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So... how was that Job Fair? ... If you missed the Job Fair you missed out on some great opportunities to showcase your business. For the 22 companies who did attend the DAEDF sponsored event, they had 530 people look at job descriptions and fill out applications on the spot. We also had 130 of those attending coming from Duncan Public School. Some individual companies reported that they had up to 50 applications, while seven` companies who have returned our post job fair survey reported they took 131 applications and have already hired 22 new people to their companies. All and all, it was a great success for the first combined job fair. DAEDF will make changes and improvements based on the surveys and personal experience for the next Duncan Area Job Fair.

The Rocky experience... As part of the Governor's Economic Development Team, DAEDF will from time to time attend events that build relationships and opportunities for Oklahoma and Duncan. Such was the case this past weekend, Lyle headed to CoreNet Global Trade Show in Denver. A world-wide group of 1,600 site consultants, industrial realtors and others involved in corporate location decisions were in attendance. Oklahoma hosted a networking event that DAEDF and other communities in our state jointly sponsored. We had about 120 very good contacts at our event!

Together, look at what we can accomplish... For many years the organizations and event entities in the Duncan area have **not** totally worked together. That all changed after the Dream Duncan's Destiny strategic planning sessions. Our community will be stronger because of the time spent on setting goals. As a direct result of these goals, five organizations have built a community calendar to that will benefit Duncan in many ways, including economically. First, this allows us to avoid booking events that will conflict with others. Second, citizens and visitors can search for all types of activities to do while in the area. Go to <http://www.duncancalendar.com> to preview this community accomplishment.

Taking care of DAEDF Business... Your staff at DAEDF has been very busy sending out proposals to prospective businesses. On Tuesday alone we sent out six packets to companies that are a great fit for Duncan. Last week, one was dropped off at the headquarters of a prospect. If we will continue working diligently and cooperate with our neighboring communities, we will all prosper together as a region.

Upcoming Dates....

Monday, May 7: Small Business Day at the Capitol – 1:00-5:00

Wednesday, May 9: Mountain Metro Meeting – Lawton – 9:00

Thursday, May 10: Community Breakfast – Simmons Center – 6:45

Friday, May 11: Duncan Chamber 4-Man Golf Scramble–Duncan Elks Golf & Country Club– 1:

Friday, May 18: Duncan Chamber Legislative Up-date – Simmons Center – 12:00