

Red Boiling Springs Extension Campus
of the Hartsville Technology Center

Tri-County Welding – A Hot Job

According to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, welding was projected to continue to be one of the Upper Cumberland's top "Hot Jobs". It was listed as a hot job because it offers very good job opportunities that will be available in the Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Van Buren, and White counties for the next seven years.

A goal of the Tri-County Extension at Red Boiling Springs is to equip our secondary students with resources and necessary welding skills to transition into postsecondary education, military, or the workforce. The Welding Technology Curriculum includes: Safety, Cutting Processes, Plasma-Arc Cutting, Shielded Metal Arc Basics and Advanced, Gas Metal Arc Welding, Oxy-Acetylene Welding, Blueprint Theory, Gas Tungsten Arc Welding, Mild Steel Pipe, Stainless Steel Plate (Flat and Vertical), Aluminum Plate (Flat and Vertical). The class has very stringent attendance requirements and grading policies.

Each high school student receives an average of 10-15 hours per week of hands-on training, using state-of-the-art equipment. A student successfully completing the Welding Curriculum will be given hours towards American Welding Society (AWS) certification and credit towards earning a high school diploma.

Technical education plays a major role in shaping the workforce and tomorrow's economy. The terms shop class, vocational school, or trade school do not apply to today's Career and Technical Education.

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Macon County Chamber of Commerce

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NEWSLETTER

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CHAMBER HAS NEW HOURS:

Welcome Center Hours Are:
Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

CONGRATULATIONS!

*Cindy Gregory Patterson, that worked for the Macon County Times for years, is now the new owner of Put It In Print. **LOTS OF LUCK, CINDY!** Mary Lou Ramsey is officially retired.*

Welcome New Members!

Double "T" Electrical Services

1626 Purtle Road • Lafayette, TN
Phone: (615) 388-4083
Contact: Ralph Templeton

Inspirations

1018 Scottsville Road • Lafayette, TN
Phone: (615) 688-1018
Contact: Sebrina Janawsky

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6424 North Long Creek Road
Westmoreland, TN 37186
Phone: (615) 666-3739

Brenda Hiatt

539 Greenwood Drive
Lafayette, TN
Phone: (615) 666-4395

Tractor Supply Co. (TBC)

449 Hwy. 52 By-Pass West • Lafayette, TN
Phone: (615) 688-4541
Contact: Mr. Matthew Vicks, Manager

Mr. Bobby Sircy

3790 RBS Road • Lafayette, TN
Phone: (615) 666-5450
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Membership Meeting

Our next meeting will be September 22nd at 11:30 a.m. at La Tia Mexican Restaurant. Our guest speaker will be Charles Alexander, Director of Tennessee Small Business Development Center at Volunteer State Community College. **PLAN NOW TO BE THERE.**

Check out the www.maconcountyttn.com web site each month and keep up with dates and speakers for the Chamber Membership Meetings.



What are leaves for?

A leaf is like a miniature factory. It takes the ingredients of sunlight, water, carbon dioxide, and chlorophyll to make food for itself.

~ Why do leaves fall off trees in the autumn?

In autumn, there is less sunlight because the days are shorter. Because sunlight is a crucial ingredient in the leaf "factory", the leaf is unable to sustain itself any longer. It becomes weak, breaks from the branch, and floats to the ground.

~ Why are leaves different colors in autumn than the rest of the year?

Leaves are really red, yellow, orange, and brown all year long; we just can't see it! The intense green pigment of chlorophyll actually blocks the pigments of the other colors. You could say that the other colors are "invisible". In the autumn, red, yellow, orange, and brown become visible and bright when the green chlorophyll weakens before the leaf falls off the tree.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCERT IN THE PARK: September 13th, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. Featuring The Lost River Cave Big Band. (In case of rain—will be moved to the Macon County High School auditorium). Contact: Nancy Doss at 615-644-5179 or Peggy Stephens 615- 666-4004 or email: rxnd@nctc.com. Sponsored by the Macon County Arts Council.

ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW: (First weekend after Labor Day annually) September 11th-12th, 2009 at The Thomas House in Red Boiling Springs. Contact: The Thomas House at 615-699-3006 or visit: www.thethomashouse.com.

ENCORE II (Broadway Musical): September 18, 19, 25, & 26, 2009. Presented by the Thomas House in Red Boiling Springs. Contact: The Thomas House at 615-699-3006. or visit: www.thomashouse.com

MAKIN' MACON FIT FESTIVAL: (Annually the first Sat. after Labor Day) September, 12th, 2009 Contact: Shelia Shrum at 615-666-2151 or email: sshrum@nctc.com.

2ND ANNUAL ANTIQUÉ MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SWAP MEET: September 18th thru 20th 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Cyclemos Motorcycle Museum, East Main Street, Red Boiling Springs. Contact: Mike Silvio at 615-699-5049.

TREASURE TALK: (Antique and Collectible Events) - The Palace Care & Rehab.-Saturday September 26th, from 10:00 a. m. till 2:00 p. m. Contact: Glenda Browning at 615-655-4274.

OCTOBER

LIONS & LIONESS RADIO AUCTION ON WLCT/WEEN: - Contact: Chris Phillips at 615-666-2121 or email: maxee@nctc.com

MACON COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION CELEBRITY WAITER DINNER: (first Thursday in October annually) October 1, 2009 Contact: Linda McCrary at 615-699-2705 (V/F) or email: deltakg@nctc.com. - Sponsored by the Macon County Education Foundation.

HOW'D DEY DO DAT DAY: A rural heritage celebration in Macon County. Old time crafts, farm equipment, and bluegrass music. Hosted by Grandpa's House on the Ritter Farm. Call 615-699-2738 for more information.

TREASURE TALK: (Antique and Collectible Event) -The Palace Care & Rehab. - Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 a. m. till 2:00 p. m. Contact: Glenda Browning at 615-655-4274.

HORROR HOTEL: The Thomas House & Stage Productions. Dinner and Ghost Tour- \$25.00 plus tax per person. More information Contact: Evelyn Cole at 615-699-3006.

FIFTH FRIDAY FISH FRY: October 30, 2009 at 5:00-9:00 p.m. The Donoho Hotel in Red Boiling Springs. Contact Robert Stroop at 1-800-799-1705 or visit www.donohohotel.com. All entertainers and help are volunteers—proceeds benefit the Goodwill Committee.



UCHRA News

To Members of the Community,

I would like to introduce you to a program sponsored by UCARTS and the Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency that was designed to address the transportation dilemma for persons with disabilities or those who are over the age of 65. The program is called the Travel Training Program. The goal is to assist people with limited transportation options to learn how to ride and to feel comfortable and safe riding the public transportation system, giving them back the independence and flexibility of coming and going as they wish. The service itself is a *free service*, the only thing that the trainee is expected to pay for is the fare. The specific details of how the training is undertaken are detailed on the enclosure.

One of the most difficult tasks for service providers is making the public aware that an actual service exists and is available to them. I am sending you the information on the Travel Training Program with the hope that you will share it with your community to make them aware of the program and provide them with my contact information if desired.

I truly appreciate any efforts that you might make to assist me in "getting the word out" to those who need the service. I am available to do daytime classroom training as well should you feel that that might meet the needs of your community more appropriately. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or referrals you might have at 931-528-1127.

Susan Flagg, Travel Trainer
Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency

Value Added Services

In the new Welcome Center, we have established an area dedicated to promoting all of our loyal Chamber Members—please, stop by the office to drop off your business cards or other marketing material. Think of the Chamber as your marketing ally!

Just another free service... If you are in need of a notary—look no further than your local Chamber of Commerce. Crystal Justice, Office Assistant, is a notary and will be glad to notarize any paperwork "*free of charge*" for all chamber members! I.D. is required.

**Are You Looking for
BARGAINS?**

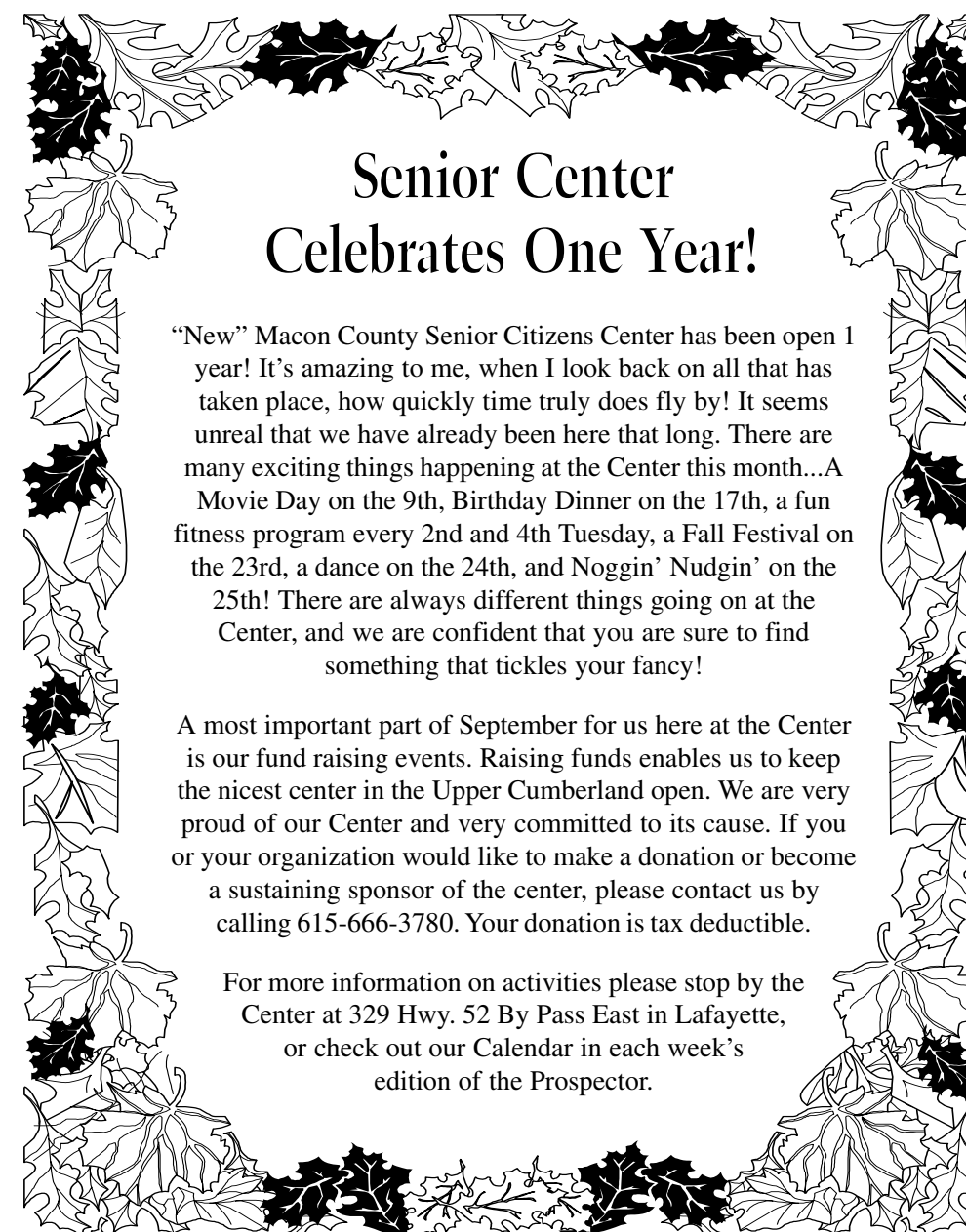
I went to Macon Department Store last week and if you can't find a bargain there you aren't looking. Please go by and take a look—they have anywhere from 50 to 75 percent off. This would be a good time to do your Christmas Shopping.

Macon County Arts Council News



Macon County Arts Council will be sponsoring Teen Art Classes during the month of October. The classes, for students ages 12 thru 18, will be each consecutive Saturday from October 10 thru October 31, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There will be three classes offered, and each student will pick one class for the entire four week course. These include drawing, painting, and 3-dimensional clay classes. Teachers for the program are artists who are well-versed in their particular medium and also have experience teaching. They include Denise Baxley (drawing), Peggy Stephens (painting), and Linda Johnson (clay).

It will be necessary to register for the classes by October 2. There will be a one-time charge of \$30 to off-set the cost of supplies. All materials needed for the classes will be supplied. For more information or to register, please contact Nancy Doss at 644-5179, or email rxnd@nctc.com.



Senior Center Celebrates One Year!

"New" Macon County Senior Citizens Center has been open 1 year! It's amazing to me, when I look back on all that has taken place, how quickly time truly does fly by! It seems unreal that we have already been here that long. There are many exciting things happening at the Center this month...A Movie Day on the 9th, Birthday Dinner on the 17th, a fun fitness program every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, a Fall Festival on the 23rd, a dance on the 24th, and Noggin' Nudgin' on the 25th! There are always different things going on at the Center, and we are confident that you are sure to find something that tickles your fancy!

A most important part of September for us here at the Center is our fund raising events. Raising funds enables us to keep the nicest center in the Upper Cumberland open. We are very proud of our Center and very committed to its cause. If you or your organization would like to make a donation or become a sustaining sponsor of the center, please contact us by calling 615-666-3780. Your donation is tax deductible.

For more information on activities please stop by the Center at 329 Hwy. 52 By Pass East in Lafayette, or check out our Calendar in each week's edition of the Prospector.

New Hours at Red Boiling Springs Branch Library

Beginning Labor Day week new operating hours will be in place at the Red Boiling Springs Branch Library.

The Library will be open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p. m. and on Saturday from 8 a. m. until 2 p.m.

Red Boiling Springs Branch Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday.

The new schedule keeps the same number of weekly service hours as before but allows five consecutive days of operation and provides more evening and weekend services.

