

Athens-Limestone County Tourism News

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August is a busy month for Ardmore!



Ardmore Police Reserve Rodeo - Don't miss the rodeo August 7 & 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the John Barnes Park on Ardmore Ridge Road. The rodeo is one of the favorite events for the community. It's great family fun. Everyone enjoys the event that includes Bareback Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Break-Away Roping, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc Riding and more. Contact: 256-423-2146 for information and tickets. Admission charged.

Ardmore Quarterback Club Annual Car Show – Ardmore is the place to be on August 22, 2009 at 9:00 AM if you enjoy antique cars and trucks. The annual car show will be at the John Barnes Park located on Ardmore Ridge Road, just off Main Street. The show continues to grow each year and hundreds of automobiles are expected. For more information contact 256-423-7588.

Ardmore Crape Myrtle Festival Beauty Pageant – The pageant will be August 22, 2009 starting at 9:00 AM at the Ardmore, TN Annex building located on Main Street. The pageant, hosted by the Ardmore AL/TN Chamber of Commerce, is a great way for ladies to obtain pageant experience. Call 256-423-7588 for information and forms. Entry fee charged.



17th Annual Ardmore Crape Myrtle Festival - August 29, 2009 at 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – The festival will be held at the Ardmore John Barnes Park located on Ardmore Ridge Road. The festival has live entertainment, vendors selling all types of handmade items, beautiful crape myrtles of colors and sizes and much more. Pre-order your crape myrtles at the Ardmore Chamber Office. There's a special area for kids to play and enjoy rides and games. Free admission. Donations are accepted and appreciated. Contact 256-423-7588.

Piney Chapel Antique Tractor and Engine Show

One of the best antique tractor and engine shows in north Alabama will be August 7th & 8th at 7:00 PM at Piney Chapel - located just 2 miles north of Athens, AL. Flea market and vendors welcome. Admission \$3.00 and children under 6 free. Contact: Piney Chapel Volunteer Fire Department, 771-3287, 431-5513, 233-1613, 233-8574, www.pineychapelfire.org.

Singing on the Square

It was perfect weather for an outdoor singing July 17th. Over 100 residents enjoyed Southern Splendor Chorus and Karen Newsum. Bring your lawn chair to the east side of the square August 21 and enjoy

Mike Cole and Dixie Bluegrass. The concert is free and everyone is welcome. For more information call 256-232-5411.



Concert on the Square featuring Athens State University Community Band

The ASU Community Band will hold their annual Concert on the Square August 7th at 6:30 PM on the east side of the Limestone County courthouse. Under the direction of Dan Havelly, this all-volunteer band will play some of your favorite songs. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the free concert. Contact 256-232-5411.



Athens Funfest

Athens Parks and Recreation is hosting a new festival August 15th which should be fun for the entire family. Bring your lawn chairs to the Athens Sportsplex at noon and enjoy fun games including basketball shoot, chipping contest, punting contest, disc golf, baseball, 40-yard dash, horseshoes, women's skillet throw, men's wrench throw and more. There will also be a dunking booth, cake/pie walk, bingo, moon bounce, face painting, jail, and hotdog-eating contest. All of this will be followed by "Movie in the Park" at 8:00 PM. Contact: 256-233-8740.

August Tourism Calendar of Events & Attractions

Cruise In and First Saturday

August 01, 2009 at 3:00 – 9:00 PM

Antique enthusiasts are invited to bring their vehicle and park on the Athens courthouse square. Participating businesses will offer specials and extended hours on the "First Saturdays". For more information call Bland Allen 256-603-1227 or Email waters@ardmore.net; Steve Bradley, 256-230-6048 or Trisha Black at 256-278-6436. Free

Southern Splendor Chorus – "Love is in the Air"

August 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Athens Bible School's Rollings-Lovell Auditorium.

The annual concert will have special guests including the Sweet Adeline Chorus and Harmony Hills Chorus. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 6-18. Call 256-682-6461 for tickets and information.

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Athens State University Community Band Concert

August 7, 2009 at 6:30 PM

The ASU Community Band, under the direction of Mr. Dan Havelly, will perform on the east side of the courthouse. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the free concert. Contact 256-232-5411.

Art on the Square Silent Auction

August 08, 2009 at 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

A preview party of the artists' work at Carole Foret' Fine Art Gallery, 206 W Market Street Downtown Athens that will participate in Art on the Square September 12. Contact

www.artonthesquareathens.com.

Will Haney Benefit

August 8th – noon – until at the Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo Arena

This benefit will help pay Will's medical expenses. It will be a full day beginning at noon and continue until the last band finishes playing, around midnight. There will be moon bounces, train rides, water slide, adventure combo, dunk tank, etc., - very kid friendly - from noon until 8:00. There will also be a silent auction, BBQ plates, hot dogs, hamburgers, & other concessions, t-shirt sales & bands playing beginning at noon. Bands entertaining include: Shane Wilson, Bradley Walker, Melomania, Sister Grace, Full Circle, Mike Cole and The Convinced, Matt Prater, Richie & Deemer, The New Pattock Mighty Winds of Change Irish Folk Singing Group & the new band Shyloh. LifeSouth will be available also for a blood drive. For more info contact Cujohaney@aol.com.

Athens Fun Fest

August 15, 2009 at 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM

The Athens Parks and Recreation Department is hosting the Athens Fun Fest at the Athens Sportsplex. Lots of fun games including basketball shoot, chipping contest, punting contest, disc golf, baseball, 40-yard dash, horseshoes, women's skillet throw, men's wrench throw and more. There will also be a dunking booth, cake/pie walk, bingo, moon bounce, face painting, jail, and hotdog-eating contest. There is something for everyone. All of this will be followed by "Movie in the Park" at 8:00 PM. Contact: 256-233-8740.

Clements Athletic Association Steak Dinner for Two

August 15, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Clements Athletic Association invites you to enjoy a Steak Dinner at Clements High School. A grand prize of \$5,000 will be given away. Only 250 tickets will be sold and every ticket holder will receive a prize. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are available at the Clements High School front office. Contact 256-729-6564.

3rd Annual James Kennemer Memorial Golf Tournament

August 15, 2009 – Shotgun start at 8:00 AM

Join us for the golf tournament at Joe Wheeler Golf Course sponsored by the West Limestone High School Booster Club. Lunch will be provided. Lots of prizes! Sign up today. Entry fee \$300 per team or \$75 per individual. Contact wlhsbooster@yahoo.com or Ed Winter 256-990-4654.

Singing on the Square featuring Dixie Bluegrass and Mike Cole

August 21, 2009 at 6:00 PM

A monthly event (Apr - Sep) held featuring local musicians performing at the free concert on the courthouse steps. Bring your lawn chair and join us. Call: 256-232-5411 or email

jeanette@tourathens.com. Free

Ardmore Crape Myrtle Festival Beauty Pageant

August 22, 2009 at 9:00 AM

Bring those lovely ladies to the Ardmore TN Annex for the annual Beauty Pageant hosted by the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce. Call 256-423-7588 for information and forms.

WILLPOWER "Tournament of Champions" Fundraiser

August 22, 2009

Join the fun at Athens State University. Games include Kickball Tournament, Cornhole Tournament, and Volleyball Tournament. Email shelly.willpower@gmail.com to order your \$15 WILLPOWER T-shirt. Contact Casey 615-289-3610 or Brenda at 423-605-2781. Register your team at willpower.tournamentofchampions@gmail.com.

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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.

Every 1st Sat night - Mar - Oct, 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Athens Cruise In and 1st Saturday, Downtown Athens, AL, Sponsored by the Spirit of Athens. Over 150 antique, classic & custom cars and trucks will circle the courthouse and line the downtown street. Participating businesses will offer extended hours and specials for the day. Contact: Bland Allen 256-603-1227, 256-431-8536, www.carsonthesquare.com, Trisha Black (SOA) 256-278-6436.

June 25 - Aug 1 at 6:30 - 9:30 PM the Athens Lions Club Kiddie Carnival will be open for 2009. The carnival is located at 515 Beaty Street, (Corner Beaty Street and Forrest Street), Athens, AL. Tickets are \$.50 per ride. Private parties are available. Contact: Athens Lions Club, 232-1296.

September Events to Look Forward To

Cruise In and First Saturday

September 05, 2009 at 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Athens-Limestone Hospital Foundation Crystal Cup Golf Tournament
September 20, 2009 at 1:00 PM

Duck and Run 5K Race

September 12, 2009 at 8:00 AM

Runners meet at Big Spring Memorial Park, Athens, AL.

Art on the Square

September 12, 2009 at 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

New York Times Bestselling Author, Beverly Lewis visits Athens

September 16, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Singing on the Square featuring Just Down the Road and Diane Miller
September 18, 2009 at 6:00 PM

2nd Literary Tastes Event
September 21, 2009

MS Bike Ride - Historic Mooresville, AL
September 26 and 27, 2009 at 7:00 AM

Tourism Updates

It's Happening in Limestone County!

There are lots of things happening in Limestone County as you can see. You do not have to drive very far to have a great time. Athens-Limestone County offers something for everyone.

For the latest tourism information, call Jeanette at 256-232-5411 or visit www.tourathens.com and click on "Tourism Events". On the "Introduction" page scroll down for a list for recurring events or click on "Tourism Events" for the Tourism Calendar or click on "Brochures" and you will find links to our brochures and Tourism Newsletters.

If you have an event you would like listed on the website or help with promoting your event, send an email to jeanette@tourathens.com.

Contact Us

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The board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.