



Chamber NEWS

April 2018

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Youth Safety Topic for First Thursday Lunch

First Thursday Lunch
April 5
12pm-1pm
Benton Event Center

Come join the Chamber for its third First Thursday Lunch of 2018. It will be held at the Benton Event Center at noon on April 5. The program will be presented by representatives of the Benton Police Department. Topics to be discussed include the following: cyber crime, internet safety, and Business Watch. Come find out how to protect yourself and your loved ones.

The luncheon will be presented by Farmers Bank and Trust. Food will be served by Rib Crib.

Scholarships and Arkansas Scholars



April and May are busy months for the Chamber as we participate in various education events.

Scholarship applications were sent to all our member schools in March and these will be coming back into us to choose our scholarship winners. Remember, we give scholarships to Bauxite, Benton, Glen Rose, Harmony Grove, and Sheridan. If you have children or grandchildren that are seniors at any of these schools, please remind them to submit their applications to the guidance department at the various schools. These scholarships are \$1000.

Arkansas Scholars awards will be presented to those students in Benton and Bauxite who have achieved Arkansas Scholar status. Benton will have 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade award winners. Bauxite will have 9th and 10th grade winners. Thanks to Everett Buick-GMC for sponsoring the Benton Arkansas Scholars program and to Alcoa Community Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the program in Bauxite.

Arkansas Scholar presentations will be given to the 8th graders at both schools. This presentation will include information about how to become an Arkansas Scholar and will encourage the 8th graders to begin in the 9th grade trying to achieve this distinction.

The presentations are presented by Benton Area Chamber of Commerce members. If you would like to take a small part of one day and encourage these 8th graders, please give Jerry Beaty at the Chamber a call. The date for presentations is Friday, May 4.



NEW FEATURE

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GET INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS, RIBBON CUTTINGS, AND MUCH MORE!

You received an e-mail about this new feature the Chamber now has. Hopefully you are interested in using text messages on your phone to keep abreast of what is happening at your Chamber.

Please call Melinda at 501-860-7002 at the Chamber if you have questions.

New Members (March)

Arkansas Heart Hospital

Hayden Finley
1701 S. Shackleford Road,
Little Rock, AR 72211
219-7000 • Hospital

Arkansas Pro Wash

Chris Apple
22095 I-30 #706, Bryant, AR 72022
588-8977 • Pressure Washing

Arkansas Spine & Pain

Iftikhar Pathan
105 McNeil St., Benton, AR 72205
72015 • Physicians/Surgeons

Bank of England Mortgage

Kimberly Schleider
2213 N. Reynolds Road, Suite 10, Bryant, AR 72022
246-8011 • Mortgage Banking

Benton Golden K Kiwanis

Jerry Ponder
PO Box 1653, Benton, AR 72018
860-2980 • Associations/Clubs/Organizations

Bobbie D's Southern Cuisine

Carla Johnson
1016 W. South St., Benton, AR 72015
838-7232 • Restaurants

BXS Insurance

Coy Bell
8315 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR 72227
815-4791 • Insurance

Dawson Heat & Air

Kyle Dawson
25034 Hwy 51, Malvern, AR 72104
844-6586 • HVAC/Heating & Air

Dinner's Ready Express Catering

Serge Krikorian
1305 Hot Springs Hwy., Suite 102
Benton, AR 72019
315-4443 • Catering

Donnell Insurance Agency LLC

David Donnell
2719 Cody Road, Benton, AR 72015
315-3118 • Insurance

Down Home Restaurant & Catering

9219 Stagecoach Rd., Little Rock, AR 72210
821-3344 • Restaurants

FSNB, NA

Sean Adams
17309 Interstate 30 S., Benton, AR 72015
366-2393 • Financial Institution

Holly's Dazzling Designs

Holly Pridgen
11230 Thompson Dairy Rd., Benton, AR 72019
626-3273 • Candles/Wax/Soaps

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CHAMBER EVENTS

April 5- First Thursday Lunch
12:00pm - Benton Event Center

April 6 - Ribbon Cutting
10:00am - Benton Golden K Kiwanis
10:00am - Helo 4-Life
10:40 - Donnell Insurance Agency LLC

April 13 - Ribbon Cutting
10:00am - Holly's Dazzling Designs
10:30am - Lillian Trails

April 17 - Civic & Governmental Affairs
1:15pm - Benton Chamber Boardroom

April 25- Chamber Board Meeting
11:15am - Executive Board
11:45am - Full - Board Room

CITY EVENTS

April 2 & 16 - Public Utilities Commission
6pm - 1827 Dale Street

April 9 & 23 - Benton City Council
6am - Agenda; 7pm - Full
Council Chambers, Municipal Complex

April 19 - A&P Commission
4:00pm - Chamber Board Room

OTHER EVENTS

April 6 - 40th Annual Leaders of Today and Tomorrow Golf Tournament
7:45am - Hurricane Golf & Country Club

April 6 - Brooke Andrews Insurance. Agency Blood Drive
6:00pm - 2305 Springhill Rd. #6

April 12 - 2nd Annual CASA of Saline County Gala
6:00pm - Skylark Manor

April 12-14 - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
7:00pm - Royal Theater

April 13 - AAA Business Systems, Inc. First Annual BBQ
11:00am - 15 Shackelford Dr., Ste. G - Little Rock

April 13 - Rivendell Lunch & Learn
11:30am - 1:00pm - Rivendell Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

April 15 - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
2:00pm - Royal Theater

April 19-21 - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
7:00pm - Royal Theater

April 20 - Electrical Safety Day for Home School Students
11:00am - First Electric - Jacksonville

April 22 - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
2:00pm - Royal Theater

April 22 - Empire Day
2:00pm - Benton Event Center

April 26 - Saline Home Builders Association 19th Annual Golf Tournament
11:00am - Hurricane Golf & Country Club

April 28 - Saline County 4-H Fundraiser Dinner
6:00pm - First United Methodist Church - Benton

Thank You for a Successful Banquet

The Staff and board of the Benton Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the many people who helped make our 2018 banquet a big success.

To our **sponsors**, we are so grateful for your financial support. Thank you to

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Jones Heating and Air
First Security Bank
Baxley-Penfield-Moudy Realtors
Ferguson's Furniture
CDI Contractors LLC
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To the **school groups** who helped serve, thank you to

Bauxite Junior and High School Dance Teams
Benton High School Key Club
Benton High School National Honors Society

Benton High School Serve
Benton Mayor's Youth Council

To our **vendors**, thank you to

Benton Event Center
BluStream Media, LLC
Central Arkansas Entertainment

Flowers & Home
Southwest Design & Display LLC
Vibrant Occasions Catering

To our **speaker** Mitch Albom, we certainly owe you for sharing your talent and view on life.

And especially to **those who purchased tickets or tables**, we certainly owe you a big thanks. And to our **Chamber groups and members** who helped behind the scenes, you made the event.



Government



Tina Coston

Tina Coston with the **City of Benton** has recently been named as the Director of Marketing & Special Events. Tina previously served as Executive Assistant to the Mayor. She loves serving the citizens of Benton and looks forward to the opportunity to increase visibility of our great city throughout the state. Her family consists of her husband of 30 years Jerry, son and daughter-in-law Stu and Melissa and three grandchildren, Jeremiah, Adah and Indie. In her free time she enjoys playing with her grandkids, working out at the gym and playing tennis.



Stephanie Jones

Stephanie Jones with **Parks & Recreation City of Benton** has recently been named Director of Parks & Recreation. She previously served as Recreation Supervisor. She has been with the Parks Department since 2014. Stephanie is a native of California and came to Arkansas on a volleyball scholarship. She received her Master's degree in Sports Administration from Henderson State University in 2012.

Members on the Move is a monthly column in our newsletter which gives businesses a chance to recognize some of their employees. Please let us know so we can also recognize the accomplishments of your employees. Please email reception@bentonchamber.com.

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Ron Jones, LUTCF

New Members (March) *continued*

Home Sweet Nutrition

Patricia LeCompte
1909 Hwy 5N., Benton, AR 72019
259-5153 • *Health/Wellness*

Italy in Town

Chico Santos
120 North Market St., Benton, AR 72015
463-0604 • *Restaurants*

MPE Inc.

Bob More
952 Hwy 5 N., Suite 4, Benton, AR 72019
870-917-0487 • *Commercial/Residential Lawn Care*

Saline Internal Medicine Associates

Jamie Parks
112 N. Main St., Benton, AR 72015
778-5740 • *Healthcare*

Studio 1720

Alli Fitzhugh
110 E. South St., Benton, AR 72015
722-3350 • *Art Studio*

Skylark Manor

Yoni Johnson
8786 Samples Rd., Benton, AR 72019
258-5101 • *Wedding Venue /Event Venue*

Throwback Cuts

Wendall Wilbanks
910 1/2 Columbia, Benton, AR 72015
249-1739 • *Barber Shop*

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Contrell Anderson
822 Couch St., Benton, AR 72015
870-260-5812 • *Computer/Network Services*

WEHCO Video

Quintin Fleming
21941 Interstate 30, Suite. 17,
Bryant, AR 72022
244-4446 • *Video Client Care*



The Expo is on Thursday, May 10, from 11 am to 4 pm at the Benton Event Center, and it is a great opportunity to meet new customers, promote your business and to network.

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From Your Chairman



A few of weeks ago we held our annual banquet which featured best-selling author, Mitch Albom, at the Benton Event Center. If you were unable to attend, you missed an amazing night of wonderful food and a very motivational presentation by Mr. Albom. He spoke of his time with Morrie Schwartz which he wrote about in his book, Tuesdays with Morrie. One of the things Morrie told him during their time together was that we should give others in our lives our time and attention and not focus so much on the things that are not as important.

Earlier that evening, I spoke briefly on community involvement, which not known to me at the time, really seemed to tie into Mr. Albom's presentation. There are so many opportunities to make a positive impact in the lives of others and we need to make sure we are involved in our community. Whether it is serving through your church, coaching your child's team, or assisting a non-profit organization, figure out what your passion is and make a difference. You may never know how you have impacted someone's life. Some of the most rewarding things we do in life we do for free.

"The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning." – Mitch Albom

Jeff Richardson

Ribbon Cuttings for March



Baldwin & Shell Construction Co.



City of Benton Farmers Market



Freddy's Frozen Custard #43007



Habitat for Humanity ReStore of Saline County



Home Plate Diner LLC



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