



Chamber News September 2025

Vinita Needs You

The Chamber is seeking nominations for the Vinita Chamber Board; five (5) board seats are up to refill January 2026. If you are interested in or know a great candidate please send an email to the chamber at vinitachamber@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to serve your community and to give back to local businesses.



Ribbon Cutting

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting at Coats Law Firm Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. The law firm is located at 120 South Wilson , STE A, Vinita.



A Ribbon Cutting Friday, October 3, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. was held for at Osborn Drugs in Vinita Ok. They are located at 207 W. Illinois Avenue, Vinita, Ok. They continue to carry a full line of pharmacy items along with gifts, candy, durable medical equipment and Home Health care needs. Osborn Drugs are celebrating their 50 years of serving the community this year.



Got A Theme

We are asking our members to send us ideas for the theme for this year's Christmas Parade. The Theme that wins will receive a gift card. Please email your ideas no later than Friday, October 17, 2025 as we want to get the word out so everyone can start planning their spectacular float.

The parade will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. !!!

2025 Chamber Calendar

December 4 Vinita Christmas Parade

2026 Chamber Calendar

January 15 Annual Chamber Banquet



2025 Calf Fry and Bar B Que Awards

The Calf Fry continues to be a great opportunity to show our community's delicatesses while attracting travelers from all over Oklahoma and the country. A special "Thank You" outside of the Chamber Board that helped plan this years event: Brandi Chamberlain, Dana Shrum, Don Daniels, Haylee Still, Judy Echenrode, Mark Chamberlain, Marlene Kincade, and

Tanya Pennington. The Chamber's Ranelle Hannegan, events coordinator, has worked for months to ensure another successful event happened this year.

Cherokee Nation was the Diamond Sponsor this year, thank you for ongoing support of the Vinita Chamber. Other sponsors included: City of Vinita, Eastern Trails Museum;

Gold Sponsors:

BancFirst, Hartley Ranch, Home of Hope, RCB, Welch State Bank, Vinita Daily Journal

Silver Sponsors:

AG Credit, C&L Supply, Lloyd's Quick Lube, Moorhead Construction, NOEC COOP/BOLT

Reed Ranch, Secondine Agency, Solid Rock

Bronze Sponsors:

Chris Conine, P.C., NEO Orthopedics and Rehab, The Junction, Yard Birds

Congratulations to all the teams for a successful Calf Fry this year. Overall Bar B Que winner: Ethan Kelley, 1st Place Calf Fry: Todd Taylor; People's Choice Award for Calf Fry: Austin Brown State Farm Insurance; Belle of the Ball: Jodi Ornder: Austin Brown State Farm Insurance.

2nd Place Calf Fry: Ethan Kelley

3rd Place Calf Fry: Austin Brown State Farm Insurance

2nd Place Chicken: Vinita Rotary Club

1st Place Ribs, Pork Loin, and Open: Vinita Rotary Club

1st Place Chicken: Ethan Kelley

2nd Place Ribs, Pork Loin and Open: Ethan Kelley





2025 Calf Fry



2025 Calf Fry Bar B Que Cookoff



2025 No Competition, Just Good Cookin'



2025 Calf Fry Cowboy Games



2025 Calf Fry Vendors

Thank you to the vendors that set up at the Calf Fry this year. There was a wide range of goods to purchase from candy / food, clothing, handmade wooden items, freshies, jewelry, face painting, games and prayer. This provided a great opportunity for people to shop prior to or after eating calf fries and Bar b que.



2025 Calf Fry





How You Can Become Involved In The Chamber

The Vinita Area Chamber of Commerce Board is made of all local businessmen and women who are volunteering their time to the Chamber. The Board is currently looking for members to volunteer for the following committees:

Membership Committee: Promoting Chamber functions and activities, promoting membership to the Chamber

Events: Promotion of civic and community organization events, recruit and coordinate resources to help with event projects

2025 Chamber of Commerce Board

Bruce Sooter, President

Aaron Simms, Vice President

Becky Bichard, Secretary

Tami Burks, Treasurer

Ranelle Hannegan, Events

Melinda Culp

Chris Highsmith

Linda Lucas

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Opportunities for Businesses

Let the Chamber help promote your business by including your information, services, or events in the monthly Chamber newsletter. Email the Chamber with promotional information that you would like displayed for the month.

Oklahoma SBDC

Contact: 580-745-2877; 301 West University Blvd, Durant, Ok 74701; <https://www.oksbdc.org>

Sign up for workshops on line:

Advertising Through the Chamber

Business advertising is available through the VACC website: Members of the Chamber are \$50.00 per month and Non-Members are \$75.00 per month.



The Ultimate Cheer Chili Cook-Off

**\$15 A
TICKET** 

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
6-8 PM • VINITA FAIRGROUNDS**

CHILI COOK-OFF TEAMS • VENDORS • LIVE MUSIC • AUCTIONS



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**Questions?
Call 918.418.9538**

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dinner theatre production of...

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written by Mark Ogle

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in a mansion with an ocean
view on Daytona Beach during
Spring Break? Nothing. That is
unless you stay in The House
on Ocean View Drive.

**FRIDAY AND
SATURDAY
OCT. 17
OCT. 18
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METHODIST
CHURCH**

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All proceeds go to



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FOR CHILDREN

CASA OF NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA

30
YEARS

TICKETS ARE

\$40

INCLUDES DINNER
AND SHOW

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HERE!**





Vinita Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by Saint Francis Hospital Vinita

Tuesday, October 14 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Look for the Bloodmobile at
Saint Francis Hospital Vinita
Education Center (on Brewer)!*

Sign up with Melinda Culp at 918-256-0203.

GLOWS IN THE DARK!



**To make an appointment,
call 877-340-8777,
or visit obi.org.**

*Donors receive a
\$10 meal voucher
for the cafeteria!*



877-340-8777 • obi.org Photo ID required. *While supplies last.

Contact the Chamber

Chamber mailing address: PO Box 541, Vinita, Ok 74301

You can catch the latest events and news from the Chamber through the Vinita Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Tag the chamber on Instagram [vinitachamber](#)

Visit the Chamber webpage at www.vinitachamber.com

