



Chamber News July 2025

Quarterly Lunch and Learn

On June 24 the Chamber hosted the Quarterly Lunch and Learn at the Vinita Community Church with guest speaker Joe Echelle, Oklahoma Turnpike Authority Executive Director. 27 attendees, including Senator Micheal Bergstrom learned of the turnpike history and future. Oklahoma has the 14th largest road infrastructure in the U.S, with 40% of the turnpike revenue coming from out of state traffic and have an average of 17 million transactions a month. The Oklahoma Turnpike also covers the 99 troopers that work the turnpikes and the OHP academy.

Access Oklahoma is the long range promise it invest in the turnpikes with several projects on the horizon, such as: widening and interchanges on the Turner, Will Rogers, and John Kilpatrick Turnpikes, interchange improvements on the Cimarron, Creek, H.E. Bailey, and Indian Nation Turnpikes, and new alignments in South OKC Metro.

You can see the updates, timelines, and the plan at www.accessoklahoma.com. You can also find information regarding the Turnpike Authority at <https://oklahoma.gov/ota.html>



Ribbon Cutting

Join us on August 12, 2025 at 1200 for the Chamber Ribbon Cutting at our new office location, in the lobby of Villa Lofts. Villa Lofts are located at 107 West Canadian Ave, Vinita, Ok. Snacks will be provided.

2025 Chamber Calendar

August 4-5 Will Rogers Steer Roping and Slack

August 6-9 88th Will Rogers Rodeo "Year of the Cowboy"

August 4-8 Rodeo Window Décor Contest

August 6 1100 a.m. Will Rogers Rodeo Parade "Year of the Cowboy"

September 27 Vinita Calf Fry



December 4 Vinita Christmas Parade

2026 Chamber Calendar

Tentatively: January 29 Annual Chamber Banquet

2025 Will Rogers Rodeo Parade

Join us Wednesday, August 6 at 1100 for the Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo Parade downtown Vinita. This year is the "Year of the Cowboy" Honoring the Past, Present, and Future

Come out and support the cowboys and cowgirls that will be competing this year at the 87th Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo. The rodeo is at the American legion Rodeo Grounds, Vinita.

Ticket Prices:

General Admission- \$15

Child General Admission- \$5

Box Seats \$20

Chute Seats \$25

Monday August 4th - Rodeo Slack - \$5 Cash Admission

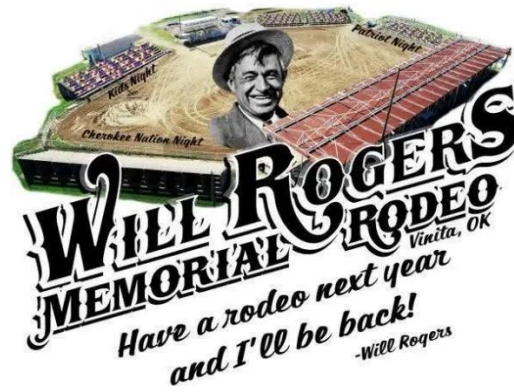
Tuesday August 5th- Steer Roping and Community Hamburger Feed \$10 Admission and includes free Hamburger Meal

Wednesday August 6th - Kids Night - Kids 12 and Under Free with purchase of Adult Ticket

Thursday August 7th - All Cherokee Nation Tribal Members get in Free with Cherokee Nation Tribal Card or Cherokee CDIB Card

Friday August 8th - First Responders Appreciation Night


Saturday August 9th - Military Night (All Veterans and Active Military get in Free with Military ID)



2025 Calf Fry

Calf Fry T-Shirts are available via Pre-Order. Get your Order in now!

<https://vinita-area-chamber-of-commerce.square.site/>



Calf Fry Shirts
 \$25 Cash
 \$26 Card
 Scan the QR
 code to order
 and pay by card



Saturday September 27, 2025

Pre-Order Sales End - Sept. 1st






Sizes S - M - L - XL - 2XL - 3XL

Cash/Check orders may be placed at
 Artistry, 216 S. Scraper St., Vinita

Vinita Area Chamber of Commerce - 107 W Canadian, Vinita, OK
 918-256-7133 vinitachamber@gmail.com
www.vinitachamber.com



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See separate flyer for more details



**Saturday
September 27
2025**

**Craig County
Fairgrounds
915 E Apperson Rd
Vinita, OK**

**9 AM - Cowboy Games
11 AM - Calf Fry/BBQ**



Tasting Kits / Calf Frys & BBQ
\$15 Adults - 12 & over - \$5 Kids - 6-11
Tickets sold at the gate

Vendors • Music • Food Vendors

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World's Largest Calf Fry Festival & BBQ Cook-Off

September 27th, 2025

The festival includes

Cowboy Games | BBQ Cook-Off | Calf Fry Cook-Off | Vendors | Live Music

Diamond Sponsor: \$5,000 (1 available)

- Main Sponsor
- Company Banner advertised via sky banner
- Company Banner at the Festival Entrance
- Logo Recognition on Festival Poster (large)
- Logo Recognition on Print Ads (large)

Platinum Sponsor: \$2,500

- Company Banner on award stage
- Company Banner at the Festival Entrance
- Logo Recognition on Festival Poster (large)
- Logo Recognition on Print Ads (large)

Gold Sponsor: \$1,000

- Company Banner at the Festival Entrance
- Logo Recognition on Festival Poster (medium)
- Logo Recognition on Print Ads (medium)

Silver: \$500

- Logo Recognition on Festival Poster (small)
- Logo Recognition on Print Ads (small)

Bronze Sponsor: \$250

- Booth @ event
- Logo Recognition on Festival Poster (small)

Sponsorship Benefits:

- Booth at Festival
- Company advertisement via sky banner (main sponsor)
- Company banner at the Festival entrance (certain levels)
- Logo recognition on website and social media (size varies)
- Name recognition in press releases (size varies)

For more information contact:

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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

Contact Us

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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.

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





Does your company or community group require CPR certification?

**Saint Francis Hospital Vinita now offers CPR
classes as a community resource.**

Cost is **\$75 per person** with a three-person minimum per class.

To register or for more information, email **Brett Carlson** at

bpcarlson@saintfrancis.com or call **918-640-3690**.

