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WELCOME CENTER HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, Closed
2022 Board of Directors and Staff:

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Letter from our Chairperson

They're just around the corner ... yes, the holidays loom.

Most of us know that we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas for their intended reasons. On Thanksgiving, we pause in an intentional effort of gratefulness for all of the many blessings that have been extended to us. That should be a posture in which we live every day, being thankful for how blessed that we are. On Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. God sending His only son into the world to die for sinful man was the greatest gift and an immeasurable blessing.

You know ... when you really stop and think about it ... it's really a blessing to even have the opportunity to celebrate.

While we strive to keep our focus where it should be, a lot comes along with the holidays. Many families try to balance the time that they are able to spend with various extensions of their family. Some couples enjoy time with the wife's family on Christmas Eve and then see the husband's family on Christmas Day. Travel is often involved, sometimes driving a distance and other times flying across the country. It can certainly be a juggling act. And yes, it can be stressful at times ... not wanting to disappoint anyone, trying to work together, wedding everything in ... the holidays can sometimes be more stressful than relaxing unfortunately. But hopefully, we will strive to avoid falling into that trap.

There's often a reason why that we find ourselves "all worked up" around the holidays. It's because of people ... more specifically, it's because of people that we care about. We try to wedge everything in because we're trying to make time for those who are most important to us. Those are the people who we want to spend the holidays with ... the people we love.

Every holiday is a little unique. No two are exactly the same. For years, our family has said that we may not always be gathered in the same place in the same way that we are at that moment, so we should realize how blessed that we are and enjoy the wonderful opportunity that we have to be back together.

That all changed for our family in January of 2020 as my grandmother – the matriarch of our family – passed away. For us, everything revolved around her house at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Nobody else was allowed to prepare any food. She handled it all, producing a massive spread, with the intention to provide each individual's favorites. We miss the spread ... but we miss her so much more.

I lost one of my closest friends a few weeks ago to cancer. I'll miss

sitting with him late on Thanksgiving weekend and again on Christmas Eve or Christmas night and talking about the craziness that took place during each of our holiday gatherings.

Many of you can relate to where I'm at. Though our family still gathers, the holidays have been different for me the past two years. However, I fully realize that I've been blessed and that I'm still blessed. I was blessed to spend every holiday for 43 years with a wonderful grandmother who I loved dearly and who loved me too. This holiday season will be different for some of you due to the fact that you too have suffered loss.

While it may seem that I'm bringing discouraging thoughts to mind, what I really want to encourage each of us to do is to treasure the wonderful people around us as we plunge into this holiday season. Whoever it may be – whether it's a loving family, treasured friends or simply acquaintances who you may not know quite that well – stop and think about how that God has blessed you if you have a place to go and people to be around. Everyone can't say the same.

God created us to be relational creatures who need and enjoy fellowship with one another. It's my prayer that your fellowship during this holiday season serves to enrich your life and encourage you greatly.

Speaking of fellowship, the Macon County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet is also around the corner, on Nov. 15. Great friends and colleagues will be there. It's always a great time. If you haven't made plans and obtained your tickets, don't hesitate. Give us a call. I look forward to seeing you all there.

And lastly, before the opportunity passes me by, let me be one of the first to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving ... and I'll go ahead and offer up a Merry Christmas too!

Until next month ...

Craig Harris, Chairperson
Macon County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



2022 BOARD MEETINGS: 8:30 - 9:30 - WELCOME CENTER
January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, Sept. 20, October 18, Nov. 22
2022 QUARTERLY LUNCHEONS: 11:30 - 1:00 - TBD
March 22 - 1st Quarter, June 28 - 2nd Quarter, September 27 - 3rd Quarter, November 15 - Annual Banquet

FUN, HEALTHY & FREE

VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS

Come bring the family and have fun cooking!

FOOD SAMPLES WILL BE PROVIDED

SUNDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 2022
START AT 10:00AM - 12:00PM

THE HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE AND FOOD IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF CELEBRATING!

LEARN TO MAKE DELICIOUS HEART-HEALTHY DIABETES-FRIENDLY MEALS AT OUR COOKING CLASS

REGISTER AT: 615-666-6931

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY ROOM
555 HICHWAY 52 BYPASS WEST
LAFAYETTE, TN 37083

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 29, 2022 for Beans and Leaf's Coffee Cafe. We welcome them to the Chamber Family!

Lafayette Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3rd @ 1:00pm
2022 Parade Guidelines

A1C HEMOGLOBIN SCREENINGS

at Macon Community Hospital

THERE'S A SIMPLE WAY TO TEST YOUR BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS. During the month of November, Macon Community Hospital is offering **FREE HEMOGLOBIN A1C** screenings designed to evaluate a person's average glucose level in past weeks over the past 3 months.

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH. An A1C test screening test can help diagnosed individuals and diabetes, and can help you and your health-care team manage these conditions.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF DIABETES including increased thirst, blurred vision, fatigue and/or numbness, come by our lab in November Monday - Friday from 10am - 5pm to receive your **FREE HEMOGLOBIN A1C** test. Be sure to also ask us how we can help you manage your diabetes through one-on-one education classes with our registered dietitian.

For more information please contact us at **615-666-2147**

MACON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

maconcommunityhospital.com • 303 West Local Street • Lafayette, TN 37083

November 19, 2022

LAFAYETTE LIONS CLUB IS HOSTING

PICTURES WITH SANTA

WINDING STAIRS CABIN
655 NATURE TRAIL WAY
LAFAYETTE, TN 37083

Complimentary drinks, coffee, milk and juice will be available. All donations are appreciated. Photographer will be on-site to take pictures and will be emailed at no charge.

8 AM-NOON

- All entries must be in line to be judged by 11:00am. To be in the parade you must be near your entry and in line no later than 12:30pm. The roads will start closing at 12:30pm and you will not have access after that time. To access the staging area where all entries will be lined up you must enter Nature Trail Way from the West and make a right turn onto the road. At the end of Nature Trail Way there is a cul-de-sac to turn around to line up in your correct position by number. There will be a Chamber representative in charge of your category that you will need to check in with to receive your number.
- FINAL judging will take place before the parade starting at 11:00am and ribbons will be awarded before the line-up moves to TSC at 12:40pm.
- All entries, including 4-wheelers & horses, must be clean and decorated.
- There can be no live Santa as part of the entry! There is only ONE Santa, and he will be on the Lafayette Fire Department truck.
- No refilling of generators during the parade. All floats using a generator must have a fire extinguisher on board.
- All floats throwing out candy MUST have at least 2 walking guards on each side of the float. All floats with children must also have an adult on board for safety & supervision.
- 4 Wheelers: If you are under 18 years of age, you must be accompanied by an adult.

Parade Line-Up will be marked one week before the parade.

If you need more information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 615-666-5885.

2022 Macon County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade
"A Vintage Christmas"
Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Organization/Group: _____
Address: _____
Contact Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____

Please check appropriate box:

<input type="checkbox"/> Antique Car or Truck: \$10 per vehicle Example: Before the year 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Car or Truck (no trailer): \$10 per vehicle Example: Students, public individuals
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Business Floats: \$30 per float or vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Floats: \$20 per float or vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit/Cubs: \$20 per club Example: Booster clubs, athletic clubs, nonprofit organizations, school clubs, youth clubs	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse & Rider/Buggy: \$10 per entry
<input type="checkbox"/> ATV/UTV: \$10 per vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Churches: \$20 per entry
<input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band: exempt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tractor/Antique Tractor: \$10 per tractor
<input type="checkbox"/> Pageant Queens: \$10 per single vehicle/\$20 for trailer or float (must provide vehicle if not riding float)	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Official/Dignitary: exempt

*Please note that floats or trailers must be accompanied by walkers.

PARTICIPATION WAIVER: MUST BE SIGNED FOR PARADE PARTICIPATION
By participating in the Macon County Chamber of Commerce/City of Lafayette Christmas Parade, I understand that I, and/or my minor child, am participating of my own free will and will not hold responsible the Macon County Chamber of Commerce, City of Lafayette or Macon County for any injury or damages to our person or property.

Signature of Responsible Party: _____ Date: _____

Judging:
Be in line by 11:00. Judging will take place before the parade! By completing the entry form for the parade, all entries are agreeing to follow all rules established by the Christmas Parade Committee. Please return all signs to the Chamber of Commerce after the parade if not picked up by one of the committee members during the parade.

Remember there is only **ONE SANTA** and he will be riding on the City of Lafayette Fire Truck.

Deadline:
Entry forms should be received at the Welcome Center, 685 Hwy 52 Bypass West, Lafayette, TN 37083, by **Monday, November 21, 2022**, if possible.

Lineup:
Lineup will be marked off the week of the parade but is subject to change depending on the number of entries. Please follow the 2022 Parade Guidelines provided for more information. Every category will have a Chamber representative for guidance as well as assigning parade numbers and position in line and will be given on a first come first serve basis.

November CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CPR Classes at Macon Community Hospital- Held monthly. Call 615-688-7907 for more information.

A1C Hemoglobin Screenings- Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm in the month of November at Macon Community Hospital. For more information contact 615-666-2147.

Art in Real Life- November 3-9, 2022 at the Citizens Bank Main Office located at 400 Highway 52 By-Pass West in Lafayette, TN. The Macon County Arts Council and Citizens Bank present Art in Real Life a photo contest. Photos will be on display. For more information contact Pat Bailey and leave a message 615-388-2561 or emaildbailey@nctc.com.

Citizens Bank Veterans Appreciation Breakfast- November 5, 2022 at 7:30am at the Sally Wells Building located at the Macon County Fairgrounds. Guest speaker will be Judge Brody Kane. For more information contact 615-666-2195 or www.citizens-bank.org.

Macon Bank & Trust Company Veterans Breakfast- November 9, 2022 at 8:00am at The Barn on Church Street. Special Guests are the Macon County "Treble Makers" Choir and a speaker while breakfast is served. Please RSVP by November 1, 2022 by calling 615-666-6448.

Macon County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet- November 15, 2022 doors open at 5:30pm, event starts at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$30.00 each. For more information contact 615-666-5885.

Red Barn Holiday Bake & Bargain Sale- November 19, 2022 from 8:00am until 4:00pm at the Red Barn Event Hall located at 1805 Tanyard Road in Lafayette, TN.

Pictures with Santa- November 19, 2022 from 8:00am until 12:00pm. The Lafayette Lions Club will be hosting pictures with Santa at the Winding Stairs Cabin located at 655 Nature Trail Way in Lafayette, TN. Complimentary donuts, coffee, milk, and juice will be available. All donations are appreciated. A photographer will be on-site to take pictures and will be emailed at no charge.

Vegetarian Cooking Class- November 20, 2022 from 12:30pm to 2:00pm at the Macon County Chamber of Commerce Community Room. To register call 615-666-6931.

Vision 2020 Monthly Meeting- November 22, 2022 at 7:00pm at The Armour's Hotel in Red Boiling Springs, TN. For more information contact Rita at 615-388-3046 (text) or visit www.vision2020inc.com.

Step Back in Time Open House/ Small Business Saturday- November 26, 2022 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at 252 Main Street in Red Boiling Springs, TN. Contact

615-699-1919 or visit www.facebook.com/pg/SBIT2020 for more information.

Diabetes Support Group Meeting- November 28, 2022 at 5:00pm in the Macon Community Hospital conference room.

A Southern Marketplace Christmas Barn Sale- December 2-3, 2022 at Acres of Grace Farms located at 225 Henson Rd in Red Boiling Springs, TN. For more information go to info@asouthernmarketplace.com.

Macon County Chamber of Commerce Parade- December 3, 2022 at 1:00pm. The parade will start at the intersection of Walgreens and Tractor Supply. Contact 615-666-5885 or visit www.maconcounty-chamber.org for more information.

Red Boiling Springs Nighttime Christmas Parade- December 3, 2022 at 6:00pm. Contact Amber at 615-561-0899 for more information.

Christmas Caroling- December 3, 2022 after the Red Boiling Springs Christmas Parade at the Step Back in Time Shop. Contact Rita at 615-388-3046 (text) or visit www.vision2020inc.com for more information.

Storytelling and Singing- December 17, 2022 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Drop in for a hot cup of cocoa, coffee, or cider and a story or two. Text 615-388-3046 or fb@GpasHouse. For more information.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
Macon County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet & Auction
November 15, 2022
at the Sally Wells Building



Enjoy a night of good food, fellowship, and fund raising auctions!

Proceeds will go to The Macon County Chamber of Commerce to continue to provide the growth and services our community deserves.

Ticket sales will begin October 1, 2022. Call (615) 666-2885 for more information. The doors will open at 1:30pm. Live music at 6:00pm.



Ribbon Cutting held at Modern Automotive Group on October 21, 2022

Citizens Bank and Macon County Arts Council Present



Art in Real Life
A Photo Contest

Thursday, Nov. 3 - 9, 2022

Citizens Bank Main Office
 400 Highway 52 By-Pass West • Lafayette, TN

Photos will be on display
 Thursday, Nov. 3 - Wednesday, Nov. 9

MCAC
 Hosted by Citizens Bank
 Sponsored by the Macon County Arts Council

TEENESSSEE ARTS COMMISSION

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES - OCTOBER 21, 2022
 FOR ENTRY FORM - CALL PAT BAILEY AND LEAVE A MESSAGE 615-388-2561 or email dbailey@nctc.com

5 NOV 7:30 AM

CITIZENS BANK
 CITIZENS BANK BRANCH
 400 HIGHWAY 52 BY-PASS WEST
 LAFAYETTE, TN 37043
 (615) 666-2885



VETERANS APPRECIATION Breakfast

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
 GUEST SPEAKER JUDGE BRODY KANE

SALLY WELLS BUILDING | MACON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 www.citizens-bank.org 615.666.2195

CITIZENS BANK

Coffee Cakes



NOVEMBER 19, 2022
RED BARN HOLIDAY BAKE & BARGAIN SALE

NO ADMISSION

Everyone's welcome to come join us as we start this holiday season with fresh baked goods for Thanksgiving. We will have Holiday Decorations, Stocking Stuffers, Personalized Gifts, Crafts, Jewelry and so much more. Have lunch while you shop. We will open at 8 am until 4pm Saturday November 19th, 2022

Come eat with us and take home fresh baked goods for thanksgiving

Get a head start on your holiday shopping.

Baked goods, crafts, t-shirts, jewelry and so much more

Rain or shine Saturday 8 to 4 pm

Personalized gifts decorations

Red Barn Event Hall
 1805 Tanyard Road
 Lafayette, TN
 37683



The theme for the
2022 Christmas Parade
on Saturday, December 3
in Lafayette is
"A Vintage Christmas"

You may contact the
Macon County Chamber of Commerce
at 615-666-5885 for more information!

Please Join Us
Wednesday, November 9th | 8 AM
VETERANS BREAKFAST

The Barn on Church Street
(538 Church Street)

Special Guests:
The Macon County "Treble Makers" Choir
& Speaker while breakfast is served.

Please RSVP by
Tuesday, November 1st | 615.666.6448

 **Macon Bank & Trust Company**
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Wednesday - Friday, 10-4 and Saturday 9-1
102 Public Square, Lafayette, TN 37083 - 615-666-0102

Join us at our **OPEN HOUSE**, Sunday, November 6, 2022, 1-5pm
A perfect time to shop for the holidays, support local artists
and enjoy the creativity of the area

Christmas Parade
December 3rd
@ 6pm
Theme:
Old Time Christmas




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Leon & Marie Cothron
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