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2015 CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Chamber's Annual Christmas Parade is Friday, December 4 at 5:30 pm. The theme this year is "Here We Come a Caroling," and there is no registration required to participate. Line up instructions are available at the Chamber of Commerce or by clicking [HERE](#), and the parade route will be the same as previous years beginning from Hospital Drive and ending at Guy Berry School. Judging for the floats will take place in front of the courthouse square. Floats will be judged in 4 categories: Civic (Non-Profit Organizations), Commercial (For Profit Businesses), Religious, and Youth. Bundle up the kids and line the streets to see awesome holiday cheer!

If you would like to become a candy sponsor for the Chamber Christmas Parade, please contact Tracy at 425-5111 or email at Tracyj@EnjoyMountainHome.com. Sponsorships are \$25.00. Please remember that there should be no other Santas in the parade other than the Chamber Santa Claus that will be at the very end.

CHAMBER BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Four new members were elected to the Mountain Home Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the 2016-2018 term. Effective January 1, 2016, the following community members will begin their 3-year volunteer term of service: Ron Peterson: BRMC; Steve Eastwold: Bull Shoals Lake Boat Dock; Jeff Gunn: Baxter Healthcare Corporation; and Sandy Andres: Bouquet Palace.

Leaving the board after a 3 year term are 2015 Board Chair John Conner: High Country Motors/Conner-Hankins Funeral Home; TC Carter: Carter's Jewel Chest; Dr. Matt Taylor: Taylor Hearing and Balance Center; and Glenn Burney: Baxter Healthcare Corporation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHAMBER'S AWARD WINNERS

The Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet was held on Friday, November 13 at the Vada Sheid Community Development Center on the ASUMH campus. Congratulations to the following winners: Baxter Healthcare Corporation for Outstanding Business or Industry; Serenity, Inc. as Outstanding Organization; Jackie Meissner as Educator of the Year; Amanda G. Thornton for Medical Professional of the Year; Mary James won the Spirit Award; Brendan Shay won the Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Gary Edwards won Volunteer of the Year; and Jennifer Baker won the Jim Gaston "Friend of Tourism" Award; and Diane Turner won the Chairman's Award. Finally, Jim Gaston was awarded the Vada Sheid Lifetime Achievement Award, and Clint Gaston accepted in his grandfather's honor.

2016 CHAMBER WELCOME BAGS

The Chamber will fill 1500 bags in 2016 to give to visitors in our area. These bags are distributed at sporting tournaments, conferences, etc. Do you have items you'd like to put in the bags? This is your chance to get noticed! Thousands of visitors will come through our area beginning in April to attend the Annual Sow Bug Show, The B.A.S.S. Elite Tournament is scheduled to draw THOUSANDS to our area over a 5 day period. We can put anything in the bags from magnets to shirts...Just make sure your logo appears on the items. People love coupons, pens, pads, credit card holders, golf tees, you name it, they love it! Do you have an event coming to town that you need bags for? Let Tracy know--first come, first served.



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!

FIRST FRIDAY DATES: \$125.00 TO HOST: The host of First Friday will have the floor for about 25 minutes to present his/her business promotions. Afterwards, the microphone is passed around so that everyone can have their "60 Seconds of Fame." Bring literature to lay on the tables. Unless advertised, First Friday happens at El Chico Cafe beginning at noon.

Jan 8:	July 1:
Feb 5:	Aug. 5:
March 4: iFix and Repair	Sept 2:
April 1: Cloud 9 Ranch	Oct. 7:
May 6: Serenity, Inc.	Nov. 4:
June 3: The Salvation Army	Dec. 2:

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS: \$250.00 to host: The host of Business After Hours has the entire networking event at a location of their own choosing or their place of business.

Jan. 21: Jackson Hewitt Tax Svcs	July 21:
Feb 18:	Aug 18:
March 17: Wes Wood	Sept. 22:
April 28: Kirby & Family Funeral Svcs.	Oct. 20:
May 19: Shay's Appliance	Nov. 17:
June 16:	Dec. 15:

GOOD MORNING AND GOOD EVENING MOUNTAIN HOME: \$250.00 to host. This networking event takes place at your choice location or your place of business. Contact Tracy for open dates.

These dates will fill up fast. Contact the Chamber office to reserve your event now.

BITS N PIECES

The Fisherman's Lodge is giving a 50% discount to all who book their holiday parties in December!!!!

The Center for Women installed a new Affiniti 50 Women's Healthcare Ultrasound machine with 3D/4D capabilities to better serve the women of our community.

Newman, MD Plastic Surgery - For every 1mL of Juvederm purchased we will be donating 500 meals to the Food Bank of NCA. Call and set up your appointment today at 870-425-6398.

The Christmas Journey, A Living Nativity, is a free event for the public to be held on the campus of **First Baptist, Mountain Home**, on December 3, 4, and 5 from 6-8 pm. The driving tour begins at the Spring Street entrance and features scenes of the first Christmas, including live actors and animals, depicting the Nativity, Wise Men, City of Bethlehem, Shepherds and Angels, and Carolers. There will be an outdoor petting pen and indoor activities for families that includes story time, crafts, gifts, and refreshments. All ages are welcome!

GFWC Cameo Club of Mountain Home presents their 36th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec 6 from 1-4 pm featuring the homes of Phil and Dyanne Frazier, Lonnie and Robin Robinson, and Chris and Paula Butler. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Bouquet Palace, Interiors Marketplace and Artisan Mall, and the Chamber of Commerce. On the day of the Tour, tickets, maps and refreshments will be sold at Bouquet Palace and tickets will also be for sale at the front door of any home featured! Thank you for supporting scholarships and community organizations with your donations to Cameo Club! Cameo Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary - From 1965 to 2015! For more information about membership, call 870-580-0176.

Upcoming Chamber Events...

Mtn Home Christmas Parade @ 5:30 pm, Dec 4

First Friday
Dec 4
hosted by
Elmcroft

Good Evening Mountain Home
Dec 8

hosted by Jackson Equipment Rental & Supplies

Good Morning Mountain Home
Dec 10

hosted by Integrity First Bank

Business After Hours
Dec 17
hosted by
TLC Bank

To learn more about our continuum of care community, please call us at (870) 425-2494.



BOE All faiths or beliefs are welcome. 11-02506



More home fires occur on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year. Call **Thompson Insurance** today for your free home quote. 870-425-4444. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving! November special--all striped cats and senior pets (7 years or older) adoption fee is 50% off **Humane Society of North Central AR**.

2016 Paws for the Cause Calendars are now available at the **Peitz Cancer Support House**. They make great gifts at \$5 each. 100% of the proceeds benefit free local cancer support services.

Did you know that **Mruk Family Center on Aging** will come to your civic or church group and give FREE workshops on various healthy living topics, establishing working partnerships with you and Dr., and much more! Call to schedule an instructor today! 508-3880.

Did you know that the **Schliemann Center for Women's Health Education of BRMC** offers monthly Childbirth and Breastfeeding Classes for expectant parents? Just another way we provide comprehensive care to our community.

You could be the winner of a 1/4 carat diamond during Carat Cake for Christmas Wish at **Carter's Jewel Chest**, Nov 20-21. There will be a diamond winner each day plus over 100 carats of gemstones in the cake. A \$5.00 donation to Christmas Wish buys you a yummy cupcake.

Get the ball rolling! Stop by **The Flooring Emporium** on College Street for 15% off your project. View their selection of tile, hardwood, vinyl, laminate, carpet and granite counter tops. Let them floor you!

Jackson Hewitt is proud to present our new area manager Gladys Lynn. Come visit Gladys at our enw office located at 505 S. Main by the square in Mountain Home. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9-2 pm.

Big Steve's Gold & Pawn Emporium has moved to their new location, 1972 Hwy 62E. We are open and are having a customer appreciation day November 21st. We will have a live remote, free food, and prizes.

Girl Scouts: Is this the day you decide to make a difference in the lives of girls? Everyone has something to offer. Girls need positive role models to help them become the kind of leaders they want to be. For more information, contact Melody Sykes, Membership Recruiter, mysykes@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

First Security Bank is pleased to announce the recent promotion of Teresa Wehmeyer to the position of Vice President of Marketing and Business Development. Congratulations Teresa! Member FDIC.

PGW Collectibles: your everything store for Black Friday. Guns, Knives, Leather, Jewelry, Clothing, Self-Defense, and so much more. Enjoy 10-40% off most items and get signed up for our \$100 gift certificate and 3 month membership to Slinging Iron Indoor Shooting Range. Need Cash? Pay only 15% on pawns now through January 1st. PGW...We Got It! Off 178 in Lakeview.

Van Metre Senior Center is now taking reservations for a 2 day trip to Branson. We leave December 9th at 1 pm and will return at 10 pm the 10th. Cost is \$300 for double occupancy. Trip includes lodging, dinners, and 3 shows--including the Branson Belle and the Andy Williams Christmas Spectacular. Call 870-424-3054 to reserve your space before November 24th.

KCMH Christian Radio Local Southern Gospel Host, Wade Moser, Won the Golden Mic award from Singing news. Listen to 91.5 Monday-Friday from 9am-11 pm.

As the holiday season approaches, **TLC Bank** wants to remind everyone to open their Christmas savings account. This time next year you will be shopping stress free. Stop by for information. Its easy with TLCB!



Arvest Bank would like to thank the Twin Lakes area for helping us raise over 79,000 meals during our 1 Million Meals campaign. All donations stayed local and benefitted the Food Bank of NCA. Thanks a million!

BCRMC: Registered Baxter County voters who are interested in being election poll workers are invited to contact Baxter County Election Commission Chair, Lois Smith, 425-1348.

Servpro has 3 Technicians that have recently completed educational requirements with the IICRC (Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification): Jason Rowe has completed Master Water Restorer, Joel Binford has completed Master Fire Restorer and Darrell Ward has completed Journeyman Water Restorer.

Violet Hensley, "The Whittlin' Fiddler," will speak to the **Baxter County Historical Society** on Tuesday, Nov 24, at 6:00 pm at the Baxter County Library. This 99-year old musical artist and crafter is an Ozarks institution! Free and the public is always welcome. Call 425-2551.

November is National Hospice Month. Across the country, in communities like ours, hospices are honoring patients and families coping with life-limiting illness and recognizing the professionals and volunteers who provide high quality care to those who need it most. If you would like information or have questions regarding hospice care, call **Hospice of the Ozarks** at 508-1771 or visit us at www.hospiceoftheozarks.org.

Help restore funding to the **Library** by taking the time to fill out a postcard. Let your representatives know the positive impact the Library plays in your life! Stop by the Library, write your message on a postcard, and place it in the box. The Library will mail the postcard for you.

Baxter County Library Foundation: A paver Stone at the Library will be an enduring symbol of your support. Honor your loved ones, celebrate special occasions, or pay tribute to family and friends. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

It's not too late to book your holiday party at **El Chico Cafe!** NEW!! Fiesta in a Box--feeds 6-8! Perfect for the holidays and large dinners at home, starting at \$26.99. Bulk sides of queso, rice, chips and more also available! Call 492-4700.

NATCO Communications in Flippin held its annual awards night for winners of their student coloring and essay contests. Kindergarten through eighth grade students from Flippin, Yellville-Summit, Bruno-Pyatt, Lead Hill, Omaha, and Bergman participate in the contest individually and through their schools. Winners received cash prizes totaling more than \$450.

Baxter Regional Hospital Foundation: Friday, Dec 4-11-3 pm, Join us for NRA's "Refuse to Be a Victim" --a crime prevention and personal safety program. Cost is \$25 per person - lunch & materials included. Proceeds benefit Lend-a-Hand. This will be held at BRMC in the Lagorborg Dining Room. Call 870-508-1770 to register.

Dawt Mill is now taking reservations for your holiday parties. Stay the night for just \$79 dollars.

Jackson Equipment Rental is now carrying emergency readiness supplies. Great Gift ideas! Don't forget our Good Evening Mountain Home on Dec 8!

NEW MEMBERS

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Mountain Home, AR 72653
870-404-3353

**Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Baxter
County**
PO Box 1286
Mountain Home, AR 72654
870-508-6200



Business After Hours hosted by Ultimate Dodge Jeep Ram



Leadership--Local Government Day

During the November session of the Twin Lakes Adult Leadership Network, we visited the County Judge, Mickey Pendergrass, toured the 911 facility, met with Mayor Joe Dillard, and spent the afternoon with the Mountain Home Fire Department.



FLAPPERS & FEDORAS--NOV 13TH



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