



# FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE *PUT UNITY IN COMMUNITY*

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## 41st Miss Mt. Vernon Pageant Huge Success

And the winner is....



Photo Courtesy of Mt. Vernon Optic-Herald

On August 22, a packed house cheered when Mia Mendez, Miss Mount Vernon 2008, crowned her

successor, **Stephanie Thompson as Miss Mount Vernon 2009**. In addition to the crown, flowers, trophy and cheers, Miss Thompson will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship from the Chamber of Commerce.

This year's event featured two new categories giving more young ladies the opportunity to participate in the pageant. Mount Vernon's additional royalty for 2009 are **Junior Miss Dominick Araiza, Young Miss Elexis Fountain, Petite Miss Suzanna Hamrick, Little Miss Garrett Greenberg, and Tiny Miss Jayda Hammond**.

The Pageant grossed over \$11,500 from ticket sales, sponsorships, ad sales on the stage set. Net proceeds were approximately \$8,600.

A huge 'thank you' from the Chamber goes to Heather Bales, Pageant Coordinator and to Terri Flanagan, Chamber Pageant Committee Chairperson, and her committee and to Rick Flanagan, Mt. Vernon ISD Superintendent for his role as master of ceremonies.



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## Go Rodeo Parade Promotes Sheriff's Posse Rodeo



Photo Courtesy of Shannon Oliver

The Chamber of Commerce joined the Downtown Business Association and the Franklin County Historical Association to sponsor the first parade to celebrate & promote the annual Sheriff's Posse Rodeo on Labor Day Weekend.

Eighty-two individual units participated in the parade on Saturday, September 5. The All American Cowgirl Chicks led the parade down Main Street followed by bands, floats and lots of horses.



Photo Courtesy of Marla Caroll

## Member News

### Member News:

- Mt. Vernon Rotary installs new president, Ann Holland.
- Lowe's receives United Way appreciation banner
- Kings Country POA opens new Swim Area and Boat Stalls
- Preservation of Prairies program presented by Matt White at a Franklin County Historical Association meeting
- Eleese Hubble is the winner of the Franklin County Arts Alliance painting of the courthouse
- Eighteen people from the First Baptist Church went on a mission journey to Jamaica
- Lucky Seven Truck Wash received \$4,500 in damages from unidentified truck
- Brett Kirkham named Assistant Administrator at ETMC-Mt. Vernon
- Community Food Bank of Franklin County receives shelving from Lowe's
- City of Mt. Vernon receives award for HOME program
- Luminant made donation of \$500 to Mt. Vernon Music Association
- Tea Party Express visited Franklin County
- FCHA provides beans and cornbread at Sheriff's Posse Rodeo celebration on the Square
- Charles Shafer entertained the Franklin County Historical Association with tales from his book.
- Tom Ramsay was presented the North East Texas Transportation Award at the recent 12th Annual Transportation and Infrastructure Summit.
- Charles Lowry was recently inducted into the Mt. Vernon School District's League of Honor.
- Dr. Donovan Webb conducted an open house at his clinic on Dallas St. on September 28.

Thanks to the following for their continued investment in the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

### July

- 4-H Construction Management
- Aqua Pools & Spas
- The Propane Company (Atticorp)
- Constantine Mortgage Services
- Downtown Business Association
- Elizabeth Aden
- Fran Yates
- Mrs. Jabez Galt
- Mt. Vernon Tire
- Lloyd Parker
- Saucy Ladies
- Tom Scott Lumber

### August

- Willie Bane
- Cypress Springs Concierge Service
- Franklin County Water District
- Hairspray Salon
- Charles & Peggy Lowry
- M.L. Edwards & Company
- Mt. Vernon Floors & More
- Mt. Vernon Kwik Kleen, Inc.
- Mt. Vernon Music Association
- Prosperity Bank
- Lanny Ramsay
- Super 8 Motel of Mt. Vernon
- Super Handy #8

### September

- Frankie Cooper
- Fran Yates
- Kings Country POA
- Barbara Lawrence
- Lucky 7 Landscape & Service
- Mt. Vernon FFA

## Welcome, Third Quarter New Members!

- Franklin County Sheriff's Posse
- Lake Country Coffee Roasters
- Bob & Donna McFarland
- East Texas Equipment
- Creative Cuts
- Dr. Donovan Webb
- Interior Passions

## Ribbon Cuttings Congratulations!!

### The Leaves of Winnsboro



Photos Courtesy of Mt. Vernon Optic-Herald

The Leaves of Winnsboro is a new luxury apartment complex located in the city of Winnsboro.

### Webb Chiropractic



Photos Courtesy of Mt. Vernon Optic-Herald

Dr. Donovan Webb has resumed his chiropractic practice in Mt. Vernon and he celebrated 48 years of practice with a ribbon cutting.

## Quebe Sisters Perform at MVMH



Photos Courtesy of Mt. Vernon Optic-Herald

The Quebe Sisters Band performed at Mt. Vernon Music Hall on August 29. The performance was part of the associations gala Music, Music, Music!

## Youth Leadership *In Action!!*



Photo Courtesy of D. Ken Greer

The Leaders of Tomorrow class of 2010 participated in a tour of the Luminant facility at Monticello. They are standing in front of the Monticello Steam Electric Station 1. The students were selected from the MVISD junior class for the year long Leadership program.

## Yards of the Month

Rural Spots of the Month

Yards of the Month



Jimmy & Sandra Bates on Hwy 21



Billie Hamrick Home at Majors & Live Oak



Unclaimed property behind FUMC at Meadowpark Dr.



Ron & Libby Milton near Leftwich & Keith

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The Chamber sponsors a monthly Yard and Rural Spot of the month program. The winners from August and September are pictured above.

If you know a yard that needs to be considered for this honor, contact the Chamber office.

## Farmers Market News

Our Farmers Market continues to grow with vendors and customers. The market is open each Saturday from 7:30 until sold out. The market is scheduled to run from now through November 2009.



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## Concerts on the Square



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The Concert on the Square series concluded with concerts in July and August. The Flanagans, The Big Woods Band, Ladds and Randles shared their songs with folks on the square.

Hot dogs were served in July and watermelon was the treat of the day in August.

These concerts have become a popular annual event sponsored by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and its members.

### Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

- ◆ **Pete Adrian**  
FUMC
- ◆ **Willie Bane**  
Individual
- ◆ **J.D. Baumgardner**  
Individual
- ◆ **Ashley Rosales**  
Texas American Bank
- ◆ **Sharla Floyd**  
Lowe's Distr. Center
- ◆ **Terry Flanagan**  
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- ◆ **Mark Hymer**  
First National Bank
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Guaranty Bond Bank
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- ◆ **Barbara Lawrence**  
Individual
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- ◆ **Karen Rhoades**  
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- ◆ **Robert Rosales**  
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- ◆ **Jay Scott**  
Tom Scott Lumber
- ◆ **Kathy Summerlin**  
Prosperity Bank
- ◆ **Wayne Thames**  
Individual
- ◆ **Terry Turner**  
HMS Crown

### Pictures from Miss Mt. Vernon Pageant



← Young Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Mount Vernon Contestants perform a dance number.

Petite Miss and Little Miss Mount Vernon Contestants entertain the crowd. ↓



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### Chamber Mission Statement

*The goal of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is to encourage a strong local economy and quality of life by promoting a receptive business climate for commerce, industry and tourism.*

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### Area Calendar of Events

October	Event	Location	Description
Saturdays	Farmers Market	On the Square	Local Growers & Vendors
3rd	Journeys with Violin & Piano	Mt. Vernon Music Hall	Concert
10th	CountryFest	On the Square	Annual Craft Show & Stew Cookoff
12th	Newcomers Meeting	Thruston House	Introduction to the Community—2-3PM
24th	Halloween Hayride & Games	Alamo Mission Museum	Hayrides, Games, Hot Dogs-7-9PM
30th	Trick or Treat Around the Square	On the Square	Great fun for Kids 5-7PM
31st	Lighted Pumpkin Trail	Little Creek Park	Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 271
<b>November</b>			
Saturdays	Farmers Market	On the Square	Local Growers & Vendors
7th	Trade Days and Redneck Punkin' Chunkin'	Alamo Mission Museum	9AM-5PM
7th	Church Bazaar	First United Methodist Church	9AM-3PM Crafts, Food, Silent Auction
8th	Agnes Burns Keyboard Concert	Mt. Vernon Music Hall	Piano Concert
10th	Scouting for Food	Mt. Vernon	Scouts collect food for Food Bank
13-14th	Tablescapes	Cultural Arts Center	10AM-4PM
27th	Windows on the Holiday	Around the Square	Holiday windows to be revealed
<b>December</b>			
5th	70th Christmas Festival & Parade	Downtown Mt. Vernon	5:30PM