

Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce

2023 Community Development Highlights

- **Advance Soccer Complex** has opened. It's a tremendous quality of life and sports tourism asset for Enid.
- Enid City Commission has approved a **new 9-screen theater/entertainment center** to be located north of the soccer complex.
- City of Enid has acquired 400 acres and been approved for \$15.8 million in ARPA funding to develop a **new industrial park**.
- **No Man's Land Foods** completed a major expansion project in Enid.
- **Renew Energy** is completing its new wind turbine remanufacturing facility. The company will provide 50 full-time jobs initially with the potential to employ up to 100.
- **Bri-Steel** is opening a seamless pipe manufacturing facility in the former GEFCO building.
- **NextEra Energy Resources** is planning to build a 250-megawatt solar energy center paired with 200-megawatts of battery storage southeast of Enid.
- **PT** is expanding to provide increased stainless-steel capacity.
- **Kaw Lake water pipeline** is under construction. The project, scheduled for completion in 2024, will provide a diversified, sustainable water source for Enid.
- **New Robert M. Greer Campus** construction is nearing completion. The facility will ensure that Enid continues to offer quality care for dually diagnosed clients.
- Enid's W. Garriott corridor has **new restaurant and retail development**.
- **Improvements at Enid Woodring Regional Airport** include a south ramp upgrade and a second new joint use hangar. The projects will provide mission support for Vance AFB.
- **Wind development investment** in Garfield Co. is approaching \$2 billion.
- **Downtown Enid** is flourishing with new restaurants, bars, breweries, boutiques, and art projects.
- **"The One"**, a Christmas festival in Downtown Enid featuring a 122 ft. Christmas tree, concerts, expanded **Main Street Enid ice skating rink** and much more, attracted thousands of visitors to Enid.
- Great Plains Bank opened at its new location in **The District**.
- **Enid 2023 retail sales were up** and on pace for the Billion by 2025 goal.

2023 Enid Chamber Events & Activities

- Organized the **Enid federal legislative trip to Washington D.C.** Primary topics included Vance AFB priorities, community support for Vance, Farm Bill extension, border security and regulation of agricultural land purchases.
- Organized **Enid Day at the Capitol** legislative meetings. Primary topics were K-12 and higher education funding, medical marijuana regulation and OK Promise eligibility for Career Tech students.
- Advocated for SB 244 which requires LOFT to determine the savings from Criminal Justice Reform and allocate the savings for **mental health and substance abuse services**.
- Supported legislation to provide **teacher raises and increased funding for public schools**.
- Supported legislation to provide commercial driver's license (**CDL**) **eligibility** for individuals from the Marshallese community.
- Participated in **Oklahoma Mid-Size Cities Coalition** to advocate legislative priorities for mid-sized cities (rural health care, regional universities & colleges).
- **Chamber Ambassadors** conducted ribbon cuttings for new or expanding businesses and provided other volunteer support for the Chamber.
- Offered free **email marketing** for members.
- **Recognized retiring teachers** in Garfield County (Common Ed and Higher Ed)
- Promoted the **ENID 4 TEACHERS** program which provides business discounts for teachers in the region.
- Coordinated **Enid's military discount program**.
- Partnered with sponsors and other organizations to celebrate Enid's history and heritage through the **130th Cherokee Strip Celebration**.
- **20th Annual Candy Cane Cash** 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 over \$280,000 for premium sale exhibitors.
- **Enlisted Appreciation Night** provided over \$15,000 in cash and prizes from Enid's business community to support Vance Air Force Base enlisted personnel.
- **Enid Chamber Committee of 100** contributions helped provide scholarships for area students to attend Northern Oklahoma College-Enid and Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Enid.