

# DUNCAN

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**How was the Career/Job Fair? ...**DAEDF sponsored a joint Career/Job fair on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Most of the area schools participated in the morning career fair event which focused on careers that can be found in Duncan. We had approximately 250 students intently listening to the messages presented from Duncan's own Mark Newman of Richard's Manufacturing and Sam Parton from Team Thunder. Sam gave the students a career vision and encouraged them to dream and work toward that dream; he also discussed the different skills needed to build a dragster. Mark Newman announced that his company has decided to double the prize money given for the engineering and entrepreneurship contest that DAEDF will host next April. The greatest compliments came from the school counselors who were excited about the event and how it impacted their student's path to a career choice, and are looking forward to the next event. We also had well over 100 individuals visit our participating companies during the afternoon job fair. Thanks goes out to those individuals who continue investing their time toward the long term vision for Duncan.

**Someone Stepped up to the Plate for Duncan ...** Integrity Trailer Company stepped up to the plate to help Duncan secure the contract for the Nation Swine Registry for the next three years. They are an Oklahoma based company that understands the importance of this event. The final contract has not been approved by the organization but they were very happy with how smooth the event went.

**Recruiting those Prospective Companies ...** Duncan has been working with several companies to find prospective sites for expanding or relocating their business to our area. Two weeks ago, we had a West Coast company in town looking at Duncan. This week we hosted a group from TX and in mid-December we have a company from Canada coming to Duncan. The company from TX had two great days to visit with our office on their project. It's safe to say that the chemistry of everyone was very good. Our community matches up very well with the community that this business is currently located in as well the rich oil heritage and friendly people. More than anything, we have the resources needed for this project.

**Local Business is Getting Media Attention ...** There is nothing wrong with getting a little free media attention. This week Duncan's very own Red's Beds was in the spot light in the Daily Oklahoman "Made in Oklahoma" section. The attention sparked an additional request from the Lawton Constitution, now they are planning to run a story on Red's Beds. This all leads to great positive attention, good job!

### **Upcoming Dates....**

Wed. - Friday, December 5 - 7, Oklahoma Community Institute Conference – OKC

Thursday, December 6, Web Tools Seminar, 10am – Cameron University Duncan

Thursday, December 6, State Chamber Meeting – OKC

Thursday, December 13, SCO Workforce Investment Board Meeting, 6pm – Lawton Great Plains

Friday, December 14, Pre-Paid Legal Open House, 2-4pm – Duncan

Monday, December 17, DAEDF Board Meeting, 10am – DAEDF Office