

NEWSLETTER

December 2024

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Letter from our President

It is truly an honor serve as the 2024-2025 President of the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Board. I appreciated the warm welcome at the annual Chamber Membership Banquet that was held in October. Congratulations again to all the nominees and winners. It was wonderful seeing so many businesses in our community being represented. I am grateful and excited to serve alongside members and leaders of our community and our wonderful Board of Directors. We are looking forward to great things in the upcoming year.

Looking back on this past year, the Chamber welcomed 39 new members since last October. These businesses helped contribute 655 jobs to our community. How exciting to see our little community grow and flourish. The Chamber was able to continue supporting Fayetteville/Lincoln County by offering several workshops and events to draw in the community and promote tourism. The Don't Be Fooled drive-thru event was another huge success where Seniors were able to safely dispose of personal documents and received helpful information preventing fraud and scams. We were able to partner with *Feed America First* to provide non-perishable food items and fresh vegetables as well to those that attended. The annual Music in the Park, which we partner with City of Fayetteville, and Parks & Rec. Dept. took place in the summer months May-August brought in out-of-town visitors and many of our own residents for good times and good music. The 32nd Annual Host of Christmas Past was the best yet, bringing in so many people to enjoy the various Christmas themed events, food trucks, vendors, local restaurants and of course shopping with our local merchants. The festival not only kicked off the holiday season, but provided awareness and fundraising opportunities for over 40 churches and organizations that participated.

Now we are ready to move onto 2025 and hope to provide resources, seminars and community events that will help our community grow stronger together. A few events that are in the works are Hamburger Day on the Hill, increasing our business and tourism workshops and expanding Don't Be Fooled, by adding more senior service providers. We continue to look for opportunities for local students through the Chamber's Education Committee and Student Advisory Board. These are only a few of the exciting things to come.

If you are not a member of the Chamber, I would like to invite you to join us by reaching out to our director, Carolyn Denton, or administrative assistant, Sara Jo Pierce. Any current members that would like to volunteer your time and resources to help support our local businesses, please let us know. Be sure to keep an eye out on social media for any future events and us showcasing our local businesses and community events. I look forward to another great year and seeing what all we can accomplish by working together.

Sincerely,

Shannon Neal

2024-2025 President FLC Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

*We genuinely appreciate those who continue their support and investment in the Fay-LC Chamber of Commerce.
An investment in the Chamber is an investment in Our community!*

Thank you to those who renewed their membership investment in November!

Cahoots Restaurant**Bailey Manor**Wolaver Heating & Cooling**1st Franklin Financial**
Farm Credit-Mid America**Horton Printing**Evers Construction**Fayetteville Public Utilities**
Remax Choice Properties-Andy Wyatt Agent**UT Southern**HR Agri-Power**Southern Pride Distillery**
Parkway Medical**C&S Plastics**Runergy Alabama, Inc.**Shadow Valley Productions**

November Ribbon Cuttings



Tri-State Clinic of Chiropractic
Dr. Nicole Mathey
2686 Huntsville Hwy
Fayetteville, TN
931-227-4637



Alysa's Squeaky Clean
Alysa Courtney
2 Garden Lane
Fayetteville, TN
931-227-7857

Therafit Physical Therapy
Dr. Kay Black DPT
2649 Huntsville Hwy
Fayetteville, TN
931-557-5030



Leadership Lincoln Class of 2024 Project
Safe Haven Baby Box
Fayetteville Main Fire Station
300 Market St West
Fayetteville, TN

Fayetteville Lincoln County Arts Center
Celebration of Legacy of Local Arts
303 Main Ave South
Fayetteville, TN 37334
931-225-8578



Student Advisory Board

The November meeting for the Student Advisory Board took place at Direct Coil. Joel Galloway led the plant tour where the students saw first hand how the company presses the fins and bends copper tubing for heating and cooling. In addition to assembly they learned the importance for quality testing before shipment.



Welcome our New Member

Lamar Advertising of North Alabama
Theresa Abner
260 Electronics Blvd SW.
Huntsville, AL 35824
256-724-7907
<https://www.lamar.com/northalabama>

Mock Interviews

We would like to thank Andrea Brewer, LCHS Work Based Learning Coordinator, for her hard work in planning the recent fall Mock Interviews, and seeing that the event ran smoothly. Andrea commended the LCHS teachers, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hewitt, and Mrs. Hurt for allowing their students to participate in the Mock Interviews. And gave a big thanks to all the interviewers (Listed Below).

Andrea said several commented on how well-prepared this group of students was and the excellent job they did. She added; The feedback our students received was outstanding. While there were some constructive suggestions for improvement, the overall response was overwhelmingly positive. Interviewers remarked on what great, promising, and engaging young men and women our students are. We received 2 internship offers, 3 resumes were pulled for callbacks and 2 requests for applications as soon as the students turned 18.

Amy M. Clemons, Principal Lincoln County High School said "We are so thankful for the partnerships with local businesses and industry." Pam Crane from Copperweld added, "The students I had the pleasure of interviewing were outstanding—many performed better than most adults I've interviewed. This experience is an excellent resource not only for students but for anyone inexperienced in interviewing, providing valuable practice and confidence-building opportunities."

The Chamber's Education Committee looks forward to continuing the interviews in 2025. We will be returning for another round of interviews in the spring at LCHS and Fayetteville City as well. Watch for details....this is a rewarding experience; you don't want to miss it.

Participating businesses and organizations:

Redstone Federal Credit Union, Franke, FLC Chamber of Commerce, Motlow State Community College, Fayetteville Public Utilities, The Malone Company, Five Star Breaktime Solutions, Bank of Lincoln County, Copperweld, Army National Guard, Crossroads Pregnancy Clinic TN Dept.of Health, Higgins Funeral Home, Hirotec, HH Lincoln Health, TAUD, BMA Properties, Gallant Riverview Funeral Home, US Dept of Defense, Lincoln County Dept of Education



