



## Chamber News May 2024

### Business Spotlight: Coat's Furniture

Roy and Saphronea Coats purchased Coats Home Furnishing and Appliance in April 1957. Roy had an extensive background in furniture and appliance sales through Jolley & Coats Furniture and Hardware since 1946. In 1952 Roy opened a store in Chetopa, Kansas. In 1957 an opportunity arose to purchase Nelson Furniture at 142 S. Wilson in Vinita, OK and the family operated through both locations. Ron Coats joined the business following graduation from NSU, he still prefers his paper receipts and General Ledger book for his bookkeeping. Today, Coats Home Furnishings and Appliance is owned and operated as a family owned, 3 generation business in Vinita by Ronnie and Chris Coats. In their store they carry name brand options, allowing the citizens of Vinita to shop local and have the access to Ashley Furniture, Lazyboy Furniture, GE appliances, Crosley, and Sleeptronic Mattress. Coats offers "In-House" financing, delivery and setup. Coats states that "the tax revenue from local sales is important to support our town and the schools.



### Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to the Potter's Guild who had their ribbon cutting April 19, 2024.

### Welcome New Chamber Members

Piguet's Primetime	Luxhost Heartland
Ace Hardware	Cabin Creek RV
HiWay Café and Western Motel	Lion's Club Vinita
Terrie Thompson	Grand Gateway Economic

### 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

Please contact the Chamber if you would like to be on the planning committee for the 2024 Calf Fry

#### Chamber Events, Community Events and News

May 21, 6:00 P.M. Craig County Fairground AOGC Open Forum

June 6, 2024: USDA Energy Grant Lunch and Learn: Sponsored by Eight Twenty Solar at Piguet's Prime Time 11:45 am – 1:00 p.m.

June 15, 2024: Route 66 Car Show, come by the Chamber table to meet board members in person

June 22, 2024: Pony Express

July 2, 2024: Fourth of July Celebration at the Craig County Fairgrounds

August 7, 2024 1100: Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo Parade

September 21, 2024: Vinita Calf Fry

December 5, 2024: Vinita Christmas Parade

#### 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](http://www.vinitachamber.com)



### Presents the Association of Oklahoma General Contractors (AOGC)

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Craig County Fairground  
Bluejacket/Ketchum Room

Open to the public

#### Topic:

Unprecedented economic conditions and inflation are impacting planned highway construction in our community.

Hear from Association of Oklahoma General Contractors (AOGC) Executive Director Bobby Stem and ODOT District 8 District Engineer Trapper Parks about the potential adjustments for ongoing and future state-funded road projects and learn how you can best prepare.

Come with questions, as Stem and Parks will provide time for Q&A.

#### AOGC:



Engages with proactive and unapologetic lobbying to emphasize the importance of infrastructure spending



Prioritizes the collection and dissemination of accurate and timely business information, utilizing contacts within the state and federal government



Facilitates extensive networking opportunities, organizing member meetings, and connecting with government to enhance business prospects and collaborations.



Assist with road and bridge construction employment and safety

