



Chamber NEWS

May 2017

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Thursday, May 11th

11 am - 1 pm

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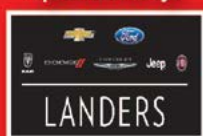
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SALINE COUNTY BUSINESS EXPO

Thursday, May 11th

11 am - 4 pm

**FREE ADMISSION
DOOR PRIZES**

The 2017 Saline County Business Expo will soon be here. It will be held at the Benton Event Center on Thursday, May 11 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The Expo gives businesses a chance to promote their products and services, to network with other businesses, and to visit with both new and prospective customers.

There are a few booth spaces available if you are interested. The cost for a 10 x 8 booth for a Benton Chamber member is \$250; the cost for non-members is \$350. There is also outside space available for vendors who need more space and want to display vehicles, boats, etc.

The following businesses have already signed to attend:

Aaron's Sales & Lease
Adams Pest Control
Affordable Travel
Alcoa Community Federal Credit Union
All American Insurance
Allied Office Furniture
Archer Integrated Systems & Automatic Door Sales
Arkansas Blood Institute
Arkansas Democrat Gazette
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services
Arkansas Federal Credit Union
Arkansas Onsite Service, Inc.
Arkansas Welding & Industrial Supply
Arvest Bank
Ashby Funeral Home

Ashby St. Outdoor
Bank of the Ozarks
Bath Fitter - South
Baxley-Penfield Moudy Realtors
Benton Dental Center
Benton Physical Therapy
Better Business Bureau
Birch Tree Communities, Inc.
BluStream Media, LLC
Book Some Fun Travel
Carson Physical Therapy
Childcare Network
City of Benton
Coldwell Banker RPM Group

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New Members (April)

Carter Outdoors, Inc.

Chad Carter

1378 Salem Road, Benton, AR 72019

317-9190 • Sporting Goods

Electronic Caregiver

Mike Tharp

132 Lemons Street, Hot Springs, AR 71909

662-207-3745 • Medical Alert/GPS System

Fire Dancer BBQ

Eric Lee

200 W. Hillcrest, Alexander, AR 72002

352-0806 • Food Truck/Restaurant

I-30 Portable Buildings

Jimmy Tirey

20113 I-30 East #4, Benton, AR 72015

681-5467 • Portable Building Sales

Level 5 Dental Consulting, Inc.

Melissa Meredith

715 Military Road, Benton, AR 72015

483-3939 • Dental Consultant & Management Firm

Ma & Pa's Peddler's Market

Doug Standridge

1222 W. South St., Benton, AR 72015

794-6268 • Flea Market / Boutique

Market Place Furniture

Kyle Ferguson

3206 Market Place Ave., Bryant, AR 72022

943-0102 • Furniture Store

Rhea's Men's Store

Mack & Debi McManus

128 N. Market St., Bryant, AR 72015

778-3307 • Formal Wear

Chamber to Award Scholarships

Great participation from Chamber members at our Business After Hours events enables the Chamber to present scholarships at all our Chamber member schools. These include Bauxite, Benton, Harmony Grove, Glen Rose, and Sheridan. Six seniors this year will each be awarded a \$1000 scholarship. Our Scholarship Committee has carefully evaluated the applications received from eighty-seven graduating seniors and has determined the scholarship recipient for each of the school districts. The scholarships will be presented at each individual school's Awards Program.

CHAMBER EVENTS

May 4 - Ribbon Cutting
10:30am - Tacos 4 Life

May 11 - Hook, Line & Chicken
11am - 1pm - Benton Event Center

May 11 - Saline County Business Expo
11am - 4pm - Benton Event Center

May 12 - Ribbon Cutting
10:00am - Kiwanis Club of Saline County
Integrity Staffing
Brown Bear Designs

May 16 - Civic & Governmental Affairs
1:15pm - Benton Chamber Board Room

May 17 - Ribbon Cutting
11:00am - South Central Arkansas Realtors
Association

May 19 - Ambassador Committee
12:00pm - Benton Chamber Board Room

May 24 - Chamber Board Meeting
11:45am - Full - Board Room

CITY EVENTS

May 1 & 15 - Public Utilities Commission
6pm - 1827 Dale Street

May 8 & 22 - Benton City Council
6am - Agenda; 7pm - Full
Council Chambers, Municipal Complex

May 18 - A&P Commission
4:00pm - Chamber Board Room

April First Thursday Lunch



Expo Vendors Continued from Page 1

College of the Ouachitas
Dennia Beard State Farm Insurance
Electronic Caregiver
Empire Cheerleading of Arkansas
Fairfield Inn & Suites
First Electric Cooperative
First Security Bank
Fitness Unlimited Health Club
Foot and Ankle Specialty Clinic
Fox Ridge
Gann Museum of Saline County
George Brooks Shooting Academy
Habitat for Humanity of Saline County
HealthCARE Express
Hurricane Creek Federal Credit Union
Hyla Systems
Innovative Concrete Systems
Kona Ice
KVRE Radio
Landers of Saline County

Laryssa Calley – Shelter Insurance
Lindsey's Resort
Mathnasium
McFarland Eye Care
Mt. Carmel Community
Natural State Drug & Alcohol Testing
Phil Hobby Photography
Ray Baggett Agency: Farmers Insurance Group
Reliance Health Care, Inc.
Roberson & Associates Insurance
Roller-Ballard Funeral Home
Saline County
Saline County Library
Smith-Benton Funeral Home
Superior Senior Care
Superior Trophies
Terry's Window Cleaning Service
The Greens at Longhills
The Manor Senior Living Community
The Saline Courier
YP Digital Marketing Solutions

Chamber to Recognize Students

Arkansas Scholar Awards: Your Benton Area Chamber of Commerce will be presenting awards this month at Benton Junior High, Benton High School, and Bauxite Junior High to students who have achieved the distinction of Arkansas Scholars. On May 4, sophomore and junior Arkansas Scholars will receive recognition at a special assembly to be held in the cafeteria at Benton High School. On May 5, graduating Arkansas Scholar will be rewarded with a pizza lunch. These same seniors also will be presented with white honor cords to wear at graduation. On May 9, freshmen Arkansas Scholars will receive ice cream. On May 17, Bauxite freshmen Arkansas Scholars will also receive ice cream.

Arkansas Scholar Presentations to 8th Grade Students: On May 9 and May 10, volunteers will be in the 8th grade classes at Benton and Bauxite to make the students aware of the Arkansas Scholar program. This program is for students in grades 9-12. To attain the distinction of being an Arkansas Scholar, a student must meet the following requirements: (1) take the high school Smart Core curriculum, (2) earn grade of C or higher in all courses. (3) attend school 95% of the time, and (4) complete high school in eight consecutive semesters.

Thank you to our business leaders who will be in the classrooms on these days:

Elizabeth Case, Jamie Bigelow, Michael Armstrong, and Steve Brown, Alcoa Community Federal Credit Union; Karma Herzfeld, Bank of the Ozarks; Nikki Chumley, Benton Event Center; Leigha Jones, Civitan Services; Donna Hill, Class 101; Corey Cockman, Griffin Leggett Forest Hills Memorial Park; Jordan Woolbright, Jordan C Woolbright, CPA, PA; Lisa Roth, First Security; Kari Beesley, Saline County Library; Darren Blake, Pinecrest Funeral Home & Memorial Park.

Also, big thanks to Everett Buick-GMC for being the financial sponsor of the Arkansas Scholars in the Benton School and to Alcoa Community Federal Union for sponsoring the program in Bauxite.



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From Your Chairman

Next to Christmas, May is my favorite time of year! The weather gets warmer; I get to celebrate my wedding anniversary; there's the excitement of graduation and vacation planning and our community really shows off their spirit toward the youth of our community.

Here at the Chamber, that spirit can best be seen in all the activities of the Education Committee. This month we will get to award 6 scholarships! Deserving high school seniors from Chamber member schools Sheridan, Harmony Grove, Bauxite, Glen Rose and Benton will all get \$1,000 scholarships to further their education. It's exciting to get to expand into a new member school district this year to help even more teens.

Also in May, we get to recognize all our Arkansas Scholars. For those ninth through twelfth grades who meet the qualifications, we will be presenting awards during school assemblies. The Education Committee will also present the Arkansas Scholars Program to eighth graders in Benton and Bauxite School Districts.

It is important for our youth to see and believe that our business community supports them. We want to raise the next generation of workers to be prepared for the workforce and be willing to return or remain in our community for their careers. Whenever you get a chance, please help us to recognize their hard work and encourage them to see the possibilities for their future here in the Benton area.



*Leigha Jones
Civitan Services*

OTHER EVENTS

May 5 - Expressions Art Show and Sale
6:00 - 8:30pm - Benton Event Center

May 6 - Introduction to QuickBooks
9:00am - 12:00pm - UALR Benton

May 11 - 1st Annual Ladies' Night Out
6:00 - 8:00pm - Academy Sports & Outdoors - Benton

May 13 - Saline County Canoe Race
9:00am - Lyle Park

May 13 - Changing Lives with Chocolate
7:00 - 9:00pm - Benton Event Center

May 18 - 16th Annual Saline County Single Parent Scholarship Luncheon
11am - 1pm - Saline County Courthouse Lawn

May 18 - Family Gardening Class with Master Gardener Jon Meyer
6:00pm - 7:30pm - Gene Moss Building

May 23 - Saline Memorial Health Foundation Presents - Justin Flom
6:30pm - Benton Event Center

Ribbon Cuttings for March



Benton Dental Center



Benton Lions Club Dedication of City Hall Clock



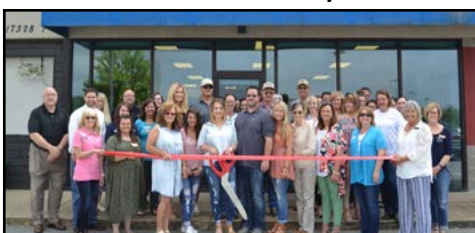
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members on the move

Real Estate



Lauren Goines Robinson

Lauren Goines Robinson has recently joined **Old South Realty** as a realtor. She is a life-long resident of Saline County, graduated from Benton High School and from UCA, and is married to

Josh Robinson. She owns her own business in Benton and also works part time teaching acro classes to younger individuals. Lauren enjoys the fact that she is involved with local business to help keep Saline County thriving.

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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