Editor's Note

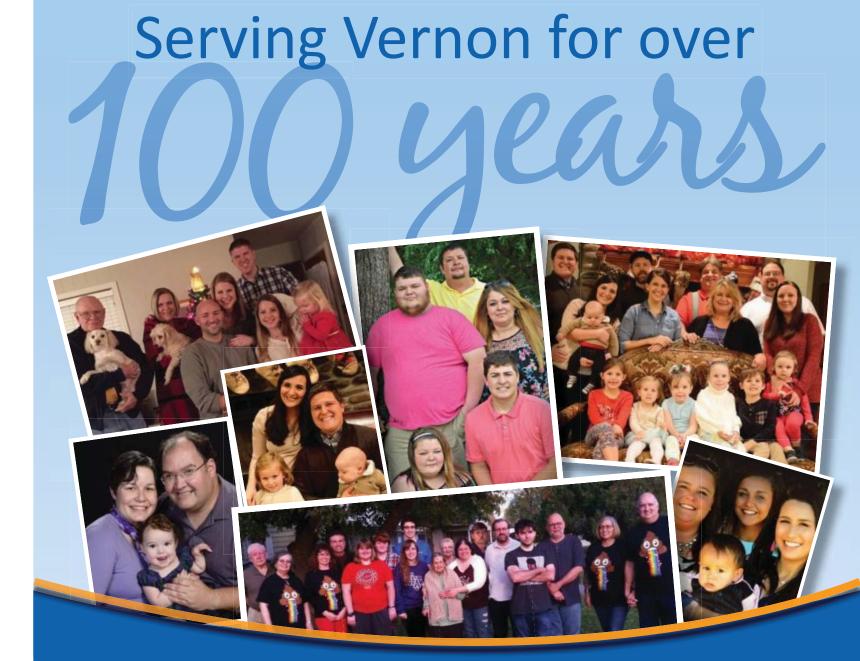


Clockwise from upper left are Bret Keith McCormick, Payton Keith McCormick, Albert Keith McCormick, & Benjamin Keith McCormick: Four generations of Keiths pictured at M&M Farm in Vernon, Texas.

Dear Vernon,

Shelby and I would like to thank our publisher Bret McCormick, the staff of the Vernon Daily Record, and the numerous business owners and community leaders that took the time to collaborate with us to create this community guide. This was our first attempt at creating and designing a magazine. It has been quite an experience and we hope to take what we have learned and apply it to a bigger and better future in publishing. We each put 110% into creating something that we value and hope others can appreciate as well. During the long hours laboring on the design and content, Shelby and I learned that the most important thing that you can do with the opportunities that God has gifted you is to highlight the good in whatever it is you are doing. Through this philosophy, we were able to bring a variety of perspectives to the table from numerous community members, and in turn, believe that we are able to present something that exemplifies the good in this community. Thank you Bret for giving us the tools necessary to complete a project of this magnitude. Years of guidance and mentoring have helped us to see this opportunity for what it is and I pray we made the best of it. It undoubtedly hasn't been easy the passed five years but we wouldn't trade this experience for the world.

Sincerely,
Payton McCormick,
Regional Editor



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