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Santa's Bag Boutique, now in 28th year

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Avery Bahl preps the sign for the big event.
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In what has become a Lafayette tradition, the Santa's Bag Boutique will once again be bringing a huge array of crafters and their wares to the Lafayette Community Center for the first weekend in December.

Now in its 28th year, the boutique originally started at the old Veterans Hall with a group of just 10 artists selling their handmade items. Over the years the event became larger and moved to the Community Center. Each year new artists join the show - this year the boutique will have over 60 vendors.

In addition to the arts and crafts for sale, the Boy Scouts will be selling fresh wreaths and the Lafayette Community Foundation will showcase themed gift baskets donated by local businesses, organizations and individuals. All proceeds from the event benefit the programs and ongoing physical improvements to the community center.

Event organizer Judy Gregerson has been in charge of the boutique since she started it 28 years ago.

"The show has very much become a community event where families and friends can shop for the holidays," says Gregerson. "It is at the boutique where you will see old and new friends in the community while enjoying some cider and cookies.

"It's all about community camaraderie and people visiting with each other."

The Lafayette Community Center at 500 St. Mary's Road will be transformed into a bustling marketplace from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30 and then from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2.

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