

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Post #7135 News

VFW will hold (2) Turkey Shoots this month, March 7th and 21st next to Sunshine Market Hwy 52 W. at 10:00 a.m.

VFW meetings are the 3rd Monday each month. The VFW meeting this month will be March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW home next to Macon Helps. To join this active organization call: Mickey Chambers, Commander, at 615-666-5099 or Audrey Dye, Quarter Master, at 615-666-7280. VFW annual dues \$25.00.

The Ladies Auxiliary members are making quilt pieces for the Camp for Courageous Kids at Scottsville.

The Safety Committee is taking Pedestrian, Bicycle, Fire, Drug and Smoking Awareness, Highway and Water Safety pamphlets to (2) schools. Book markers are also being taken to school libraries to inform the students with information that March 3rd marks the date of VFW's victory in sealing the Star Spangled Banner as the National Anthem in 1931. The book marks are printed with The National Anthem and tips such as: remove your hat, face the flag and place your right hand over you heart.

March 30th District 4 meetings will be held in Lebanon.

State Council of Administration is March 28th at Post 1290 at 2:00 p.m.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary cooks for the public March 5th and 19th, serving starts at 5:00 p.m.

To join the Ladies Auxiliary call Barbara Oliver, President, at 615-666-7750 or Virginia Holland, Treasurer, at 615-633-4318. Meetings are the 2nd Monday each month @ 6:00 p.m. Annual dues \$20.00.

Information supplied by the VFW

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Welcome New Members!

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Membership Renewals in

February, 2009:

The Palace Care and Rehab	The Hearthstone Inn
Red Barn Winery	Goin Postal
Gibson Café	Hollis Hardware & Lumber
Macon County Chronicle	La Tia Mexican Restaurant
Thomas House	GreenBank
Alpha Medical Associates	State Farm



Membership Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 24th at LaTia Mexican Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Freddie Banks, Adm. Asst. for Volunter Adhesives Corp.

St. Patrick's Day Facts

- St. Patrick's Day marks the Roman Catholic feast day for Ireland's patron saint, who died in the 5th century. St. Patrick (Patricius in Latin) was not born in Ireland, but in Britain.

- Irish brigands kidnapped St. Patrick at 16 and brought him to Ireland. He was sold as a slave in the county of Antrim and served in bondage for six years until he escaped to Gaul, in present-day France. He later returned to his parents' home in Britain, where he had a vision that he would preach to the Irish. After 14 years of study, Patrick returned to Ireland, where he built churches and spread the Christian faith for some 30 years.

- Many myths surround St. Patrick. One of the best known—and most inaccurate—is that Patrick drove all the snakes from Ireland into the Irish Sea, where the serpents drowned. (Some still say that is why the sea is so rough.)

But snakes have never been native to the Emerald Isle. The serpents were likely a metaphor for druidic religions, which steadily disappeared from Ireland in the centuries after St. Patrick planted the seeds of Christianity on the island.

- In the United States, it's customary to wear green on St. Patrick's Day. But in Ireland the color was long considered to be unlucky, says Bridget Haggerty, author of *The Traditional Irish Wedding* and the Irish Culture and Customs Web site.

As Haggerty explains, Irish folklore holds that green is the favorite color of the Good People (the proper name for faeries). They are likely to steal people, especially children, who wear too much of the color.

- Colonial New York City hosted the first official St. Patrick's Day parade in 1762, when Irish immigrants in the British colonial army marched down city streets. In subsequent years Irish fraternal organizations also held processions to St. Patrick's Cathedral. The various groups merged sometime around 1850 to form a single, grand parade.

- Today New York's St. Patrick's Day parade is the longest running civilian parade in the world. This year nearly three million spectators are expected to watch the spectacle and some 150,000 participants plan to march.

- Dublin's St. Patrick's Day parade is little more than 75 years old. This year festival organizers will launch 15,000 pounds (7 metric tons) of fireworks to cap their celebration, which is expected to draw 400,000 spectators.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

3rd ANNUAL BARNYARD CUTIES BEAUTY PAGEANT: March 14, at 11 a.m. Location – TBA Contact Jacqueline Law, 615-888-6481. or email: 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 website.



Three Star Retirement Committee to Meet

The Three Star Retirement Committee will meet on March 9th at 10:00 a.m. at NCTC. Members of the Retirement Committee are: Brenda Hiatt, Committee Chairman, Patty Petty, Lona Vinson, Ben Holder, Doyle Gaines, John Ashburn, Brenda Thomas and Carolyn Smith. www.retiremaconcounty.com.

Macon County Tourism Book

The Macon County Chamber of Commerce is doing the Macon County Tourism Book this year. Crystal and Lona will be visiting you to talk about your ad in the book. We are moving into a new Welcome Center and know that we will need to have the new book available this year. It will take time to update the information and to sell ads, but we hope to move on it as fast as possible.

AMERICAN JAMBOREE: Saturday, March 21st 7:00 p. m. – The Donoho Entertainment Center- Red Boiling Springs – Contact: The Donoho Hotel at 699-3141

THE PALACE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR: March 27th for 7:00 a. m. till 10:00 a. m. Open to public: Come learn about interesting and helpful way to stay healthy. Contact: Glenda Browing, 615-655-4274

FOUR WINDOWS: Presented by The Thomas House of Red Boiling Springs. The event will include dinner and show for \$25.00 + tax per person. This show is a laugh out loud comedy! Contact: The Thomas House at 699-3006.



Leadership Macon Class of 2009

Leadership Macon is well on its way! Lona Vinson and Crystal Justice conducted the orientation meeting on March 2, 2009. The 2009 members of Leadership Macon are Jason Ligon, Alexander Funeral Home; Lynne Knight, Macon County Extension Service; Melissa Roark, Macon Bank & Trust Company; James Christian, GreenBank; and Mary Braswell, Palace Care and Rehab.

What is Leadership Macon? Leadership Macon is a program that provides the opportunity to educate individual citizens about Macon County's history, current government initiatives, and current services available. To have successful community development its citizens must have this knowledge base. If you are interested in learning more about this great opportunity, please call Lona or Crystal at the Macon County Chamber of Commerce at 615-666-5885.

Macon County Arts Council News

Macon County Arts Council would like to invite local artists to enter their work in the seventh annual "Arts in Bloom" art exhibition. Dates of the event are April 24th thru April 26th. Once again it will be held at Macon Bank and Trust Company on Highway 52 By-Pass. Macon Bank and Trust has hosted "Arts in Bloom" since its beginning in 2002, and has generously provided all the prize money for the exhibitions.

Artists 18 years of age and older may enter two works in any of the following media: oils, acrylics, watercolor, drawing media (such as pen and ink, pencil, or pastel), or three-dimensional media such as wood, clay, or fibers. This year there will also be a category of miniature works. Paintings entered in this particular category can not exceed 35 square inches, including the frame, or in the case of a 3-dimensional piece, 6 inches in any direction. First, second and third place winners will be chosen in each category.

Judge for the event this year will be Ted Rose, Dean of Fine Arts at Cumberland University. Dean Rose comes to us with a wealth of art experience as an artist, educator, author, and art administrator. MCAC is very pleased that Dean Rose has agreed to bring his wide range of expertise to our art show.

Registration forms are available at Frame-It framing shop in Lafayette or by calling 644-5179. Forms should be submitted by April 20.

Macon County Senior Center News

As we continue to make huge strides in a positive direction, the Macon County Senior Citizens Center would like to extend many thanks to all those that support our efforts. We have truly been blessed! Activity is always on the fore front of everything we do here and March will be no exception! From massage therapy to legal advice to monthly dances and Noggin' Nudgin' to everything in between, our senior citizens have a great variety of fun things to choose from! If you've not yet visited the center, we encourage and invite you to do so. If you're 60 and older, you may want to become a member so that you, too, can enjoy the "perks" the center has to offer! Stop by anytime Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 329 Highway 52 By-Pass East in Lafayette. We'd love to meet ya!