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

Fire Works Show July 5th

Each July, as darkness falls over the Tennessee Valley, a familiar tradition gets underway at Athens High School. The Spirit of Athens and City of Athens invite you to bring the family to the AHS Stadium in Athens and celebrate our nation's independence.



CASA Mud Volleyball

The 22nd Annual CASA Mud Volleyball Tournament will be July 17th at Swan Creek Park, Hwy 31. If you enjoy volleyball, you will enjoy this tournament. This is not your typical tournament, but team spirit is high and each team intends to win as with any sports. Mud flies and players slip and slide as they dive for the ball. Each team will play four games in pool play (unless an opponent forfeits). A game consists of 15 points. After pool play is finished, the remaining teams will play matches. A match consists of best of two out of three games. Rally scoring (a point is scored on every serve) will be used. The tournament is limited to 100 teams. Spectators may enjoy the games free but an entry fee is charged for teams.



This is one of the favorite annual events held here in Athens. For more information contact 256-232-5751, casa44@bellsouth.net or www.casalimestonecounty.org.

It's Tractor and Truck Pull Time

Alabama Championship Tractor and Truck Pull

One of the largest tractor and truck shows in the south, with a purse of \$39,000+, will be the 34th Annual Alabama Championship Tractor and Truck Pull at Tanner High School July 30th & 31st at 7:00 PM. There will be fifteen categories of competition from Super Stock Tractors to 2-wheel Drive Dual Wheel Farm Tractors. If you like the big tractors and trucks, this is the show for you. For more information call 256-431-1292.



Ardmore Lions Club Tractor and Truck Pull

The annual Ardmore Lions Club Tractor and Truck Pull will be at the John Barnes Park on Ardmore Ridge Road in Ardmore, TN July 9th & 10th at 7:00 PM. The park is located just off Main Street.

Tractor and truck enthusiasts rise to their feet as tractors and trucks pull to the starting line competing in several classes including the 7,000 lb. Super Stock, Pro Stock 2WD, Hot Farm, Pro Stock 4WD, Pro Street 4WD, Open 4WD, 9300 Super Farm and Open 2WD.

It will be a night of fun for the entire family. Admission is \$10 each night and children 6 and under are admitted free. For more information, call Ben Whitt at (256) 777-7904 or Daniel Culp at 256-603-1249.

Delmore Days Music Festival

Once again, the weather interrupted the festival. However, those who attended enjoyed outstanding bluegrass music and lots of arts and crafts vendors. Alton Delmore's daughters, Debbie Delmore and her family and Norma Gail Delmore Weimer and her family, talked with visitors sharing memories of their dad and uncle. Lots of attendees enjoyed the Delmore Brothers Exhibit provided by Debbie Delmore in Mrs. Sara Love's office in Founders Hall. This is a permanent exhibit at Athens State University. There is also a permanent exhibit at the Athens Visitors Center where visitors may enjoy learning more about the brothers.



As the storms approached, everyone moved inside Founders Hall and the entertainers continued playing and completed the entertainment. Very special thanks goes to Athens State University, their maintenance crew especially, for helping with setup and the ASU security officers for getting everyone to safety during the storm. The bands who donated their time and talent are to be commended for making the festival a day to remember. Visit www.delmoredays.com for pictures and information.

Athens on the Square Car Show

Bad weather had postponed the car show twice but on June 5th 412 antique automobiles gathered downtown Athens for a great day. The merchants had a good day and restaurants had one of their best days ever. Mark your calendar now for June 4, 2011 and plan to attend this outstanding show. For more information call Bland at 256-603-1227.

July 2010 Tourism Calendar of Events and Attractions

Antique Utensils and Kitchen Collectibles

Today until July 10

The Athens Garden Club is displaying a variety of antique utensils and kitchen collectibles at the Athens Limestone Public Library at 405 E. South Street in Athens. There are many unique and interesting items. The library is open Monday through Saturday. Please check the library website at http://www.athenslimestone.lib.al.us/about_the_library.htm for hours of operation, or call the library at 232-1233.

Independence Day Carnival

July 1 at 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Superior Bank is hosting this fundraiser for ALH mother-baby unit. Tickets are \$10.00 for Lawlers Barbecue pork plate valid at the carnival or may be redeemed at the Hwy 72 store only. Meals will be served at 5:00 PM. You're invited to join in celebrating our great nation's independence by enjoying delicious BBQ, music, kids activates and arts and crafts hosted by Lowe's. Contact 256-262-0530.

Fire Works Show

July 5 at dusk

The Spirit of Athens will be hosting this year's fire works show to be held at Athens High School. Bring the children and celebrate our nation's independence. Contact 256-278-3436.

Ardmore Lions Club Tractor and Truck Pull

July 9-10

Come and join in the excitement of this annual tractor/truck pull at the Ardmore, TN John Barnes Park. For more information call 256-777-7904.

Singing on the Square

July 16 at 6-8:00 PM

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy Nedra Keel and Clear Title at this free concert. Contact 256-232-5411, www.tourathens.com/events-attractions.

22nd CASA Mud Volleyball Tournament

July 17

Deadline for registration (to ensure that each team member receives a mud volleyball tee-shirt) will be Friday, July 2nd. Registration is available online at www.casalimestonecounty.org or those interested can call the CASA office at 256-232-5751 or e-mail us at casa44@bellsouth.net to request that a registration packet be mailed to them or drop by the CASA office on S. Marion St. during office hours and pick up the necessary paperwork.

Miss Crape Myrtle Beauty Pageants

July 24 starting at 9:00 AM

The pageant is open to girls 1 day - 17 years and boys 1 day - 5 years. Entry fee is \$25.00 per contestant. Photogenic category for each division is also offered at \$5.00 per photo entered. A people's choice winner will also be selected for each group. Contact 256-423-7588 or Amanda at 256-206-1874 for entry forms or information.

AL Championship Tractor & Truck Pull (Tanner)

July 30-31

One of the biggest and best tractor/truck pulls in the south is at Tanner, AL. Call 256-497-4309, 431-1292 or 256-233-7077 for more information.

Quinn's Ranch Benefit Garage Sale

July 31 at 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

You can make a difference. Shop at the garage sale and enjoy guest performers The Reggie Saddler Family and Jeff Ramsey. Now accepting donations at Mobile Attic, Monday - Friday. You may call 256-216-0237 for pick up of large items. Visit www.quinnsranch.org.

Call to Veterans

July 31

The Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives are calling all veterans to attend this event and enjoy guest speaker, Senator Tom Butler. The event will honor the return of 203rd MP Battalion. Contact 256-771-7578.

Looking for something to do every week? Look below:

Recurring Events:

Every Monday at 6:30 PM- Live music and dancing at the **Elkmont Pickin' & Grinnin'** at the Elkmont Depot located downtown Elkmont, AL. Contact: 931-427-6296.



Every Thursday at 5:30 PM – Live music and dancing at the **Ardmore Pickin' & Grinnin'** at the Ardmore, TN Annex Building located on Main Street. Contact: 931-427-2141 or 256-423-7588.

1st & 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM, the **Athens Dulcimers** play at the Athens Recreation Center, Athens, AL, located on Hwy 251. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the music or learn to play the

dulcimer. Contact: 256-233-1262, Terry Todd.

Every Thursday night at 7:00 PM, the **Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter Chorus**, Southern Splendor rehearsal at Athens Bible School, Athens, AL. The public is welcome to come and enjoy the music. Contact: Robert.Duling@hanson.biz.

Every Friday night at 7:00 PM **Country and Western Dance** at the Alabama Opry. \$5.00 admission. Music by CDs & DJ. Call 256-206-0211.

1st Saturday night of each month (March – October) at 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM, **Athens Cruise In** Downtown Athens, AL. Contact: Bland Allen 256-603-1227 or 256-232-5411.

The Friends of the Athens-Limestone Public Library holds used **Book Sales** at the library, 405 E. South St. The sales are the first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some of the books may be valuable. Choose from cookbooks, mysteries, westerns, classics, and religious books. Most are in extremely good condition. For more information, call 256-232-1233.

Athens Lion Club 2010 **Kiddie Carnival Schedule** – Hours 6:30 – 9:30 PM, Thursday – Saturday, June 24 – August 7. Each ride ticket is \$.50, with 10 rides including swings, ferris wheel, carousel, roller coaster, parachutes, and the train. Concessions and bingo are also available. Located on Forrest St. across from Athens Middle School. For more information or to book a private party call 256-262-1983 or www.lionwap.org/athensal.

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. Contact Jeanette@tourathens.com or call 256-232-5411.

Athens Visitors Center is located at 100 Beaty Street North. We are located in Big Spring Memorial Park, next door to the duck pond. Drop by and see our beautiful new office, museum and meeting room.

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