

# Tennessee Technology Center News

Rising Senior at Macon County High School and Tennessee Technology Center at Hartsville/Tri-County Extension Campus student Joey Bergdorff attended the National SkillsUSA contest in Kansas City, MO at the end of June. He competed with high school students from around the nation in Precision Machining Technology. He was accompanied by his TCEC Machine Tool Technology instructor Jon Hesson. Joey was chosen to compete after winning a gold medal at the Tennessee SkillsUSA competition in Chattanooga back in April.

The Technology Center in Hartsville is also happy for the opportunity to offer more classes at our Extension Campus in Red Boiling Springs. This August we will be offering Drafting Technology to high school students from Macon County High, Red Boiling Springs High and Jackson County High Schools.

*We are proud of our growth in Macon County!*

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**Macon County Chamber of Commerce**  
**Leon & Marie Cothron**  
**Macon County Welcome Center**  
**685 Highway 52 By-Pass West**  
**Lafayette, TN 37083**



## Macon County Chamber of Commerce **NEWSLETTER**

685 Hwy. 52 By-Pass West  
Lafayette, TN 37083

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**WELCOME CENTER HOURS:** Monday through 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

### **Membership Renewals Since Last Newsletter**

**Joann Delk**

**C. Sue VanBlaircum, DDS, PC.**

412 College Street  
Lafayette, TN 37083  
(615) 666-6155  
Website: [www.lafayettefamilydenistry.com](http://www.lafayettefamilydenistry.com)

**Hope Family Health Services**

12124 Highway 52 Bypass West, Suite 5  
Westmoreland, TN 37186  
(615) 644-2000  
Website: [www.hopefamilyhealth.org](http://www.hopefamilyhealth.org)

**Mert's Gift Gallery**

Merilyn Day, Owner  
1206A Scottsville Road  
Lafayette, TN 37083  
(615) 688-6378

### **Welcome New Members**

**Macon County Right To Life**

Marcia Briggie  
P. O. Box 71  
Lafayette, TN 37083  
615-655-4564  
Email: [marciabriggie@yahoo.com](mailto:marciabriggie@yahoo.com)

**Presley's Grill & Cycles**

Sandy & Gayle Presley  
1102 Scottsville Road  
Lafayette, TN 37083  
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## **Membership Meeting July 27**

Our next Macon County Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting will be Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at Grecian Steakhouse at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Deborah K. Wooley, President, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry was founded 98 years ago and is the state's largest, state-wide, broad-based business and industry trade association. It is the state affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Chemical Council.

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## Lona Vinson Retires After 30 Years of Service

The Macon County Chamber of Commerce wishes to express gratitude to Lona Vinson for her many years of service. Lona has consistently and persistently worked for the advancement of the Chamber's growth, the success of its members and the growth and well being of Macon County. Lona's level of commitment and love for Macon County carried well beyond her work hours as she tirelessly promoted the Chamber's causes. For all this, the Macon Co. Chamber wishes to say "Thank you Lona and may God bless you in your future endeavors!"

## Macon County Arts Council News

"Auction for the Arts", sponsored by the Macon County Arts Council, is just around the corner! This is not only a fun event for the community, but also a successful fund raiser for the arts council. Last year the auction raised over \$4000, money which, among other things, funded MCAC's arts education programs.

"Auction for the Arts" is scheduled for Saturday, August 14th, at 6:00 p.m. It will be

held at the Sally Wells Building on the fairgrounds. The evening will include a barbecue supper, musical entertainment by the local group "Kinship", and the auction. Ben Bray will again serve as our auctioneer, and Kathy Eden has offered "Frame It" as the designated drop-off place for contributed artwork. Anyone who would like to donate a piece of art to the auction should contact Kathy Eden at 666-7644 or Nancy Doss at 644-5179 by July 30.

## Macon County Right to Life

The Macon County Chapter of TN Right to Life was formed in March of 2008. We are one of 35 county chapters in TN. As such, we are part of a non-profit, non-sectarian, volunteer-based organization affiliated with National Right To Life in Washington, D.C.

Our chapter supports TN RTL in promoting respect for the dignity of every human life especially those threatened by abortion, infanticide, partial birth abortion, assisted suicide or euthanasia. We advocate the protection of human life without regard to age, handicap, condition or social position.

Our efforts include educational outreach, passage or protective legislation, as well as

providing direct and tangible resources to women and families facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies and euthanasia.

We sponsor an annual high school oratory contest. We also sponsor a booth at the Macon County Fair.

We meet once a month locally. For more information, please call: 615-655-4564

### BUSINESS CARD HOLDERS:

We have card holders at the Welcome Center. If you are a Chamber member and would like to have your card displayed, drop them by the office.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### JULY

#### "WWW.DATE.COM":

Presented by the Thomas House and Stagestruck Productions, July 16, 17, 23, 24, 2010. Written and Directed by Gene Embry. Starring Gene Embry & Julia Cawthon. This play is a modern day version of "Love Letters" full of fun and laughs!!! Show time starts at 7:00 p.m. and prices are \$25.00 plus tax per person (ticket includes show and all you can eat buffet.) Call or Email NOW for reservations: The Thomas House at 615-699-3006. www.thethomashouse.com

**BENEFIT BIKE RIDE:** July 10, 2010 - Fourth Annual Jonathan Hudson Memorial Scholarship And Bike Ride... Starts at Wal-Mart in Lafayette, Tennessee. Starts at 1:00 p.m. and returns to Wal-Mart. Food, fun and lots of prizes. Grand prize: a flat screen TV and many more giveaways. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, 7 for \$5.00. Everything we make goes to Jonathan's fund. In four years, we have given \$4,500.00! Come on down and help us out!

**FOURTH ANNUAL MACON BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL:** Saturday, July 24, 2010 at the Macon County Fairgrounds - 11:00

a.m.-8:00 p.m. All pickers and jammers welcome! Contact: James Arnett at 931-258-4185.

**FIFTH FRIDAY FISH FRY:** July 30, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Fish Fry is located at 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 Goodwill Committee.

**29th ANNIVERSARY COLGATE COUNTRY SHOW-DOWN:** Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. This event will be held during the Smith County Fair. America's Largest Country Music Talent Search for Local Talent. Enjoy a free performance by Doug Stone, Veronica Ballestrini and Jeffery Hudson. For More Information: www.1041theranch.net

**FREE COMPUTER TRAINING:** July 17, 2010. Free computer training that will be offered on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at TTCH/Tri-County Extension Campus in Red Boiling Springs. This event is sponsored by the Macon Co. P-16 Council/Post Secondary Education Team, Tennessee Tech University, and Tennessee Technology Center Hartsville.

## Small Business Survival in Rough Economic Times Workshop

The Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) and the Macon County Chamber of Commerce will be providing a free training workshop for small businesses entitled "Small Business Survival in Rough Economic Times." The workshop will be held at the Leon & Marie Cothron Macon County Welcome Center, (685 Highway 52 Bypass West Lafayette, TN 37083) on Friday, July 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The free training event is designed to address a wide range of steps business owners can take to preserve cash and maintain business operations during the present national economic recession.

For more information about the workshop you can contact Charles Alexander, Director, TSBDC at Volun-

teer State Community College charles.alexander@vol-state.edu Phone - (615)230-4780

*Light refreshments will be served*

### Workshop Details:

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