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Just Taking Care of Business... It is always nice to see a community bustling from one end to the other. Combining this with the fact that almost every available commercial property is full proves that the economy is doing well in our community. But this leads to a small problem. What property does one show a prospect? Is the available land enough to lure them to town? Probability not! The Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation Board has spent the last few months carefully studying the situation and looking at industrial park blue prints and has come to the conclusion that the time has come to build another “Spec Building”. The last time DAEDF did this we were able to attract Cameron Measurement Systems (formerly NuFlo) to occupy the building. In today’s market, prospects are looking for available buildings which can be occupied very quickly. Having a building will also allow DAEDF the opportunity to center our recruitment efforts with the focus on a 30,000 square foot structure which is readily available, and the prospect can customize for occupancy.

It’s OK to Borrow Ideas... Communities don’t transform themselves over night. Instead they implement best practices from other successful communities. Therefore, Duncan is doing community exchange with Ponca City on July 31 and August 1 with a selected group representing the city, chamber, Main Street, tourism, school and economic development. Such an event will prove to be healthy and forward thinking as we look for good ideas from Ponca City to implement here in Duncan. In the future, citizens from Ponca City will journey to Duncan to gather ideas and bring them back to their community.

Time to Start Planning the Next Job Fair... Our next job fair is going to be organized a little differently than the one held in April. This time we are incorporating a career fair within our job fair. We have scheduled this event to be held from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm at the Simmons Center on Thursday, November 15th. We will invite our local high schools to bring students in the morning, and allow them to discover the job opportunities available in Duncan, as well as the pay scale and education requirements for these jobs. Job seekers will be encouraged to attend the job fair from 11:00 until 6:00. We feel this will be an excellent opportunity to develop our future workforce and fill the needs of our local businesses at the same time. More information will be passed along as it becomes available, but if your business would like to participate, contact Christy Dixon at (580)255-9675, or at christy@ok-duncan.com.

DAEDF would like to welcome our newest members to the foundation; IBC Bank and Rice Family, LLC. For more information about membership, please contact our office.

Upcoming Dates....

Friday-Saturday, July 20-21: World’s Largest Garage Sale – Duncan

Saturday, July 28: Dehydrator Bicycle Ride/Race – Duncan

Tuesday-Wednesday, July 31- August 1: Community Exchange – Ponca City