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"Tourism is the largest industry in Alabama in terms of revenue generated and jobs created"

Hospice of Limestone County Chili Challenge

The Hospice of Limestone County Chili Challenge will be February 27th at Athens High School. A favorite of locals, teams compete for awards in different categories and excitement grows as the silent auction comes to an end and the winners are announced. It's hot, spicy and lots of fun! Live entertainment adds to the excitement. Mark your calendar and purchase your tickets early. Bring the entire family! Contact 256-232-5017.



Valentine's Day Events:

Remember that special person on Valentine's Day. For more information on the following events, read the complete description under the Calendar of Events and Attractions.



Valentine Dinner Fundraiser, February 12 at 7:00 PM, hosted by The Athens-Limestone Public Library Foundation.

Yesterdays Valentines Dinner Show, February 13 at 7:00 PM, dinner begins at 6:00 PM, hosted by Yesterdays Event Center.

February - March 2010 Tourism Calendar of Events and Attractions

Athens State University Alumni Art Exhibit

Ends February 12

View the beautiful art at the University's Sandridge Student Center Art Gallery. Contact 256-233-8216.

Razzy Bailey's Barn Dance & Variety Show

February 6 at 7:00 PM

Alabama Opry located at 24861 Airport Road, Athens, AL hosts the show featuring Razzy Bailey, Trey Young (son of country star Faron Young), Kristy Garrison, Mike Pellem, Alaina Wiley and Little Happy Dickens. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door or \$15.00 reserved seating. Contact 256-216-1151 or gwh228@aol.com.

Red Hot for Heart Luncheon

February 10 at 11:30 AM

Athens-Limestone Hospital will host the 2nd annual luncheon at the Lindsey Lane Baptist Church Family Life Center. Linda Mobley, of Williams-Sonoma, will be giving a special "Heart Healthy" cooking demonstration. Tammy Burlingame Brand will share her personal experiences with a heart condition and how it touches all the lives in her young family. Tickets are \$30.00 and guests will receive a catered "Heart Healthy" lunch and ALH Red Hot for Heart t-shirt. Proceeds will benefit the ALH Cardiology Clinic. Space is limited. To register, call Felicia or Lory at 256-233-9122.

Valentine Dinner Fundraiser

February 12 at 7:00 PM

The Athens-Limestone Public Library Foundation will host a Valentine Dinner Fundraiser, featuring award winning author Bill Hunt. The Library Foundation will host the catered dinner in the First United Methodist Church Beasley Center, Athens, AL. The cost for the dinner is \$35 per person, and tickets may be purchased at the Athens-Limestone Public Library. Contact 256-232-1233.

Yesterdays Valentine Dinner Show

February 13 at 7:00 PM – dinner begins at 6:00 PM

Yesterdays Event Center invites you to celebrate Valentines Day with a candlelight dinner and live entertainment featuring Barry Kay, Roberta Silva and Hott Mixx. Admission \$25.00 per person.

Reservations required by emailing halldj99@hiwaay.net. www.yesterdayevents.com

The Red Caboose Songwriters Show

February 13th at 7:00 PM – doors open at 6:00 PM

This show has an outstanding lineup including Aaron Barker, Lisa Shaffer and Jerry Salley. Tickets are \$20:00 at the door including snacks and drink. Call 256-306-6201 or email gcompton@ardmore.net for Reservations or visit www.theredcaboose.net.

Boys and Girls Club Benefit Dinner

February 18 at 6:30 PM

The Annual Athens Limestone Boys and Girls Club Benefit Dinner will be held in the First United Methodist Church Beasley Center. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available at the Club House Cafe on the square or the Boys and Girls Club on Washington Street. Funds raised at the dinner provide services for children. If you would like to make a contribution to the "Campaign for Kids" program that provides services and after school scholarships for these children, contact Tonya Williams at 256-232-4298. \$100 sponsors a child for a month - \$250 for three month - \$500 for 6 months and \$1,000 for a year. Contact: 256-233-4045.



City of Athens Relay for Life Lock Up

February 19 at 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Pay only \$5.00 to have someone locked up. They must earn \$20.00 to get out of jail or they can pay \$20.00 to post bail. If you have someone you want locked up, please notify any City of Athens Relay for Life team member or Police Department at 256-233-8707 and pay \$5.00. They will not tell who had them locked up. This is a fundraiser for the City of Athens Relay for Life Team and lots of fun. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Lunch and Learn

February 24 at 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Michael Leigeber of Refina Presents "Leveraging the Internet for Small Business". Fee is \$10 for Chamber Members and \$15 for non-members (includes box lunch). To make a reservation call 256-232-2600 or send an email to etta@tourathens.com.

Hospice Chili Challenge,

February 27 at 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



The annual Chili Challenge will be at Athens High School. Get your team organized and entered soon. Spaces go fast. Live entertainment, silent auction and some of the best chili in the south. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, free for children 10 and under. Contact 256-232-5017 to enter or purchase your tickets.

Flashbacks in Concert

February 27 at 7:00 PM – dinner at 6:00 PM

The Flashbacks return to Yesterdays Event Center. The group was just named "Area's Best Showband" by a recent Huntsville Times poll by an overwhelming majority. Tickets are \$15 each, dinner is \$8.95. Reservations required by emailing halljd99@hiwaay.net. www.yesterdaysevents.com

Band of Brothers of Friendship United Methodist Church Pancake Breakfast

March 6 at 6:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Friendship United Methodist Church Band of Brothers invites you to their annual breakfast. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (12 and under). This year the proceeds will benefit Noah Crowe (and family). Donations will be accepted and may be mailed to Jim Swanner, 13124 Carter Road, Athens, AL 35611. Contact jswa1111@aol.com.



Athens Home and Garden Show

March 13 & 14 at 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Saturday and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM on Sunday
The Greater Limestone County Chamber of Commerce's annual Home and Garden Show will be at the Athens Armory just off Hwy 31 on Armory Drive. Exhibitors will be displaying and selling all types of lawn and garden products. There will be demonstrations and fun activities for the children. Contact 256-232-2600 to reserve a booth or for more information.

Polk Sallet Follies

March 11, 12 & 13

The Athens Senior Center on Pryor Street will be full of life at the annual Polk Sallet Follies. This event offers a delicious dinner and outstanding live entertainment. Reserved seating is required. Tickets go on sale Feb 15th. Purchase your tickets early – they go fast! Contact 256-233-6412.

Taste of Ardmore

March 19 at 11 AM - 2 PM

Ardmore restaurants will showcase their delicious food during the annual Taste of Ardmore at the Ardmore, TN Annex building. Purchase a \$7.00 ticket and enjoy lunch. Sample all the varieties offered by local restaurants. Contact 256-423-7588 for tickets or information.

Blast From the Past in Concert

March 20 at 7:00 PM – dinner at 6:00 PM

Yesterdays Event Center invites you to enjoy the oldies a'cappella group "Blast From the Past" and national singer/impressionist Kevin Adams. Both groups just returned from the national O'Reilly's World of Wheels auto expo and Kevin just opened for Billy Joe Royal and Percy Sledge. Admission is \$10 each and dinner is \$8.95 each. Reservations required by email halljd99@hiwaay.net. www.yesterdaysevents.com

Recurring Events

Looking for something to do every week? Look below:

Athens High School Greenhouse is now open Monday-Friday 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Contact 256-233-6613.



Every Thursday night at 5:30 PM, Ardmore Pickin' & Grinnin', Ardmore, TN Annex Building Main Street, 256-423-7588

Every Monday night at 6:30 PM, Elkmont Pickin' & Grinnin', Elkmont Depot, Elkmont, AL. Contact: 931-427-6296

1st & 3rd Thursday night at 6:30 PM, The Athens Dulcimers, Athens Recreation Center, Athens, AL, Hwy 251. Contact: 256-232-1262, Terry Todd

Every Thursday night at 7:00 PM, Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter Chorus, Southern Splendor rehearsal, Athens Bible School, Athens, AL Public welcome to come and enjoy the music.

Need Help with an Event?

If you have an event or attractions you would like posted on the tourism website (www.tourathens.com) or listed in this newsletter send an email to jeanette@tourathens.com with the following information:

Name of Event:

Date of event:

Time of event:

Description of Event:

Contact phone number, website and email:

Admission fee:

We're here to help

The Athens-Limestone Tourism Council is available to help you plan, organize and promote events. Please contact us if you need assistance. We look forward to an outstanding 2010. Contact Jeanette@tourathens.com or call 256-232-5411.