



Chamber Connection

February 2018

A MAGICAL EVENING – COMING UP AT THE ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET

THINGS TO KNOW

YEAR IN REVIEW AT BANQUET

Comedy, magic, a delicious meal and awards, sounds like a great small-town evening. We would love for you to be a part of it as we celebrate our community and the businesses and people in it. Join us Saturday evening, February 17th at the MARC. Festivities get underway at 5:30 pm with dinner catered by our friends at



Maggie Mae's to be served at 6 pm, then entertainment and awards.

Tickets are available now at the Chamber, **\$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and under.**

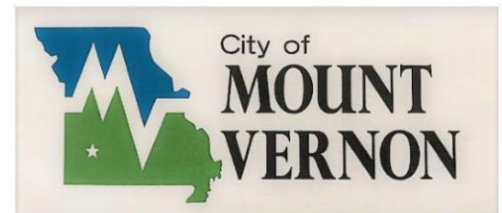
Also you will get an opportunity to vote for our **Business of the Year** and **Best New Member Business of the Year**. We will take a look back at 2017 and give some hints of what you can expect from your Chamber in the future. We want your input as to what your Chamber can do for you. And you can volunteer for a future Board position or on one of our committees to help direct our steps in the community. We want to be your representative, putting the best foot

forward for Mt. Vernon as we seek to keep our shoppers local. You are the reason the Chamber is here, so put us to work for your business.

Now we haven't planned to see anyone in half, but I would guess Comedy Magical Entertainer Marty Hahne might just have some surprises in store. This family-friendly show has something for everyone, with amazing magic, loads of laughter and lots of audience participation. Marty is a veteran performer with over 30 years of experience. He's been seen on over 7 different cruise ships and is a popular performer for banquets, festivals and other fun events. Marty also enjoys entertaining children with his performances at schools and libraries. Marty is "funnier than a magician and more amazing than a comedian!" Hope you plan to attend.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: David Gregersen – President; Nick Curl – Vice-President; Brian George, Ryan Squibb, Mike Tebow, Dianna Ross, Lorna Kleine, Stephanie Bowling and Steve Lutes. Director Pam Dudley.

Chamber Champion



Chamber Champions are an important part of the structure in our Tiered Membership. They support the mission of the Chamber and we want to recognize one of those Champs, The City of Mt. Vernon. The City has long believed the teamwork between local organizations gets us to our goals in the community. Each part works to do their share, so we can have positive results. When you think of all the things the Chamber is involved in throughout a year it's undeniable that the City plays a major role in most of those things. And why not, our goals are so similar, to promote our community, invite in new business and support the business that is already right here so they can stick around for a while. Thank you, City of Mt. Vernon, for your contribution to the Chamber, we salute you.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

We are excited to announce our next Legislative Update (formerly known as Eggs & Issues). On Friday, March 9th at 7 am, we will be joined by State Senator David Sater, State Representative Mike Moon and Jake Heisten, Field Representative for Congressman Billy Long. We will serve breakfast and visit with our legislators to get caught up on capitol happenings. The cost is \$5 per person and may be paid at the door. We will meet at the **MARC west entrance** in the **Rotary Room**. All are invited to attend so please share this with others that might have an interest. The Chamber is committed to keeping Lawrence County in the loop with current events that may impact our community. Please RSVP to chamber@mtvchamber.com if you plan to attend so we can provide food and beverages for all.



Not Too Late to Learn About Saving

Chamber membership has its privileges. Your small business may qualify to participate in a new approach to medical plans for small employers. The **Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)** and the **Missouri Chamber Federation (MCF)** have taken action to help Chamber members. Teaming up with **Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Missouri**, they have unveiled a new health program that can lead to more rate stability and is a smart solution that offers potential savings for groups with **50 or fewer** eligible employees. Call new member **Croley Insurance** today for details, 417-881-3520.

THE TASTE!



And the fan-favorite winner is:



We hope you were one of the lucky ones that made it to The Taste! It was a fun evening with 230 plus in attendance and way too much food! The sample sizes were enormous, and nobody went away hungry. If you didn't make it this time you need to put it on your calendar for certain for next year. Congrats to Supermercado La Michoacana, voted Fan Favorite.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Stephany Demster with Modern Woodmen has joined our ranks at the Chamber. As a financial representative, Stephany also specializes in life insurance and retirement planning. Modern Woodmen has a long tradition in financial planning securing futures since 1883, built and owned by members. Eager to assist with your plan for the future, Stephany is the call to make if you have been on the fence in your future finances. Call 417-461-4767 today to set your appointment. It's never too early to start planning for the future of you and your family. Go to their website at <https://www.modernwoodmen.org/> to learn more about this longstanding organization.

Calendar of Events

Ribbon Cutting – Modern Woodmen, Stephany Demster
Thursday Feb. 1st 10a.m. at the Chamber Office.

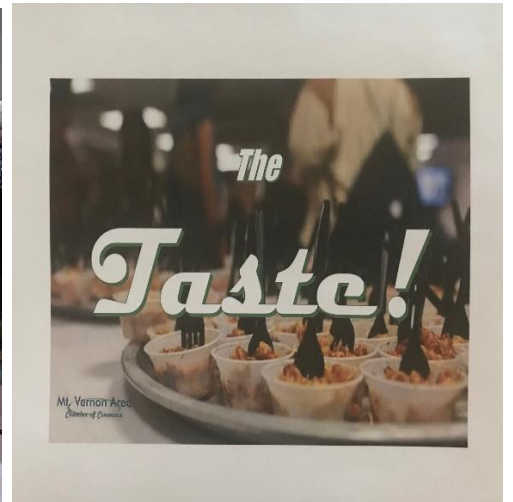
Chamber Board Meeting, noon, Thur. January 15th, CoC Office, members always welcome to attend.

A Magical Evening – Annual Chamber Banquet doors open 5:30 pm, Sat Feb 17th at the MARC gym, tickets available at the Chamber office, \$20 adults, \$10 kids 12 and under.

About Town – Legislative Update, 7-8 am Friday, March 9th, at the MARC west entrance, Rotary Room, \$5, breakfast served.

52nd Annual Apple Butter Makin' Days, Oct. 12-14, 2018, BE THERE ON THE SQUARE!

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Insurance Update



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