

Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce

2018-19 Community Development Highlights

- Progress continued on the **Kaw Lake water pipeline** project. The project will provide a diversified, sustainable water source for Enid.
- **Vance Air Force Base increased pilot training** from 320 to 420 pilots annually.
- **2018 retail sales were up 5%** above previous year. Enid is on pace for the Billion by 2025 Plan.
- **Wind development investment** in Garfield Co. has topped **\$1 billion** and new projects are underway.
- Enid Public Schools is completing the final school improvements from the **\$93 million school bond** approved in 2016. The **competition gym and fine arts center** are expected to open in late 2019.
- **New \$2.5 million terminal** at Enid Woodring Regional Airport is near completion.
- **Best Western Glo**, Enid's new downtown hotel, is opening soon.
- **Enid Brewing Company**, Enid's first craft beer company, opened in Downtown Enid.
- **New restaurants** opened in Enid's West Garriott retail corridor.
- Retail development projects at **Lahoma Courts** have been announced.
- Work on **Enid Soccer Complex** continued. The facility will be a great asset for expanding athletics tourism.
- Enid is investing in **infrastructure and quality of life improvements** (water resources, road upgrades, and parks & trails).
- **Stride Bank Center** is bringing outstanding entertainment events to NW Oklahoma and helping expand Enid's visitor industry.
- **Community wayfinding signage plan** is being implemented.

2018-19 Enid Chamber Events & Activities

- Coordinated **federal legislative trip** to Washington, D.C. Topics included: Vance AFB, Kaw Lake project, health care and education.
- Organized **Enid Day at the Capitol** legislative breakfast. Primary topics were education and health care.
- Partnered with the State Chamber of Oklahoma to offer programs for small businesses. **Oklahoma Chamber Blue** offers affordable health insurance options and the **Small Business Chamber Alliance** helps businesses be engaged on legislative issues.
- Partnered with the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber to offer **Greater Choice Oklahoma** which provides additional health insurance options for small businesses.
- Participated in **Oklahoma Mid-Size Cities Coalition** to advocate legislative priorities for mid-sized cities (rural health care, regional universities & colleges, etc.).
- Expanded the **ENID 4 TEACHERS** program which provides business discounts for teachers in the region.
- Partnered with sponsors and other organizations to celebrate Enid's history and heritage through the **Cherokee Strip Celebration**.
- **Candy Cane Cash** event promoted holiday shopping in Enid and provided \$15,000 in cash prizes.
- **NW District Jr. Livestock Show** attracted over 2,500 visitors, supported youth agriculture education and raised \$147,000 for premium sale exhibitors.
- **Enlisted Appreciation Night** provided almost \$20,000 in cash and prizes from Enid's business community to support VAFB enlisted personnel.
- Partnered with Vance Air Force Base to organize and promote **Camp Tomahawk**, a summer camp program for underprivileged children.
- **Chamber Ambassadors** conducted ribbon cuttings for new or expanding businesses and provided volunteer support at community events.
- Provided **membership networking** opportunities through Business Spotlight @ Lunch and Business After Hours events.
- Provided **academic achievement awards** to students and retirement recognition for teachers.
- **Enid Chamber Committee of 100** contributions provided funding for the Oklahoma School of Science & Mathematics at Autry Technology Center.
- Supported efforts to expand the United Way **Coach-A-Kid Enid** mentoring program.