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**Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

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## **Dan Emmett Festival Holds “Seniors Day”**

MOUNT VERNON – After a successful Seniors Day in the 2008 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival, the 2009 Festival announces the Second Annual Seniors Day. On Thursday, August 13, 2009 local seniors are invited to attend the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival for a day themed “Dance to the Oldies”.

The initial goal was to create a special day to welcome our area seniors. With local care facilities sponsoring and participating, the day was a true celebration of the elderly in our community. The Dan Emmett Festival hopes to expand and continue the initial success of the 2008 Seniors Day.

This year’s Seniors Day will begin with a performance by the Mount Vernon Players Youth Showcase at Noon. Diane Dinger’s student will take the stage at 1:30 pm and again at 3:30 pm. At 2:30 pm, the Dogwood Quartet is scheduled to perform. Autumn Daze will be on the South Stage at 6:30 pm. The popular group Caffiends step onto the Main Stage at 7:00pm. To cap off the evening the always-popular Phil Dirt & the Dozers will be performing. With a flashback to the 50s, 60s, and 70s, you’ll want to pull out your poodle skirt! Don’t forget the Homemades and Trades Show which will take place on South Main Street throughout the day.

Other highlights of this year’s Festival will include performances by Sonny Geraci and The Outsiders, a quilt show, a flower show, Civil War festivities, Knox Squares, a Chautauqua, a motorcycle show, and the annual antique & classic car show, and as always, a wonderful variety of food concessions.

The 2009 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. The 2009 Festival is made possible through the contributions of Ariel, First-Knox National Bank, Time Warner Cable, WMVO, Eagle 93, WNZR, I-Conn Video Productions, Mount Vernon News, the Knox Partnership for Arts & Culture, and the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or email at [director@DanEmmettFestival.org](mailto:director@DanEmmettFestival.org).

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