



Chamber News November/December 2025

Lunch and Learn

The Quarterly Lunch and Learn was held Tuesday, November 18 at Cesar's in Vinita. The presentation was given by Eddy Allensworth and Misty Deffenbaugh regarding the Don Yarger Business Park. Eddy is the Market President for RCB Bank for Vinita, Langley, and Monkey Island. He is a graduate from Vinita, University of Oklahoma, and Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking. He is currently the President of both the Vinita Industrial Foundation and the Vinita Industrial Development Authority. The Industrial Development Authority, which is appointed positions, the community ensures potential companies will add to the quality of life and additional jobs to Vinita. Currently the community and city leaders are working to identify and provide resources, data, connections, and other assistance as needed when possible. The City of Vinita is currently engaged with professional planners to update the strategic plan, which includes the industrial park. Allensworth stated that "he feels good about the future of the industrial park."



Chamber Ribbon Cutting

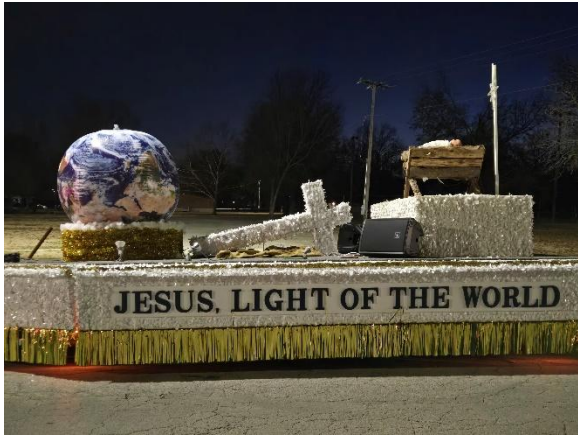
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2025 Christmas Parade

This year's theme in celebration of the anniversary of Route 66 is "Christmas on Route 66." The theme provides an opportunity to decorate past, present, and future Route 66 traveling themes, nostalgic tourist locations, and other ideas. Congratulations to all the winners from the 2025 Parade:

- Frosty Award: Judge's Overall Favorite: Matthews Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep
- Christmas Tree Award: Best Decorated Float: Omni Water Consultants
- Dashing Through the Snow: Best Walking Entry: Saint Francis Hospital Vinita
- Jingle Bell Award: Best Music: Kelly's Therapeutic Massage
- Elf Award: Best Youth Participation: JDS Legacy Dance
- Rudolph Award: Best use of Lights: Cleora Baptist Church
- Sleigh Ride: Best Vehicle: Luginbuel Funeral Home (Fire Truck)
- 1st Place Band: VHS Band
- 2nd place band: NEO Band





2025 Chamber Calendar

December 4 Vinita Christmas Parade

2026 Chamber Calendar

January 15 Annual Chamber Banquet speaker Dan Mears "Vintage Route 66"

Community Calendar

December 13, 2025 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Christmas at the Showbarn, Craig County Fairgrounds

June 6, 2026 Vinita's Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show



VINITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



ANNUAL BANQUET
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026
6:00 P.M.

PRESENTING: DAN MEERS
FORMER KC WOLF, THE OFFICIAL MASCOT OF
THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



THEME: VINTAGE ROUTE 66
ATTIRE: VINTAGE ANY ERA



CATERING BY PIGUET'S PRIMETIME

CRAIG COUNTY FAIRGROUND COMMUNITY BUILDING

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
\$35.00

PURCHASE /
RESERVE A TABLE
(8 CHAIRS)
\$250.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL JANUARY 6, 2026 AT BANCFIRST,
WELCH STATE BANK, AND ONLINE
[HTTPS://SQUARE.LINK/U/ZCWAHXRX](https://square.link/u/zcwaHXRX)
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