Duncan and the needs of 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>Centerpoint Energy</i>
<i>Cotton Electric</i>	<i>Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation</i>	<i>Duncan Power</i>	<i>Duncan Regional Hospital</i>
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<i>J. Kent Wilkinson, CPA</i>	<i>Legacy Bank</i>	<i>Public Service Company</i>	<i>Stephens County Abstract</i>

The Duncan Banner

Mark your calendars to attend our first legislative coffee on February 17th, 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 7th and June 9th at 7:30 a.m. We would like to thank Cameron University-Duncan for hosting this year's Legislative Coffee series.

JANUARY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST


Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

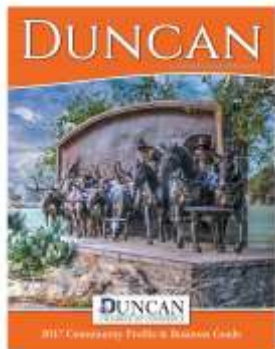
Over 90 people attended the first community breakfast of the New Year. We would like to thank Edward Jones for sponsoring the January Community Breakfast. Tanner Cline talked



about the many financial services provided by Edward Jones. Tanner introduced Edward Jones representatives Kelsey Avants, Kristen Arrington, Yancy Spivey, Lynn Bailey, Tanner Cline and Don Graham. 2017 Chamber Chairman Penny Slover of BancFirst informed the crowd about upcoming Chamber of Commerce events. Duncan Mayor Ritchie Dennington gave an update on the City of Duncan. And Marlow Mayor Brad Boles briefed Duncan about the many things happening in Marlow. Yancy Spivey apprised the community about the successes of the Duncan Rotary Benefit Auction and the lives it touched. Robin Arter, Executive Director of Ability First, talked about new exciting venture by Think Ability – a Community Garden in Duncan! The goal of the Think Ability Community Garden is to provide an opportunity to the people they serve and to promote and share the different types of gardening methods, plant varieties, composting techniques, and more. Ed Darling, Executive Director of the Stephens County United Way gave a message of hope for our community encouraging them to give generously to assist the 14 agencies that serve our community. MC Loisdawn Jones, with her CVB hat on, gave a presentation on the new customer service training coordinated through our Convention and Visitors Bureau available to assist employers. Other speakers provided information and announcements on subjects including updates on the CTAC by Darcy Reeves, AARP Tax Preparation by Haljean Gillispie, CU @ SC by Susan Camp. Haylee Root won the drawing for \$75 and donated to the Duncan Public Schools Foundation. We will be drawing from attendees for \$75 in cash at our next breakfast on February 2nd. Our sponsor for February will be Duncan Regional Hospital. Please join us!

♥ February 2017 ♥

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Business Tax Workshop~ RRTC	2 Chamber Breakfast 6:45-8a Simmons Center	3	4 Ultimate Calf Roping ~ Fair & Expo
5	6	7 Chamber SW OK Legislative Reception ~ Oklahoma History Center	8	9 New Business Tax Workshop ~ Chamber 9-11 am	10	11 OK Horse Fair ~ Expo Center Stephens County Coin Show Fair & Expo Center
12 Oklahoma Horse Fair ~ Expo Center	13	14 	15	16 Chamber Board 3:30 Board Room	17 Legislative Coffee 7:30 CU DLT's "Into the Woods" SC	18 DLT's "Into the Woods"
19	20	21 Chamber Blood Drive 2 to 5:30 Auditorium	22	23	24 DLT's Beauty and the Beast	25 DLT's Beauty and the Beast
26	27 78th Stephens County Jr. Livestock Show ~ Fair & Expo	28				



The new 2017 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 10th, The Social Services Day session for Class XXI included a full day studying a variety of topics related to social services in Duncan. As Day Chair, Julie McKinney, with the assistance of Laura Goldring, 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 provide by Laura Goldring (MaddieLuke Support). There were many informative presentations and agency tours of Ability First and the Duncan Community Residence. Other session highlights were the panel discussions that focused on Children and Senior Citizens.

Economic Indicators

Stephens County Labor Force Data

	Nov. '16	Nov. '15
Employment	18,028	19,498
Unemployment	1,691	1,334
Labor Force	19,719	20,832
Unemployment Rate	8.6%	6.4%

City of Duncan Statistics

	Jan. '17	Jan. '16
Sales Tax Receipts	\$ 1,160,084.72	\$970,998.78
Use Tax Receipts	\$ 80,093.23	\$85,844.31
Stephens County Receipts	\$328,074.78	\$315,215.66

Red River Technology Bid Assistance Center

	Dec. '16	Dec. '15
Number of Clients	78	73
Bids Submitted	4	130
Contracts	6	6
Total Value of December 2016 Contracts		\$26,592.80
Total Value of contracts since July 2016		\$1,068,630.81

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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(December 24, 2016—January 27, 2017)

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