



Chamber News October 2025

Lunch and Learn

FREE LUNCH! Join us November 18, 2025 for the Chamber Quarterly Lunch and Learn at Cesar's. We will have special guest speakers, Eddie Allensworth and Misty Deffenbaugh, giving us an update on the Industrial Park development in Vinita. RSVPs necessary to attend.

Main Street Cookie Crawl

Grab your tickets for the Vinita Main Street Cookie Crawl!
Come by the Vinita Chamber of Commerce located in the Loft Building.
See our new office location and fill your cookie box.



VINITA MAIN STREET
**CHRISTMAS
COOKIE**
C R A W L

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 4 - 6 PM

TICKETS \$10 IN ADVANCE
AVAILABLE AT BANCFIRST OR ONLINE
AT www.vinitamainstreet.com
OR \$12 "AT THE DOOR"

Redeem tickets on Thursday, November 20, for the official Cookie Bag at
All Booked Up!



Come support this sweet fundraiser &
help preserve Vinita's Historic District!



2025 Christmas Parade

Mark your calendars, bundle up, and come enjoy the annual Christmas Parade in Vinita. 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. You can join the parade as a float, walking unit, marching unit, decorated company vehicles, equestrian, classic cars, motorcycle, or other modes of transportation. The application deadline is December 2. Applications can be returned to VACC at PO Box 541, Vinita, Ok 74301 or email to vinitachamber@gmail.com

**VINITA AREA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE PRESENTS**

2025

**CHRISTMAS PARADE
OF LIGHTS**

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 4TH AT 6:30 P.M.

THEME
CHRISTMAS ON RT. 66

CASH PRIZES

FROSTY AWARD - JUDGES OVERALL FAVORITE - \$150
CHRISTMAS TREE AWARD - BEST DECORATED FLOAT - \$100
DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW - BEST WALKING ENTRY - \$100
JINGLE BELL AWARD - BEST MUSIC - \$100
ELF AWARD - BEST YOUTH PARTICIPATION - \$50
RUDOLPH AWARD - BEST USE OF LIGHTS - \$50
SLEIGH RIDE - BEST VEHICLE - \$50
1ST PLACE BAND - \$100

Parade applications available at
the Chamber Office, City Hall,
BancFirst or online
www.vinitachamber.com

2025 Chamber Calendar

December 4 Vinita Christmas Parade

2026 Chamber Calendar

January 15 Annual Chamber Banquet

Community Calendar

November 3, 2025 10:30-1:30 Pottery hand building class, Vinita Potters Guild

November 13, 2025 1:30 Community Care – Review 2026 Plan Vinita Public Library

November 20, 2025 4:00 – 6:00 Main Street Cookie Crawl

November 20, 2025 6:00-8:00 Christmas paint Night with Christ in Vinita

November 27, 2025 Chris Lynch Memorial Turkey Trot

December 6, 2025 Christmas in Vinita

December 8, 2026 9:00 Life Line Screening, Craig County Fairgrounds

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



2025 Chamber of Commerce Board

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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>




HOLIDAY
Open House

SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL VINITA GIFT SHOP
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 & 7
10AM - 3:30PM
DOOR PRIZES & SPECIALS!

Brands include:



HOLIDAY EVENT FUNDRAISER
**CHRISTMAS PAINT
NIGHT**



With
Christmas in Vinita
A Hometown Family Christmas

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE EVENING OF PAINTING!
LOCAL ARTIST, DB WALTRIP, WILL BE THERE TO INSTRUCT HOLIDAY LOVERS
OF ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS IN THEIR OWN 16"X20" CANVAS OF A FUN
HOLIDAY DESIGN. EASY-TO-FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. PERFECT FOR SINGLE
PAINTERS, COUPLES, FRIENDS, FAMILIES, AND LARGE GROUPS!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

6:00-8:00 PM

COST: \$40 PER PERSON

LOCATION: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF VINITA

Light refreshments will be served.
Please scan the QR code to reserve your spot and submit payment.

Paint Night Reservation



Christmas in Vinita

A Hometown Family Christmas

Save the Date

Saturday, Dec 6th

Breakfast with Santa | Children's Activities
Vendors | Tree Lighting | And MORE!



FREE EVENT

ChristmasInVinita.com



Christmas in Vinita

A Hometown Family Christmas

VENDORS WANTED

Are you a Crafter or Vendor?
Join us at Christmas in Vinita!

Saturday, December 6TH

9:00am-12:00pm

**Craig County
Community Building**

Please fill out and return the application
form by Friday, November 21st.

S3 Creatives is offering a meaningful way for communities to honor their veterans this November. We are producing **custom Veterans Day street banners** that individuals, families, and businesses can sponsor in honor of a veteran or service member.

These banners can be displayed in your town's downtown district, city hall area, or on high-traffic light poles throughout the month of November.

Program Details:

- **Cost:** \$150 per banner
- **Size:** 5' x 30" (Double-sided, full color)
- **Sponsor a Veteran by Name** (Service branch + optional photo)
- **Banners are Displayed the Entire Month of November**
- After November, the banner is **returned as a keepsake** to the sponsor.
- **Partial proceeds benefit *Oklahoma Heroes Outdoors*** — a 501(c)(3) supporting veterans through outdoor support and adventure programs.

Order Form: <https://forms.gle/uct2H9KTmxSDKz39>

How the Program Works

Your community can participate by displaying the banners along your **main street, business district, or city light poles**—or by offering families the option to display their banner at their home or business.

Your community will only sell as many banner sponsorships as you have display spaces available. For example, Chelsea has 12 available pole spaces, so only 12 banners will be displayed downtown. However, families can also purchase banners to display at their own homes, ranch entrances, storefronts, etc.

If your town has a fee or requires staff to install the banners, you can simply **add that into your pricing**. For example, if installation costs your town \$25 per banner, you could charge \$175 instead of \$150. You would **collect the funds locally**, and only the base banner price is paid back to us.

This gives each community:

- Local control on pricing
- The ability to manage their own display spots
- A meaningful, hometown tribute to local veterans

This program isn't limited to Veterans Day — banners can be designed for:

- **Veterans & Military Honor** (November)
- **Welcome to Our Town** (Year-round branding)
- **Christmas / Holidays**
- **Fall Festivals / Founders Day / Homecoming**
- **City Anniversary / Parade Season**
- **Local Events, Fairs, or Jamborees**
- **"Support Local" & Seasonal Shopping Campaigns**
- **Graduation / Senior Class Banners**
- **Sports Teams / Schools / Booster Clubs**

If you have an event... we can design a banner for it. If you have further questions, I would be more than happy to answer.



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

