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TFCU PARTNERS with OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark

Tinker Federal Credit Union (TFCU) is making a splash in Oklahoma City through a new partnership with OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark, bringing its community-focused mission beyond the branch and into one of the city's newest family destinations.

As part of the partnership, TFCU branding will appear throughout OKANA's 100,000-square-foot indoor waterpark, including on lifeguard uniforms, life vests and safety touchpoints designed to enhance the guest experience. Visitors entering the park will also have the opportunity to enter giveaways for complimentary overnight stays at the resort, sponsored by TFCU.

The collaboration reflects TFCU's continued investment in the wellbeing of Oklahoma families, supporting not only financial health but also safe, family-friendly community experiences.

"We deeply value our partnership with OKANA," says Nicole Emmons, senior vice president of marketing at TFCU. "In supporting a secure and enjoyable experience for families, we hope to make a positive impact both inside and outside the waterpark."

The partnership highlights how local organizations are working together to create meaningful experiences for residents and visitors alike. **Learn more at tinkerfcu.org.**



Oklahoma State Fair Reveals Route 66-Inspired 2026 Theme

The Oklahoma State Fair is hitting the road in celebration of a major American milestone, announcing "The Midway of the Mother Road" as the official theme for the 2026 fair, taking place September 17–27.

The theme honors the 100th anniversary of historic Route 66, with Oklahoma proudly holding more miles of the iconic highway than any other state. Fair officials say the celebration will spotlight the nostalgia, traditions and sense of community that have long made both Route 66 and the Oklahoma State Fair beloved experiences for families.

"Route 66 was never about just getting somewhere, it was and continues to be about what you can find along the way," says Oklahoma State Fair spokesperson Scott Munz. "Route 66 has connected us and created places where we can gather and celebrate the traditions that make Oklahoma the heartland."

Fairgoers can expect special Route 66-themed events, attractions and Americana-inspired experiences throughout the 2026 fair, blending classic favorites with new entertainment and exhibits. Additional announcements and event details will be released in the coming months.

Learn more and stay updated at okstatefair.com.

Giant Route 66 Push Pin Debuts in Wellston

A new roadside attraction is putting Wellston on the map just in time for the 100th anniversary of historic Route 66. A massive illuminated push pin sculpture, titled "You Are Here," now marks the midpoint of Route 66 in Oklahoma and serves as one of the state's newest public art installations celebrating the Mother Road.

Located near Exit 158 off the Turner Turnpike, the 23-foot-tall structure features colorful translucent panels showcasing Oklahoma-inspired imagery, from bison and wheat fields to Route 66 icons and scenes honoring the state's history and culture. The sculpture lights up at night, creating a striking new landmark for travelers exploring the historic highway.

The installation is part of Oklahoma's larger Route 66 centennial celebration and aims to encourage visitors to stop, explore small towns and experience the unique attractions found along the route. Additional public art pieces and improvements are also underway in the area as communities prepare for increased tourism tied to the Route 66 milestone.

