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The Latest On The Lt. Gov's Turkey Hunt ... As many know, our community is one of five communities across the state that hosts the Lieutenant Governor's annual turkey hunt. The current number of hunters coming to our community is 16. There will be a representative with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) assisting us and the other communities who are participating in this year's recruiting event. These individual hunters represent a wide array of business. Some are site selectors, real estate brokers, prospective businesses and projects we are working to attract. Most of our hunters are from the Dallas, Texas area, which fits well into the Duncan game plan of attracting and growing new prospects from our neighbor to the south. Some events are scheduled to allow members of DAEDF an opportunity to visit with our guest.

So...How Close Are We? ... From the outside looking in at a project it appears to be quite simple. Just make a few phone calls, write a letter or two and the project is complete. Not quite that easy. The tricky part is making sure that all details and steps involved have been carefully followed so nothing major goes wrong on a project that will last 14-16 months. We are almost ready to see expansion plans implemented at Cameron Measurement Systems. The lead bank (Arvest) has the investment partnership of BancFirst and First National Bank of Marlow complete. In doing so, they have done a complete appraisal, reviewed all building plans, grade and site work. Department of Environmental Quality has given their approval on the Notice of Intent. The City of Duncan has set aside the funds for our portion of the project, the Board of Adjustment approved the parking issue and permits are being reviewed. Contracts have been written for Duncan Construction to begin the task and Cameron Measurement Systems to guarantee receipt of the building once completed. Once contracts are officially signed, we should begin seeing destruction on a portion of the building, dirt work being done and steel being erected.

New Staff Member Joining DAEDF ... Jessika McDonnell will begin her role as Business and Industry Development Specialist on April 21st. She brings great marketing experience to DAEDF. We are excited to have her join us.

Duncan Robotic Team Needs Our Help ... Under the direction of F. Gerald Wheeler, Duncan High School students formed a Robotics team and won the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Regional Competition and is now headed to the FIRST Robotics World Championship held April 17-19 in Atlanta, GA. They also won the Delphi "Driving Tomorrow's Technology" award for having the most innovative design. They must raise **\$15,000** immediately and so far have collected \$3,000. Our students would appreciate any contributions to help them reach their goal so that they may have the opportunity to compete in a circumstance that will enrich their lives.

Upcoming Dates....

Wednesday-Friday, April 9-11: Lt. Governors Turkey Hunt

Thursday, April 17: Community Breakfast, 7am – Simmons Center

Monday, April 28: DAEDF Board Meeting, 10am – DAEDF

Tuesday, April 29: Job / Career Fair, 9-6 – Simmons Center