



### Senior Citizens Center News

It's hard to believe we're already into February 2009! Time sure flies by...when you're having fun! And FUN is exactly what we're having at the Macon County Senior Citizens Center! We have a very dedicated group that comes out to shoot pool every day of the week, as well as our members utilizing the indoor walking track. Can you believe since Sept. 2008, we have logged over 1000 miles on our indoor track?! Absolutely amazing! We have some pretty fun things planned for February at the Center...Our Valentine Dance will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Willene Bandy will be making homemade soup on the 12<sup>th</sup>, we are having a Fried Pie Friday Sale on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Pizza and a Movie on the 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be starting a painting class on the 25<sup>th</sup> and The Palace will be starting a new monthly program called "Noggin' Nudgin" the last Friday of each month! Plus we are planning to take a group to the Thomas House for a nice lunch and some entertainment. If you are interested or know someone who could benefit from the services that are offered at the Center, feel free to come by 329 Hwy 52 By Pass East or call 615-666-3780. We are open Monday-Friday from 8 a. m. till 4 p. m.

Submitted by Jamie Dallas, Director, Macon County Senior Citizens Center

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# Macon County Chamber of Commerce NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome New Member!

#### Susi Qs

4873 Highway 52 By-Pass West

Lafayette, TN 37083 • Scotty Gass, Owner



### Membership Renewals in February, 2009:

- Put It In Print
- Tennplasco
- Factory Connections, LLC
- Richard Willette Concrete
- Bransford Electrical & Mechanical
- Pacessetters
- North Central Telephone Cooperative
- Driver Construction
- Whittemore's Bookkeeping
- Nestle Waters
- Linda's Cakes, Catering & Wedding Supply
- Knollwood Manor
- North Central Security Services
- Driver's Construction
- Volunteer Adhesives Corporation
- Lafayette Mini Storage
- B.D. Polston Building Supply
- Riverview Regional Medical Center
- Vernon Biggs
- Cindy Holland
- Chris Johnson Insurance



**Membership Meeting** Our next meeting will be February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at La Tia Mexican Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Melissa Wooten, President of Measure Up, Inc.

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### VALENTINE TRIVIA

- ♥ February 15<sup>th</sup> was the date of the Roman festival of Lupercalia - where young men held a lottery to decide which girl would be theirs.
- ♥ During Medieval times, girls ate unusual foods on St. Valentine's Day to have a dream of their future husband.
- ♥ In the middle Ages, people believed that the first unmarried person of the opposite sex you met on the morning of St. Valentine's Day would become your spouse.
- ♥ In the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century even married people took a Valentine - not always their legal other half!
- ♥ Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, on the Valentine's Day, 1876.
- ♥ In Wales, love spoons of wood were carved and given as gifts on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Hearts, keys and keyholes formed the favorite theme of decorations on the spoons, which together symbolized- "You unlock my heart!"
- ♥ It wasn't until 1537 that St. Valentine's Day was declared an official holiday. England's King Henry VIII declared February 14<sup>th</sup> a holiday in 1537 for the first time.
- ♥ On February 14, 1779, the natives of Hawaii murdered Captain James Cook the great English explorer and navigator.
- ♥ Some people believed that if a woman saw a robin-flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor and if she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a very rich person.
- ♥ The Taj Mahal at Agra, India is perhaps the most splendid gift of love. It was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beautiful wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Work on the Taj began in 1634 and continued for almost 22 years. It took the labor of 20,000 workers from all over India and Central Asia.
- ♥ In England, the Romans, who had taken over the country, had introduced a pagan fertility festival held every February 14. After the Romans left England, Pope Gelsius, who established St. Valentine's Day as a celebration of love in 496 A.D abolished the pagan ritual.

## • *UPCOMING EVENTS* •

**YOUNG AMERICANS:** February 8 thru 10, 2009 A workshop in voice, dance, and performing arts for children 4<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades. A concert will conclude the event on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30 p. m. at the Macon County High School gymnasium. Contact: Nancy Doss at 615-644-5179 or Shirley Anderson at 615-699-2340 or email: [rxnd@nctc.com](mailto:rxnd@nctc.com). Sponsored by the Macon County Arts Council.

**VALENTINE DINNER:** February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Red Barn Winery – Contact: Judy Clements at 688-6012 or visit: [www.Redbarnwinery.com](http://www.Redbarnwinery.com).

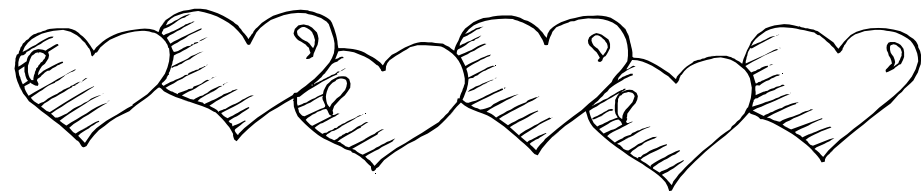
**REVIVAL:** February 20, 22, 27, & 28, 2009 – Presented by the Thomas House in Red Boiling Springs. The event will include dinner and show for \$25.00 + tax per person. Caution: show may create

burst of laughter! Contact: The Thomas House at 615-699-3006.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL BARNYARD CUTIES BEAUTY PAGEANT:** March 14, at 11 a.m. Location – TBA Contact Jacqueline Law, 615-888-6481. or email: [jacquinelaw@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquinelaw@yahoo.com) or Teresa Meador at 615-666-6525 Proceeds to benefit Relay for Life.

**LIONESS VARIETY SHOW:** March 14, at 6:30 p. m., Macon County Junior High School. Contact: Gwen Linville at 666-2000.

**MURDER MYSTERY COMEDY DINNER:** March 14, at 6:30 p.m. Red Barn Winery. Contact: Judy Clements at 615-688-6012. or visit [www.redbarnwinery.com](http://www.redbarnwinery.com) website.



### **Three Star Retirement Committee meeting held**

The Three Star Retirement Committee met on January 22, with Lona Vinson, Ben Holder, Doyle Gaines, John Ashburn, Brenda Thomas and Carolyn Smith.

A discussion was held on a place for RV hookup in Lafayette, The Civic Center and Senior Co-housing. The next meeting will be February 2, at 9:00 a. m. at NCTC. If you have an idea that you think we need to be discussing, please advise any of the committee members or call Brenda Hiatt at 666- 4395. Your ideas are always welcome. We have a really good retirement website, take a look. [www.retiremaconcounty.com](http://www.retiremaconcounty.com).

### **Friendship Home Health has new location**

Friendship Home Health is proud to announce the opening of their new office location on 101 Bratton Avenue just off the Scottsville Road. There will be an open house on Thursday, February 12 from 11:00 a. m. till 2:00 p. m. to give all our neighbors and community an opportunity to see our new facility, meet the staff, enjoy refreshments, and sign up for door prizes. Everyone is invited to this special event. Plan now to be there.

## *Macon County Arts Council News*

The young Americans will be performing with our Macon County students on Tuesday, February 10, at 7:30 p. m., at the Macon County High School gym. As of this writing, there are about 150 children signed up to participate in the workshop and show. It promises to be a wonderful event! Macon County Arts Council is very appreciative of all the help and support we have received for the workshop. For an event this size, it takes many people working together to assure success—MCAC members, parents, school officials, and homestays, to name just a few.

We would like to acknowledge, in particular, the Education Foundation of Macon County for contributing to our scholarship fund for the workshop (80 children benefited from the funds supplied by the foundation), the Rotary Club, which also helped the scholarship fund, and Pat and Doug Bailey, who generously provided full sponsorship to eight participating children. MCAC is very appreciative also, of the work done by Julie and Rex Clement. They have spent many hours promoting and helping to organize this exciting workshop for our children.



## *Macon County Revitalization Corporation*

The Macon County Revitalization Corporation has been busy laying ground work and legal work with Mr. Chamberlain to apply for a 401 C3. Visiting other cities as well as counties and having guest speakers, they have elected a business owner Miles Gibson, President of the Macon County Revitalization Corporation. There are 10 Board Members from all over the county.

The Macon County Revitalization Corporation is one of the 3 star programs that they hope will be visible in Lafayette in 2009 and all over the county soon. The 3 Star Committee involvement now is to play a support roll in securing grants and trying to help develop the vision that will support growth and tourism for the entire county. If you would like more information about the Macon County Revitalizations Corporation and how you can get involved, contact: David Harper at 655-5274 or Call Gibson's Café and talk to Miles Gibson.