

## 16th Annual Lioness Lions Club Variety Show, March 31

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Mark your calendars for one of Macon County's most highly anticipated evenings of family fun as the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lioness Lions Club Variety Show kicks off on Saturday, March 31st, at 6 p.m.

For the past 15 years, this event has provided sell-out audiences of all ages with sidesplitting comedy, music and dance - all performed by local talents.

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The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lafayette Lioness Lion Club Variety Show will be held in the Macon County Junior High School Auditorium, with Lafayette's own Randy Dillehay emceeding the evening's events.

Many memorable acts from years past will take the stage again, joined by a few debuting performers.

New acts from last year include Chris Farley, Randy Dillehay, Jason Gammons, John Green, Zach West, Lashell Spears, Stacey Ritchie, Eddy & Connor Chaparro and members of the Macon County Community Choir. Last year's returning acts will include: Renita Wilson (Cousin Minnie), Tim Rush, Clarissa Brawner, Barbara Blankenship & Family, Carolyn Mandrell, The Streak, "Little" Elvis and Brenda Blankenship.

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Admission to the event is \$6, and tickets can be purchased when doors open at 5 p.m. or in advance at the Citizens Bank Scottsville Rd. Branch. Those planning to attend are urged to purchase their tickets in advance to ensure their seats.

A refreshment stand, featuring homemade baked goods such as fried pies, BBQ, hotdogs, chips and drinks will also be open during the show.

“This event caters to all age groups,” said Committee member Pat Bailey. “All of the entertainment is family friendly and very entertaining. One of my favorite things about the show is that all of the entertainers are local people who are sharing their talents on stage. We definitely want to thank all of the entertainers for sharing their talents and time with us and all of the sponsors for making this year’s show possible.”

The annual Variety Show is the largest fundraiser hosted by the Lioness Lions Club all year, largely due to show participants, who never cease to entertain the crowd of nearly 600.

“We hope to have another full house this year,” Bailey remarked. “You definitely don’t want to miss out on seeing this year’s acts!”

All proceeds from the show will go directly towards the Lioness Lions Club’s service to the vision and hearing impaired, and the amount will be counted in the Mrs. Hillbilly fundraiser total during Hillbilly Days. Funds from the event will enable the club to provide glasses and hearing aids to those who could not otherwise afford them and to contribute to Vanderbilt Children’s Eye Center.

The 26 members of this club work hard all year to raise funds through service projects for sight and hearing. Through those service projects, such as the Variety Show, the club has purchased over 75 pairs of glasses and nine hearing aids, held Valentine’s Day and Halloween parties for a local nursing home, donated \$3,000 to the Lions’ White Cane Program, given two \$500 scholarships, assisted with the local schools’ Back Pack Program, donated to Santa for All Seasons, donated \$500 to the Middle Tennessee Sight Service, collected approximately 250 eye glasses and nine hearing aids to be recycled and collected cell phones to be refurbished.

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The motto of the International Lions Club is “We Serve” and the Lafayette Lioness Lions Club does just that for the people of Macon County.