



October 2009 Newsletter

Talladega Chamber of Commerce

Talladega Chamber Corporate Partners

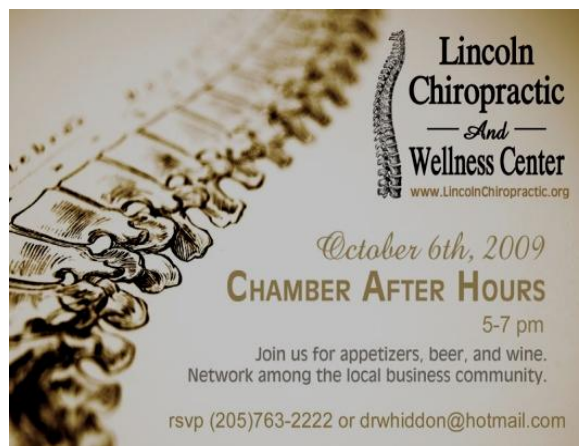


Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC



CHAMBER AFTERHOURS

Dr. Andy Whiddon and his staff at Lincoln Chiropractic and Wellness Center will be our host at their facility on 47795 US Highway 78 in Lincoln.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Citizens BMC in Talladega is making it easy and affordable to get a mammogram. During October, every Monday is “Mammo Monday” when Citizens will be offering discounted mammograms for \$100. No physician referral is needed. Just call 256-761-4618 to make an appointment.

Citizens BMC also is offering discounted mammography to local employer groups. Basically, employers can be set up as group accounts, and employees receive a coupon to receive a free mammogram at Citizens. The employer is then billed at a discounted rate of \$125 per mammogram and the claim is not filed on the company insurance. For more information on this program please contact Laura Catherine Mason, Employer Relations Specialist at Baptist Health System, 205-715-5334.

Quality of Life Health Services is hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness Forum on Thursday, October 29th at 10:00 a.m. in Gadsden at the Quality of Life Health Complex. This forum will feature Brenda Ladun, ABC 33/40 Primetime News

Anchor, author and breast cancer survivor. Dr. Jesanna Cooper, OB/GYN will be there as well. Free admission, door prizes, refreshments. For more information, contact Ashley Brown, 256-439-6364.

Sorghum Syrup Festival

It's that time of year—the Sorghum Syrup Festival at the Old Mill Restaurant in Waldo on Highway 77, South will be on Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day. Go early and enjoy breakfast at the Old Mill Restaurant from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. and then take in the festivities such as the Bluegrass music and the Model T Club. The syrup will, of course, be for sale, but you can also buy homemade cakes, pies, and candy, smoked meat, fried green tomatoes and much more! Arts and Crafts vendors will be there as well and Ms. Cindie Brewer said they always have room for more and there is no charge for vendors. For more information, call Cindie at 256-761-0043 or 256-342-1010.

Citizens Baptist Medical Center to Welcome New Doctors at Afterhours

Citizens BMC is introducing three doctors' offices, one each in the Lincoln, Talladega, and Munford area and will host an Afterhours and Open House on Tuesday, October 20th in Lincoln at 47344 U.S. Highway 78; on Tuesday, November 10th at 48 North Cedars Road in Munford; and on Tuesday, November 17th in Talladega at 109 Coosa Street East, Suite B. All events will be catered by Café Royale of Talladega. Door prizes will be given away.

Congratulations, Roben Duncan

Lincoln's City Council voted unanimously to appoint Roben Duncan as Lincoln's Parks and Recreation Director, and we congratulate Roben on her new position. She has been hard at work putting together Lincoln's 1st Annual Christmas Parade which is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th.

Lakeside Hospice Blues Fest 2009

The 2nd Annual Blues Fest & Car Show/Swap Meet will be Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th at Lakeside Park. This fun event beginning at 11:00 a.m. each day features



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music, cars, motorcycles, food, art, and crafts. (On Saturday the event ends at 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.)

Admission is free so just bring a chair and enjoy. For more information, contact Tracy at 205-884-1111. Donations will benefit Lakeside Hospice.

Talladega Texaco Walk of Fame

Morgan Shepherd and Jack Smith will be inducted into the Talladega-Texaco Walk of Fame on Saturday, October 31st at 7:00 p.m. at the Davey Allison Memorial Park. Shepherd won the active driver nomination while Smith won in the inactive driver category. After the induction ceremony, fans can look forward to a grand fireworks show and entertainment provided

by the award-winning recording artist, songwriter, and producer **Aaron Tippin**. Tippin has to his credit several gold as well as platinum records and is widely recognized for his American ideals and patriotism.

“Zombie Dega” Celebration

The Walk of Fame, Talladega Merchants Association, Ritz Theatre, Talladega Parks and Recreation, and the Chamber of Commerce are teaming to attract 3,000-5,000 people to the city for two fun days on October 30th and 31st. The following is a schedule of events on Friday, October 30th:

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.—Flashlight Candy Hunt

7:30 p.m.—Award Winning Country Singer Freddie Hart at the Ritz

and on Saturday, October 31st:

2:30 p.m.—Freddie Hart at the Ritz

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.—Trick or Treat with the merchants on the square.

6:00-6:30 p.m.—Dance to the Michael Jackson hit, “Thriller” as an attempt is made to set a world record for the Most to Dance to this Number.

7:00 p.m.—The festivities move to the Walk of Fame for the Induction Ceremony

8:00-10:30 p.m.—Fireworks and entertainment provided by recording artist **Aaron Tippin** at the Walk of Fame

Hallow-Dega Weekend at Talladega Superspeedway

The weekend of October 30th – November 1st promises to be one of the best yet as Talladega Superspeedway gears up for

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

October 3: 1st Saturday Talladega Market

October 3-4: Sorghum Sopping Festival at Waldo

October 5: ServSafe Food Safety Certification Class

October 6: Chamber Afterhours

October 6: Celtic Crossroads at the Ritz

October 10: Crystal Gayle at the Ritz

October 10-11: Lakeside Hospice Blues Fest

October 14: American Red Cross Blood Drive

October 17-18: *The Sleeping Beauty* at the Ritz

October 20: Citizens BMC Afterhours in Lincoln

October 24-25: *The Lady with all the Answers* at the Ritz

October 28: Lincoln Business Associates Lunch

October 30: Flashlight Candy Hunt

October 30-31: "Zombie Dega" Celebration

October 31: Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony, Fireworks and Entertainment

October 30-November 1: Hallow-Dega at Talladega Superspeedway

November 7-8: Holly Shop Talladega

November 10: Citizens BMC Afterhours in Munford

November 14: 3rd Annual Toys for Christmas Cruise In

November 17: Citizens BMC Afterhours in Talladega

November 19, 20, & 21: Talladega Follies at the Ritz

December 12: Lincoln Christmas Parade

December 19: Talladega Christmas Parade and Banquet with Coach Gene Stallings

March 27, 2010: Talladega's 175th Anniversary Celebration

Hallow-Dega. On Friday, October 30th, it's the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Qualifying. On Saturday, look for the Mountain Dew 250 Fueled by Fred's as well as the Foodland Food Giant Qualifying Day for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Race number 7 in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup is November 1st, Green Flag at 12:00 p.m. Check out the Superspeedway's website,

www.talladegasuperspeedway.com, for the latest on Hallow-Dega and all the events that are planned.

24th Annual Race Fever

Race Fever will be Friday, October 30th at the International Motorsports Hall of Fame's Speed Channel Dome beginning at 5:00 p.m. Buy your tickets now to benefit AIDB and enjoy an all-you-can-eat barbeque, on-stage driver interviews, an over 200 item silent auction, a live auction, and more! Visit www.racefever.org for more info and call 256-761-3317 for tickets.

Toys for Christmas Cruise In

The Talladega Classic Car Club will be at the Chamber parking lot on Saturday, November 14th for its 3rd Annual Christmas Cruise In. This fun event is presented by the Classic Car Club, FIRST Family Services, the First National Bank, the Talladega Police and Fire Departments, and Cruising Classics DJ and raises money to help provide Christmas gifts for area children. The Cruise In is open to all makes and models of vehicles. Bring a \$10 donation or an unwrapped toy. For more information, contact Ed Walker with the Classic Car Club, 256-362-6948 or Laura Dalton with FIRST Family Services, 256-362-7254.

September Chamber Membership Renewals

The Dental Office, Inc.
Winner's Circle Campground
Family Vision Center
Taylor Rental Center
Gallet and Associates
International Motorsports Hall of Fame
Bravo Food Services LLC dba Little Caesars
United Service Administrators
DeSoto Caverns Park

1st & 3rd Monday of each month:
Talladega City Council Meeting

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month: Lincoln
City Council Meeting

Welcome New Members

Chad Woodruff is an attorney in Talladega whose office is located at 130 East Street, North. Contact Chad at 256-362-4949

Ms. Virgie Warner with RSVP in Talladega can be reached at 256-493-5087.

Thank you, members, for your support, and please let us know how we can help you. We encourage all members to contact us with information you want included in the newsletter, email, or in the Community Events on our website. If we are not publicizing events that are important to you, please let us know. Also, let us know if any of your pertinent business information has changed or if you are not receiving information from us on a regular basis.

We remind all members that dues can be paid by credit card now, if you prefer.

Coach Gene Stallings Headlines 2009 Christmas Parade and Banquet

Christmas still seems like a long time off, but it will be here before you know it... So don't forget to buy your tickets to our Christmas Banquet with former Alabama Coach Gene Stallings as the keynote speaker.

The fun kicks off on Saturday, December 19th with our Christmas Parade and features Coach Stallings as the Grand Marshall. The banquet follows at 7:30 p.m. at Shocco Springs where you'll enjoy a delicious dinner and nuggets of wisdom from Coach Stallings. In addition to speaking, Coach Stallings also will be available for a photo and autograph session.

The Coach's Table has already been sold but we still have several other tables available as well as general admission seats. But hurry! The earlier you order your tickets, the better your seats. Call the Chamber office today to order your tickets or order online at www.talladegachamber.com

Check Out the Ritz's Fall Line-up

The Ritz Theatre in Talladega always offers the best in entertainment with something for everyone. Comedian James Gregory kicked off the 2009 Fall Season on September 26th and upcoming shows are just as impressive:

Tuesday, October 6th—**Celtic Crossroads**. A critically acclaimed music and dance group direct from Ireland. One show only at 7:30 p.m.! Check out their website at www.celticcrossroads.ie.

Saturday, October 10th—Legendary country singer and awards winner **Crystal Gayle** performs two shows at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th—Alabama's Montgomery Ballet presents *The Sleeping Beauty*. Saturday's performance is at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's at 2:30 p.m. Special \$5 student tickets available.

Saturday, October 24th and Sunday, October 25th—Alabama actress Delores Hydock portrays Ann Landers writing one of her most famous columns in *The Lady with all the Answers*. Saturday's show begins at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st—Alabama native and country music legend **Freddie Hart** performs Friday night at 7:30 and Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

November 19th, 20th, and 21st—**The Talladega Follies** returns with *The Fabulous 50's* as the "Grease" decade comes alive with local talent. All performances at 7:30 p.m.

Armstrong-Osborne Public Library

The Movie Marathon has been so popular, it will continue through October, skip November and December due to the holidays, but will start back up in January 2010. Movies will be shown the last Thursday night of each month and will begin at 5:00 p.m. The October 29th movie is *Coraline*.

Popcorn and drinks are served, but you will need to bring something to sit on.

Story Time resumes on September 10th and is for pre-school age children, 3-6. Story Time is every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. and lasts about 30 minutes.



HOLLY SHOP TALLADEGA

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November, 8th to enjoy special promotions and shopping throughout Talladega County as the chambers of Sylacauga, Childersburg, and the Greater Talladega Area team to promote "Holly Shop Talladega." More info to follow.

Christmas Tour of Homes

Welcome New Members

The teachers' sorority Kappa Kappa Iota will be hosting its annual Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday, December 6, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. We will get you the information on the tour homes as it becomes available.

Flu Shots through Walgreens

Walgreens is offering a program of discounted flu/pneumonia shots to small businesses with 30 or more employees. The cost for immunizations is minimal (none or small co-pay) and immunizations can be administered at the worksite or in the store. Call 877-727-9247 or email mcsflu@walgreens.com to get details of how this program can work for you and your employees.

Walgreens also will be administering flu/pneumonia shots to individuals beginning October 1st but you need to pre-register at the Walgreens store as soon as possible. Everyone receives a free gift upon registering.

Monthly Reminders

Don't forget...the Lincoln Business Associates meet on the last Wednesday of each month at noon at Carter's Barbeque in Lincoln. All are invited for this Dutch treat lunch—no reservations required. For more info, contact Tina Seals at (205) 763-0950.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be Wednesday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please note that the location has moved to the Community Action Agency building next to the Red Cross at 140 North Court Street in Talladega. Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

The Red Cross still has some 2009 Nascar Collector pins for sale. The pins are \$5 and part of the proceeds goes to the Red Cross. You can buy your pins at the Red Cross on Court Street, and we also have them for sale at the Chamber.

