



Bleckley Buzz

Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Events Calendar

Saturday, January 1
New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 11
8:00 am
Chamber Board Meeting

Monday, January 17
Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Office Closed

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, March 19
Biking Bleckley

Friday, May 13
Chamber Golf Classic

Saturday, October 22
Country Fest

Our Mission:

"To Promote Local
Business Growth and
Healthy Community
Relationships"



The Cochran-Bleckley County
Chamber of Commerce
wishes the best to all for
2022! Welcome to the first
edition of the revamped
Bleckley Buzz monthly
newsletter for 2022. The
Chamber has exciting plans
for this year for our members
and the local community!



Concert Postponed

New event date
to be scheduled &
announced soon.
Stay tuned!



Due to unfortunate circumstances of illness with members of one of the performing bands, the concert originally scheduled for this Saturday, January 15, will be postponed. A new date is in the works of planning and will be announced soon. The Double Barrell Band and The Rocky Creek Band are excited to still bring entertainment back to the City Auditorium. Our collective hope is that the new date will be one that those planning on enjoying this event will still be able to attend.

If you have already purchased tickets to the concert, you can use those same tickets for the new concert date. If you would prefer to receive a refund, please come by the office next week starting Tuesday, January 18.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding of this postponement due to circumstances out of anyone's control. The Cochran-Bleckley County Chamber of Commerce and The Downtown Development Authority, along with both bands, look forward to this concert with hopes of a night of fun that will raise funds for the City Auditorium and pave the way for future enjoyment of entertainment for our community.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Havenwood Gardens

Tuesday, March 1, 2022



Biking Bleckley

Saturday, March 19



Annual Chamber Golf Classic

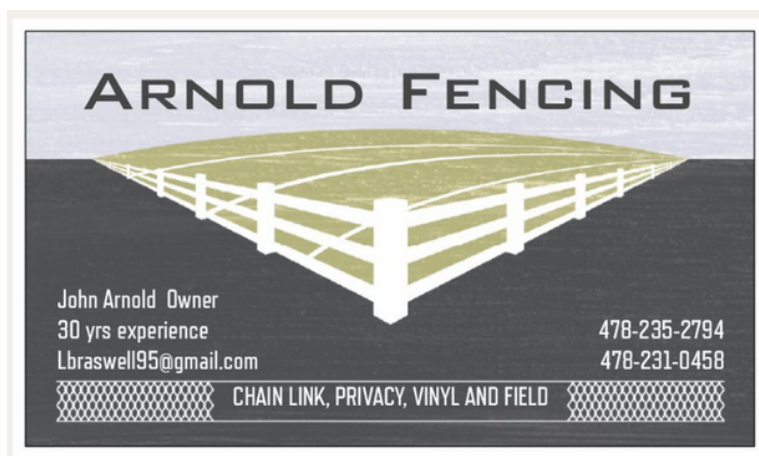
Friday, May 13, 2022



Saturday, October 22, 2022



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT





Jobs



The Cochran-Bleckley County Chamber of Commerce is taking applications for a Part-time Administrative Assistant.

Hourly pay based on experience, 15-20 hours per week.

Email resume and letter of interest to staleybell@cochran-bleckley.com.



Full Time Firefight Opportunity

To apply: Email, mail or hand deliver a resume along with an application with three references including email address and phone contact of references to: Tracy B Jones, City Clerk
City Hall, P. O. Box 8 Cochran GA 31014
Applications can be found at www.cityofcochran.com
Deadline to apply: Until Filled



We're Hiring!

New Year, New Opportunity! Seeking to fill a full time sales position. Salary+commission pay, sick and vacation leave, and more benefits. Must be able to obtain required licensing. Opportunities for advancement.

Email resume to lindsey@lindseydykes.com or bring by our office at 137 S 1st St, Cochran. For questions call (478)934-6306.



Dodgeball Tournament

January 14 6:30pm

Go to <https://www.houseofgrace.life/> and click on the Dodgeball Tournament link to sign up now.

House of Grace Church in Cochran will be hosting a 'Raise the Roof' Dodgeball Tournament. This 6 vs 6 team dodgeball tournament is open to all players 12 and up. Pre-Registration is \$10 per person, with same day registration at \$12 per person.

Mini-games for prizes will be held for players under 12. No advanced registration required. \$1 to participate in each mini game.

Tournament will consist of at least 3 preliminary rounds, then a double elimination tournament bracket. Each team will play a minimum of 5 rounds.

First match will begin at 6:30. Proceeds from this fund raiser will go to the 'Raise the Roof' fund for House of Grace.

For questions, please contact Scott Allen at 478-298-9319 or John Brister at 478-319-2646 or john.brister@houseofgrace.life



What's Happening This Week?

Brought to you by the Bleckley Progress
"Where to Go When You Need to Know"

What's happening this week?

Thursday– MS basketball vs Dublin, 4 pm.

Friday– HS basketball at Southwest, 6 pm.

House of Grace dodgeball tournament, 6:30 pm.

Saturday– Basketball & soccer opening day at rec. department, 9 am.

HS basketball vs West Laurens, 6 pm.

Sunday– Bethany Baptist Church baked spaghetti fundraiser, noon.

Tuesday– MS basketball vs Jeff Davis, 4 pm.

HS basketball vs Monticello, 6 pm.

Board of Education monthly meeting. 6:30 pm, BCMS media center.

Thursday– County Commissioner Meeting, 10 am in city auditorium.

Friday– HS basketball at Dodge Co, 6 pm.

Saturday- "Night of Worship" featuring Isaiah 61 & Ivan Parker, 6 pm @ BCHS.

Check out bleckleyprogress.com for frequent updates and a community calendar of events.



Staley Bell

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The Cochran Bleckley Chamber of Commerce announced that Staley Bell was selected as the new President and CEO. The Chamber's Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve Bell for the position following an extensive Middle Georgia search. Staley started her new role on November 29, 2021.

Staley is a graduate of Middle Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Arts New Media and Communications where she was a Summa Cum Laude. She is married to Chris Bell and has two children, with the oldest enrolled in Bleckley County Primary School and their youngest baby a future Royal as well, and two older bonus children. She is actively involved in Westview Baptist Church in Hawkinsville.

"Staley brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm along with the passion and experience the board identified as key traits required to build upon our solid foundation already in place," said Dr. Mike Stoy, chair of the Chamber board. "She has been a proven leader with UGA Cooperative Extension in Hawkinsville and has worked in City Government in Vienna with proven results to back up her successes. I describe Staley as an innovator, team builder and most importantly a listener."

"I have watched Cochran and Bleckley County steadily grow in business, education, community, and positive influence over the past few years" Bell said. "I am humbled and honored to have been selected for the CEO/ President's role of the Chamber. I plan to continue carrying on the Cochran Bleckley Chamber's legacy of many years of service, as well as bring innovative ideas and results to move forward our mission 'to promote local business growth and healthy community relations.' I will listen and collaborate. I want to meet with members and non-members of the chamber, community advocates, city, county and regional leaders and the internal chamber team to learn what the strengths of the chamber are and what opportunities exist for the chamber to further help enable businesses, nonprofits and citizens to thrive" Bell said.

Cochran Bleckley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors along with its CEO, are charged with guiding the Chamber as they enhance the business environment and the overall quality of life in our community. With support coming from city and county government, members and community support, the Chamber identifies new and positive means to improve collaboration as we strive for economic vitality.



Staff

Staley Bell, President/ CEO

Board of Directors

Dr. Michael Stoy, Chairman

Dani Dykes, Vice Chairman

Needle N/A Haystack

Quincy Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer

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Lisa Chastain, Daylight Donuts

Scott Cox, Georgia Power

Keith Anderson, Nicole's Restaurant

Kim Hall, At Home Senior Living

Ann Bennett, Wholeness Coach

Brock Wilcher, Fire Chief

Cochran Fire & Emergency Services

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Sole Commissioner, Bleckley County

Henry Whitfield, Ex-Officio Member

Community Director, MGA

Matt Fordham, Ex-Officio Member

Chairman, Cochran-Bleckley IDA

Billy Yeomans, Ex-Officio Member

Mayor, City of Cochran

Steve Smith, Ex-Officio Member

Superintendent Bleckley County Schools

Chamber members may submit material, announcements, events, etc. for the Bleckley Buzz.

For the February edition, please send any material to staleybell@cochran-bleckley.com by Wednesday, January 26.

Contact the chamber for information on how to become a member!

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