



Chamber News



Fall 2011

A Star Spangled Christmas is Coming to Franklin

On September 16, representatives of the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce visited Tylie McDonald's first grade class at Reynolds Elementary to announce that she had won Franklin's 2011 Christmas Parade theme contest with her entry of "A Star Spangled Christmas". Tylie is the daughter of Stan and Tracey McDonald.

Each year, the parade winner, along with family and friends, are given a special "Parade Theme Contest Winner" car from Derek Scott's Auto Park to ride in the parade. However, when Tylie submitted her parade theme idea, she included a special request on her entry form:

"A 'Star Spangled Christmas' honoring troops who are willing to die for us and our country just as Christ died for our salvation. I would like for my friend McKinley Green's family and her Uncle Scott Burgess' family to ride in the special car if my idea is chosen."

The Chamber is honored that the family of Sgt. Scott H. Burgess will be Grand Marshal of this year's parade. Sgt. Burgess died on April 4 in Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. We will make sure there are enough vehicles in the parade for the Green, Burgess and McDonald families to ride in.

There were 30 entries in the parade theme contest this year. Melissa and Romes Williams provided Tylie and all the other children who entered the contest with a certificate for a free Blue Bell ice



Front (L to R): Tracey McDonald, McKinley Green, Tylie McDonald, Stan McDonald
Back (L to R): Betty Adams, Steve Jenkins, Duba Brewer, Courtney Mason, Kimberly McCormick, Peggy Baxter

cream cone from the Lone Star Burger Bar.

The parade will begin at 6pm on Saturday, December 10. The annual Community Christmas Party will follow the parade at the Pridgeon Community Center with live entertainment, the Lions Club chili and hot dog supper and the drawing of the winning ticket for the Chamber's Silverado Truck Raffle.

And, of course, Santa will be at the party to hear what the children want for Christmas!

The parade route and entry forms are available on www.franklintexas.com and at the Chamber office and City Hall. For more information on the parade or truck raffle, contact the Chamber office.

Tailgating for the Lions

The Chamber's ninth annual Tailgate Party was held on September 9 at the Pridgeon Community Center. The party keeps growing every year! This year almost 400 hamburgers and 100 hot dogs were served.

The sponsors of this year's Tailgate Party were First Star Bank, Luminant, Merryman Home Health and Twin Oaks Power. Because of the support of these sponsors, Chamber members were treated to a special Tailgate Party gift in addition to the free meal.

Chamber members could choose either a Lion's soft-sided cooler or a Lion's blanket.

Entertainment at the party was provided by the Franklin High School band, cheerleaders and Lionette dance team. Attendees enjoyed



the party decorations which included banners showing photos of the football players,

band members, cheerleaders, Lionettes and the Lady Lions volleyball team. Some of the football players even stopped by the Pridgeon Center on their way to the field house so they could see their banners!

Thank you to Franklin News Weekly for providing the photos used in the banners.

The Chamber also thanks CrimeStoppers for providing the grill and cooking all the burgers and hot dogs, Tom and Patsy Cole for providing the large tent for a dining area, Franklin Auto Supply for providing Port-A-Cools, and the Chamber Ambassadors who helped decorate, serve, and clean up afterwards.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 20 for Chris and Margaret Morgan, the new owners of Old Barn, located at 2940 FM 1644 West in Franklin.



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Hours: 8:30am - 4pm

Chamber Tailgate Party

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