



Chamber News August 2025

Ribbon Cutting

August 12, 2025 at 1200 the Chamber Ribbon Cutting had a dual celebration for the Ribbon Cutting at the new Chamber office location, in the lobby of Villa Lofts and for Villa Lofts. The Villa Lofts are an affordable housing community, with different floor plans with varying square footage and prices. They have amenities for the residents such as shuffle board court, fitness center, on site laundry center, and a computer center. Villa Lofts are located at 107 West Canadian Ave, Vinita, Ok. Thank you to everyone that came by to see our new space.



New Members

We would like to welcome CASA of Northeast Oklahoma to the Chamber. CASA is a court appointed special advocate for children and services Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Ottawa, Rogers, and Washington counties. The volunteers are specially trained and qualified to advocate for children who are before the court as a result of abuse or neglect, living at home, or out of home care. You can find more information at www.casaneok.org or contact them at info@casaneok.org or 918-923-7276. They are located at 1222 North Florence Avenue, Suite A, Claremore, Ok 74017.

We would like to welcome Osborn Drugs to the Chamber. Osborn has been locally owned for over 28 years and offers home deliver, refills, and personalized care. They are located at 207 West Illinois, Vinita and can be contacted at 918-256-6459. Visit their website at www.osborndrugsvinita.com

We would like to welcome The Grove Gift Shop to the Chamber. They are located at 323 West Dwain Willis Ave, Vinita, Ok 74301 (the old co-op building next to Ford). The Gift Shop has items for women, men, and the home. You can find many gifts here. You can also follow them on Facebook.

Quarterly Mixer

The Chamber's quarterly mixer was held at Cesar's Place in Vinita on August 28. Community and business leaders visited while enjoying drinks, appetizers, and sopapillas. This continues to be a great way to hear about the events and opportunities in the community. We also were able to celebrate a Happy Birthday with Ranelle Hannegan.



2025 Chamber Calendar

September 27 Vinita Calf Fry

December 4 Vinita Christmas Parade

2026 Chamber Calendar

Tentatively: January 29 Annual Chamber Banquet



2025 Will Rogers Rodeo Parade

The 88th Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo Parade "Year of the Cowboy" Honoring the past, present and future was held on August 6 and had a great turnout! Thank you to everyone that participated in the parade or came to watch. Every entry in the parade was entered in the judging contest for cash prizes. The judges spent a lot of time evaluating every entry and the winners were announced at the parade:

Horse riding club / group : Largest # riding: Welch Roundup Club

Horse riding club / group : Best outfitted: Welch Roundup Club

Best Horse Drawn Carriage: Rockin K Carriage

Oldest Car: Pat Magnon

Best Restored Car: 1934 Plymouth Larry Covert

Best dressed cowgirl (under 19): Madison Green Jenkin

Best dressed cowboy (under 19) Tilden Owen (3 years old)

Best dressed cowgirl (over 18): Monica Smith

Best dressed cowboy (over 18): CJ McCord

Sam Seabolt Memorial: Best Overall Float: Reliant Gaming

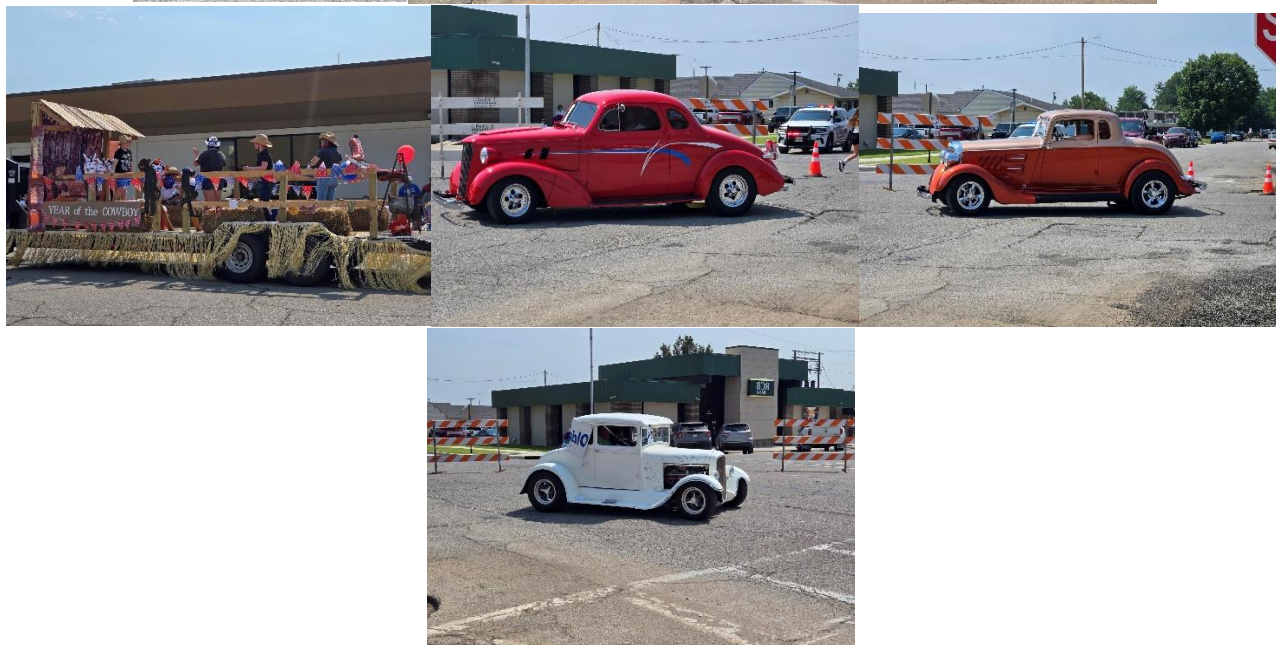
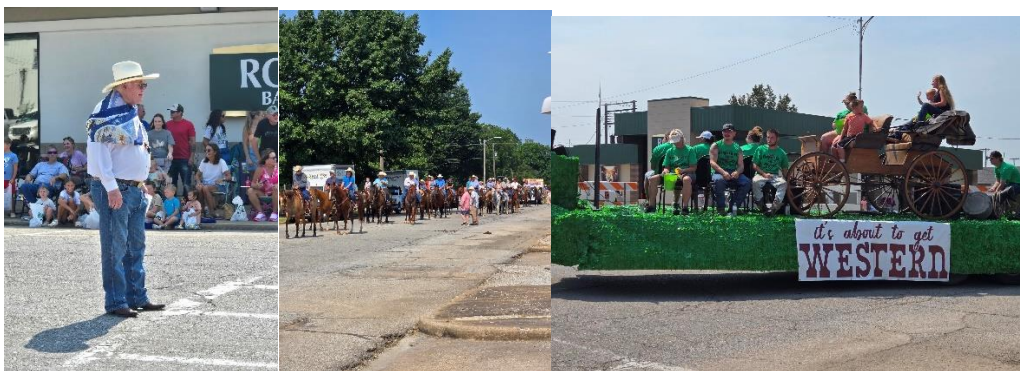
Theme Award: Best use of the rodeo parade theme: Home of Hope

Mayors Award: Best use of materials: Matthews Dodge

Queens Award: Best your or volunteer group: Alive Church

Commanders Award: Creative use of materials: JDS Legacy Dance

Marshal's Award: Best overall visual effect: Northeast Electric



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.



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



**SUPPORT OUR
LOCAL ATHLETES!**

All Donations are Appreciated!

**Questions?
Call 918.418.9538**

SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!



We're looking for you.



Join our organization of volunteers: a team of very special people who share their time, talents and compassion to benefit patients, families, guests and staff at the Saint Francis Health System. For more information, scan the QR code on the right, email us at volunteers@saintfrancis.com, or visit saintfrancis.com/volunteers or contact Darlene Nolte at 918-256-0190 for Vinita.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ALL SAINT FRANCIS LOCATIONS, including:

- ♥ Saint Francis Hospital
- ♥ Saint Francis Children's Hospital
- ♥ Saint Francis Glenpool
- ♥ Saint Francis Hospital Muskogee
- ♥ Saint Francis Hospital South
- ♥ Saint Francis Hospital Vinita
- ♥ Health Zone at Saint Francis
- ♥ Warren Clinics
- ♥ Xavier Clinic for the Uninsured
- ♥ Saint Francis Heart and Vascular Institute
- ♥ Laureate Psychiatric Clinic and Hospital



Join Saint Francis as we *Light the Way to a Healthier Tomorrow!*

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU HERE

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](https://www.instagram.com/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**.

