

Enjoy Christmas in the Land of Milk and Honey

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Are you local looking for a fun way to kick off your holiday season?

Then check out the 27th Annual Minco Honey Festival on Saturday, Dec. 2 in downtown Minco just west of Tuttle.

The Honey Festival started 27 years ago with just nine craft booths held at the old armory. That number has grown to over 100 booths and is now held at Minco High School. The Arts and Craft Show will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Minco's own Lucas Ross, "Son of a Beekeeper," will be featured during the Arts and Craft Show. Ross is an Emmy ward winning entertainer who has appeared in feature films, national television shows and on hundreds of local commercials. Ross's second

album "Banjo Farm" has recently been released.

Come early and come hungry to the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Sponsored by First National Bank, the breakfast will feature Shawnee Mills Pancakes and Sausage.

The festival will also feature a tractor pull, Honey Bake-Off, a Little Miss Honey Bee Contest, Santa Claus (1:30-4 p.m.), free food samples at City Hall and of course tours of the town's very own Ross Honey Plant. There will also be tours given of the Great Plains Cotton Gin and the Wind Towers - making the festival educational as well as fun.

The Honey Festival will also honor the 150 anniversary of the Chisholm Trail where Minco has been located for 127 years. There will be horse-drawn wagon rides and rope-making for children.

Honey Festival attendees can also enjoy Downtown Minco by visiting these participating businesses: Blossom Time Shops, Harris Hardware, Iron Angel Antiques, The Junkery, Minco History Center, Morning Glory, Petals & Pinecones, The Re-Store, Sister Act 3 and Janie's Little Bookstore.

A bevy of eateries will be available to soothe any hunger pains, such as: Sid's Diner, Nachito's Mexican Restaurant, Stew and Cornbread at the Senior Center, Mac's Corner, Indian Tacos at the Assembly of God, Gas-N-Go, Easter Star Hot Dogs and Fixin's, Dairy Boy, Chili Lunch at First Baptist Church and BBQ Barn.

So "Save the Date" and make plans to attend this year's Minco Honey Festival. Be sure to read the Minco/Union City Times for more details about the day's events.



-Jayson Knight

The annual Minco Honey Festival features more than 100 craft booths.

27th Annual

Minco Honey Festival

Saturday,
December 2, 2017

Located where Hwy 81 and Hwy 37 meet, approximately 30 minutes SW of OKC on Hwy 81.

www.minco-chamberofcommerce.net

Chisholm Trail Celebrating 150 years

The Honey Festival is proud to honor the Chisholm Trail, where Minco has sat for 127 years. There will be a horse drawn wagon for you to enjoy and rope making for the kids.

Little Miss Honey Bee

Contestants must be in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade, and a Minco resident.

10:30 AM First Baptist Church FLC
Contact Shelby Terry
(405) 535-8001

Tractor Pull

Next to City Hall
Registration at 11:00 AM
Contest at 12:30 PM

Santa!

City Hall 1:30-4:00 PM
Featuring: 21st Century Santa
Toy Drive: In need of new, unwrapped toys.



Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
Shawnee Mills Pancakes & Sausage
7:00 - 10:00 AM



First United Methodist Church
Sponsor: First National Bank

Honey Bake-Off

Entries due by 11 AM, judging at 1 PM, bring recipe. Raffle tickets, homemade decor, and more.
Senior Center on Main St.
Information: (405) 352-5018

FREE Food Samples!

City Hall
Milk, chocolate milk, and cheese provided by Braum's Dairy & Minco Chamber of Commerce

Ross Honey Co.

109 Belle
One block N. of Main
Tours from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Honey, candy, and gifts
Oklahoma's largest honey plant
Owned & operated by Jimmy & Glenda Ross
(405) 352-4125

Great Plains Cotton Gin

Located 1 1/4 miles east of 4-way stop on Hwy 37
Tours hourly 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

TOURS

Wind Tower Tours

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Courtesy Nextera Energy
Shuttle provided at City Hall



Arts & Crafts Show

Over 100 Vendors
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Minco High School
311 SW 6th (6th & Burt)
Individual crafts, jewelry, gifts, honey baskets, wood & iron crafts
For information, call: (405) 352-0518

Come See Lucas Ross

"Son of a Beekeeper"



Arts & Crafts Show
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Emmy award winning Minco native Lucas Ross has appeared in feature films, national television shows and hundreds of regional commercials. Lucas can be seen weekday mornings on Freedom 43's "Rise and Shine." When he's not on TV, he's playing the banjo and has released two bluegrass comedy albums, "Son of a Beekeeper", and the newly released "Banjo Farm"

Downtown Minco

- Blossom Time Shops
- Harris Hardware
- Iron Angel Antiques
- The Junkery
- Minco History Center
- Morning Glory
- Petals & Pinecones
- The Re-Store
- Sister Act 3

Eateries

- The BBQ Barn (1 block N. of Main on Hwy 81)
- Chili Lunch (First Baptist Church FLC, Main & SW 4th)
- Dairy Boy (2 blocks S. of Main on Hwy 81)
- Eastern Star (Hot dogs and fixin's) (Main Street)
- Gas-N-Go (5 Blocks N. of Main on Hwy 81)
- Indian Tacos (Minco Assembly of God - 309 Caddo)
- Mac's Corner (3 blocks S. of Main on Hwy 81)
- Nachito's Mexican Restaurant (3 blocks S. of Main on Hwy 81)
- Senior Center (Stew & Cornbread) (Main Street)
- Sid's Diner (3 blocks S. of Main on Hwy 81)

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