



## Gordon Parks nominated for Kansas honor

In an announcement made August 28, the Gordon Parks Center for Culture and Diversity at FSCC and the Gordon Parks collection housed at Mercy Health Center were named together as one of the 24 nominees for the "8 Wonders of Kansas Art." Not only is this a tremendous honor, but it's also an opportunity for this legendary native son to be recognized by his home state as a revolutionary. Additionally, it puts Fort Scott and the entire southeast Kansas region on the map. Online voting will determine the final eight wonders. Everyone is encouraged to vote by visiting [www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/art.php](http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/art.php). When you submit your vote for Gordon Parks, you must vote for seven other choices, as well. At this point, through trial and error, Tourism Committee Chairperson Martha Scott has determined that three times is the most you can vote with one email address. Scott encourages everyone "to vote and vote often!" She also says, "Use your email address, your spouse's, your children's, and vote as often as you can!"

## USBLA names Courtland the "best"

The Courtland Hotel and Aveda Day Spa has been selected for the 2008 Best of Ft. Scott Award in the Hotels category by the U.S. Local Business Association (USLBA). The USLBA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USLBA identifies companies that it believes has achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community. Congratulations!



## Taste of Fort Scott

On Saturday, Sept. 20, residents of Bourbon County will have an opportunity to taste and sip the best of what the area has to offer at the Taste of Fort Scott. A fun addition is always the auction featuring lots of unique and coveted items. Held at the Liberty Theatre from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., tickets are just \$20 and can be purchased at the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce.

All restaurants/caterers/food & beverage providers are invited to participate. Call the Chamber at 223-3566 for more information.

## Downtown building improvements common this summer



The new look of Hammons Realty Co. is really sharp! Thanks, Phil, for investing in your community by sprucing up your building!

Dean and Becky Mann continue the process of renovation on their downtown building. An event facility, restaurant space and retail space are planned for the building.



Country Cupboard put on a fresh coat of paint, but Judy and her helpers also contributed to the building's more polished look by decorating the upstairs windows. Curtains were custom-made and hung in order to give the historic building a "finished" look.

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**A picture's worth...**

Local Photographer Kenny Felt's picture from Vail, Colo., will appear in the city's next *Names & Numbers* phonebook. He also just found out that another one of his photos will be featured in the Telluride, Colo., phonebook. Great job!

**Member Bits...**

**Sunrise Media Group**-Christie Westmoreland has joined Sunrise Media Group, Inc. as their new Senior Marketing Consultant.



Westmoreland will be working directly with clients on marketing development, strategy and media placement, as well as client acquisition for Sunrise Media Group, Inc.

A native to the four-state region, Westmoreland brings a wealth of experience to her new position. During the past decade she spent several years working in the New York City market remotely from Joplin and on the local front, she recently worked in radio sales for Zimmer Radio Group, Inc.

Since 1997, Sunrise Media Group, Inc. has become one of the premier advertising agencies and marketing firms in the greater four-state region.

**Agricultural Engineering Associates, Inc.**-- President and Chief Engineer of Agricultural Engineering Associates, Inc., John George, Uniontown, is being honored and recognized as an American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) Fellow for his long-time agricultural engineering consulting practice and for outstanding innovations and developments to livestock production, waste management, and water resource structures.

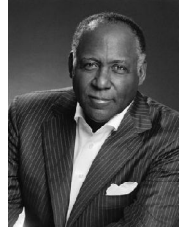
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**Gordon Parks celebration planned**

Noted actor and activist Richard Roundtree, star of the Gordon Parks' film *Shaft*, will be the recipient of the Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award at the fifth annual Gordon Parks Celebration of Culture and Diversity this October 1-4. The Gordon Parks Celebration, a component of the Gordon Parks Center for Culture and Diversity, was created in 2004 by Fort Scott Community College to honor Fort Scott native Parks, noted photographer, writer, musician and filmmaker.

At the culmination of the first year's events, the Choice of Weapons Award was established in Parks' honor to be given annually at the Celebration. Named after his autobiography of the same name, the award seeks to honor a recipient who has excelled in the areas that Parks did and who exemplifies the spirit and strength of character of Gordon Parks. Previous honorees include actor and musician Avery Brooks, photographer Howard L. Bingham and Elizabeth Eckford and Ernest Green, two of the "Little Rock Nine."

"We are very pleased that Richard Roundtree accepted our invitation to receive this award," Jill Warford, the Center's Executive Director, said. "He was the star of the three *Shaft* films directed by Gordon Parks, has worked on stage and in film consistently and has done much to promote male breast cancer awareness. Most importantly, he had a long and close relationship with Gordon."



Roundtree will be honored at a tribute dinner on Friday, October 3. The Celebration schedule will soon be available on the website [www.gordonparkscenter.org](http://www.gordonparkscenter.org). Tickets for Gordon Parks Celebration events will go on sale September 15 and will be available at the Gordon Parks Center at FSCC and at The Country Cupboard, 12 N. Main, in downtown Fort Scott. For more information contact Warford at 223-2700, ext. 515, or see the website at [gordonparkscenter.org](http://gordonparkscenter.org).

**Gentlemen (and ladies!), start your engines!**

The Office Depot Chamber Day at Kansas Speedway is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 26. It's an exciting day that incorporates networking opportunities, great food and drink and the action of the speedway!

The day begins at 10 a.m. with the chance to network with business leaders from over 30 Kansas area Chambers of Commerce. Attendees will get to see NASCAR driver Carl Edwards speak to the group, and brunch will follow with door prizes and continued networking. Later in the day, practice sessions and qualifying laps will run for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. The *really* exciting part happens at 6 p.m. for race fans. The Midwest Ford Dealers presents **Speedfest**, which is an autograph session in the display area.

All it takes for all this fun is \$35 per person! Tickets are available by contacting the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce (223-3566) before Sept. 12. If there is enough interest, the Chamber will consider providing transportation.



agricultural engineering. Twenty years' membership in ASABE is also required. Only about two percent of the active members of ASABE have achieved the grade of Fellow.

In 1974, George founded his consulting firm and is considered to be the first in the profession to establish and sustain a successful consulting firm as a sole source of income. He and his firm have delivered technical services in livestock facility design, permitting, and nutrient management to an estimated 4,500 projects in forty states and ten foreign countries.

**Believe it or Not!**

**Ghost Tours**

Start in mid-October

See the best haunts in Fort Scott from Dolly the Trolley!



# Successful start to Build Your Business Workshop Series

With about 20 first-time attendees, the Build Your Business Workshop Series started off with the Web Savvy Sandwich Seminar. In partnership with the Small Business and Development Center, Pittsburg, the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce brought Matt Blatchley to the Citizens Bank training room on Thursday, August 13. Blatchley, a cold-fusion developer for Southeast Education Service Center at Greenbush and web programmer, talked to participants about effective websites.

Much of his presentation focused on Search Engine Optimization, how it works, why it's important and breaking down the barriers to mastering it.

Bryan Holt, chair of the Business Development Division, said, "We are very pleased with the level of participation for

this beginning event."

After feedback concerning future topics, workshops covering basic website design and website evaluation are being considered.

The Build Your Business Workshop Series is intended to be a benefit to members (and prospective members) that will help them progress and advance their businesses. "This is a tangible benefit we can provide to truly help small businesses," commented Holt. "We want to make their Chamber memberships something that is an unquestionable asset to their businesses."

If all goes as planned, the Build Your Business Workshop Series will present a seminar once a quarter. To give your input about future topics or to learn more, call the Chamber!

# Mercy Gala proves itself, again!

In its 19th year, the Capture the Spirit Gala proved to be the event of the year, again! Nearly breaking its own record, over 640 people attended the annual event held to support the projects of the Mercy Foundation. This year's recipient will be the new Cancer Care Center for the outpatient treatment of cancer patients.

The winners of the ever-popular drawings were: Tim Bloomfield (winner of the dinner at Josie's Italian Restaurant), Eric Cauthon (winner of the Italian gift basket) and Shawn Pytlowany (winner of the \$1,000 travel voucher for Little Italy or any other use).

With a gourmet buffet, elaborate decorations and a terrific band, the evening quickly slipped away "Under the Tuscan Sun." Pre-show entertainment was provided by the musical stylings of Rudy Amato and Fort Scott's own Jim Smith. The band Private Stock entertained gala attendees through the night with favorite tunes from the 1950s to today.

Months of preparation went into the planning of this event for the entire community. Numerous volunteers gave their time, ideas and energy to guarantee the success of this year's Capture the Spirit Gala.

## SAVE THE DATE!

# Taste of Home

The Taste of Home will come to Fort Scott on **Thursday, November 20**, at Fort Scott Memorial Hall. Food tips, fun and useful goodies! Don't miss out! Tickets available soon from the Chamber.

## New Members



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*Thank you for joining the Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce! As you visit these businesses or see their representatives around town, let them know you appreciate their membership!*

# Upcoming area events...

- 9/5-6 - Fort Scott Gun and Knife Show @ Scottish Rite Temple
- 9/9 - Friends of Tri-Valley 4th Annual Gala @ Madison Avenue Steak and Chops, Iola
- 9/13 - Airport Days @ Fort Scott Municipal Airport
- 9/13 - Very Secret Garden Tour
- 9/13 - Downtime @ Liberty Theatre
- 9/16-17 - Scooter Cannonball Run through Fort Scott - watch for Scooters!
- 9/20 - Taste of Fort Scott @ Liberty Theatre
- 9/25 - Kaysinger Business Conference @ Nevada (It's free! Call the Chamber for info!)
- 9/26 - Pioneer Harvest Fiesta Parade (downtown)
- 9/26-28 - Pioneer Harvest Fiesta @ Bourbon County Fairgrounds
- 9/27-28 - Frontier Garrison Life @ Fort Scott National Historic Site
- 9/27 - Brody Buster Band @ Liberty Theatre
- 10/1-4 - Gordon Parks Celebration @ FSCC
- 10/3-4 - "The Hop" Car Show (downtown)
- 10/3 - Blue/Grey Golf Tournament
- 10/4 - Trinity Lutheran Church Oktoberfest
- 10/9 - Rotary Oktoberfest @ Gunn Park
- 10/11 - A Girls' Night Out with Kim Bolton @ FS Middle School
- 10/11 - David "the Saxman" Band @ Liberty Theatre
- 10/13 - Columbus Day
- Mid-October through 10/31** - Believe it or Not! Ghost Tours on Dolly the Trolley
- 10/14-15 - American Red Cross Blood Drive @ FS High School
- 10/18 - 2nd Annual Relay for Life Fall Festival
- 10/20 - Spirit Girls' Night Out sponsored by Mercy @ Fort Cinema
- 10/31 - Disco Dick and the Mirrorballs @ Liberty Theatre

## Chamber Coffee Locations

- 9/4 - Kale Nelson-State Farm
- 9/11 - Cavalry Crossing
- 9/18 - United Way Kick-off Breakfast @ FSCC
- 9/25 - Pioneer Harvest Fiesta @ Fairgrounds
- 10/2 - Gordon Parks Center for Culture & Diversity
- 10/9 - Advanced Dental Care
- 10/16 - Fort Scott Middle School
- 10/23 - McDonald's
- 10/30 - Fort Scott Christian Heights



Work continues on the Danny and Willa Ellis Family Fine Arts Center on the campus of Fort Scott Community College.

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