

Airport to host annual home show

Third annual event hopes to attract over 1,500 people

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MT. VERNON — The Jefferson County Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners voted on Tuesday night to once again host the annual Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Home Show.

The event is currently scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 7 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 8. Vendors are to set up from 3 to 8 p.m. Feb. 6, and tear down their booths from 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 8.

"We would like to ask permission to use the Community Hangar this year for our Jefferson County Home Show, with the



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PRESENTING A REQUEST — Olivia Majerchin, executive director of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, asks the Mt. Vernon Airport Board of Directors for approval of the airport as host of the Chamber's upcoming home show. The board voted on Tuesday night to again hold the event at the airport in February.

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possibility of going into the second hangar," said Olivia Majerchin, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, as she presented her request to the board.

"This will be the third year that we've hosted it, hopefully, here, and we'd love to have an even bigger crowd this year. I think with the past two years we've had right around 1,500 to 2,000 people come to check this place out. It's been wonderful having it here. The set-up is great, it's very open for everyone to use and we

love having it here."

Joe Gliosci of Peoples National Bank also represented the Chamber, stating, "weather permitting, it will be even bigger. We've improved each year. Hopefully it's mutually beneficial and it brings some people out to this facility who normally wouldn't be out here. I'm a big fan of the airport."

Chris Collins, airport director, asserted that the airport will be prepared and ready for the event in February. "It's a great deal for the airport," he said.

Gliosci thanked the board for approving the location of the home show, and encouraged those at the meeting to attend the home show.

"People are expecting to be

here now," he said. "They're putting it on their schedule, which you know it's working when they're planning for it now versus trying to go out and get those people. Any additional people we get now is icing on the cake."

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- The board approved the purchase of a satellite television subscription for three screens within the airport: in the terminal, the restaurant and in what will be the hair salon. The airport has been without a television in the terminal since 1999. Collins and Board Chairman Mike Ancona both expressed that televisions displaying the weather are an airport "staple."

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