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Job Fair ... DAEDF is continually focusing on the opportunities for companies and individuals to come together as well as planting seeds for future workforce. Our interactive job/career fair is set for **Thursday, November 15, 9am to 6pm** at the Simmons Center. DAEDF has invited Team Thunder (www.team-thunder.org) to the event to demonstrate all the different careers and applications involved in building a dragster. The best part is attendees will get to see the dragster and hear the roar of the engine. Students have been invited from the Red River Technology Center sending schools to participate in the career portion of this event which will be held from 9am-12pm. The traditional job fair portion of the event will be held from 1pm-6pm. If your company is looking for employees now or in the future, this event is a good place for your company to invest time nurturing business growth. Space is limited; contact Christy Dixon at 580-255-9675 to reserve your free booth. Our next job fair will occur in April 2008 and DAEDF will formally announce on November 15th that we are hosting an engineering event and entrepreneurship competition that these schools will be able to send teams to participate in at the 2008 career/job fair.

We are Squealing for Economic Development ... Every community across the country looks at economic development with a different set of rules. When one applies the holistic approach, a community must also pay attention the multi-day events that fill every hotel room within a 45 mile radius of Duncan. Next week our community will host the National Swine Registry. This event brings people from about 30 states for the four day show and sale. Like always, let's keep a smile on our face while these folks visit our wonderful community to spend their time and money.

Show Off ... That's Right! This past week our community was host to the Oklahoma Community Institute, "Citizens Academy". About 45 individual across the state came to Duncan for the two day training. Tours of the community were conducted by Debra Burch and Lyle Roggow. Jessica McDonnell organized the hosting of this leadership program, and many other citizens and business assisted in making Duncan look great! Thanks to all who played a role!

TIF ... In the upcoming legislative session there will be much discussion about Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts. A TIF is an economic development tool that can allow communities of all sizes the ability to compete for industry and business with a mechanism to repay the cost of improvements. By doing so, county governments, school districts and other entities must wait to receive their share of the new property tax created. It is a great tool if used correctly in the spirit of the law.

Upcoming Dates....

Monday, November 12, Veteran's Day

Wed- Sat, November 14-17, National Swine Registry / Fall Classic – Stephens County Expo

Thursday, November 15, Duncan Area Career Fair/Job Fair – Simmons Center

Monday, November 19, DAEDF Board Meeting, 10am – DAEDF Office