



Chamber News April 2025

Ribbon Cutting

Vickrey Family Heat and Air



2025 Chamber Calendar

June 24 12:00-1:00 p.m. Quarterly Lunch and Learn at Vinita Community Church: Speaker Joe Echelle, Oklahoma Turnpike Authority

July 2 Vinita Fourth of July Celebration

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 Will Rogers Rodeo Parade "Year of the Cowboy"

September 27 Vinita Calf Fry

December 4 Vinita Christmas Parade

TBD VACC Chamber Banquet

2026 Chamber Calendar



Tentatively: January 29 Annual Chamber Banquet



Events in Vinita

June 13 & 14: Vinita Route 66 Festival

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:

MAY

May
7
2025

SITE TWEAKS TO INCREASE REACH

Wed, May 7 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Topic: Marketing and Sales

Online Facilitated by Oklahoma Small Business Development Center

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May
8
2025

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS FOR YOUR BUSINESS PLAN AND BEYOND

Thu, May 8 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Topic: Cash Flow Management

Online Facilitated by Oklahoma Small Business Development Center

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May
9
2025

BUSINESS START UP

Fri, May 9 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Topic: Start-up Assistance

Online Facilitated by Oklahoma Small Business Development Center

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May
14
2025

GET FOUND, GOT GROWTH: IMPROVING YOUR GOOGLE ONLINE PRESENCE

Wed, May 14 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Topic: Marketing and Sales

Online Facilitated by Oklahoma Small Business Development Center

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May
15
2025

BUSINESS SMART

Thu, May 15 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Topic: Start-up Assistance

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May
21
2025

SBA LOAN PROGRAMS: ARE THEY RIGHT FOR YOU?

Wed, May 21 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Topic: Financing

Online Facilitated by Oklahoma Small Business Development Center

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May
22
2025

STAYING AHEAD: MONTHLY GOOGLE AND AI DEVELOPMENTS

Thu, May 22 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Topic: Marketing and Sales

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May

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2025

WHAT YOUR LENDERS NEED TO KNOW

Thu, May 22 11:30 PM to 1:00 PM

Topic: Financing

Online Facilitated by Oklahoma Small Business Development Center

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May

28

2025

SMALL BUSINESS INSURANCE BASICS

Wed, May 28 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Topic: Managing a Business

Online Facilitated by Oklahoma Small Business Development Center

OKLAHOMA'S PREMIER BUSINESS EXPO, SUMMIT, & NETWORKING EVENT



What is Connect?

Connect is a B2B trade show & networking event for Oklahoma business owners, industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and start-ups across the state. Attendees are given the opportunity to expand their network, build new relationships, explore resources, and meet with vendors & suppliers. Connect serves as a hub where aspirations intertwine with possibilities, and where the landscape of commerce takes on new dimensions. Secure your spot to be at the forefront of Oklahoma's economic future.

Connect 2025 was developed by Oklahoma businesses, for Oklahoma businesses. Secure your spot to be at the forefront of Oklahoma's economic future. Need to register multiple attendees?

Use [**GROUP REGISTRATION**](#) instead. Online registration closes on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 5:00pm CST. All other attendees must register on-site the day of the event.

www.oksbe.com/expo

Registration Cost

Oklahoma Business Expo: FREE

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 • 10:00am-4:00pm

The 2025 Oklahoma Business Expo will take place at the **Expo Square Exchange Center** (4145 E. 21st St, Tulsa, OK 74114). Registration includes attendance at the expo, attendee badge, and Connect SWAG bag.

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



AFFORDABLE SMALL GROUP HEALTH PLANS

ChamberCare, administered by Allied and using the extensive Aetna Signature Administrators network, is here to provide your business cost-saving healthcare plans.

Expect to save up to 20% or more on your monthly medical spend with ChamberCare*

*saving estimates are based on small business groups in states that are enrolled in similar plans. Individual results may vary.

What Is ChamberCare?

- Affordable and reliable healthcare for small businesses
- A pro-business solution to the rising cost of healthcare

Our Partners

- Aetna Signature Administrators – ChamberCare's provider network
- CVS/Caremark – ChamberCare's pharmacy benefit manager. Variety of pharmacy options available.**
- CirrusMD – ChamberCare's virtual health services
- Allied – ChamberCare's third party administrator

Who Qualifies?

- Oklahoma businesses with 2-50 employees
- Eligible employers must be a member of The State Chamber of Oklahoma or a participating local chamber

What ChamberCare Provides

- Fixed, predictable monthly payments for employers
- Multiple plan designs to fit your needs and budget
- Competitive, medically underwritten rates

** Caremark's national network of retail pharmacies listed at www.okstatechamber.com/chambercare/ or call your local independent pharmacy directly for questions on network participation.

Businesses across the nation are faced with critical decisions regarding healthcare coverage, service utilization, and personal health management. We understand these challenges can be overwhelming and we are committed to helping.

ChamberCare is here to simplify your healthcare decision, reduce costs, and empower your business to thrive.

FIND OUT MORE AND GET STARTED AT
okstatechamber.com/chambercare/