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## Filled with Gratitude

The holiday season is the best time to slow down, unwind, enjoy family and friends, and reflect on the year. As 2022 ends, gratitude is the first word that comes to my mind. I am so grateful for the love of my family, the amazing CBA team, and the support of the great community bankers and partner firms I am privileged to serve every day. On behalf of all of us at CBA, please accept our sincere and heartfelt wishes for a joyous Holiday Season.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**John McNair & the Team at Community Bankers Association of Georgia**



## Farmers & Merchants Bank, Eatonton, Celebrates 100 Years

Last week, CBA CEO **John McNair** presented **Chip Benton**, President & CEO of **Farmers & Merchants Bank, Eatonton**, with a plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the bank. Additionally, Mr. McNair had the honor of presenting a Commendation from the [Office of Governor Brian P. Kemp](#),

noting the achievement. "It is just amazing to think about all the small businesses and individuals this bank has served during the past 100 years," stated Mr. McNair. "Congratulations to the Benton family and all of the bank's employees!"





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Welcome New Member – Southern First Bank

CBA is pleased to welcome **Mr. Sandy Bowen, Regional President, Southern First Bank, Atlanta**, as a CBA member. Southern First is headquartered in Greenville, SC and the Atlanta office is located on East Paces Ferry Road. The entire team here at CBA is looking forward to working with **Southern First Bank!**



Sympathy

CBA extends our sincere sympathy to **Corey Gibbs**, President & CEO, **Community Banking Company of Fitzgerald**, and his family on the death of his father, **James Clayton "Bo" Gibbs**. [Read obituary.](#)

Condolences also to family, friends and associates of **Glenda Lang, Guardian Bank, Pearson**, who recently passed away. [Read obituary.](#)



**Greg Reid**, AAMS® has joined as an Infinex Financial Advisor at the Investment Centre at **CBC Bank, Valdosta.**



**Cole Pitts**, Relationship Manager at **First National Bank of Moultrie** was recently promoted to Vice President.



**Casey Jeffers** recently joined **PrimeSouth Bank, Waycross**, as a Loan Officer.





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**Century Bank & Trust, Milledgeville**, recently celebrated eight new employees who joined the bank in 2022. Pictured are: (front row) **Filicia Mohammed, Hope Waller, Ronee LaManna, Renee Knight, Jacqueline Waller**, (back row) **Brandi Adams, Russell Thompson, & April Screws**.



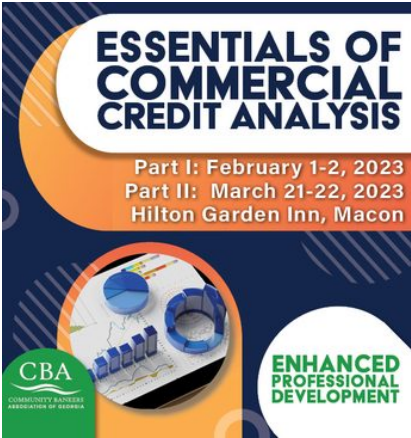
Georgia’s community bankers do great things in their communities every day. Here is the latest on community outreach and news from CBA Members:

- The team at **Century Bank and Trust, Milledgeville**, recently donated three boxes of toys to Kids Yule Love program sponsored by the Baldwin County Fire Rescue.



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Here are some upcoming CBA events:








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January 24-25, 2023  
Hilton Garden Inn, Macon  
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- [Fed Adopts Final LIBOR Rule on Legacy Contracts](#)
- [New Bill Would Establish National Data Breach Standard](#)
- [FinCEN Proposes Rule on Accessing Beneficial Ownership Info](#)

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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Mar 28, 2023

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10:00 AM - 2:45 PM

**IRA  
Fundamentals  
- 3/9 -  
Perimeter Area  
or Live Virtual  
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Mar 09, 2023  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Essentials of  
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Credit  
Analysis: Part  
2 - Macon 3/21-  
3/22**  
Mar 21, 2023  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM