



Bryant Business Chronicle



A Bryant Chamber of Commerce Publication

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Welcome New Members

Bryant Motors

Jerry Gibson
1810 N. Reynolds Road
Bryant, AR 72022
847-6161/FAX 847-1632
bryantmotorsinc@gmail.com
Good dependable used vehicles at a fair price. Overhead is low; savings are passed on. Repeats & referrals are the lifeblood of the business. Will trade for anything of value.

Touchdown Sallys

Brad Gaston
17332 Interstate 30 North
501-778-9444/Fax 501-778-9445
jbg123@hotmail.com
www.touchdownsallys.com
Saline County's one & only place to watch your favorite sporting event on the big screens, enjoy good Cajun food, hang out & have fun with friends & family.

Habitat for Humanity of Saline County

Karma Hertzfeld
404 W. Walnut
Benton, AR 72015
501-315-5434/FAX 501-778-7626
h4hsalinecounty@aol.com
habitatslaineconomy@yahoo.com
www.habitatsalinecounty.com
An ecumenical Christian ministry that works with the community to build simple, decent, affordable homes for deserving families. The goal is to make poverty housing & homelessness unacceptable. 32 Saline County families served so far.

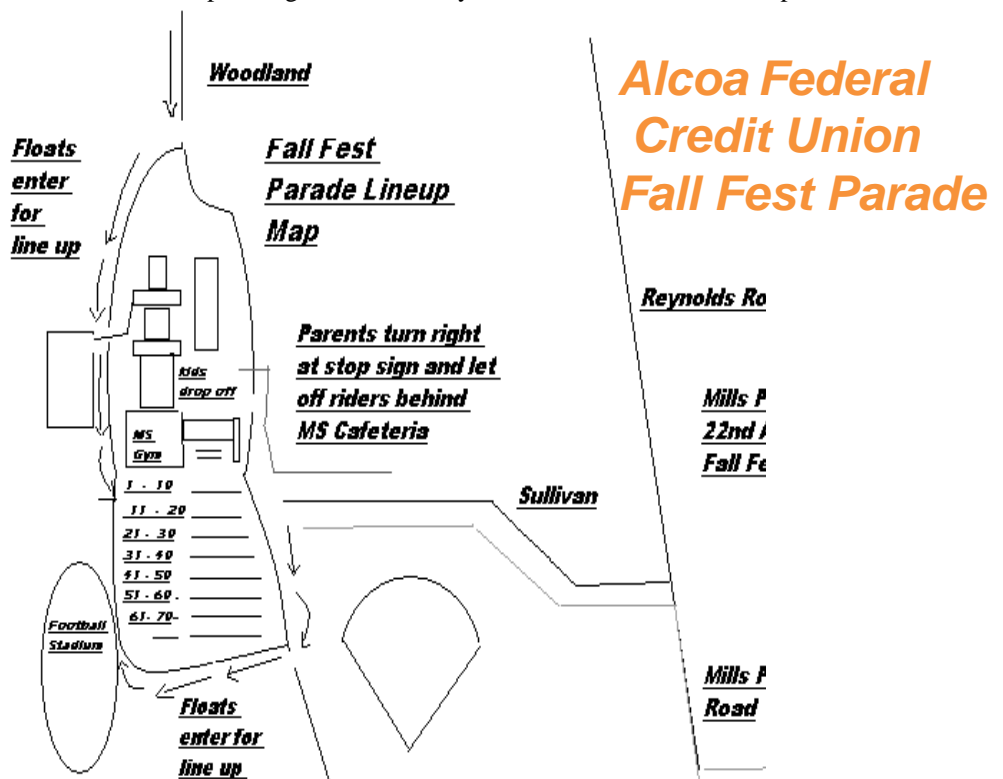
Boy Scout Troop 17

Glenn Dinsmore
7 Natchez Lane
Alexander, AR 72002 ♦ 920-3037
kathcmahon@comcast.net
www.artroop17.com
Troop 17 believes in Scouting, the values & skills Scouting teaches. To see a young man unable to do a task, learning from other youth & later see the same scout teaching others that skill makes it worthwhile. Adult and community volunteers needed.

Bryant Fall Fest Parade Route Changes

The Bryant Area Chamber of Commerce, 109 Roya Lane, is now taking applications for the Sept. 26 Alcoa Federal Credit Union Fall Fest parade. The route has changed and float drivers and residents along the route are asked to take note.

The line up will again be at the Bryant School District main campus, but will be



predominantly in the football stadium parking lot instead of on the road. The parade will go out Sullivan and turn right on Reynolds and go down Reynolds Road to Mills Park Road. Then it will turn left on Mills Park Road and go to the park. Traffic will be delayed as the parade turns into the park between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. "Parents planning to pick up children who rode in on the floats or people just coming to the park for the Fall Fest fun are advised to get to the park before 9:00 a.m. or wait to arrive later in the day," noted Joe Wishard, Fall Fest chairperson. "Note, too that if you will be trying to come down Reynolds Road to Mills Park Road on that Saturday you may encounter delays," Wishard said.

Anyone may enter the parade. There is no entry fee. Participants must fill out the form with the Chamber. Entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday, Sept. 12.

Businesses, schools, clubs, riding stables, churches and organizations are invited. Entries can be cars, trucks, trailers, bicycles, horse, etc. Past entries have included jungles, aircraft, funny cars, restored cars, pirate ships, and many other imaginative scenes.

"Our grand marshal for the parade is Jimmy Morgan in recognition of the many years he was so instrumental in Fall Fest and never got to see the parade because he was working so hard at Mills Park to make the day go smooth," said Wishard.

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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.)

Hampton Inn 2nd in Nation

Bryant's Hampton Inn was recently named 2nd in the nation out of more than 1600 hotels in the chain.

The award is based on inspections by the company and by feedback from customers.

Satisfaction ratings in the chain are usually at the 77% level and our local hotel earned at 87.4% satisfaction rating. Their recent inspection yielded a 99 plus rating.

Congratulations to Michael Burt and all the employees at Hampton Inn!

Workforce Development Job Fair Set for Oct. 1

The Central Arkansas Workforce Center is holding a job fair on Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. As the job fair is growing in size, the location may change. For location and to register call Mark Gillis at 860-3883.



Girls Scouts Serve S'mores



The Girls Scouts -- Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas invite you to the 5th Annual S'mores in the City on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the River Market Pavilion in Little Rock.

Admission is \$15 per person and to order tickets call 501-758-1020 ext. 6224 or go online to www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

Outskirts Bike Supports Rides

Outskirts Bikeshop has support roles in a couple of upcoming bike rides.

First is the MS Society 150. The ride is 70 miles one day and 80 the next with the finale being a ride up Mount Pettit Jean. Register online at www.nationalmssociety.org. Search for Arkansas or Pedal the Peak.

They are also involved in the Sept. 19 Soldier's Ride to benefit wounded warriors which will come through Little Rock. To register go online to Outskirtsonline.com.

Lifeline Toy Drive

Lifeline Chiropractic is offering a free consultation for patients who bring in a toy for Toy Troopers now until Christmas.

These toys will stay in Saline County.

Community Meetings

Bryant School Board

Monday, Oct. 19 • 6:00 p.m.
Professional Development Room

Bryant Water Commission

Tuesday, Oct. 13 • 5:30 p.m.
City Complex, 210 SW 3rd

Bryant Planning Commission

Monday, Oct. 12 • 6:00 p.m.
City Complex, 210 SW 3rd

Bryant Parks Commission

Monday, Oct. 19 • 6:30 p.m.
City Complex, 210 SW 3rd

Bryant City Council

Thursday, Oct. 8 • 7:00 p.m.
City Complex, 210 SW 3rd

October Calendar



Thurs., Oct. 1 – Civic and Govt. Affairs Committee, 1:30 p.m. Chamber Office

Fri., Oct. 2 – Membership Drive Training, noon, Chamber Office

Mon., Oct. 5 – Membership Drive, noon-4 p.m., Chamber Office

Tues., Oct. 6 – Membership Drive, noon-4 p.m., Chamber Office

Tues, Oct. 6 Economic Development, noon, Chamber Office

Weds, Oct. 7 -- Membership Drive, noon-4 p.m., Chamber Office

Thurs, Oct. 8 -- Ribbon Cuttings

Tues, Oct. 13 -- Fall Fest Follow up meeting, noon, Chamber

Weds., Oct. 14 -- Board meeting, Chamber, noon

Thurs., Oct. 15 — Highlight Bryant Lunch, noon

Thurs., Oct. 22 — Ribbon Cuttings

Tues, Oct 27 – Monster Madness Committee, noon, Chamber

Thurs., Oct. 29 – Monster Madness at Mills, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mills Park (benefits the Boys and Girls Club of Bryant)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR CHRISTMAS PARADE DEC. 3



The second annual Bryant Area Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

"We are letting you know ahead of time so you can mark your calendars now. Don't book your office Christmas parties then," noted Carla Harris, co-chair

person.

Last year's 1st ever parade turned out more than 60 floats. "We were so happy with the turn out," Harris said.

The parade route will reverse this year and start at the middle school/football stadium lot and end at First Southern Baptist Church.

Bryant Fall Fest 2009

Saturday, September 26
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mills Park

FREE ADMISSION • FREE PARKING

Join us for lots of fun, food & friends!

- Parade • Biggest Baddest ATV Contest • Car Show
- Live Entertainment by Southern Exposure • Geocaching
- Food Court • Business Booths • Games • Arts & Crafts
- Fishing Contest • HotDog Eating Contest • 2 on 2 Basketball

Kids Contests

- Hannah Montana Look Alike
- Joe Dirt Contest
- Hula Hoop • Baby Crawl

KidzLand

Inflatables & Slides • Train Rides
Balloon Animals
Professional Face Painting
Armbands are \$15 all day for
amusements. Train ride, face painting
and balloons sold separately



Parade

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Only those who register by the deadline will be eligible for the \$50 first prize and \$25 second prize checks in three categories business, school and organization.

The parade line up will be at 8:15 a.m. at the football stadium lot. "Those who did not register with the Chamber will go to the back of the line," said Sgt. David Mitchem, parade director. The parade begins at 9:00 a.m.

Viewers will find sidewalks along Reynolds Road between Sullivan and Mills Park Road and along Mills Park Road.

Floats, cars, and truck-trailers to be in the parade will receive a number to line up by. To ensure the safety of the parade participants from vehicle traffic, all riders will be dropped off at the Middle School lot on the elementary side of the school and will walk to their floats.

Police officers will be positioned at both Sullivan and Woodland to direct drivers. The floats and parent who are dropping off are directed to enter at Sullivan or Woodland. The School Drive gate will be closed. Floats will turn left at the stop sign at School Street and then right to circle the football stadium lot and enter into their appropriate line.

Parents dropping off will turn right at the stop sign at School and Sullivan and then go to the drop off lot between the middle school and the elementary. Float drivers are requested to come early to be in place before parents drop off float riders.

"We are looking forward to a great parade," said Wishard.

Call 847-4702 or e-mail Bryantcofc@aristotle.net for more information or to have a parade registration form mailed to you. Parade forms are also available online at www.bryant-ar.com.

Bryant Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network Invites You to a Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 12 Noon, at Holiday Inn Express

Learn about applications for your I-phones, Blackberries, etc. and how to maximize the business potential in your telephone. Marcus Tarkington from AT&T and Dustye Helms from Verizon will be on hand to share tips.

Food is from Firehouse Subs, \$5 to eat, call 847-4702



ENTER NOW!!!

Landers Auto Sales of Saline County's Biggest Baddest ATV Contest



At Bryant's
22nd Annual
Fall Fest,
Mills Park
Saturday,
Sept. 26

Address _____

Name of Entry _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail Address _____

RETURN TO BRYANT CHAMBER or FAX: 847-7576

**\$300
Grand
Prize**

\$5 Entry Fee Due

Bryant Chamber of Commerce
109 Roya Lane
P.O. Box 261
Bryant, AR 72089

FALL FEST EXHIBIT BOOTH REGISTRATION

Saturday, September 26, 2009 • Mills Park in Bryant • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Fun for the entire family!!
CAR SHOW IS BACK! • Free Admission and Parking
Live Music & Entertainment • Games • Arts & Crafts • Parade
Business Booths • 14,000 Attendance • Food Court • Kidzland

10 x 10 booth spaces - bring your own table or equipment

Please order more than one booth if your set-up will take any additional space. (Example: a truck)

**If you are selling or serving food or drink of any kind you will need the Food Vendor Form!!
NOT THIS FORM!**

Chamber Members: \$60.00 for first 10 x 10 space (half price on additional spaces after 1st)
Non-Chamber Members: \$85.00 for first 10 x 10 space (half price on additional spaces after 1st)
Spaces with electricity - add additional \$15.00 for each 10 x 10 space (no discounts)
includes vendor parking pass (return to Chamber booth for \$5 refund)
PARKING PERMITS REQUIRED TO PARK IN VENDOR PARKING AREA

Set UP BY 8 A.M. NO CORDS RUN ACROSS CORRIDORS.

THE FALL FEST COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICANT AT ANY TIME. YOU **WILL** BE REFUSED IF YOU TRY LATE SET-UP. **ALL ITEMS REMOVED BY 6. P.M. Sat., Sept. 26, OR WE WILL CLAIM THEM.**
Anyone passing out fliers, literature, buttons, displaying logo signs in vehicles etc., will be billed a booth fee.
NO RAINOUT DATE/NO REFUNDS

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Cell # _____ Fax #: _____

Business Name: _____ Items for Sale ^(must be filled out!) or Nature of Business _____

Booth with Electricity? No ___ Yes ___ How many? 110 ___ 220 ___ Amps ___

Booth Space Preference: 1st choice ___ 2nd ___ 3rd ___

How many 10x10 spaces are needed? _____



- Yes! I will furnish a door prize for drawings
- Yes! Send me a Car Show Application
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NO RAINOUT DATE/ NO REFUNDS
CALL 847-4702 FOR RECORDED
INFORMATION IF RAINOUT LIKELY

Returned checks will be turned over to the prosecutor

Mail to:
Bryant Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 261
Bryant, AR 72089
501-847-4702