



Bryant Business Chronicle



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Welcome New Members

Harp's Food Store

John Free
1515 Highway 5 N ❖ Benton, AR 72015
501-794-0820
www.harpsfood.com
Retail food store. Departments include grocery, fresh meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, bakery & deli, gas pumps.

Clark Exterminating Co., Inc.

Denise Edwards
21941 Interstate 30, Suite 10
Bryant, AR 72022
847-7388/FAX 847-7392
clarkexterminating@sbcglobal.net
www.thebugstopshere.cc
Residential & commercial termite & pest control. LEED approved.

Jon Snyder

11805 Krislor Drive ❖ Benton, AR 72019
501-454-6019

1011 Web Solutions

Chris Eley & Jay Muse
Three Financial Center
900 S. Shackelford Road, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72211
975-1011office
580-5734 Chris & 920-2511 Jay
chris@1011web.com❖jacob@1011web.com
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We design, build, advertise websites, e commerce stores & custom software. Build an impressive online presence & attract traffic thru search engine optimization, online marketing & social media.

Central Wireless & Satellite

Katrice Summerlin
3121 N. Reynolds, Suite 3
Bryant, AR 72022
653-3444/FAX653-2555
katrice.summerline@centralwireless.net
www.centralwireless.net
AT&T authorized retailer. AT&T products/ services. Also offering a wide variety of wireless device accessories.

Christmas Parade Near Route Changes Noted



Entries are already coming in for Bryant's 2nd Annual Christmas Parade of Lights Sponsored by First Security Bank on Thursday night December 3, 2009. The Bryant Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Committee is encouraging even more to enter. "We were surprised with the number of entries we had at the last minute last year and we want to encourage people to sign up early so they are eligible for prizes this year," said co-chairperson Carla Harris of First Security Bank.

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Last year more than 60 entries made a rousing first ever parade.

All parties interested in the parade may enter a lighted float. Line-up will be at Bryant Middle School and proceed down Sullivan to Reynolds Road. Floats, displays, riders and walkers will then turn right and end at the First Southern Baptist Church. This is a reverse of the route taken last year.

"It will be important to light the float as it will be an evening parade. However, you can achieve lighting through battery-operated floodlights or solar powered spotlights if a generator is not available to you," said co-chairperson Carla Harris. "Consider glow sticks or glow in the dark jewelry for the float riders or any walkers so they will show up, too."

Line up for the parade will be at 6 p.m. at the parking lot nearest the football stadium at the Middle School. As basketball games will be held in the Middle School Gym that night, floats will line up on the stadium side of the parking. The entries will be assigned a number and the numbers will be reflected on signs indicating chutes for line up for each ten in sequence. The Bryant 2nd Annual Christmas Parade of Lights will start at 7 p.m.

All churches, school organizations, businesses and community organizations are invited to participate. A \$5 entry fee is charged to cover the administration of the event. A trophy will be given for the Grand Prize. Prizes will be awarded for the Grand Prize, first, second and third place floats. You may nominate a grand marshal for the parade at any First Security Bank location in Saline County.

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Finds of the Month

(A "find" is a service or product that a Chamber member offers that is not what they are known for -- or is a special value or brings recognition to Bryant and the area.)

Christmas Expo

Games, rides, petting zoo, live nativity, food and local vendors will be featured in a new event by Midtowne Church and *Saline County Lifestyles Magazine*.

The Family Christmas Festival and Expo will be held Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 4037 Boone Road, Midtowne Church. Booth costs are \$150 to \$625. Saline County Angel Tree will receive \$25 of each booth sold. For more information call Josh Elrod 590-9518.

Parents Seek Gift Help

The Saline and Perry County Foster and Adoptive Parent Association is seeking help to provide holiday gifts for children in out-of-home placements in their care. Call Dean Burbank at 794-0032 or 326-4517 to help.

Bryant Rotary Clothing Drive

Good quality used clothing, especially slightly worn popular adolescent and teenager clothing, and monetary donations will be accepted by the Rotary Club of Bryant during a drive day, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Baxley Moudy at Highway 5 and Reynolds Road.

The donations are for the Kids Closet, a Rotary service project, which was founded in Nov. 2008 and by mid September 2009 had served 416 children with 2,091 items – including shoes and backpacks.

The request for the clothing and other items is through the local schools, the Boys and Girls Club of Bryant and local churches.

"These donations are really needed because we are getting thin in these areas," said Michelle Finney, project director. All donations are tax deductible. Receipts are available at the point of donation.

For more information, call Michelle at 501-529-3232.



Bryant clothing Saturday, Dec. 5, 11:30 a.m. at Penfield Realtors

Find It in Bryant

As we approach the Holiday Season we offer a reminder:

If you have something to sell, put it on the www.bryant-ar.com website. EVERY Chamber member can enter a description of the business and eight key words by which customers can search and find you as the place to acquire that good or service. All you need is your password and log-in. Don't know yours? Call the Chamber at 847-4702.

Snow Village Open House

Brooke Andrews State Farm Insurance is hosting an open house at her office, 2305 Springhill Road, Suite 10 on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 10. She has a Snow Village set up on display.

Bethel is Middle School of Year 3rd Year Running

Bethel Middle School has been named the Shannon Wright Middle School of the Year for the third year in a row.

Being named the "Outstanding Middle Level Program" for 2009 means Bethel was named from all Arkansas middle level schools based on the eight principles of "Turning Points: Preparing American Youth for the 21st Century."

The award is named in memory of the Jonesboro Westside Middle School teacher who lost her life in the Westside shootings while protecting her students.

Saline Memorial Gets Governor's Award 3rd Year

Saline Memorial Hospital was recently recognized for the third year in a row for performance excellence at the 15th annual Awards Celebration for the Governor's Quality Award Program.

Community Meetings

Bryant School Board

Monday, Dec. 21 • 6:00 p.m.
Professional Development Room

Bryant Water Commission

Tuesday, Dec 8 • 5:30 p.m.

City Complex, 210 SW 3rd

Bryant Planning Commission

Monday, Dec. 14 • 6:00 p.m.

City Complex, 210 SW 3rd

Bryant Parks Commission

Monday, Dec. 21 • 6:30 p.m.

City Complex, 210 SW 3rd

Bryant City Council

Thursday, Dec. 10 • 7:00 p.m.

City Complex, 210 SW 3rd

December Calendar

Tues., Dec. 1 – Economic Development, noon, Chamber Office

Thurs., Dec. 3 -- Civic and Govt. Affairs Committee, 1:30 p.m. Chamber Office

Thurs., Dec. 3 -- 2nd Annual Christmas Parade of Lights, line up at 6 p.m., Parade at 7 p.m., Reynolds from Sullivan to First Southern Baptist.

Sat., Dec. 5 -- Saline County Health Dept., Flu Shot Clinic at Bryant Middle School gym 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 9 -- Brunch with the Board for new members at 10:30 a.m. and Board meeting at noon.

Thurs., Dec. 10 – Ribbon Cuttings
2 p.m. Fellowship Bible Church
5724 Alcoa Road

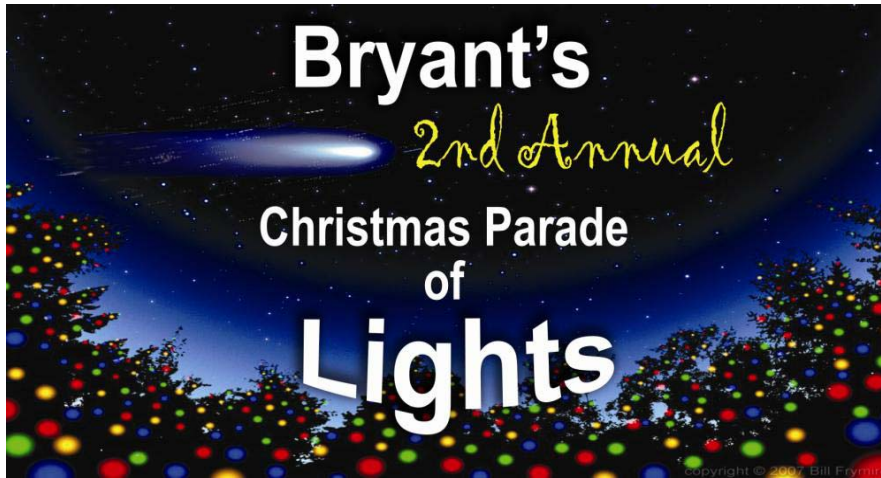
Mon., Dec. 14 – Winter Banquet Committee, noon, Chamber

Tues., Dec. 15— Snow Village Open House, 10 a.m., Brooke Andrews State Farm,

Wed., Dec. 16 -- Young Professionals Network, noon, lunch

Thurs., Dec. 17 -- Highlight Bryant Lunch, noon, Diamond Sports speaker

Thurs, Dec.. 24 /Fri. Dec. 25/ Thurs. Dec. 31/Fri. Jan. 1-- Closed for holidays



Thursday, December 3, 2009



Parade Entry Form

Business or Association: _____

Dignitary (Name and Title): _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Type of Entry: Float Single Car Car Club Marching Music
 Horse *(Must be verified for Coggins Tests before unloading.)*
 Other _____

If entry is a car club or performing group, how many participants? _____



General Release of all Claims

The undersigned does hereby acknowledge in full compromise settlement and satisfaction of, and as sole consideration for, the release and discharge of all actions, rights, causes of actions, claims and demands whatsoever that now exist or may hereafter accrue against The Bryant Area Chamber of Commerce and any other person, corporation, association or partnership charged or who or which may be charged with responsibility for injuries to the person and property of the undersigned, the treatment thereof, and all consequences following there from as a result of the undersigned's participation in The Bryant Christmas Parade and it's associated activities for the year 2009. The undersigned warrants that no promise or inducement has been offered except as herein set forth; that this Release is executed without reliance upon any statement or representation by the person or parties released or their representatives; that the undersigned is of legal age, is competent to execute this Release, and accepts full responsibility thereof. The undersigned agrees as a further consideration and inducement for this compromise settlement that it shall apply to any accident, casualty, or event, that may occur and/or in reference to said parade, regardless of any fault on the part of The Bryant Area Chamber of Commerce or any of its members. I further acknowledge receipt of a copy of the rules associated with the Parade.

X _____
 Responsible Person, individually and on behalf of the above named organization, if applicable.

Parade Entry Form should be completed, signed, and returned along with an entry fee check in the amount of \$5.00 to The Bryant Area Chamber of Commerce, 109 Roya Lane, Bryant, AR 72022.

Dear Chamber Business or Organization:

Recently we heard that demographers have named three new demographics that reflect the attitude toward the economic downturn. Among them was the "Gratefuls". We number ourselves among the "Gratefuls." The gratefuls are people who, in light of the economic climate, were satisfied with where they were in life and how they had prospered. Typically older Americans, they were thankful for the jobs they held.

Bryant, and all of Central Arkansas, has held up better than other areas during this time. We are thankful for that and we know that it is the years of steady, dedicated work by businesses such as yours that makes our local economy so solid. We may not have a lot of "flash" but we have a lot of strength in businesses that provide the backbone to our economy. We want to do all we can to help you stay rock steady. We hope that in the coming year, you will give us feedback about what works and what does not.

We are thankful for your business and what you mean to our local economy!

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