



## A RED CARPET AFFAIR

The Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet was held on Friday, November 21 at the Vada Sheid Community Center on the ASUMH campus. Congratulations to the following winners: Gregory Co. for Outstanding Business or Industry; the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas as Outstanding Organization; Glenda Small as Educator of the Year; Dr. Bob Cogburn for Medical Professional of the Year; Heather Loftis won the Spirit Award; Amanda Principato (Blackbird Cafe) won the Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Danny Ponder as Volunteer of Year; Richard Hanson (Quarry Marina) received the Jim Gaston Friend of Tourism Award; and Frank Bailey was presented with the Chairman's Award.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

The annual Christmas Parade is Friday, December 12 at 6 pm. The theme this year is "A Hollywood Christmas," and there is no registration required. Line up instructions are available at the Chamber of Commerce, and the parade route will be the same as year's past taking off from Hospital Drive. Judging for the floats will take place as the floats enter Highway 5 from Hospital Drive. Floats will be judged on 4 categories: Civic, Commercial, Religious, and Youth. Bundle up the kids and line the streets to see awesome holiday cheer!

Thank you to the following Candy Sponsors for 2014: **Mountain Home Psychiatric Medicine, Grant, CPA; TLC Bank, Little Caesar's Pizza, The Wellness and Cravings Coach for Women, Bank of the Ozarks, Riverlodge Assisted Living, Taylor Hearing & Balance Center, Excavation by Herter, The Window Place, Nationwide Insurance, the American Legion, and Ozark Engraving and Fine Gifts..**

## 2015 CHAMBER WELCOME BAGS

The Chamber will fill 1500 bags in 2015 to give to visitors to our area. These bags are distributed at sporting tournaments, conferences, etc. Do you have items you'd like to put in the bags? Our visitors LOVE Mountain Home, and we've been able to give everything away from pizza cutters to magnets to golf tees and coupons.! Bring 1500 items to the Chamber by the end of February (order NOW!) Do you have an event coming to town that you need bags for? Let Tracy know--first come, first served.

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At this holiday season, we remember and honor those who are no longer with us and cherish those who are. Seasons greetings to you and yours... from the **Peitz Cancer Support House**.

Come join us as our children's musical theatre & sanctuary choir present "A Super Christmas" and "What a Glorious Night" - A Christmas festival of Praise, on Friday, December 12 at 7:00 pm & Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 am at **First Baptist Church**-corner of Club Blvd and Spring Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653: 870-425-6961. First Baptist Church's Annual Christmas Even Service is at 5:00 pm on December 24th. Community is invited! Contact Dea Windsor if needed: 870-321-1020.

**Twin Lakes Community Bank** sends holiday greetings to all its patrons and associates. Thank you for your business and continued support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Holiday parties-**Little Caesar's** is the best place to go for great tasting food and prices that will not break your bank account. Happy holidays to all of you!!

Artificial Sweeteners, Sleep Disorders, Childbirth Class, Breastfeeding Class, Lady Fitness Class...Don't miss the great programs at the **Schliemann Center for Women's Health** Education this month! 870-508-2345.

**Hill Country Art Gallery** welcomes artist Sandi Cameron. Sandi enjoys painting in watercolor and acrylic. She also paints on feathers and decorates gourds. Stop by and see her work.

Join us at the **Mruk Family Education Center on Aging** on January 12 at noon to hear Dr. Ronald Tilley talk about pain management. Call 870-508-3880 to register for this free presentation!

Shop unique gifts for the women in your life at the **Marvelous!** Holiday Bazaar, 9-5, December 13 at 133 Harding Blvd in Cotter-just uphill from the historic bridge. Peace and love to you this holiday season!

**Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society** invites anyone to join our ranks in 2015-preserving the natural and family heritage of our area: 870-425-2125.

Patty Kotlicky is now the Social Services Worker for **Care Manor Nursing Home!** Call 870-424-5030 if you or a loved one needs rehab-to-home, respite, or long-term nursing care!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season! **-Tink Albright**

Jan Schmeski, Financial Advisor at **Wells Fargo Advisors**, celebrated 5 years with the company on 10-30-14, and Sandy Rehak, Sr. Registered Client Associate, celebrated 10 years with the company on 11-1-2014.

**Mountain Home Athletic Club** is offering BOGO - buy one membership, get one FREE - Offer ends December 12 so call today, 870-425-4342. Give a gift of fitness. [www.MHAClub.com](http://www.MHAClub.com)

**Arvest Bank** wanted to take the time during this busy holiday season to wish our customers and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

Merry Christmas from **Twin Lakes Woodworking & Remodeling!** Looking for a perfect gift? Come by and visit with us today!

Give the gift of health for Christmas! Grab a kit of certified pure, medicinal oils from **Essential Oils:**  
<http://www.tammytenison.com/kits>.

## Bits 'N' Pieces is

a FREE benefit to members..a chance for you to share about your business or organization! Just email your "Bits" each month. Keep it short and sweet... preferably 25 words or less!

The **Mountain Home Christian Academy** says THANK YOU to the community for their support of the Chili Dinner & Gourmet Popcorn sales fundraisers. We will be able to get a van!

**Newman, MD Plastic Surgery**--Our 1 hr Winter Facial is \$90. Includes a collagen boosting mask and you'll receive Theraderm's NuPeel to help exfoliate throughout the winter months. Get it for yourself AND get a gift certificate for a friend! 870-425-6398.

Tickets available at the Library now for the 11th annual Ante Up for the Library Texas Hold'em Tournament benefiting the **Baxter County Library Foundation** Saturday, January 24th.

Support local authors and shop for holiday gifts at the Local Author Book Sale & Signing Event Sunday, December 7, 1:00-4:00 pm at the **Donald W Reynolds Library**.

A big thank you from the **Friends of the Baxter County Library** for your generous donations of used books and auction items throughout the year!

5 Tips to a Stress Free Holiday Season: Pump your fruits and vegetables--opt for a morning smoothie, Pamper yourself--take at least 30 minutes a day for some me time, Declutter--clutter naturally causes anxiety, so avoid unnecessary stress by just tidying up, Take a walk--getting at least 30 minutes of cardio daily releases feel good chemicals in the brain, "nature's happy drug", Up your Vitamin D--studies have shown vitamin D helps the body produce over 200 germ fighters--HERE'S TO A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!! -**The Wellness and Cravings Coach, Kristy Breen**.

**Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church**, Corner of Cooper/Hwy 55., Youth and Children's choir presents the Christmas musical "The Great Late Potente" Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 am, Christmas Eve (24th) Service at 6:00 pm.

**Twin Lakes Radio KPFM/KKTZ/KOMT** presents our 3rd annual Bridal Expo on Saturday, January 17th at The Sheid. Booth space is still available--call for more info: 870-492-6022.

The **Junior Auxiliary** rummage sale helps our chapter continue their education. We donated clothing to several families, school closets, and to Serenity and Gamma-Sparks House. JA will assist with Shop with a Cop December 13th by providing food baskets and gift wrapping to help needy families in BC. The JA donated \$200.00 worth of books to help with the Breakfast with Santa at Hackler for Retired Teachers Fund.

The **Republican Men's Club** is seeking community speakers for 2015 meetings.

**All Pet & Equine Supply** is celebrating our 7th Anniversary with a Customer Appreciation Event and Open House on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9-6.

It's not too late to let **El Chico** host our cater your holiday party! We also have gift cards - \$5 for you with every \$25 purchased. Great for your staff and business customers! 870-492-4700.

Let **A.I.D. Temporary Services, Inc.** find your next job! We have various clerical and manufacturing positions available. Apply at 1219-5 Commerce Drive Today!

**LC Creative Productions** offers a complete wedding photography package that brides can afford, includes photos on DVD and a beautiful custom photo book. Book early, call 870-424-0112.

## Upcoming Chamber Events...

**Friday, December 12**

### Christmas Parade

6:00 pm

"A Hollywood Christmas"

**Thursday, December**

**18**

### Business After Hours

hosted by

Jackson Rentals & Supplies

**Friday,**

**January 2, 2015**

### First Friday Breakfast at El Chico

hosted by

Good Samaritan Society

**Baxter County Government** would like to thank Kevin Bodenhamer, Sheila Wingard, Gary Tennison, Nelda Speaks, Maryanne Edge, Will Mae Tilley, Dr. Snow, and Ron Kincade for their service to Baxter County.

Happy Holidays from **Elmcroft!** We are rolling out 2015 with all new lower prices! Call or come by today for details. 870-425-6868.

**The Baxter County Alternative School** is pleased to announce our annual 2015 Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Beginning February 9, 2015 and continuing through February 13, 2015, students at BCAS will "shadow" workplaces through a normal day on the job. This will give the students an idea of what types of responsibilities they will encounter in the working world and what career options are available to them in Baxter County. If your business/company would be interested in serving as a community partner and hosting a BCAS student for a day, please contact Dana Wehmeyer, 870-425-3840, ext 32 or 870-421-7308.

**First Community Bank** is holding its annual Christmas Open House on Dec 19th from 2-4 pm. Please come and join us for Cookies and Punch. Happy Holidays from all of us to you!

Two current job openings at **KTLO-KCTT-The Boot**: Full time News Reporter-Mon-Fri, some weekends, experience a plus; Full time Sales Associate - Mon-Fri, some weekends, experience a plus.

The Call for Artists for **The Art Odyssey** Studio Tour 2015 is now going on. Information and applications are available on our website: [www.TheArtOdyssey.com](http://www.TheArtOdyssey.com). Applications must be turned in or mailed to the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce between Jan 1-Jan 12.

**Baxter Regional Center for Integrative Medicine** free Symposium and Expo. Saturday, January 10, 9am-2 pm at The Sheid, ASU-MH...for optimum health and wellness, please join us!

Let Jason or Donna at **Kincade Insurance, Inc.** give you a free quote on your insurance. Call 870-425-5131 or stop by 201 S. College Street.

**The Reppell Diabetes Center** wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our diabetes Support Group will meet again on January 27th, 2015 at 5pm in the Lagerborg Dining Room at BRMC!

Become a member of **Serenity's Circle!** Make a monthly recurring donation to Serenity and join our Serenity's Circle Club. \$10 a month recurring donations receive a Serenity's Circle bumper sticker, and \$20 a month or more receives a special Serenity's Circle pin. Donate online at our website using the Donate button on the upper right side-[www.serenityinc.org](http://www.serenityinc.org).

Advising and registrations for students who wish to attend spring classes at **ASUMH** will be held January 6-9. Classes begin on January 12.

**Martha Grant, CPA** is a proud sponsor of the Ozark Football Association, where it is all about the kids. The Ozark Football Association has football leagues for 3rd through 6th grade.

**The Humane Society of North Central Arkansas** will be open on Christmas Day from 12:00-4:00 pm. The December special: up to \$20.00 off adoption fees.

**Big Creek Golf Club** is pleased to announce that Todd Dunnaway will be our new PGA Head Golf Pro beginning January 5, 2015. Todd is currently at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Little Rock.

Bring all or some of your Christmas gifts to Hastings and let **Kindness, Inc.** do the wrapping for you! Dec 6 and 13 AND Dec 15-24 (Sunday 1-4). Donations appreciated!

**VisionAmp Marketing** would like to thank everyone who voted us Best in the Twin Lakes. We are truly honored! We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Joe Miles, President of **Integrity First Bank**, has been elected Chairman of the Arkansas Sate University Foundation Board of Directors.

On January 1, 2015, Stewart Brunner celebrates 30 years as General Manager of **Twin Lakes Radio KPFM/KKTZ/KOMT**. Starting with on FM station in 1985, Twin Lakes Radio now has three FM stations, combining for 200,000 watts of power.

**Hospice of the Ozarks** would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and say thank you for all the support from our community for the last 35 years.

**NATCO Communications** welcomes Bookkeeper, Mikey Bauss, of Flippin and Computer Specialist, Daniel Rogers, of Mountain Home to the team.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff at **Blue Lady Resort!** It's never too early to plan your "stay-cation" with us. Gift certificates are also available. [www.blueladyresort.net](http://www.blueladyresort.net).

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A quick reminder that all advertisers in the 2015 Vacation Relocation Guide receive 1 free eBlast for 2015, and they will get to place their ad in the Spirit newsletter. Please make sure you send Tracy a pdf of the ad you want to use: [Tracyj@EnjoyMountain-Home.com](mailto:Tracyj@EnjoyMountain-Home.com) Anyone who purchased 1/8 page or larger will receive the Chamber auto inquiries for either vacation or relocation--that's a \$300.00 value! We ordered 60,000 copies for 2015--more than ever before, and we have a waiting list of over 1,000 right now! These guides will begin going out in January 2015.



**Business After Hours**

hosted by  
**River Lodge Assisted Living**  
November 20



**A Red Carpet Affair** emceed by

**Tim Martin** on November 21.

Congratulations to all the winners!



***Want to join the Chamber, or know  
someone interested?  
Click HERE to JOIN THE TEAM!***

The Mountain Home Chamber is on  
Facebook! LIKE our page please.





Chamber Ambassadors have been busy with Ribbon Cuttings around our area! Protocol Drug and Alcohol Testing, Harp's, Buffalo Wild Wings, and the Wellness & Cravings Coach for Women all celebrated grand openings!

Rick Garner, owner, cuts the Ribbon in the Chamber parking lot. Protocol Drug and Alcohol Testing offers a variety of 24/7 on-site testing services for your convenience.



Harp's employees and executives, along with Chamber Ambassadors, cut the Ribbon at its newest location: 2089 Hwy 62 West. 870-508-0071. Harp's specializes in groceries for your family needs.



Lucas Gordon, Regional Marketing Director for Buffalo Wild Wings, cuts the Ribbon with Chamber Ambassadors at 1195 Hometown Commons. B-Dubs has 652 locations across 45 U.S. states.



Kristy Breen, R.N., cuts the Ribbon along with Chamber Ambassadors to celebrate her new business as The Wellness & Cravings Coach for Women. Kristy specializes in women's health issues: weight gain, food cravings, stress management, hair loss, low energy, and acne. Call for appointment: 870-371-1104.

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