

Morritlon Area Chamber of Commerce

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Annual Banquet To Be Held November 3rd

The Morritlon Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held on November 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart School Gymnasium.

Join us as we recognize the Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year and many others who make Conway County so special. It will be a night of deserved awards, classic entertainment and a delicious spaghetti dinner. We urge you to take advantage of this newsletter's insert and complete the ticket order form before it is too late.

In the past, our silent auction has been a complete success. And this year will be no exception. This is the perfect opportunity to advertise your business by donating a silent auction item. Thank you to the following members for their silent auction item donations:

Adams Eye Care Clinic, P.A. - Ladies Guess Polarized Sunglasses

Conway County Community Center - One Month Family Membership

Frygaldenhoven Heating & Cooling, Inc. - Multi-Stage Heat Pump Thermostat

G.R.P., Inc. - Finest Lumber Division - 90 Sq. Ft. Pre-finished Pine Flooring

Headhuntee's Beauty Salon - One Month Tanning

Morritlon Spa Therapies - 90 Minute Massage, Mini-facial, Peppermint Face Scrub

Mr. Quick Lube - Full Service Oil Change

St. Anthony's Medical Center - \$20 Gift Shop Gift Certificate

If you have an item you would like to donate for the auction, please contact us at 354-2393.

Make Your Reservation Today for

October's First Friday Luncheon

The Morritlon Area Chamber of Commerce October First Friday Luncheon will be held on Friday, October 3, 2008 at the Morritlon Golf and Country Club, located at 1000 Country Club Road.

Our guest speaker is Joe Phillips, Marketing and Sales Director for Morritlon Healthcare and Tazewell Healthcare Centers. Mr. Phillips will share the changes that have transpired over the past few years and the changes currently taking place in long-term care throughout the state, in an effort to indirectly enlist others in the communication of these changes.

Bring your business card to be entered in a drawing for "3 Minutes of Fame" at the next First Friday Luncheon.

All Chamber members are invited to attend this informative event. Reservations will be accepted through October 16 by calling the Chamber at 354-2393. A cost of \$8.00 per person will be charged for lunch.



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**Morrilton Food & Drug Big Star and
First State Bank Co-Host September's
Business After Hours**



The Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce September Business After Hours was co-hosted by Morrilton Food & Drug Big Star and First State Bank. The networking event was held on September 18th and was attended by Chamber members and Big Star and First State Bank staff.

John Gibson, Chamber President, thanked Big Star and First State Bank for their hospitality and introduced Steve Goode, owner of Big Star and Ashley Ibarra, First State Bank Branch Manager. Mr. Goode welcomed guests to the event and introduced key staff members including Store Manager Jessie Emerson.

Attending guests were treated to delicious food prepared by Big Star's deli including a giant cake decorated with the city's logo. Door prizes were awarded and three lucky attendees had the opportunity to spend 30 seconds in the "Cash Machine".

The Chamber would like to thank Morrilton Food and Drug Big Star and First State Bank for hosting a great Business After Hours.

Ribbon Cuttings

Billy and Deanie Yarbrough, owners of The Reading Lamp Christian Bookstore are joined by Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce representatives for a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Reading Lamp's new location at 313 East Commerce Street. You can contact them by calling 354-5267.



Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce representatives are joined by Bobby and Kimberly Peacock, owners of Peacock Siding and Remodeling for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Peacock Siding and Remodeling is open Monday – Friday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. You can contact them by calling 652-1027.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Chamber recognizes and appreciates the following members for their continued investment in our community.

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| <i>Abundant Life Pregnancy Resource Center, 1 years</i> | <i>Arkansas Mattress Outlet, 3 years</i> |
| <i>AT&T, 15 years</i> | <i>Dixie Book Builders & Rental, L.L.C., 3 years</i> |
| <i>Bob Neal & Sons Funeral Service, 11 years</i> | <i>Perry Bowen, 27 years</i> |
| <i>Central Arkansas Telephone, 15 years</i> | <i>Conway County Co. for Exceptional Children, 9 years</i> |
| <i>Conway Regional Medical Center, 12 years</i> | <i>Coywell Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick</i> |
| <i>GRMC, 6 years</i> | <i>First Presbyterian Church 10 years</i> |
| <i>First Presbyterian Church 10 years</i> | <i>Fryellgas, 43 years</i> |
| <i>Handeman Scrap Metal, 8 years</i> | <i>Horton Brothers Painting, 3 years</i> |
| <i>Ind Healthco, 2 years</i> | <i>Jeanette L. Johnson, CPA, 1 year</i> |
| <i>Magic Jacks, 24 years</i> | <i>Marshall Dixie Inn, 15 years</i> |
| <i>Marshall Medical Clinic, 22 years</i> | <i>Marshall Rotary Club, 15 years</i> |
| <i>Maple Cross Auto, 43 years</i> | <i>Otto Landhart, Inc., 43 years</i> |
| <i>Rainbow Mini Storage, 3 years</i> | <i>Sound Craft Systems, Inc., 43 years</i> |
| <i>Stroads Home Furnishing, 12 years</i> | <i>W.F. Bank, 16 years</i> |
| <i>Wendy's, 7 years</i> | <i>World Class RV Refrigeration, 9 years</i> |

Join Us In Welcoming Members

New Mem-

Members are encouraged to do business with one another. Please add their names and addresses to your directory.

Success is both what you know and who you know. Networking makes the difference.

Beulah's Playland

Owner: Billy White
Howell Drive
501-765-3219

Bowling and Skating

CASA of the Tri-Peaks Area

Representative: Pat Stengel
110 East Railroad Ave. #3

501-354-2272

Child Advocates

Peacock Siding and Remodeling

Owner: Bobby Peacock
708 Green Street

501-652-1027

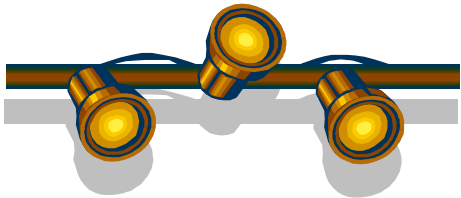
Contractors

Russell Cellular

Owner: Jeff Russell
504 East Harding

501-208-5836

Communications - Telephone Service



Member Spotlight

UACCM SETS ENROLLMENT RECORD FOR EIGHTH STRAIGHT YEAR

The University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton reported an enrollment of 1,955 students for the fall 2008 semester on the 11th class day, the deadline for public institutions to report their enrollments to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. This represents an increase of 7.7 percent from the fall 2007 semester. Additionally, this is the first time in the school's history that more than 1,900 students have been enrolled and the eighth consecutive record-breaking year. Since UACCM's last year as a vocational technical school in 1990, overall enrollment has increased 515 percent, and has also seen an increase of 52 percent since merging with the University of Arkansas System in 2001.

Conway County students account for 22 percent of enrollment at UACCM. In addition, 39 percent from Faulkner County, 6 percent from Perry County, 17 percent from Pope County, 7 percent from Van Buren County, 5 percent from Yell County, and 4 percent from all other counties. Of the 1,955 students, 41 percent are pursuing Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees, and 50 percent are enrolled in technical, business, health, and service-related occupational programs. The remaining 9 percent are non-degree seeking students, undeclared majors, and concurrently enrolled high school students. UACCM Director of Public Relations and Marketing Mary Clark said "We are so pleased with the increase in enrollment this semester. The high quality of our programs and instructors, lower tuition costs, and personal attention students find at UACCM are undoubtedly responsible for our success. We continue to be amazed by the growth of our College." The significant increase in enrollment in recent years can also be attributed to an expansion in available programs of study at UACCM and an increased interest in programs focusing on some of the fastest growing industries in the state such as Petroleum Technology and Nursing.

**BUSINESS NEWS FROM YOUR
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Thursday, October 16, 2008

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Employee Dining Area