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Featured What to See and Do



Christmas Open House will be November 21-22, 2009 downtown Athens, AL. If you are looking for a great gift for a great price, this is the perfect weekend for shoppers to bring their shopping list and shop in Athens, AL. Open house is all day Saturday, November 21st and will resume at 1:00 PM on Sunday, November 22nd. Lots of door prizes will be given away. Drawings will be held by each participating merchant at their business on Sunday between 4:30 PM and closing. The grand prize drawing will be at the Club House restaurant at 5:30 PM. Winners do not have to be present to win. Invite family and friends to join you downtown for a day of shopping, fun and delicious food. The children will enjoy Santa Claus and Mother

Christmas. Have your child's picture made with Santa for \$5.00 from 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM at The Club House on Marion Street. There will also be special entertainment around the courthouse from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM both Saturday and Sunday. For more information call the Athens Chamber of Commerce 256-232-2600 or Spirit of Athens 256-278-6436.



3rd Annual Athens Storytelling Festival was another huge success. Thanks to all who attended and supported this event. This is a wonderful event for our city. The kids loved it, as did the adults. Folks from as far away as Texas attended this year. If you didn't get to attend, mark your calendar for October 28-30, 2010. You don't want to miss it! Visit www.athensstorytellingfestival.com for more information.

The Storytelling Festival committee did an outstanding job decorating downtown again this year. It really adds to the beauty of our square.

Anderson Travel located in Birmingham brought a tour group (picture on the right) to the 2009 Storytelling Festival. Upon their arrival, they toured Athens State University Founders Hall. Mrs. Sandra Stockton provided them with very interesting history about the college. They enjoyed the festival, shopping and the delicious food at LuVici's. At 4:30 PM Buzz Estes, historical walking tour guide, provided them with a wonderful tour around the square telling some of his favorite stories as well as providing them with lots of historical fact.



The 1st Annual **Southern Shorts Film Festival** was wonderful. I enjoyed the premier party and the films shown were wonderful. Great job Art on the Square and Spirit of Athens. For more information about the festival visit www.aots-athens.com/film.html.

Tickets for the **Athens "Haunts Walks"** were sold out within two weeks of announcing the dates. Storyteller Shane Black did an outstanding job again this year. He has written a book about the "*Spirits of Athens*". His book shares tales and legends that he gathered from his research and talking with locals. You may purchase your copy of the book at the Spirit of Athens (SOA) Office at 112 West Market Street or Pablo's on Market for \$12.95 plus tax. Proceeds go to the SOA. I promise you will love it!

November Tourism Calendar of Events and Attractions

Alabama Veterans Museum and Archive Coffee Call

November 7, 2009 at 8:00 AM

Join local Veterans at the museum for the monthly coffee call. Contact 256-771-7578.

Athens Veterans Day Parade

November 7, 2009 at 11:00 AM

Line the streets and help honor and support our Veterans as you enjoy the annual Veterans Day Parade. Lineup begins at 9:30 AM. For more information call 256-771-7578.

Ardmore Veterans Day Program and Chicken Stew

November 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM

Join the Ardmore Veterans Organization in honoring all Veterans and relatives at the annual program and free chicken stew at the Ardmore, TN Annex building located on Main Street behind Peoples State Bank of Commerce. Contact Marcia at 256-423-3222.

Athens Veterans Day Program

November 11, 2009 at 11:00 AM

Help honor our veterans at the VFW building on Elm Street by attending the program.

Veterans Museum Annual Fish Fry

November 13, 2009 at 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

The Alabama Veterans Museum and Archive will host his annual Fish Fry at the Athens Senior Center. You can enjoy lunch or dinner and help a very worthy organization. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Menu includes fish, chicken fingers, fries, hush puppies, slaw, drinks and all the fixings. Desserts are available for purchase. Contact 256-771-7578.

Gospel Singing and Chicken Stew Benefit

November 14, 2009 at 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Limestone County Churches Involved (LCCI) Food Pantry needs your help. Approximately 60-70 families receive food from LCCI weekly. Join LCCI members at Salem United Methodist Family Life Center on Salem-Minor Hill Road for great gospel singing, silent auction and delicious chicken stew. Invite family and friends to join you. Contact Danile at 256-777-0716.

Music Legend Billy Joe Royal in Concert

November 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM)

The concert will be at Yesterdays Event Center, Athens, AL. Contact www.yesterdaysevents.com for reservations and information.

Fund Raiser for Athens Library

November 14, 2009 at 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Athens Forge is sponsoring a fund raiser for the Athens-Limestone Public Library at the future home of the new library (old Kroger building parking) on Jefferson Street. Huntsville Forge will join Athens Forge for an all day forging and public sales event. One hundred percent (100%) of proceeds from forged items including materials will go toward the Athens Library benefit. This will be a great time to purchase items suitable for Christmas gifts such as candlesticks, trivets, and flowerpot hangers and brackets. 256-232-1233.

Salute to Classic Country Music

November 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Come to the Athens Opry Event Center at 24861 Airport Road, Athens, AL for a night with Huston Terry as "George Jones"; Kristy Garrison as "Tammy Wynette"; Taylor McLain as "Patsy Cline"; Cindy Wiley as "Loretta Lynn" and Hal Stinson as "Little Happy Dickens". Also appearing will be Alaina Wiley, The Saggy Bottom Boys and special guest Brenda Best (Nashville Recording Artist with ATP Records, Inc.). 256-216-1151 or 256-206-0211.

Ardmore AL/TN Civitan Club Annual Turkey Shoot

November 14, 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Bring your gun and enjoy shooting for the turkeys. The shoot will be on Main Street across the street from Hobbs Furniture. Proceeds go to the Christmas Toy Chest Project (toys for the less fortunate) Contact 256-233-4848 or 931-427-5523.

Christmas Open House

November 21 & 22, 2009

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The Flashback 2009 Finale

November 28, 2009 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM)

Yesterdays Event Center, Athens, AL invites you to the see The Flashbacks. Contact www.yesterdaysevents.com for reservations and information.

Recurring Events

Looking for something to do every week? [Look below:](#)

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

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

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

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

December Events to Look Forward To

Reliance Bank Athens Christmas Parade

December 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Enjoy all the lighted floats, marching bands and walkers at the annual Christmas Parade. For more information call 256-232-1944.

Ardmore Christmas Parade

December 5, 2009 at 2:00 PM

Enjoy the beauty of the floats, the marching band and more at the annual Christmas Parade. For more information call 256-423-7588.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance

December 6, 2009

A remembrance ceremony will be held at the Athens Senior Center. Contact 256-771-7578 for more information.

Ardmore Christmas Tour of Homes

December 12, 2009

It's time to get into the Christmas spirit and what better way than tour the beautiful homes in Ardmore. This annual event is hosted by the Ardmore AL/TN Chamber of Commerce. Call 256-423-7588.

Yesterdays Rockin' New Years Eve Variety Show

December 31, 2009 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM)

Yesterdays Events Center, Athens, AL invites you to join in their New Years Eve Show. Contact www.yesterdaysevents.com for reservations or information.

If you are posting events to your 2010 calendar, visit www.tourathens.com for 2010 event dates.

For information about events in Athens and Limestone County, Alabama, please contact:

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