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Bryan County Assessor
Bryan County Commissioner's Office
Bryan County Clerk
Bryan County Election Board
Bryan County Tag Agency
Bryan County Treasurer
Bryan County Sheriff's Office
Choctaw Nation Tribal Complex
Choctaw Nation Recycling Center
City of Durant - City Hall
City of Durant - City Clerk
City of Durant - Utilities
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580-924-3000
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580-931-6630
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Non-Emergency Durant Police Department	580-924-3737
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FROM THE CHAMBER

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for more details on a time
capsule to be unearthed
from the World's Largest
Peanut in 2023! Whether you
are stopping by for a visit or
establishing a permanent
home, we invite you to **DIS-**

COVER DURANT!

Durant is fortunate to be the headquarters of the Choctaw Nation. The Choctaw Casino Resort has many amenities including the several water features with separate swim areas for families and adults only, The Spa, The Grand Theater which hosts many quality entertainers, many dining and gaming options, and The District which features a movie theater, bowling alley, and arcade.

The Choctaw Cultural Center is also conveniently located off Highway 75. Journey through history as told through dynamic displays and immersive storytelling.

Durant is also the proud home to Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Southeastern enhances our rural setting by providing quality higher education, Savage Storm sporting events, and excellent music and theater productions along with hosting the annual Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival every summer.

Southeastern is also proud to be home to the Semple Family Museum of Native American Art, which serves as the permanent home of their extensive Native American Art collection that represents 26 federally recognized tribes and 80-plus artists.

Be sure to visit our charming downtown! Our historic main street offers a variety of shopping, restaurants, and tons of selfie-worthy stops at many colorful murals. Another asset to our downtown

is the Three Valley Museum, which features many historic articles and exhibits. Don't forget to include a stop at Lake Texoma - only 15 minutes from Durant. With 89,000 acres of water to enjoy. Also, just 15 minutes from Durant is Fort Washita, be sure to stop and explore the fascinating history of the Fort

All this and more await you to **DISCOVER in DU-RANT!** For more information contact the Durant Area Chamber of Commerce at 580-924-0848, www.durant-chamber.org, www.discoverdurant.com, 215 N 4th Ave in Durant.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Choctaw Nation	3927
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	850
Alliance Health	610
BrucePac	350
Big Lots Distribution Center	345
Webstaurant Store	300
First United Bank	326
Cardinal Glass FG	260
CMC Steel	250
Indian Nation Wholesale	230

Eagle Suspensions	170
Roll-Offs of America	140
SteelFab Inc	110
Bobrick-Gamco	95
People First Industries	89
Texoma Manufacturing	60
UPS	45
Southeastern Electric Cooperative	35
Rustin Concrete	30

AREA STATISTICS

POPULATION

Durant: 19,088

Bryan County: 47,105

State of Oklahoma: 3,986,639

DURANT AREA STATISTICS

Households: 6,941

Average Household Size: 2.54

Median Age: 33.9

Median Household Income: \$39,097 Average Household Income: \$59,858

Per Capita Income: \$24,098

Sources:

https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/durantcityoklahoma,OK,bryancountyoklahoma,US/PST045221







FORT WASHITA

ort Washita was built in 1842 as the southwestern-most military post of the United States. The mission of Fort Washita was to protect the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes from the Plains Indians. Fort Washita operated through 1865 and still stands today as a historic site and museum where visitors can learn what life was like before and during the Civil War.

After the war, the fort was granted to the Chickasaw Nation and later the Dawes Commission allotted the fort and surrounding land to the Charles and Abbie Davis Colbert family.

After being abandoned in 1862 by Federal forces, and then occupied by Confederate troops during the Civil War, the Oklahoma Historical Society acquired Fort Washita in 1962 and restored it to the historic site and museum that stands today. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is designed as a National Historic Landmark.

The Chickasaw Nation now owns and operates the property.

Fort Washita gives visitors the opportunity to explore the restored structures, see



Among activities at Fort Washita are Civil War reenactments.

Civil War reenactments, and experience a yearly Fur Trade Era Rendezvous, which takes visitors on a journey of the past through educational stations, storytellers and more.

In April, the annual Ren-

dezvous is held at the fort.

Fort Washita is located at 3348 Highway 199. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Group tours are also available. Phone number is (580) 924-6502.



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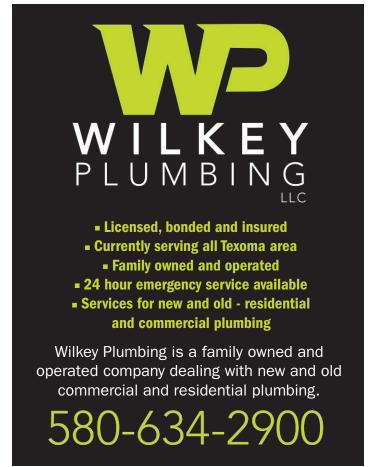
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World's Largest Peanut

urant, Oklahoma is proud to be the home of the World's Largest Peanut. Sitting on the corner of 3rd and Evergreen, the World's Largest Peanut was unveiled on Friday, November 15, 1974. It is 3 feet long and 18 inches around. The peanut is dedicated to the Bryan County Peanut Growers and Processors.

Olin Miller, a Durant businessman, came up with the nutty idea to promote the town. He along with two banks in town, John Haskins at DeLeon Peanut Co, and Jack Sawyer of Goldkist split the cost to have the peanut constructed.

To make sure not just any peanut would be memorialized, Miller took a bag of Bryan County peanuts to A.R.K Ramos in Oklahoma City. An artist from the firm sorted through the specimens, choosing a favorite based on color and shape. He put the winner in a glass jar,



examined it from all angles and sketched a precise model that was cast.

Over the years the peanut has been one of the most popular places in the area to snap a selfie. The peanut was so popular in fact that it was repeatedly stolen by local teens so the police removed it for a time, but the beloved peanut was quickly returned.

For more information on

the time capsule unearthing coming June of 2023. Visit durantchamber.org or discoverdurant.com. You can also follow our social media pages on Facebook or call 580-924-0848.

LEADERSHIP DURANT

eadership Durant, under the umbrella of the Durant Area Chamber of Commerce, is a yearly class for professionals who desire to learn more about their community and develop or further enhance their leadership skills. The Leadership Durant class begins each July, meets one day for each month except for December, and completes each July with a graduation.

Classes will include activities ranging from team-building exercises to visiting local schools, hospitals, major employers, and media, along with meeting local and state

officials.

Leadership Durant participants also volunteer for various events and organizations throughout the year and fundraise money to donate to a non-profit of that class' choice.

Former class members include vice presidents of

banks, business owners, teachers, managers, professors, attorneys, and more.

For more information on Leadership Durant and to apply for the program, contact the Durant Area Chamber of Commerce at 580-924-0848 or visit www.durantchamber.org.





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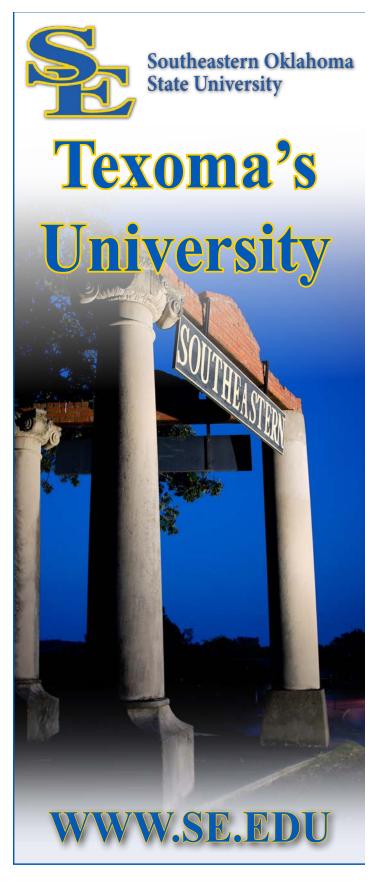
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Southeastern Oklahoma State University ___



outheastern Oklahoma State University is continuing its impressive growth with an all-time record of 5,376 students enrolled in the fall of 2022.

According to figures provided by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Southeastern's enrollment increased by 37.7 percent over the past 10 years, marking the largest growth of any of the 25 public colleges/universities in Oklahoma during that time period.

Dr. Thomas Newsom serves as president at Southeastern, a position he has held since the spring of 2020.

Southeastern is one of six institutions in the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO); it was established as a normal school in 1909 with an early mission of training public school teachers.

The University, which offers more than 45 degree programs, is nationally known for such fields of study as Aviation, Elementary Education, Sciences, Business, and Occupational Safety and Health. Quality academic programs and faculty, small class sizes, flexible delivery instruction, affordability, and

location are some of the key attributes that attract students to Southeastern.

In addition to the main campus in Durant, programs/classes are offered at the McCurtain County campus; Murray State College at Ardmore; McAlester Higher Education Center; Tinker Air Force Base; Rose State College Aviation Program; and Grayson College in Denison, Texas.

Approximately 85 percent of Southeastern students receive financial aid — in addition to a comprehensive scholarship program, Southeastern offers out-of-state tuition waivers. The 2020-2021 student body was represented by students from 49 states and 56 countries through our strong online presence. Each year, more than 50 percent of SE's graduates are first-generation college graduates.

Southeastern is also ranked annually among the top 10 schools nationally in producing Native American graduates. It offers a number of innovative programs to assist Native American students, who comprise approximately 30 percent of the total student enrollment. SE's

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Native American Institute provides students with services such as tutoring, counseling, advising, and career placement.

Southeastern's Aviation Sciences Institute (ASI) is the aviation operations department of Southeastern Oklahoma State University and has a rich history of academic and professional pilot accomplishments dating back 56 years.

The ASI has Professional Pilot and Aviation Management degree focus areas and operates classroom and flight training at the Durant campus and classroom academics at Tinker Air Force Base and Rose State College in Oklahoma City. The Professional Pilot degree program is accredited by the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) and adheres to tight academic, safety and flight training standards of excellence and professionalism. ASI has partnerships with Delta, Envoy, and Southwest Airlines for student training and career pathway opportunities.

Over the past year, the University has:

• Expanded its aviation program with additional

planes and a state-of-the art flight simulator

- Signed an agreement with Murray College to offer a nursing program
- Broken ground on a new rodeo exposition center
- Developed a comprehensive campus master plan
- Through the generosity of the Massey
 Family, announced the
 establishment of the
 John Massey Leadership
 Scholars Program
- Through the generosity of the Semples, the Semple Family Museum of Native American Art formallyopened on campus
- Worked with the Choctaw Nation to establish the Southeastern at Choctaw Nation program to provide academic advisement and educational guidance to the Nation's employees

Athletically, the Southeastern Savage Storm compete in the Great American Conference of NCAA Division II, and the University also offers a wide array of cultural and fine arts events for the community.

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CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

alito! The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma welcomes you to Durant.

With tribal culture on full display throughout the calendar year, from Wildcat Month (January) to Blackberry Month (June) and Native American Heritage Month (November), with over 12,000 associates and more than 200,000 tribal members of the Choctaw Nation say, Yakoke (Thank you) for joining us and enjoy Durant!

Durant is the county seat of Bryan County, one of 10.5 counties in southeastern Oklahoma that are home to the Choctaw Nation. Chukka Hina Road is where the Choctaw Nation Headquarters is located, on a campus which includes several tribal service facilities. such as the Choctaw Nation Regional Medical Clinic, Choctaw Medical Administration building, Choctaw Community Center, Choctaw Food Distribution Center, Choctaw Wellness Center, a Choctaw Child Development Center and the Choctaw Nation Judicial Center. The campus also includes a lighted walking path, two large ponds, a hillside amphitheater, a Choctaw Store and the Roots Café.

From family researchers and history buffs to art lovers and Indian culture enthusiasts, all will enjoy the free guided or virtual tours that are available in most buildings. Visitors can view hundreds of original works of art by native Choctaw artists, historical photographs and early examples of cultural artifacts – pottery, wood carvings, beaded jewelry and more – all set in these state-of-the-art business facilities.

Nearby, just off the 20-acre campus, are several more Choctaw Nation offices and businesses, including Choctaw Public Safety, Choctaw Print Services and the Child Care Facility, which cares



for nearly 300 children.

In the summer of 2021, the Choctaw Cultural Center opened. The nearly 98,000 square feet facility hosts two exhibit halls, an art gallery, auditorium, a children's area, classrooms, offices, a gift shop and the Champuli café. The surrounding site includes a stickball field, a living village and a traditional mound.

Outside of Durant, the Choctaw
Nation has federal contracts to develop drone aviation through Choctaw
Defense, a 30-year history of proven success as a military and civilian contractor. All are signs of a vibrant tribal economy with nearly a \$15 billion impact which the tribes have contributed to the state of Oklahoma.

The Choctaw Nation is also known for its warm hospitality. Visitors are invited to stay for a while in beautiful Choctaw Country, bordered by Lake Texoma (the state's largest lake), the ancient Kiamichi Mountains, Ouachita National Forest and early-day settle-

ment and Choctaw capitol of Tvshka Homma.

Located at the southern access to Durant, the intersection of Highway 69/75 and Choctaw Road, is the spectacular Choctaw Casino & Resort – Durant. This go-to place has emerged as a getaway destination for North Texas and the multi-state region.

In August 2021, Choctaw Casino & Resort - Durant opened the Sky Tower hotel. The luxury 21-story, non-smoking hotel addition expanded the gaming experience with elevated amenities. With over 1.000 additional new hotel rooms and hospitality suites, 3,300 new slot machines, 40 new table games, six new restaurants, eleven bars and lounges, a new poker room with 30 tables, two retail shopping venues, two new movie theaters, Aqua - a new tropical escape with two pools and 50 poolside cabanas and a world-class collection of Choctaw art, the expanded Choctaw Casino & Resort - Durant is one of the largest in the U.S.

CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Take in the biggest names in entertainment at the Academy of Country Music (AMC) award-winning Grand Theater and Gilley's. Or play at The District, which features bowling, an arcade, and six movie theatres. Need to unwind? Visit The Spa and be pampered with one of our specialty treatments while basking in the serenity of our natural environment. Then, recharge for the night in any of our 1.700 hotel rooms in our AAA Four-Diamond hotel.

For outdoor-loving travelers, the Choctaw RV Park is located directly across from the Choctaw Casino & Resort – Durant. The Choctaw RV Park, named the

nation's best KOA, is open year-round with more than 30 camper hookup sites. The park's lodge features a video game room, public computers, a full-kitchenequipped meeting hall, picnic tables, cook-out grills, a pool and shower amenities. It is an ideal place for family reunions of all sizes.

There are 17 full-service Choctaw Travel Plazas dotting southeast Oklahoma, two are in Durant with adjoining Casino Too rooms, a tobacco shop and Burger King.

At certain times of the year, Choctaw Country is even more festive. The Fourth of July and Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival



Choctaw Nation Headquarters.

are among holidays filled with extra fun for all ages throughout the Choctaw Nation.

Chief Gary Batton, Assistant Chief Jack Austin Jr. and the Councilpersons of the 12 Choctaw Districts keep the values of "faith,"

family and culture" at the heart of Choctaw Nation endeavors.

Chief Batton says, "We hope you enjoy your time here with us. In Choctaw, there is no word for goodbye. Instead, we say 'Chi pisa la chike', I'll see you later."

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Democrat's Best of Texoma poll.

TMC is a 414-bed acute care hospital with more than 3,500 employees; 450-plus physicians; and over 120 volunteers trained to meet the health-care needs of our patients. TMC services include open-heart surgery, orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery and trauma care. The hospital is nationally recognized for stroke, chest pain, breast care,

bariatric surgery, neonatology, emergency care and joint replacement.

An expansion project completed in 2018 added a new bed tower, doubled the size of the emergency department and added more Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and women's services patient rooms. The expansion also included the addition of a 12-all private room Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), a service not offered by

any other hospital in the region. Since opening the new service line. TMC has achieved designation as the region's only Level II NICU. In August 2020, TMC expanded Home Health services to Durant, OK, and Bonham, TX. The hospital's main campus continues to expand with the recent construction of a new three-story Medical Office Building, and Outpatient Surgery Center which is due to open in

TEXOMA MEDICAL CENTER

early 2022.

The Texoma Heart
Institute (THI) at TMC is
accredited as a Chest Pain
Center with Primary PCI,
nationally recognized
for heart care and stands
ready to take on cardiac
emergencies.

Cardiac specialists at TMC perform trans-catheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), a minimally invasive procedure to replace the aortic valve in people with aortic valve stenosis; WATCHMAN™ Left Atrial Appendage Closure Implant, an alternative for patients on blood thinners: and Transradial Cardiac Catheterization, a procedure that allows your trained provider access to your heart through the wrist instead of through the femoral artery in the thigh.

TMC is certified as a Primary Stroke Center by The Joint Commission and is the only hospital in 50 miles to earn the Get with the Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus award from the American Heart Association® in 2021 on all three target levels of Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus, Advanced Therapy and Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll.

The neuro-interventional center at TMC offers biplane angiography

used to diagnose and treat stroke and other neuro-logical conditions, including brain aneurysms, carotid artery blockages, brain and neck tumors, intracranial hemorrhages and arteriovenous malformations.

The neuro-trauma team at Texoma Medical Center utilizes a timely, evidence-based approach to caring for neuro-trauma patients. With the advanced technology of the intracranial monitoring system and trained neuro-intensivists from the critical care unit, they provide surgical fixation for various types of spine and head trauma. Our Neurological specialists also treat low back and neck pain.

As a Level III designated trauma center, the hospital provides advanced emergency services to victims of motor vehicle accidents, heart attacks and other trauma. TMC operates both of the area's first freestanding emergency facilities to be operated under a hospital license. ER at Sherman opened in Sherman Town Center in 2019 and ER at Anna opened in September of 2020.

The hospital utilizes robotic surgical technology with the da Vinci Xi® Surgery System for complex, minimally invasive surgeries including general surgery, urology, gynecology, thoracic and weight-loss surgery. TMC also offers Mako SmartRobotics™, a surgical tool that provides relief for pain in patients who need joint replacement surgery including total knee, partial knee and total hip.

This addition compliments the Orthopedics program at TMC that has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Hip and Knee Joint Replacement.

The TMC Diabetes
LifeCenter is recognized
by the American Diabetes Association for meeting national standards
for diabetes self-management education,
while the TMC Center
for Wound Healing and
Hyperbaric Medicine has
been deemed a Center of
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and named Center of the Year for 2019. The bariatric surgery program is fully accredited by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program. The TMC Breast Care Center is the region's only Breast Imaging Center of Excellence and is fully accredited by the American College of Radiology in mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy. breast ultrasound and ultrasound-quided breast biopsy.

TMC employees are actively involved with Habitat for Humanity® of Grayson County, Salvation Army® Angel Tree Program and the United Way®, giving of their time and resources to better the communities that we serve

To learn more about Texoma Medical Center, visit www.texomamedical-center.net.





DURANT INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY

ust over the horizon from Lake Texoma, Durant is the gem of southeastern Oklahoma. Discover the possibilities. opportunity, and satisfaction in a city where your dollar stretches farther and you can dream bigger. A place where outstanding K-12 schools prepare students for global competition and success, where inviting neighborhoods are affordable, and where life is more rewarding in a heritage-rich community with a dynamic focus on the future. Living this dream in Durant was made possible by every organization who provides some service to our residents, and whose volunteers spent time serving this community. It was made possible by the companies who chose to create jobs in Durant, and to those entrepreneurs who took the first frightful step to open for business in our City.

Nichole Tucker, a veteran educator who spent more than 15 years as a teacher in the Durant Independent School District is now serving the city in economic development as Durant economic development director/Durant Industrial Authority executive director.

She most recently worked at the Small Business Development Center and prior to that, taught elementary school in Durant from 2003-2019. Tucker earned an undergraduate degree in ele-



Photo provided

The downtown corridor is very important to economic development.

mentary education and also a graduate degree in administration, both from Southeastern. She has lived in Durant since attending Southeastern.

"I've been ingrained into serving Durant for my entire career one way or the other so I love Durant. I am committed to it and I think that it's a fantastic place to raise families and I just want to make it prosperous enough where we can keep our graduates from Southeastern and they can be prosperous here, have careers here and raise their families here," Tucker said.

2023 marked sixty-six years since the charter of the Durant Industrial Foundation, now known as the Durant Industrial Authority. During this time, Durant has experienced exponential growth in population, businesses, and geographical boundaries. As we entered 2023, we celebrated each of the following successes of the previous year, and we look forward to conquering the opportunities on our horizon:

DURANT INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY

· Continued focus on supporting local businesses. - We implemented a Business Retention & Expansion effort, where we interview local business representatives to gain a better understanding about their company, barriers to success, and opportunities for growth. A Small Business Bootcamp was implemented by Team Durant, with local partnerships including City of Durant, Durant Chamber of Commerce, OKSBDC. REI, Durant Main Street and Kiamichi Technology Center. This education experience allows local small businesses within targeted distressed tracks in Durant city limits to gain continued education to launch their business into growth and retention. After completion of this education program participants are eligible to apply for a grant up to five thousand dollars issued by Durant Industrial Authority.

Building our Marketing presence. - Along with the new website, the Durant Industrial Authority launched a new social media presence on LinkedIn and Facebook. Social media has been used to encourage support for local businesses, bring awareness to various community activities, and as a recruitment tool for the workforce. Last year, we joined Select Oklahoma. and currently have a presence on the marketing committee for the State.

• We experienced some growth. - Choctaw Nation, Bruscepac SG Blocks, Cardinal Glass, ETS Lindgren and Gamco were among the local companies who underwent expansion projects in 2022. SG Blocks entered into an agreement to purchase approximately 114 acres in Durant, where they plan to build a mixed-use development. The development will be inclusive of a manufactur-

ing facility and approximately 300 multi-family residential units. New housing developments also continue to grow, with more than sixty single-family and eleven multi-family building permits issued for 2022.

On the Horizon. - Retail Strategies has been marketing Durant to at least a dozen national brands, and we hope to see additional growth in the retail sector in the coming year.

• Durant as an Aerospace Competitor – Aerospace and Defense is the second-largest and fastest-growing industry sector in Oklahoma. As we continue to collaborate with the Oklahoma Delegation to market our State, we are learning more about becoming an aerospace destination for business. Over the next year, we will be working with the Durant Regional Airport, KSA

Engineering and local

stakeholders to plan for future growth opportunities for our community. The Durant Industrial Authority is dedicated to the growth of our community and to improving the quality of life for our residents. We are continuously developing initiatives to bring new investment and quality jobs to Durant, while working to support our locally owned businesses.

In Durant, higher pay is just the beginning with leading companies making a difference in the world—companies that value your skill, in a community invested in your success. A city with classic American character and unique charm, Durant welcomes people like you who are eager to create a life that's richer in every way.

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Ground was broken last year for the new George Washington Elementary School on Gerlach Drive.

Durant Public School system continues tradition of excellence

or more than 100 years, Durant Public Schools has served as the flagship of our community. With a proud history of outstanding achievement, winning both state and national honors in academics, music, and sporting events, Durant ISD is poised to carry on the tradition of excellence. Each of the seven DISD sites is committed to offering current curriculum and digital tools to provide an exceptional educational experience for every student. Students at all sites are excelling under the Oklahoma state testing program. Within the Oklahoma Academic Performance rating system, students in grades 3 through 8 scored an average of 180 points higher than the state average last year. Durant High School boasts academic accomplishment with thirteen National Merit Scholars in the last

fifteen years and nearly 60% of all graduates pursuing higher education. Behind the success of DISD, is the commitment of our award-winning faculty. With over 71% of the faculty holding advanced degrees, teachers demonstrate that high expectations are not just something they teach, but something they live.

Community involvement has been the key to success for Durant Public Schools. Durant's booming economy has created thousands of new jobs making employment growth in Bryan County the highest in the state. With new employment opportunities, come new families and in turn new students for Durant Schools. This recent economic expansion has led Durant Schools to its highest enrollment ever. Durant citizens vote to support school bond issues on a

regular basis, which ensures that students are provided with a safe and educationally sound learning environment. Parents, faculty, business members, and volunteers all play active roles in Durant ISD schools.

Whether you search all across the country or just across the state, you will find an undeniable truth at the core of the citizens of Durant. When it comes to education there's no better place to learn.

Voters approved a bond proposition in September 2019 to build the new two-story George Washington Elementary School on Gerlach Drive. The kindergarten-fourth grade school is 96,634 square feet.

This is the first new elementary school for Durant since Northwest Heights opened in 1968 and construction wrapped up in time for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

The new school serves 530 students and fourth grade, previously at the intermediate school, was moved back to the elementary schools. Valerie Crabtree who was previously principal of Northwest Heights, is the principal for George Washington Elementary School.

"This is an exciting time for our district and I am honored to serve our students, staff, and community in this new capacity," Crabtree said, after being named principal of the new school.

Durant Schools Superintendent Duane Merideth thanked everyone for making the new school a reality.

"First and foremost, I want to thank everyone in our school district, the patrons and the parents for passing the bond so we could build this facility that will serve the

EDUCATION

school district for many years to come," Merideth said. "It's a beautiful facility."

With a proud history of outstanding achievement, winning both state and national honors in academics, music, and sporting events, Durant ISD is poised to carry on the tradition of excellence. Merideth said that mission will be accomplished through professional learning communities.

This is an education strategy in which teachers, administrators and the community used ideas, questions and shared characteristics to determine their teaching techniques. By determining such things as what students

need to learn, how to know if they have learned it and what to do next can enable schools to deliver the best education. Merideth said it sounds simple, but when dealing with a wide range of students from many demographics, the task can be daunting.

He added that this is a process that will never end and that is at work throughout the district.

"This is not a "program," Merideth said. "This is a process that never ends."

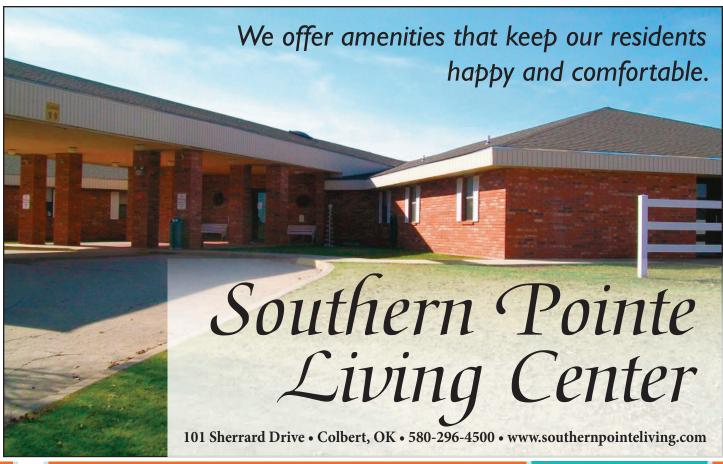
Durant High School on Gerlach Drive includes a vocational/agricultural classroom building, softball and baseball field, tennis courts and football practice facilities. The football practice fields are equipped with lights.

It features an indoor multisport facility that truly levels the playing field. It has areas for football, trach, baseball and golf. The turf even has home plate as well as bases.

Durant's public-school system has been mentioned by two Oklahoma governors as being exceptional schools and has had numerous teachers make the state's top list. The high school also follows the four-by-four program, requiring all graduates to have four courses in the core curriculum program for each year.

The district's achievement scores are above national and state levels. With the help of the Safe Schools/ Healthy Students program, the district has begun programs such as the Truancy Court project and Reconnecting Youth to lower drop-out rates and give an extra boost to those students who may need just a little more help.

The seven campuses comprising Durant ISD are: Durant High School, Durant Middle School, Durant Intermediate School, and four elementary campuses named George Washington, Northwest Heights, Washington Irving and Robert E. Lee Early Childhood Center.



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Kiamichi Tech's Center for Workforce Advancement offers training for Choctaw Casino employees.

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Center for Workforce Advancement

A grand opening of Kiamichi Tech's Center for Workforce Advancement was held in April 2021 and officials say it serves as the premier workforce training center for Bryan County and surrounding communities.

It is located in the former George Washington Elementary School at 314 E. Main St. and classes began in March 2021 after the facility was renovated.

Kiamichi Tech's Center for Workforce Advancement houses the Durant Campus Workforce and Economic Development Division and serves as the premier training center to meet industry and workforce needs in Bryan County.

Classes offered range from healthcare courses, like Phlebotomy and CNA, to specialized hospitality and culinary training. The Center for Workforce Advancement will house customized safety and industry training for local businesses and serve as a hub of innovation and collaboration for community and business partners.

Dr. Marcie Mack, state director of Oklahoma State Department of CareerTech, said the state of Oklahoma is blessed to have individuals who have invested their time and energy to make career tech what it is today.

"In career technology education, our primary customer is business and industry," Mack said. "So, when we look at business and industry, we thank you very much for your support. We thank you for your dedication to the community and to our students, making sure that we are providing them with the workforce skills that they

need to be successful."

Training classes for casino jobs are being offered at the center, something that helps with the Choctaw Nation's recent expansion of its resort which created 1,200 new jobs. Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton said he loves it when government and the private sector work together for the betterment of the community.

"It's great to see our commerce, our education department all pull together for our tribal members and for our people that's trying to become employed. It's hard for us to recruit 1,200 people. What we're going to have to do is recruit them, get them trained as quickly as possible, and that's what you're allowing us to happen right here and so we appreciate that."

Batton added that it's great to bring another 1,200 jobs to southeastern Oklahoma which is desperately need to improve the community and way of life in Bryan County.

Lane Jackson, director of Kiamichi Tech, said they are excited to be an integral part of the growth of business and industry in Durant and also to be a part of the rejuvenation of the east side of Durant.

For more information about the Center for Workforce Advancement, contact the Workforce and Economic Development Center at 580-924-7081 or email trainingdurant@ ktc.edu.

Kiamichi Technology Centers has played an integral role in southeastern Oklahoma communities since 1968, serving 10 full and three partial counties. Kiamichi Tech is one of 29 districts in the Oklahoma CareerTech system with more than 30 career programs. Kiamichi Tech also offers a wide variety of evening and weekend short-term courses as well as certifications in many diverse career fields. Kiamichi Tech has over 20.000 full time and short-term enrollments each year and serves area companies through our Workforce and Economic Development Centers that works with more than 400 businesses annually.

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The successes of REI Oklahoma are a testament to its talented and dedicated staff, involved volunteer board of directors and partners locally and throughout the state.

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YP was launched as an effort of the Durant Area Chamber of Commerce in January 2013 to serve young professionals (20's, 30's, 40's and the "young at heart) in the Durant area.

Covid proved to be a challenging time for all and the group took a break, but Durant Young Professionals is back and has rebranded into "DYP Social Club."

The organization

leadership felt that a rebrand alongside the relaunch would help engage prior members, attract new members, and provide a sense of direction for their vision of the club's future.

The mission of DYP Social Club is to provide opportunities to experience life as young professionals; opportunities to emerge and develop as leaders, and opportunities to engage the community through

learning and service for the purpose of identifying, retaining, and supporting the latest group of movers, shakers, and history-makers of southeastern Oklahoma.

The club's vision is to be the hub of networking, development, and service opportunities for young professionals in southeastern Oklahoma.

The club will have formal meetings each quarter as well as socials and service opportunities throughout the year.

The organization is under the leadership of Mike Delloro, Kassi Wilkey, Madelyn Haines, Madison Bowman, and Hudson Toews.

To learn more about the club or to explore membership opportunities, you can find them on Facebook and Instrgram @dypsocialclub.



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AREA PARKS

he Parks and Recreation Department in the City of Durant maintains and operates 11 parks which span roughly 400 acres of land throughout the city.

Billy Miller Park and Field - 902 S. 2nd Avenue

A 7 Acre Park located at the end of South Section to South 5th Avenue, North of Mineral Bayou. Amenities include: four lighted ball fields (2 softballs and 2 baseballs), concession, restrooms, covered spectator seating, batting cages, playground equipment, open free-play area and paved parking.

Carl Albert Memorial Park and public pool - 1301 Gail Farrell Drive

A 16 acre park located at North Washington Avenue and Carl Albert Drive. Amenities include: public swimming pool, Skateboard Park, dream basketball court, pavilions, gazebo, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, benches, playground equipment, open free-play area and paved jogging/walking trails with large shade trees.

Dixon Durant Park - (Rocket Park) 1020 N. 10th Avenue

Formerly Northside Park, or Rocket Park, renamed in honor of the founder of Durant. A 6 acre park located on North 10th Avenue between Walnut and Willow Streets. Amenities include: paved parking, benches, grills, ADA accessible restrooms, six lighted tennis courts, basketball court, 1/4 mile walking/jogging track, picnic and pavilion area and playground equipment including swings, jungle gyms, slides and climbers.

Durant Multi-Sports Complex - 1920 OK-78

A 47 acre facility. The Durant Multi-Sports Complex is a multipurpose athletic facility located two miles southeast of Durant on Highway 78.



Photo provided

The sports complex consists of four baseball fields, four softball fields, eight soccer fields and a football stadium/track field.

Keithley Park and Splash Pad - 316 N.E. 3rd Avenue

A 2.5 acre park located north of the old George Washington School in the 300 block of Northeast Third Avenue. Amenities include: playground equipment, pavilion, paved jogging/walking track, ADA accessible restrooms at ball field, lighted little league baseball diamond, and splash pad. The splash pad can be used 7 days a week from 9:00am-9:00pm.

Leonard Morgan Park - 519 S.E. 3rd Avenue

A 5 acre park on Southeast Third Avenue, north of Mineral Bayou. Amenities include: soccer fields, T-ball and one lighted machine-pitch baseball field, concession, playground equipment, paved parking and restrooms.

Lloyd Plyler Park - 426 S. 5th Avenue

A 5 acre park located on South Fifth Avenue between Louisiana and Mississippi Streets. Amenities include: newly upgraded lighted baseball diamond, batting cages, dressing facilities, concession, restrooms, playground equipment, picnic area, pavilion, and street parking.

Jacob's Park (Remington Hills Park) - 1413 Ruger Drive A .5 acre park located at 1413 Ruger Drive. The park features one small playground and is nestled in the Remington Hills neighborhood.

Schuler Park - 923 N. 4th Avenue

A 2.5 acre park located at North Fourth Avenue and Poplar Street. Amenities include: 20' x 20' pavilion, ADA accessible public restrooms, playground equipment for children of all ages, and grills.

Slaton Park - 524 N.E. 5th Avenue

A 8 acre park located on Northeast Fifth Avenue between Pine and Elm Streets. Amenities include: lighted softball field, paved parking, concession, public restrooms, lighted little league football fields, open free-play area, playground equipment, and several large shade trees.

Lake Durant - Lake Durant Road

A 296-acre lake that is a great fishing spot for crappie, bass, and catfish. Additionally, Lake Durant features covered pavilions with picnic tables, restrooms and there are currently 10 camper pads with full hookups. These can be rented daily, weekly or monthly. Lake Durant also features a two-mile-long nature hiking trail and a new disc golf course where tournaments, leagues and practices can be scheduled.

For more information, contact parks and recreation at 580-579-6641 or visit https://www.durant.org/161/Parks-and-Recreation.

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THREE VALLEY MUSEUM

he Three Valley Museum is a 12,000 square foot facility which houses artifacts that tell the history of Durant and Southeastern Oklahoma.

Once the home of the historic Carpenter's Machine Shop, the remodeled building is a beautifully designed space of exposed wood and vintage brick. The Transportation Room houses a 1931 Model A Ford, a 1938 Buick, and a McCormick, Deering, Farmall tractor, as well as other modes of mobility.

A native American gallery can be found on the first floor, featuring exhibits of the Choctaw. Chickasaw, and Caddo Indians.

Upstairs, vignettes

depict life of early Durant and are presented as though one was walking along the street of the small Southeastern Oklahoma town. A barber shop, lawyer's office, one room school, doctor's office. movie theatre, and the original office of the third governor of Oklahoma, the Honorable R.L. Williams can be seen.

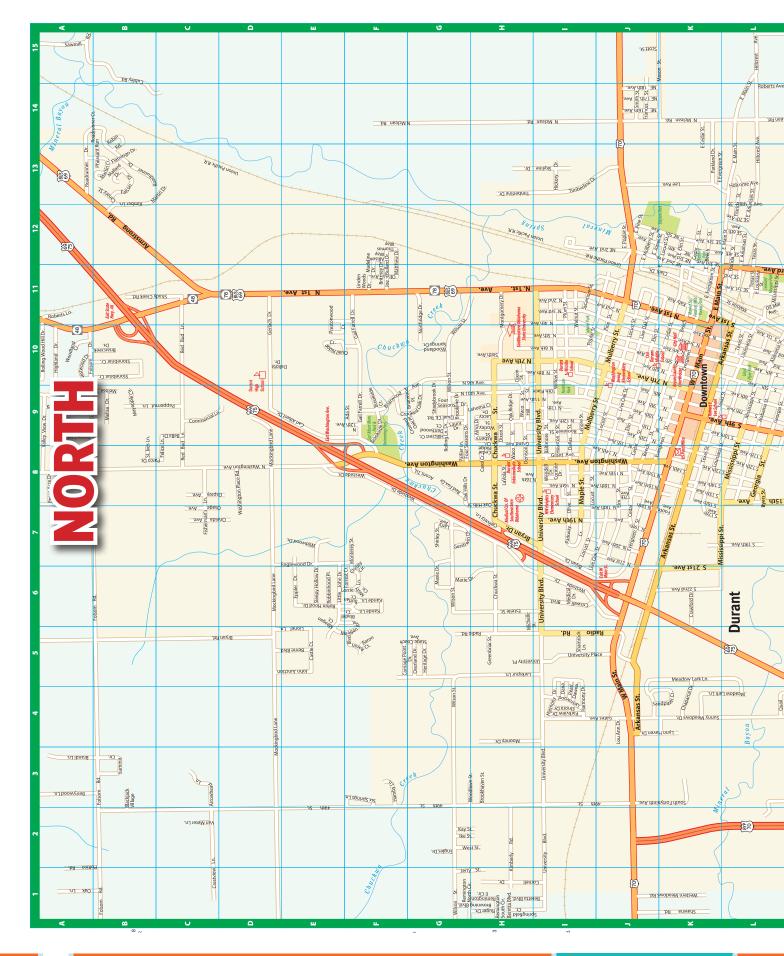
Located at 401 West Main in downtown Durant. the Three Valley Museum serves as an event venue for small gatherings and business meetings. The newly "revamped" gift shop is on the main floor, and offers new and repurposed items at prices far less than you might expect. "Repurposing for a

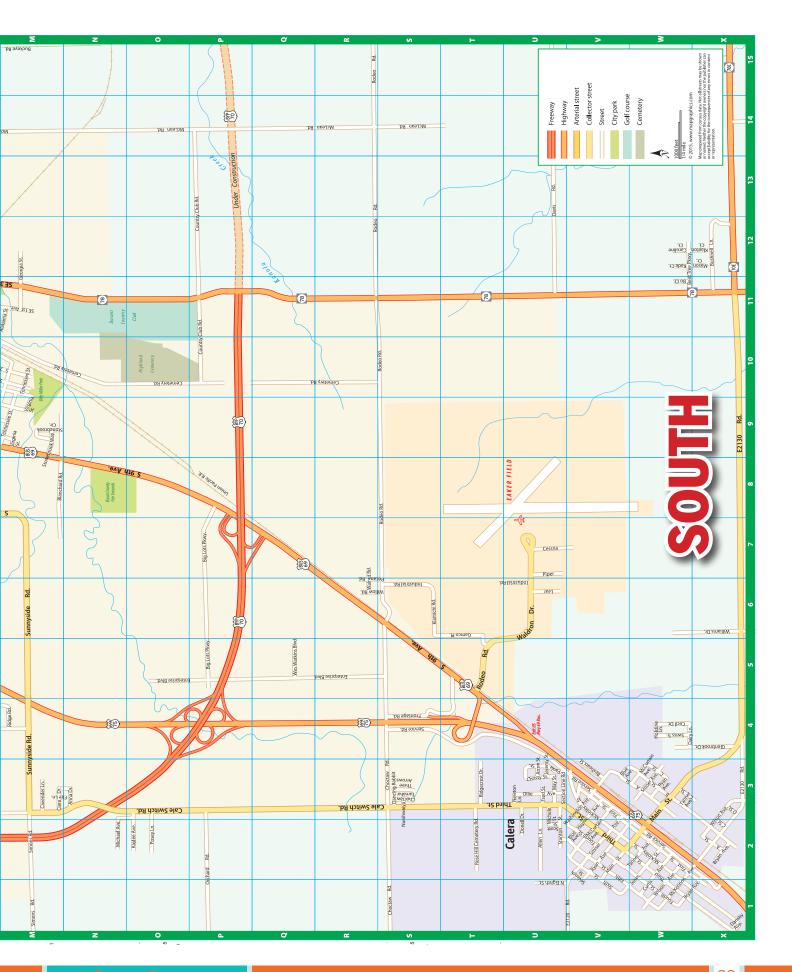


Purpose" is the theme for the gift shop. All proceeds are used for projects to enhance the museum experience.

The Three Valley Museum is a 501-c-3 non-profit

entity, and is governed by the Board of Directors of the Durant Historical Society. For times of operation, please refer to the website at threevallevmuseum.com or call 580-920-1907.







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Discover fascinating regional history at Fort Washita, Three Valley Museum, and the newly opened Choctaw Nation Cultural Center. Durant is also proud of its rich art scene. The Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival and Southeastern Oklahoma State University Theater program host great performances throughout the year. Our downtown area has many colorful murals, as well as home to the unique Magnolia Mile Art Alley. The recently opened Semple Family Museum of Native American Art housed on the campus

Southeastern Oklahoma State University represents 26 federally recognized tribes and 80 plus artists.

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dedicated to increasing
tourism related activities
in Durant. Their inaugural Discover Durant Fall
Concert Series, a six-week
series of free concerts
held in downtown Durant,
began in 2021 with great
success.

Along with the concert series, the DTEDA is excited to continue growing tourism related activities in Durant. Since

their beginning in 2017, the DTEDA has funded over 25 tourism promotional grants to market and promote regional activities, attractions, and events in the City of Durant. These efforts and more are to encourage a better quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

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CITY PROJECTS



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Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton, middle, and District 9 Choctaw Tribal council member James Dry, left, are among those shown in a groundbreaking ceremony in January for an apartment complex that will be built on South Ninth Avenue.

Durant continues to grow

urant is growing at a record pace.
Commercial business, as well as residential housing is seeing an unprecedented boom.

New homes are planned or under construction throughout the city as the demand for affordable housing continues to rise.

The Choctaw Nation had a groundbreaking ceremony Jan.19 in Durant for a multi-family apartment complex near the Choctaw Nation headquarters and Choctaw Casino & Resort.

The Haven, 3625 S. Ninth Ave., will consist of six, three-story apartment buildings that will make up 216 units. The project also includes amenities such as a clubhouse, playground, outdoor pool and more. The project was approved in May 2022 by the Choctaw Tribal Council and tribal officials say it will address the housing demand in the Bryan County area. It will be built on 116 acres and the plans include adding up to 1,000 units with single-family houses a possibility in future phases.

It is one of three multi-family housing developments to be built in the Choctaw Territory and the tribe expects it to

be completed in June 2024.

During the ceremony, Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton said the complex will help with the home shortage.

"Housing is needed across our reservation and all of our towns through here," Batton said. "I always say this but I am so proud of this council right here that has made a commitment. This is for our employees, our tribal members and if we have space available, it will be open to the market for other people that would like to rent."

Some city streets have been extended, with future plans for additional streets in current subdivisions.

University from Westside to Gates is being widened and will include a turn lane

in the center plus sidewalks. A traffic signal will be placed at University Boulevard and University Place.

Sign posts with directions to businesses are placed throughout downtown Durant from a Tourism Authority grant Durant Main Street received.

The signs are at every intersection in the downtown area and they show which stores are which direction and also have an overall map of downtown. The signs will be updated as needed.

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, working from its state-of-the-art headquarters south of the city, continues to contribute to the Durant economy as a major employer in the region. The Sky Tower opened last year.

The Durant Regional Airport Eaker Field is continuously upgrading its facilities to provide the best in service to local aviators.

Recent upgrades and others on the near horizon could soon have the Durant Regional Airport regarded as one of the top regional hubs for aircraft in the area.

With its sprawling 880acre location, the airport has attracted more and more air traffic in recent years, filling all of its hangar facilities to capacity.

An 1,800-foot runway adition completed in the past year has opened the door for larger jet traffic and with planes coming in and out of Eaker Field at all hours of the day, a 24-hour self-fueling station has become very popular.

City leaders have taken steps to keep voters better informed on what is going on in the city. City Council meetings are live streamed on the internet so even those at home can be involved. Durant now has its own YouTube Channel that will archive past meetings for those who wish to review past council activity.

Additionally, the City of Durant website has been made more user friendly in an effort provide up-to-the-minute information for taxpayers and voters. The OpenGov module, launched in 2018, enables citizens to review current and previous budgets and to track revenues and expenditures.



Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma

onoring the heritage of Durant, also known as the "City of Magnolias," the annual Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma features games and festivities perfect for a fun-filled family weekend. The Magnolia Festival has received the Redbud Award for "Outstanding Event" from the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association.

The Magnolia Festival began in 1997 and takes place the weekend following Memorial Day at the Choctaw Event Center. It includes a carnival, craft and vendor booths, Texoma Arts Association Art Show, Magnolia Theater with family-friendly entertainment, free children's activities, 'Adopt-A-Magnolia' program, plenty of yummy festival food, and much more!

The Magnolia Festival also hosts a variety of other activities happening throughout the community during the festival weekend including a 5K & Fun Run in Downtown Durant, and Veteran's reception.

As headquarters of the Choctaw



Nation, Durant's Magnolia Festival also showcases the history and folklore of their heritage with Choctaw Dancers, Storytelling, and Choctaw Princess Pageant each year. You also won't want to miss the live music at Choctaw Casino Resort during Magnolia Festival weekend.

With all this and more the Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma is a guaranteed fun-filled weekend in Durant for all ages. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.magnoliafestival.com.



Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival

klahoma Shakespearean Festival entered its 45th season and 2023 and had numerous shows in 2023, including several in the summer.

"Company Cabaret" and William Shakespeare's comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing," were performed.

OSF Young Actor's Studio presented "The Addams Family" and OSF Children's Theatre Workshops performed "Madagascar Jr."

All performances were scheduled at Montgomery Auditorium on the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Campus.

OSF has provided professional live theatrical enter-

tainment in Southeastern Oklahoma since 1979. The Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival was founded in 1979 by the late Dr. Molly Risso as a rejuvenation center for professionals and a training ground for new artists.

Her daughter, producing director Riley Risso Coker, is continuing her mother's vision and work. The festival includes programs for children, teen theater workshops and arts programs that extend beyond the theater.

One of the most popular features of the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival is the broadway-style musical production each year.

In the past, the festival

format was in the repertory style, with the company performing more than one show at a time. This meant actors, technicians and stage crews had to remember several different plays. It also meant that theater goers may be going to several shows in the same week.

Recently the festival format changed to stock theater. The productions were done in succession with each show scheduled to run for a specific weekend. Once a show's run is complete, the company starts work on the next production. Coker said this is more convenient for evervone.

According to Coker, the actors were better prepared for each show, technicians only had one show at a time to deal with, and even audiences make weekend plans more easilv.

Up to 4,855 youth have benefited from OSF programs. At the same time funding has steadily declined.

From a high point in 2008 when OSF received \$95,000 from the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation and \$47,500 from the Oklahoma Arts Council. the state money has dried up. The Department of Tourism hasn't funded the program since 2008. Arts Council funding has dropped from \$50,000 in 2009 to \$27,439 in 2017.

Coker encourages everyone to continue to support the festival as they have in years past. She said Durant is a special community that places a special emphasis on the arts. She said she has seen several generations from the same families participating in the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival.

"OSF would not be possible without this community. The caregivers of children in this area, they get it," Coker said.

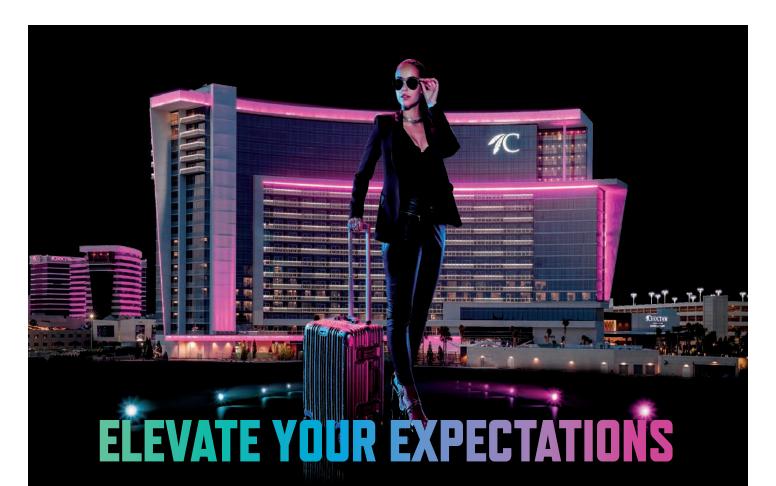
For information or to purchase tickets call (580)745-2696 or visit www.oklahomashakes.com.



The Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival's season concluded last weekend with performances of "Beauty and the Beast" at the Southeastern Montgomery Auditorium.



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n 89,000-acre jewel set into the landscape of Oklahoma and Texas, Lake Texoma is a sparkling wonder of deep blue water and green shores. With more than 6 million annual visitors, the lake is one of the most popular Federal recreational facilities in the country offering everything from waterskiing to scenic nature hikes. Two-thirds of Lake Texoma lies in Oklahoma.

The lake area includes two wildlife refuges, two state parks, US Army Corps of Engineers managed parks, many campgrounds, more than twenty marinas and resorts and a variety of excellent golf courses. Power boating, power sailing, personal watercraft, water skiers, and wind surfers all consider the lake an excellent playground to have fun. Lake Texoma has become a huge sailing center based on the lake's size, depth, and miles of sailing shoreline.

Texoma is known for its' record striper fishing! People come from all over the country to fish Texoma for Striper. Texoma is known

for several other species of fish as well, including, largemouth bass, catfish, and crappie. Fishing guides at Lake Texoma are aplenty.

Boating and water sports are a major attraction at Lake Texoma. Boats of all types and sizes as well as personal watercraft can be rented at many locations around the lake. Many of the marinas also provide gas docks and ship-stores to meet your every need. Moorings are available for sailboats as well as boat slips in various sizes for motorboats

and yachts.

Other amenities that surround the water, include picnic pavilions, hiking trails, golf courses, rental cabins, motels, hotels, sport and workout facilities, restaurants, casinos, bait and tackle, flea markets, spas, and retail shops providing everything one might want or need in a vacation destination.

For additional information about Lake Texoma, contact the Lake Texoma Association at 580-564-2334 or www.LakeTexoma-Online.com.

DURANT MAIN STREET

ive your best life, locally, in Downtown Durant.

Located in the historic heart of downtown, Durant Main Street is the place to shop, eat, and live. This nine-block district has something for everyone, including unique boutiques and retail shops, art galleries, salons and spas, restaurants, entertaining nightlife, and a fascinating museum.

Seasonal attractions in downtown include the Magnolia Farmers Market on Saturdays from May to October, the Draggin' Main Car & Bike Show on Father's Day weekend, Colton's Run in October, Small Business Saturday in November, Downtown in December holiday festivities, and many others.

One of the primary promoters of Downtown Durant is the Durant Main Street program, a non-profit, community based organization dedicated to revitalizing historic downtown Durant by promoting preservation, economic growth, and a sense of community.

Founded in 1997, the program partners with small business merchants, property investors, community leaders, and volunteers to enhance the downtown district, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Durant Main Street program models its operations after the "Four Point Approach" developed by the National Main Street organization as a proven



Draggin' Main Car & Bike Show

method of comprehensive commercial district revitalization. There are four specific points, which work together to build a sustainable, and complete community revitalization effort: Organization, Design, Promotions, and Economic Vitality.

The vision of Durant
Main Street is to serve as
the catalyst for economic
growth and community
development in Downtown
Durant by:

- Advancing a positive image of downtown and promoting it as an exciting place to shop, live, work, and invest
- Sustaining and improving the appearance of

downtown

- Enhancing the economic vitality of the entire district
- Hosting activities that will benefit downtown businesses, residents, tourists, the university community, and industry
- Unifying retail and service businesses with a reputation for hospitality, team work, and friendly customer service

To explore more about Durant Main Street, visit www.durantmainstreet. org, contact 580-924-1550, follow us on social media @ DurantMainSt, or stop by our office at 110 North Second Avenue in Downtown Durant.



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580-924-5312

Bryan County RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)

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580-513-6533 Bryan County Substance Abuse

Task Force 580-490-9197

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HISTORY OF BRYAN COUNTY

Achille

The story for the origin of the name is that a group of Cherokees settled the area during the Civil War and named it Atsila, the Cherokee word for fire. A post office was established on June 30, 1910, with the name "Achille."

Albany

The Albany Post Office was established on July 10, 1874, with Joseph N. Thompson as the first postmaster.

Armstrong

On the banks of the Blue River is the community of Armstrong, named for Frank C. Armstrong, a member of the Dawes Commission. The community was near the site of the Armstrong Academy, named for William Armstrong, a Choctaw agent. It also served as the capital of the Choctaw Nation for nearly two decades.

Bennington

The community received its name from the mission started here, commonly called Bennington Mission. Its predecessor was the Mount Pleasant Mission, a Presbyterian mission started by the Rev. A.G. Lansing. It was renamed "Bennington" by the Rev. Charles C. Copeland who

grew up near Bennington, Vt. A post office was established on Aug. 7, 1883. The entire town was moved two miles south to its present position when the Frisco Railroad was built in 1902.

Bokchito

The word is from the Choctaw meaning "big creek." Like Bennington, the community moved from its original site to be near the railroad. It incorporated on April 27, 1901.

Caddo

The town was named after one of the original Native American tribes that lived in southeastern Oklahoma. The Choctaws settled the area and came into constant conflict with the Caddos. Unlike the Choctaws, the Caddos were warriors and hunters and raiding other "nations" was part of their culture. The Choctaws became good targets because of their possession of horses, highly prized by the Caddos. After many battles, legend tells, the final Caddo was killed on the hills southeast of the present community. The town prospered greatly, especially when the Katy Railroad arrived after the Civil War. Aaron Harlan followed the railroad construction looking to establish a site for his Tishomingo business. An engineer told



Colbert Cafe

him a permanent station would be needed about 30 miles north of the Texas line, and he estabmaster. It became an incorporated town Nov. 27, 1898. The first mayor was Charlie McPherren. The Indian Territory museum and library is on Buffalo Street in the historic downtown. The museum is dedicated to Caddo history. It has a memorial to honor the three Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers killed in the line of duty May 26, 1978. Troopers James Pat Grimes, Houston F. Summers and Billy G. Young died in the line of duty during shoot-outs with escapees Claude Dennis and Michael Lancaster. The escapees were killed that same day in the yard of a Court Street home. The Rex Theater also is located downtown, and the town has an organization active

in preserving the historic downtown.

Calera

Calera borders Durant to the south and like Durant. has seen tremendous economic growth. Several new eating establishments have opened in recent vears and the town now has its own hotel. Other new business projects are in the works. Bryan County EMS has an ambulance and crew in the fire station and the town now has EMS service 24/7. The town has a veterans memorial at the Calera Ballpark. It honors all veterans, not just those from Calera. Also on these grounds, located in the northern part of the town, is the Jack Stockton Community Building. Originally the community was named "Cale." The first authorized

HISTORY OF BRYAN COUNTY_

post office for Cale, I.T., was established on Nov. 30, 1889, with John C. Womach as postmaster. On June 20, 1899, a new post office was established with the name Sterret, I.T. The Katy Railroad would not agree to the name change and continued calling the area Cale or Cale Switch until 1911 when the name, "Calera," was finally adopted.

Cartwright

When viewing Bryan County communities by age, Cartwright jumps out as one of the newest. It literally became a community because of a dam. When construction began on the Denison Dam in 1939, a community of shelters - tents, shanties and trailers – for workmen was erected on the north side. It was named for Wilburn Cartwright, a former U.S. congressman. A post office was established April 25, 1940.

Colbert

The area was settled in 1846 by the family of Benjamin Colbert. He established farms, ranches, a grist mill and cotton gin. He established the first steam-driven sawmill in the area. Since the Colbert family owned everything, people began to refer to the area as Colbert. The

family began a ferry business across the Red River called "Colbert's Ferry." A post office was established Nov. 17, 1853. Colbert is continuing to grow. It has a Dollar General and construction is expected to begin soon on a \$6 million Love's Travel Stop that will include two fast-food restaurants. The town has an active chamber of commerce that meets monthly. Officials say the economic growth in Durant is creating a ripple effect for Colbert and that growth from the Dallas. Texas, area continues to head north.

Diamond

The development was pure land speculation by W.D. and Ethel Diamond. who bought land allotted to Marie Jane Ady, a Choctaw native, seven miles north of Durant near the Blue River. They filed claim on Jan. 10. 1910. The Diamonds believed the M. O. & G. Railroad would build a depot on this spot. It never materialized. Although a post office was established June 25, 1910, it closed two years later on June 30, 1912. The town was abandoned and the land returned to agricultural use.

Kemp

Likewise, the community of Kemp was named after

another prominent Native
American family, particularly Jackson Kemp, who acted as an interpreter for the Chickasaws in Alabama and, when removed to Indian territory, became a local leader. Originally the community was called Warner Springs. A post office was established on Oct. 20, 1890.

Matoy

Nestled in the northeast corner of Bryan County, Matoy is pretty much a memory now. Settled by early pioneer families like the Folsoms and Jameses, the once-vital community received its name from Mary Abigail (Folsom, James) Matoy. William M. Matov was a Cherokee who, after the Civil War, traveled to the area and went to work for Mary Abigail James, a widow. Later they married. A post office was established in 1901 but was later closed in 1921.

Mead

In 1890, C.W. Meade moved to the community of Double Springs, just west of Durant. He opened a general store, and became the first postmaster. It was decided to call the post office, "Meade," after its master, a common practice of the day. Later on the "e" was dropped from the name. It opened on April 10, 1894.

Nail's Crossing

This is another old community that has all but disappeared. The crossing was located near Kenefic on the Blue River and named for J. H. Nail and his son, Oscar, who owned and operated a stable for changing horse teams of the Butterfield Stage Line.

Roberta

The community of Roberta received its name due to poor penmanship. As was the custom, when the first post office opened, it was to be named after the first postmaster, James Roberts. However, federal officials could not properly read the name and thought the "s" on the end of Roberts was an "a." Thus, the post office of Roberta opened on March 23, 1893.

Silo

Like Nail's Crossing, Silo got its start as a stop along the Butterfield Stage Line. And, again, as was the custom of the day, the community was named after its first postmaster, Albert B. "Silo" Gates. It was established on Nov. 4, 1893 and closed on Jan 31, 1946.

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Named after Utica, N. Y., the community's post office opened on Feb. 14, 1894.

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Currently, Chickasaw Pointe is ranked top 3 in Oklahoma (public access) since

opening.

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Annual\$200.00	Contact/Representative:		
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Annual\$245.00	Physical Address:		
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☐ 11-20 Employees			
Annual\$350.00	Mailing Address:		
21-50 Employees			
Annual\$475.00			
☐ 51-100 Employees	Phone #:	Fax #:	
Annual\$760.00	Email Address:		
☐ 100 + Employees	Website:		
Annual\$750.00			
(Plus \$2.00 for each additional Employee)	Number of Employees:		
☐ Motels/Hotels/Lodging	Brief Description of Produ	ict or Service:	
Annual\$200.00			
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(Plus \$1.00 per unit)	Are well interested in conv	ing on any Chambor commi	ttoos) D Voc D No
☐ Insurance/Real Estate Agencies	Are you interested in serv.	ing on any Chamber commi	ittees! • Tes • No
Annual\$200.00	Please choose v	vhich category best describ	es your business:
(Plus \$25 per associate)	_A/C/Heating	_ Educational Facilities	_ Paint Services
☐ Banks & Financial Institutions	Accounting/Tax Services Advertising/Media	_ Emergency Medical Services _ Event Services/Venues	_ Personal Services/Care Pharmacies
	Apartments	_ Farm Equipment/Supplies	_ Photography
\$36.00 per million dollars of	_ Architects	_ Fireworks	_ Physical Therapists
Deposits as of June 30 each year	_ Assisted Living/Nursing Homes	_ Fitness Centers/Gymnastics	_ Plumbing Services
☐ Clubs/Organizations	_ Attorneys	_ Florists	_ Printing/Engraving/Promotional Products
U Clubs/Organizations	_ Auto Dealers Auto Services	_ Fuel/Gas/Propane Funeral Homes	_ Public Transit/Railroad Real Estate/Related
Annual\$80.00	Banks/Financial Services	_ Furniture/Appliances/Mattresses	Recreational Facilities
Individuals	Blood Institutes	_ Government Agencies	Restaurants/Food/Beverage
	_ Business/Employment Services	_ Home Care/Hospice	_ Roofing RV Sales/Services
Employed\$80.00	_ Call Centers Casino	 Home Improvement/Landscaping Individuals 	Sandblasting
Retired\$60.00	_ Churches	_ Insurance	Shopping/Specialty Retail
	_ Clubs/Organizations	Janitorial Service/Supplies	_ Storage
For Office Use Only:	_ Computer Sales/Services	_Jewelers	_ Tag Agencies
Annual Investment Amount:	_ Contractors/Construction Equipment	_ Laundry Services	_ Telecommunications
☐ Bill Annually ☐ Monthly ACH	_ Counseling/Addiction Services	_ Liquor Stores	_ Transportation/Trucking _ Travel Agencies
First Year Investment Paid:	_ Concierge Services _ Daycare Centers	_ Locksmiths _ Lodging	Haver Agencies Utilities
Payment Type:	Dentistry	Hodging Medical Services	Veterinarians/Pet Services
i aymene i ype	Distribution/Manufacturing/Wholesale	_ Museums/Historical Organizations	
	_ Economic Development	_ Office Supplies/Equipment	
Signature:		Date:	

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A/C/HEATING		Tom Criswell	580-924-2119
Hunter Super Techs Service Corporation Johnson's Heat & Air	580-924-2665 580-434-7215	AUCTIONS	
Nor-Tex A/C & Refrigeration	580-920-2400	Sandmann Auction LLC	580-775-3539
Shelburne Heating & Air	580-920-1411	AUTO DEALERS	
ACCOUNTING/TAX SERVICES		America's Car-Mart of Durant	580-872-4544
Apprize Financial Solutions LP Stacy Hammond CPA PLLC Susan Bush-Way, CPA Texoma Taxes Vann Dixon CPA, P.C.	580-920-5085 580-924-8945 580-924-1468 580-316-3377 580-931-9994	Classic of Texoma Freedom Chrysler Durant Red River Ford Stuteville Chevrolet of Durant AUTO SERVICES	903-463-9800 580-924-7500 580-924-9458 580-920-1800
World Finance Tax and Loan Service	580-924-7122	Casteel's Tire Barn	F90 00 / 1001
ADVERTISING/MEDIA 1st Street Media Alpha Media Radio Before The Movie Inc. Bryan County Patriot Durant Democrat	903-785-8899 903-463-6800 707-425-7469 580-920-5917 580-634-2151	Dunegan Collision Repair Grease and Go Jimmies Auto Supply S & L Collision Center Incorporated The Auto Spa	580-924-1281 580-924-4007 580-924-5912 580-924-2455 580-924-5958 580-775-1855
KLBC/B99.7/KSEO Radio	•	BANKS/FINANCIAL SERVICES	
Mid Continental Broadcasting KTEN Television	580-924-3100	American Nation Bank Cadence Bank	580-916-9500
KILN Television KXII-TV	903-548-4000 903-892-8123	Edward Jones Investments	580-924-0888 580-924-0510
Marketing Techs	580-215-1228	Financial Management Inc	580-226-4058
Mix 96.1	580-745-5961	First Texoma National Bank	580-220-4050
SiteFire	903-357-3143	First United Bank & Trust Co.	580-924-2211
Split Window Studios	903-375-3750	Gaddis Premier Wealth Advisor	580-745-8133
opin window ordaros	903 373 3730	Oklahoma Ag Credit	580-924-8008
APARTMENTS		Shamrock Bank	580-924-0022
High Meadow Apartments	580-924-7600	Simmons Bank	580-924-9090
Timber Ridge Apartments	580-924-1222	TEFCU - Texoma Educators	
Timbel Hage Dearments	J00 J24 1222	Federal Credit Union	903-892-1505
ARCHITECTS		Vision Bank N.A.	580-931-0808
Theorem	580-745-9418	BLOOD INSTITUTES	
ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOMES		Southern Oklahoma Blood Institute	580-798-3711
Brookdale Durant	580-931-0600	DV011700 /71 /71 017 /71	
Featherstone Assisted Living	580-924-3777	BUSINESS/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	
Four Seasons Rehabilitation & Care	580-677-9911	Coach Delisa	469-964-5304
Oak Ridge Nursing Center	580-634-4710	Exodus HR Group	580-931-3865
ATTORNEYS		Express Employment Professionals HR Solid Foundation	580-634-2681 979-220-2715
Burrage Law Firm	580-920-0700	People First Industries	580-924-8509
D. David Haggerty, PLLC	580-924-0405	Southern Workforce Board, Inc	580-745-5397
Kenneth Rainbolt Attorney at Law	580-924-7777		
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CASINO		COMPUTER SALES/SERVICES	
Choctaw Casino & Resort	580-920-0160	1 Touch I.T.	903-957-2973
		Computer Services of Durant, Inc.	580-920-1216
CHURCHES		Computer Techs	580-634-2324
First Christian Church	580-924-5252	DayOneWeb	580-924-4099
First United Methodist Church	580-924-4670		
Fusion Bible Durant	580-920-9955	CONTRACTORS/CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	
St. John's Episcopal Church	580-924-1332	BC Materials Handling LLC.	580-579-3365
The River	580-931-0910	Broken Arrow Electrical Supply	580-924-2237
Victory Life Church	580-920-1791	Central Electric	580-924-7262
•		Cheek's Welding Supply	580-745-5521
CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS		Dealers Electrical Supply	580-924-2464
American Red Cross South Central		DinoLift, LLC	580-924-3466
Southeast Oklahoma	405-435-7609	EZ Haulerz Equipment Rentals and Sales	580-775-4876
Boys & Girls Club of Durant	580-579-2423	Plyler Construction Co.	903-893-6393
Bryan County Master Gardeners Associa		Rustin Concrete	580-924-3260
Bryan County R.S.V.P	580-924-3659	Texoma Hydro Solutions LLC	580-916-1558
Bryan County United Way	580-931-7147	United Rentals	580-920-1963
Bryan County VFW Post 3916	580-704-1011	Wall Engineering	580-931-7998
Chahta Foundation	580-642-8363		
Crisis Control Center	580-924-3056	COUNSELING/ADDICTION SERVICES	
Disabled American Veterans	580-916-0505	New Life House Inc.	580-924-1305
Durant Elk's Lodge #1963	580-924-7478		
Durant Main Street	580-924-1550	DENTISTRY	
Durant Riding Club	972-741-7058	All About Smiles Dentistry	580-924-0660
Feeding Hope	580-230-8134	Bullard Dental	580-931-3366
Girls Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma	918-527-4771	Magnolia City Dental	580-924-3330
Green-Bryant OK Post 39 Durant, OK	443-271-5545	OMS of Southern Oklahoma	580-924-8767
Hands of Hope Food Bank	580-920-2574	Smart Mouth Family Dental	580-745-5400
J127 Ministries	580-235-5540	Westside Family Dentistry	580-924-1234
Lake Texoma Association	580-564-2334		
Lion's Club	580-924-7990	DISTRIBUTION/MANUFACTURING/W	HOLESALE
Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc 580-326-3351		American Heritage Equine	580-924-7979
Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival	580-745-2860	Big Lots Distribution	580-931-2100
Pregnancy Center of Bryan County	580-920-2229	BrucePac	580-380-4743
Rotary Club of Durant	580-372-0943	Cardinal Glass	580-924-2142
SODA - Southern Oklahoma		CMC Steel Oklahoma	580-634-5200
Development Association	580-920-1388	Durant Plastics & Manufacturing	580-745-9430
Southeastern OK HR Professionals	580-916-2624	Elite Distribution LLC	580-775-3131
Southern Oklahoma Alzheimer's/		Fastenal	580-317-3848
Dementia Support Group	580-257-0034	Gamco	580-916-4311
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The Tile Shop Tubacex Durant Inc	580-920-1570 580-952-8600	Brady's Stockpile O' Fireworks	580-931-7402
Webstaurant Store	580-390-0556	FITNESS CENTERS/GYMNASTICS	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		Nautilus Durant Pacific Barbell	580-920-0073
Big Five Community Services	580-924-5331	Workout Anytime	580-775-0519 580-872-4888
Durant Industrial Authority Oklahoma Small Business	580-579-6064	FLORISTS	
Development Center REI Oklahoma	580-745-2877 580-924-5094	Connie's Floral Creations Roby's Hallmark and Flowers, Inc.	580-745-8131 580-924-6777
EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES		FUEL/GAS/PROPANE	
Durant Independent School District Kiamichi Technology Center Murray State College Oklahoma Truck Driving	580-924-1276 580-924-7081 580-387-7142	Blackburn Propane Services, Inc. Luke Fuel McCraw Oil Company Midship Pipeline, LLC	580-434-5480 580-434-2502 580-924-3666 713-375-5660
Academy LLC-MEAD Southeastern Oklahoma State University	580-916-9292 580-745-2000	FUNERAL HOMES	
Victory Life Academy EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	580-920-0850	Brown's Funeral Service Gordon Funeral Home Holmes-Coffey-Murray Funeral Home	580-920-0393 580-916-9090 580-924-3331
Air Evac Lifeteam Bryan County EMS	903-209-5426 580-924-4687	FURNITURE/APPLIANCES/MATTRESS	SES
ENGINEERS		Mackey Home Furnishings Rhynes and Rhodes Furniture	580-924-0864 580-920-0520
Terracon Consulatants, Inc		GOV. AGENCIES/CITY/COUNTY/STAT	
EVENT SERVICES/VENUES		Bryan County Commissioner	580-924-5814
Bell Tower Event Center DJ Crisis Magnolia Events & Designs Memories on Main Niko Venue & Studio Overdrive Entertainment Platter Flatts Pumpkin Patch	580-931-9474 580-615-1429 903-821-9262 580-302-1624 940-536-7648 580-920-3689 918-200-5765	Bryan County Health Department - Community Engagement Team Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma City of Durant Durant Fire Fighters Local 3061 Durant Police Reserves HOME CARE/HOSPICE	580-924-4285 580-924-8280 580-931-6600 580-924-2358 580-924-3737
Sealy House Smoke Signal Productions LLC	903-821-9262 580-920-3689	Elara Caring	580-579-7028
Sodexo Catering of Durant Texoma Axe Throwing Texoma Parties	580-745-2211 580-448-0828 580-931-9083	Guardian Hospice of Oklahoma Ideal Home Care	580-434-6336 580-924-9911
The Ranch Wedding and Event Center	580-295-3154	HOME IMPROVEMENT/LANDSCAPIN	G
FARM EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES Texas Feed Fat Texoma Utility Equipment, Inc. United Ag & Turf	580-924-1890 580-924-9142 580-924-4698	Advanced Pest Control Services Advantech Pest Services Durant Lumber Co. Steger Lumber Co T. H. Rogers Lumber Co.	580-920-1376 580-920-1797 580-924-2400 580-924-4000 580-924-1432

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Charlene Tucker		Budget Inn	580-920-0411
Cindy French		Econo Lodge	580-634-0533
CJ Ashenfelter		Hillton Garden Inn Denison/Sherman At	
David Kelly		Center	903-463-3331
Donna Murphy		Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites	580-924-9777
Faye Mangrum		La Quinta Inn & Suites	580-924-2200
Jerry Tomlinson		Log Cabin Escape	214-533-8945
JIm Swink		Quality Inn & Suites	580-924-8881
Kay Parham		Tangelwood Resort	903-462-7814
Linda Gregg		Willow Springs Marina	405-627-7045
Mike Morris		1 0	, , ,
Patty Swink		MEDICAL SERVICES	
Rev. Ross Kirvin		AllianceHealth Durant	580-924-3080
Scott Goad		AllianceHealth Medical Group	580-924-3400
Sharon Berish-Robinson		Clay Rhynes Eye Clinic	580-920-2020
Tracy Welliver		Conley Care Clinic	580-745-1011
Michael J Davis		Dr. Allison Taylor OB/GYN	580-920-9063
		Durant Family Medicine Clinic	580-924-5500
INSURANCE		Enhanced Meditation	580-760-5100
Arnett Insurance Agency	580-924-5468	Internal Medicine Clinic of Durant	580-931-2256
First Insurance	580-740-1555	Jaiswal Clinic	580-924-4704
Greg Phillips State Farm Insurance	580-924-1212	Knight Family Chiropractic	580-448-4412
Lane LaBorde State Farm	580-634-3119	Lighthouse Behavioral Wellness Centers	580-924-7330
Swearengin Insurance	580-924-7990	Magnolia Med Spa & IV Therapy	580-615-0000
Texoma Financial Services	580-775-1358	Pinnacle Care	580-618-2728
The Colby Hix Agency	580-920-9951	Plump'd Injectables and Beauty Bar	580-634-2852
Win Insurance Agency	580-283-2600	PureMedz	580-380-4613
WoodmenLife	580-283-2000	QC Kinetix	903-328-1483
The Bramlett Agency	580-768-6404	RGB Eye Associates	580-745-9191
The Brannett Agency	500-700-0404	Southeastern Pediatrics	580-745-9191
JANITORIAL SERVICE/SUPPLIES		Spinal Clinic	580-920-2555
•		Sturch Family Clinic	580-924-8100
1-800 Water Damage of SE Oklahoma	539-444-4418	Texoma Medical Center	903-416-5505
Maid 2 Shine	940-465-9900	Texoma Pediatrics	580-920-1980
Servpro of Durant	580-740-4848	TexomaCare Durant	580-920-1980
Brittany:	903-517-5598	The Drip Bar: Nutritional IV Cocktails	580-775-5857
The Southern Faries	580-579-9447	The S.P.O.T	580-740-0205
JEWELERS		UrgentCare Durant	
		Xpress Wellness Urgent Care	580-920-2273
Bomb Party	860-514-1638	Zoom Diagnostic Imaging	918-640-6892 580-924-7030
Maty's Jewelry & Repair LLC	580-924-0041	My Family Healthcare	580-924-5622
Mitchell Jewelers	580-924-5555	iviy ranniny rieannicale	200-874-2077
LAUNDRY SERVICES			

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Fashion Cleaners

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MUSEUMS/HISTORICAL LOCATIONS		PUBLIC TRANSIT/RAILROAD	
Fort Washita Historic Site Semple Family Museum of Native	580-924-6502	Kiamichi Railroad SORTS Bus	580-916-7620 580-924-1177
American Art Three Valley Museum	580-745-2046 580-920-1907	REAL ESTATE/RELATED	
OFFICE SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT		580 Realty brokered by EXP Active Real Estate	580-877-7653 580-924-4003
Five Star Office Supply	580-924-1215	American Dream Realty	580-931-8888
Standley Systems	405-312-7955	Better Home & Gardens	
Tribal Trinkets	352-317-92085	Real Estate - Winans	580-380-7721
		Bryan Appraisal & Realty	580-924-7220
PAINT SERVICES		Bryan County Abstract	580-924-0306
Sherwin Williams Co.	580-924-0134	Bushwackers Land Clearing, LLC	580-920-5039
		Campbell Real Estate Group	580-931-9986
PERSONAL SERVICES/CARE		Cecil Real Estate Group	580-230-0834
Ooh La La Glam Studio	405-312-3782	Develop Durant 123	903-271-5507
The Skin Clinic	580-931-9977	Dunhill Properties	972-887-7777
		Ebby Halliday Realtors Gateway Mortgage	580-853-0330
PETS & VETERINARIANS		Gateway Montgage Larkspur Village Apartments	580-634-9223 580-920-1334
49th Street Veterinary Clinic LLC	580-745-9150	Legacy Premier Properties, LLC	580-504-4641
		Magnolia Plaza	580-924-8264
PHARMACIES		Modern Abstract & Title	580-745-5363
Corner Drug	580-924-4444	Quality Properties Realty	580-920-1644
Magnolia City Apothecary	903-267-9597	REMAX Advantage	580-634-5888
Medical Center Pharmacy	580-924-7425	Texoma Board of Realtors	580-920-1408
The Medicine Store Pharmacy	580-924-3784	TownHome Properties	580-924-9290
DIJOHO OD I DIJI		Underwood Drafting & Surveying, Inc	580-924-2151
PHOTOGRAPHY		VanMeter Realty	580-924-8404
CRPics Photography	661-805-5389	Weichert Realtors/Solid Ground	580-579-2891
Don't Blink Photography	580-380-8875	,	
PHYSICAL THERAPISTS		RECREATION FACILITIES	0 0
Excel Therapy	580-931-3300	Catfish Bay Marina	580-564-2307
Excel Therapy	300 931 3300	Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club	580-564-2581
PLUMBING SERVICES		Dancing Rabbit Creek Sporting Clays, LLC Newberry Creek Resort & Marina	
Bemac Plumbing Supply	580-924-4737	Tailchain Guide Service	580-924-0787 580-236-4569
Blackburn Plumbing and Air	580-775-1779	TallCliaffi Guide Service	500-230-4509
Wilkey Plumbing	580-634-2900	RESTAURANTS/FOOD/BEVERAGE	
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PRINTING/ENGRAVING/PROMOTION	NAL PRODUCTS	Blake's Coffee Shop	580-924-6688 580-609-1214
A&M Engraving	580-924-1992	Boomarang Diner	580-745-5622
Choctaw Print Services	580-924-1120	Chicken Express-Durant	580-924-4300
Durant Print & Ship	580-745-1065	Chili's Bar & Grill	580-920-0945
Price's Printing	580-924-2271	Craft Pies Pizza	580-380-4290
The Sign Depot	580-931-9363	Crystal Creek Winery	580-980-1006
		Jimmy's Egg	580-920-1777
		Lost Street Brewing Company	580-634-2936
		Magnolia Cafe	580-745-8003

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Main Street BBQ	580-745-9120	Sundrop Books	580-634-2137
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Opera House Coffee	530-300-0288	The Peanut Shoppe	580-296-4888
Parish 1807 Grill	504-606-0514	Usher & Company	580-239-0353
Roadhouse Bar & Grill	580-742-7033	U-We Gifts	918-208-9836
Roma Italian Restaurant	580-931-9961	Vertical Vibes of Durant	405-257-0225
Sherrer's Restaurant	580-924-4004	Wal-Mart	580-920-0234
Taco Casa	580-920-2820	Wholesale Equipment	580-920-1420
Taste Island	580-634-2205	CHODAGE	
That Country Music Place	903-244-8770	STORAGE	
Twice Bak'd Bistro LLC	580.920.3909	STH Real Estate	580-504-4608
Whataburger	580-745-9003	U Store 24	580-924-2500
Wright's Drive-In	580-924-4793	Westside Storage/A-1 Mini Warehouses	580-924-6552
ROOFING & CONSTRUCITON		TAG AGENCY	
All Seasons Contracting Co., Inc.	903-465-0313	Bryan County Tag Agency	580-745-5625
Fossil Ridge Roofing and Construction	903-624-4900	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	
RV SALES/SERVICE			500 FFF (C00
•		360 Communications AT&T	580-775-6698
Mr. T's Camper Sales & Rental	580-916-2556	Button 108, LLC	405-476-3461
CHODDING /CDECIALTY DETAIL		Cherokee Communications	580-380-9095
SHOPPING/SPECIALTY RETAIL		Dobson Fiber	580-434-5375
Blue Burros Farm Dispensary	580-916-9356	US Cellular	855-5-Dobson
Budget Blinds of Texoma	903-771-2483		580-920-9090
cLoudD9	580-380-4557	Vyve Broadband	800-392-2662
Durant Mercantile	580-745-8208	TRANSPORTATION/TRUCKING	
Ellie's Closet	903-818-8773	Bryan Limousines	01/010 5/66
Goodwill Industries	580-924-0262	Hourglass Transport LLC	214-213-5466 580-937-4569
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High 5 Headquarters Dispensary		Texhoma Limestone	580-298-7527
Juju Bee Flowers	214-683-1364	rexholila Lilliestolle	500-213-3900
Kim Hale Interior Design	530-680-2660	TRAVEL AGENCIES	
Kopper Kettle	580-745-9306		=00 001 0001
Love's Country Store #68	580-924-9304	All Seasons Travel	580-924-9201
Love's Country Store #69	580-924-9287	UTILITIES	
Love's Travel Stops #821	580-634-0905		
Marie's	580-924-3205	Hoffman Sanitation	580-924-1781
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ProImage Sports	580-745-5069	VETERINARIANS/PET SERVICES	
Pruett's Food	580-924-3181	Durant Animal Hospital	580-924-1640
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