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**EVENT DATE: AUGUST 9th-12th, 2007**

**Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival**

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**For Detailed Up-to-Date Festival Information, Visit [www.DanEmmettFestival.org](http://www.DanEmmettFestival.org)**

## **Commemorative Quilt to be Auctioned at Festival**

MOUNT VERNON - The 2007 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival will be auctioning a special hand made Festival Quilt at this years event. Handcrafted by James Dice, the Quilt features authentic consecutive event t-shirts emblems from the 1998 through 2006 Festivals. The sashing and border fabric are 1800 reproduction material. The original tee shirt emblem designs were created by Randy Shoman of T-Shirt Express of Mount Vernon.

The Festival Quilt auction will be held at the 2007 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival on Saturday, August 11th from the First-Knox Main Stage on the Square at approximately 8:00 p.m. preceding the live concert by Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone.

The Festival will be also be auctioning its sixth series of Bells this year during the Festival. Twelve bells are cast and auctioned each year to create a series of annual Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival Bells. The bells are individually cast, are unique, and year specific. They are cast to resemble the 2003 Knox County Ohio Bicentennial Bell and the 2005 Mount Vernon Bicentennial Bell. Each handcrafted Bell is 8" tall, individually number by grading, and will be provided with a certificate of authenticity. The Bells and the Festival Quilt will become great collectors' items.

Highlights of the Festival this year include performances by Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone, Phil Dirt and the Dozers, the All-Ohio State Fair Band, a Knox Idol Competition, Saxton's Cornet Band, appearances by Fred Flintstone, and a wide variety of other local musicians and performers. A juried fine arts and crafts fair, a homemades and trades show, a civil war era parade and re-enactment ball plus a living history exhibit, a flower show, a quilt show, a motorcycle cruise-in, and the antique & classic car show are also scheduled as part of the four day Festival.

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The 2007 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. For detailed scheduling information, visit the Festival website at [www.DanEmmettFestival.org](http://www.DanEmmettFestival.org). The 2007 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, 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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