

# King City's first 'home show' in decade to be held at airport

*50 area businesses to be featured at event*

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MT. VERNON — Those looking to do home improvements this spring may find some inspiration at an upcoming show.

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce (JCCC) will be putting on a Home Show Feb. 9 and 10 at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Community Hangar. JCCC Execu-

tive Director Brandon Bullard said the event will be the first home show in town in close to ten years.

"Mt. Vernon used to have a home show many moons ago ... Centralia has one, Belleville has one, but we don't," he said. "And it just seems like we have a whole lot of businesses that could benefit."

Bullard said many businesses have gotten involved. There is room for 50 booths and there are still openings for more businesses and different levels of sponsorships.

"I think we're going to fill it up," he said. "We started out sending

things out to home-show specific businesses, landscapers, home improvement stores, and we sold out half the booths the first few days."

Bullard said JCCC then opened it to the public, and the show will now also have businesses like banks and flooring companies participating.

The event will be one of the first to take place at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport's new community hangar. Bullard said JCCC chose the space because it was big

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enough to host the event and the group also selected the date in order to overlap with home shows in other Southern Illinois cities.

The show will be held the same week as Mt. Vernon's Midwest Herb and Garden Show, which he said may help attract visitors to the event.

"It's an early spring time, late winter event where you're kind of thinking about what to do around the house," he said.

Bullard said the event is

### 2013 HOME SHOW

- ♦ Feb. 9: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ♦ Feb. 10: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

open to the public and there will be a small door fee. In addition to businesses related to home improvement, he said visitors can expect other exhibited businesses such as purse and concession sales.

"Anytime the chamber can show our member businesses and also anytime we can draw a crowd of potential customers to a general location, that's good for all businesses," he said.

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