



Newsletter

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January 2020

*****Monthly Chamber Membership Meetings will resume on March 7, 2020*****



71st Annual Installation Banquet....



The Annual Installation Banquet will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at The Loading Dock, 214 Fair Avenue, Winnsboro and will begin at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available NOW through the Chamber Office and board members. The ticket price is \$20 per person. Buy your tickets now!!

Our guest speaker this year will be the new Franklin Parish School Board Superintendent, John Gullat. John was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on October 5, 1963. He is married to Angela Branch Gullat of Pine, Louisiana, and they have four children: Madison (25), John Bailey (21), Kinsley (17), and Brooks (15). Before his job as the new Superintendent of Franklin Parish schools, he was the Superintendent of Caldwell Parish schools for 4 years. Please join us on January 28 to get to know him and hear what he has in store for Franklin Parish!

The 2020 Officers elected by the Board of Directors are Lisa Kiper, President; Brian Moroni, Vice-President and David Rigdon, Treasurer. Board of Directors joining the Officers for 2020 are as follows: Deanie Collier, Layton Curtis, Brooke Ezell, Veronica Grant, Bill Hendrix, Orlando Logan, Cody Moroni, Scott Perkins, Justin Robinson, Jayne Smith, Brenda Struth, and Dustin Wright.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH....

Sunbelt Business Brokers

For over 35 years Gary Robinson has been starting, buying, selling and appraising businesses as well as owning and operating multiple small businesses. Sunbelt Business Brokers enables them to maximize the exposure of the businesses we list for sale while maintaining the personal relationships and contacts the sale or purchase of a business demands. Sunbelt was founded in 1978, and now has approximately 250 offices around the world including 11 offices in Louisiana.

Sunbelt Business Brokers is proud to be a part of the world's largest business brokerage network. When you are ready to sell or buy a business, give us a call at 318-435-9714 or view our businesses for sale on the web at www.sunbeltbuysell.com Pictured left to right: Bill Hendrix (Chamber Board member), Gary Robinson, Scott Perkins (Chamber Board member), Lori Newsom, Brenda Struth (Chamber President), Mandy Moroni (Chamber Secretary), and David Rigdon (Chamber Board member).

OLD POST OFFICE MUSEUM

A special and poignant “unveiling” took place at the Old Post Office Museum this week in preparation for the upcoming “I Do I Do” exhibit. Karla Wiggers and her daughter Mary Bess are seen unboxing Karla’s wedding dress from 1982 to share as part of the exhibit which will showcase wedding dresses at least 25 years old from some Franklin Parish residents. The dresses will be examples of many different styles and will focus on the unique stories of those weddings over the years. The Princess Theatre will also be presenting the musical, “I Do I Do,” on Feb. 13, 14, and 15, which will showcase the special partnership between the two arts organizations in historic downtown Winnsboro. The wedding exhibit will be open to the public with a reception on Thursday evening, January 16, from 5-7, and will remain on display through February 28, during the museum’s regular hours, 9-5 Monday-Friday. The exhibit will also be a featured part of the Princess Theatre’s production and ticket holders are encouraged to visit the museum prior to curtain time on the evenings of the performances.



BIG BANG & BUCK\$ 2019



Pictured are a few of the winners from our Big Bang & Buck\$ Giveaway! **Thanks again to the sponsors and all who purchased tickets!** The sponsors for this event were Caldwell Bank, Citizens Progressive Bank, Coughran Medical Group, Franklin Medical Center, Franklin State Bank, Friendly Farms, Legacy Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Mixon, Carroll, & Frazier, Dianne Wroten, & CJC TAX, Progressive Bank, Martin Brothers, Sango, Stephanie's, and WSB.

NEW MEMBERSHIP 2020...

The *Winnsboro-Franklin Parish Chamber of Commerce*

would love to have you as a new member!

As a member of the Winnsboro-Franklin Parish Chamber of Commerce you will have the opportunity to network with other businesses in our Parish, meet with other business leaders, recruit new customers, and establish your desire to help create a prosperous business community.

If you are interested in becoming a new member, stop by the Chamber office located in the Old Post Office Museum (513 Prairie Street) to pick up your application.

We welcome the opportunity to grow with you in 2020!

POINT TO PONDER...

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

—John Quincy Adams



The Winnsboro-Franklin Chamber of Commerce - January 28th - 71st Annual Installation Banquet – The Loading Dock, 214 Fair Avenue, Winnsboro

The Princess Theatre

- January 18 - The Franklin Opry
- February 1 – Celebrity Lip Sync Battle 6:30 p.m. at The Loading Dock, 214 Fair Avenue, Winnsboro
- February 13 - 15 – “I DO! I DO!” Spring Dinner Theatre

The Old Post Office Museum - January 16th - “I DO! I DO!” Exhibit opening

Call Mandy Moroni at the Chamber 435-4488 or email us wfpchamber@gmail.com to list your upcoming event in the Business Buzz! We love hearing from you and it's free!



LET THE CHAMBER WORK FOR YOU!!!

Every month we mail our newsletter, which includes information regarding upcoming events and Business of the Month. We would absolutely love to have more of **YOUR** news to include in our letter. If you have something exciting going on at your business and would like to share it to be included in our newsletter in the **Business Buzz**, please contact Mandy Moroni at the Chamber office or via Email wfpchamber@gmail.com.

She mails the newsletter at the beginning of each month, so please try to get your news to her at least **one week in advance**. We also have a calendar of events on our website and are very active on our Facebook page, so let us know if you have anything to add.

2019 Board of Directors

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Mandy Moroni, Chamber Secretary
 Kay LaFrance-Knight, Ex-Officio



**Making Franklin Parish
 a better place to live,
 to work, and
 to raise a family.**