

NEWSLETTER

April 2026

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Hamburger Day on the Hill

Lincoln County *Smoked up* downtown Nashville on March 25th for the 38th annual Hamburger Day on the Hill. Lincoln County Livestock Association grilled burgers on the streets of Nashville on what is one of the most anticipated events by folks working in the State Capitol, Cordell Hull Building and other Government related offices nearby. The Chamber is always pleased to organize the event and we appreciate our partners; Lincoln County Government and the Fayetteville City Government along with the Lincoln Co Livestock Association. Others who helped make the day possible were Frito-Lay, Sun Drop Bottling, Gerald's Foodland, Holt's IGA, and Shoney's Catering. Leadership Lincoln helped to sponsor the chartered bus to help transport Lincoln Countians to the event. Promotional support was provided by the Elk Valley Times, Elk River Media. There was good representation from local students, who helped serve: LCHS & FHS 4-H, LCHS Interact Club, Camp Blount Youth, Youth Leadership and Chamber Student Advisory Board. Also attending were members of the 2026 Leadership Lincoln Class, local elected officials and residents.

Thank you to Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh, State Senator Janice Bowling, State Representative Clay Doggett and their wonderful staff for their help with planning and promoting the day. It was good to see our friend Senator Shane Reeves. Gov. Bill Lee paid a visit in the early hours with the Livestock Association at the grill.



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 March
 Elk River Trading Co.**Elk River Media, LLC**Lincoln Farmers Co-Op**First United Methodist Church**
 Elk River Canoe Rental**McBurg Community Center**Sons of Confederate Veterans**Lanturn Properties**
 Lincoln Co Museum**Edward Jones-John Karby**Fayetteville Housing Authority**
 Fayetteville Liquidation Center**Southern Sun Tanning & Wellness**Hoffman Land Surveying**
 Yemba Digital**Landers McLarty Toyota**Elk Way Apartments**Spirits of TN** Promotional Concepts**

The 12th Annual ALWAYS ENDURE SLAWBURGER CHASE 5K

Join Us On Saturday, April 18th at Lincoln County High School in Fayetteville, TN

All participants will receive a **FREE Ken's Famous Slawburger** at the finish line!

Proceeds from this event will support the mission of Always Endure. For the glory of God, Always Endure exists to remove financial barriers for adoptive families, barriers to care for patients enduring major medical diagnoses, and barriers to placement for children in foster care.

Register Today! 

Rooted by the Riverside
 Heart of RCA Benefit Dinner & Auction
 April 25, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
 (doors open at 5:15 p.m.)
 116 Riverside Lane - Fayetteville, TN

Join us for a night of fun including:

- Silent & Live Auctions
- Southern Classics Catered by Marvin's: Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Mac & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

Ticket Pricing:

- \$40 Adult General Admission
- \$30 Child/Student General Admission
- \$275 Table Reservation (8 seats)

Purchase tickets at www.reaknights.org or in the school office March 20 - April 17.

Event Sponsorships Available NOW!
 Contact krysa.spears@reaknights.org for more information.

Welcome New Members

Robinson Outdoors, LLC
 Matt Boxdorfer
 50 Robinson Industrial Dr
 Perryville, MO 63775
 573-768-8100
robinsonoutdoorllc.com

Burl's Termite & Pest Control
 Amy Hiles
 101 N Main St
 Estill Spring, TN 37330
 931-967-4547
<https://burlstermite.com>

Elk Valley Nuts & Candy Co
 Kathy Turner
 2909 Huntsville Hwy
 Fayetteville, TN
 931-224-4652
<https://www.elkvalleynuts.com>

Fayetteville-Lincoln County Arts Center presents

2026 GOOD WILL BALL
 ¡Frida's Fiesta de Flores!

Gambling tables, Collective Heartbeats DJ, dancing, silent auction, & more!

April 11, 2026
 7pm - 11pm

Sacred Stone
 47 Hawthorne Lane
 Fayetteville, TN 37334
 Get your tickets soon:
www.flcarts.com

2026 MUSIC FEST & FISH FRY

FLINTVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY CENTER

FISH FRY BEGINS AT 11:00AM


\$15 PER PLATE - ALL YOU CAN EAT
 NO ADVANCE TICKET NEEDED

ENJOY LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY!

All proceeds benefit the Flintville Volunteer Fire Department.

Volunteer Tennessee's

GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER STARS AWARDS



Congratulations to **Rujena Dotson** on receiving the 2025 Governor's Volunteer Star Award during the recent awards presentation. The selection was made based on Rujena's services to the community through work with Leadership Youth, FIC Chamber, and work with the LC Livestock Assoc. Tennessee's premier volunteer recognition initiative celebrates outstanding volunteers across the state with each Tennessee county selecting one exceptional youth and one adult. Nominations for the 2026 Awards will be open in August through the Chamber who serves as the county coordinator.

Mural Ribbon Cutting April 8 @ 10

TENNESSEE **WHISKEY TRAIL**

WHISKEY COUNTRY MURAL TRAIL CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH 2026

FAYETTEVILLE 10 AM
 125 Main Ave. S, Fayetteville, TN 37334

LYNCHBURG 12 PM
 975 Main St, Lynchburg, TN 37352

TULLAHOMA 2 PM
 110 N. Jackson Street, Tullahoma, TN 37388

2026 Slawburger Festival APRIL 18TH

EVENT SCHEDULE

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| Vendors | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. |
| Kids' Zone | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. |
| Opening Ceremony | 11 a.m. |
| Beer Garden | 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Ice Cream Contest | 12 p.m. |
| Slaw Dog Contest | 12:30 p.m. |
| Slawburger Eating Competition | 1:30 p.m. |
| Local Artists | 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. |
| Third Party Thieves | 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. |



Tribute to Sarah Byrd Posey

The Women of Lincoln County Committee kicked off Women's History Month recognizing **Sarah Byrd Douglas Posey** with a portrait unveiling at the Lincoln County Courthouse Bandstand. She was a cattiewoman, historian, and leader. In the late 1900's she helped the landscape of Lincoln County as she dedicated herself to improving her fellow citizen's quality of life. She was the first woman to serve as chairman of the FLC Industrial Board. She was the first woman president of the Lincoln Co. Fair Association, and was a director of the Fair for many years. She was also the first woman president of the TN Fair Association, and Lincoln Farmers Co-Op. Sarah Byrd, as she was best known, was a director of the Farm Services Association in Lincoln County for many years, a member of the Leadership Lincoln Board of Directors, a longtime member of the U.S. Trotting Horse Association, and very active in breeding and raising harness horses. Speakers for the event were her nephew Lee Morris, Eugene Ham, Jerry Mansfield, LC Mayor Bill Newman, Mayor Donna Hartman, and Phyllis Hicklen with the Women of Lincoln County Committee. Committee Members: Lucy Williams, Sandy Williams, Dorothy Small, Mark Mitchell, Phyllis Hicklen, Carol Foster, Jerry Mansfield, Eugene Ham, Carolyn Denton



It was a wonderful day to serve the senior adults of our community! The 14th Annual Don't Be Fooled Scam Prevention Event was held at the fairgrounds with the following participations stations: HH Lincoln Health, LC Health Department, Fayetteville Lions Club, Fayetteville Police Dept., LC Sheriff's Dept, Park City PC, Dixie Paper & Pulp Destruction Services, FLC Chamber of Commerce

Bag Items provided by: Heritage South Community Credit Union, FLC Senior Center, BBB, FPU, Bank of Lincoln County, Bank of Frankewing, Higgins Funeral Home, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Serve-Pro Fire Safety, LC Register, LC Trustee, EMA. And a BIG thanks to the Lincoln Co Fairgrounds and LCHS Students from Troy Smith's Computer Application Class.



Student Advisory Board

Chamber Student Advisory Board President Kali Groce presents Crystal Guess, Director of Junior's House, a check for the proceeds from the board's recent Penny Drive to benefit the upcoming Blue Ribbon Walk. The students raised \$1140.00 making them a Silver Sponsor.



Calendar of Events

APRIL 2026

- 4 Fayetteville First Saturday Downtown Square 9-2
- 7 FLC Art Center Beginner Crochet Class 5:30-7:30
- 8 **Ribbon Cutting** @ White Dog Mural 125 Main Ave S 10:00 am
- 11 Household Hazardous Waste Collection 8-1 Recycle Center
- 11 FLC Arts Center—Good Will Ball 7-11 pm Sacred Stone
- 11 Flintville Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry & Music Fest 11:00
- 18 Slawburger Festival Downtown Fayetteville 10-6
- 18 Always Endure 5K/10K 8:00 am LCHS
- 18 Elk Valley Crafters Spring Craft Show LCHS 9:00
- 25 "Our Town Fair" Petersburg Morgan Cultural Center
Information: 931-675-7111
- 25 Riverside Christian Academy Benefit & Auction 5:30

MAY 2026

- 2 Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast - Farmers Market 6:00 am
- 2 Fayetteville First Saturday Downtown Square 9-2
- 7 Annual Junior's House Blue Ribbon Walk @ 9:30
Lincoln Co. Fairgrounds
- 21 **Music in the Park** featuring *Midnight Jane* 6:30
Stone Bridge Park

LCHS Mock Interviews

Community and industry leader recently participated in Spring Mock Interviews with seniors in economic and government classes at Lincoln County High School. The mock interviews provide students with opportunities to practice interview skills and receive feedback from local professionals. Participating businesses & industries include; LCDOE, LC Youth Services, Redstone Federal Credit Union, Motlow State Community College, The Malone Company, Copperweld, LC Sheriff's Office, LC Mayor, Ogle Feed Higgins Funeral Home, Vibe Dental, Elk River Media, First National Bank, FPU, United Way of South TN, Rick's BBQ, Junior's House, FLC Chamber of Commerce, LCDOE Social Worker, Elk River Health, HH Lincoln Health, Bank of Lincoln County, National Guard, High Point Health, Thanks to Andrea Brewer, Work Based Learning Coordinator, for planning the event.

