



Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber Board Opposes Employee Free Choice Act

During the February 9, 2009 meeting of the Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, board members passed a resolution in opposition to the *Employee Free Choice Act* by a unanimous decision.

If passed, the *Employee Free Choice Act* would change the National Labor Relations Act by:

- Eliminating the rights of employees to an NLRB supervised secret ballot election about whether a union will represent them or not.
- Substituting a “card-check” process whereby unions can get cards signed at work, at an employees home or online.
- Certifying a union if over 50% of workers sign card-checks, without a secret ballot election.
- Denying employers’ rights to refuse unfavorable proposals during collective bargaining negotiations.

Eighty-nine percent of the American public support federally-supervised, secret elections to decide to form a union. Small business owners, corporations and industry trade associations, and union officials oppose the *Employee Free Choice Act*.

Under this Act, if an employer and union do not agree on a contract in 120 days, an arbitrator will set all contract terms, including among other things: what hourly wage rates will be paid to each employee, when and under what circumstances an employer can issue discipline to employees and whether an employer can outsource work to contractors.

Chamber members are asked to help defeat this proposal by urging your member of Congress to vote NO on EFCA and telling your family, friends and neighbors why the so-called *Employee Free Choice Act* is dangerous - then urge them to join the efforts to defeat EFCA.

Tom Courtway To Speak At First Friday Luncheon

The March First Friday Luncheon will be held on Friday, March 6th at 12:00 noon at Bonanza Family Restaurant. Our guest speaker is Mr. Tom Courtway, Interim President of the University of Central Arkansas.

Mr. Courtway received a B.A. in economics and business from Hendrix College in 1974, a J.D. with honors from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1978, and a M.L.T. from Georgetown University in 1983. Mr. Courtway served as representative of District 45 in the Arkansas General Assembly from 1995 to 2001. Previously, Courtway worked in Washington, D.C. as a legislative aide for both U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers and U.S. Sen. David Pryor.

Courtway practiced law for several years after returning to Arkansas. UCA hired Courtway as its general counsel in 2002, but he left in late 2003 to serve as interim director of the Arkansas Department of Education until May 2004, when he returned to his position at UCA. In December 2005, Courtway became vice president of Hendrix College, where he remained until August 2006, when he again went back to UCA as vice president and general counsel.

Mr. Courtway will speak about UCA and the current legislative session as it relates to higher education.

All Chamber members are invited to attend this informative event. Lunch is \$8.00 per person. Please call 354-2393 for reservations or email lindseyhill@suddenlinkmail.com.



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2009 Board of Directors

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**American Realty, Inc. Hosts
December's Business After Hours**



Pictured are from left: Jan Perkins, Realtor, Rhonda Trowbridge, Realtor, Pat Eichenberger, Owner and Marie Robertson, Receptionist.

American Realty hosted the Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on December 11th. Chamber members and guests were welcomed to the event and served a wonderful assortment of tasty treats. American Realty, Inc., located at 1313 E. Harding, is owned by Pat Eichenberger.

Ribbon Cutting



Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce Representatives are joined by the owner of Nova Investments, Lance Massey for Ribbon Cutting ceremonies. "We are very pleased with the outcome of the apartments. They look excellent and have undergone a lot of cosmetic work and changes," Says Owner Lance Massey. The apartments are located at 127 & 130 Shady Brooke for more information call 501-428-3866

UACCM LIBRARY COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING



Construction on the new library complex at the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton is currently progressing and is "right on schedule" according to UACCM Chancellor Nathan Crook. "Construction got off to a slow start due to problems related to ordering the steel structure, but the general contractor has pushed hard to catch up, so we are back on track," Crook said. Construction on the \$3.9 million, 26,000-square-foot complex began in June. When complete, it will feature approximately 15,000-square-feet of library space, seven general-use classrooms, and 10 faculty offices. The complex will include the new E. Allen Gordon Library to replace the current library on campus which was last renovated in April of 1994. Since then, UACCM has experienced a 250 percent increase in enrollment. Expanded services provided in the new library will include group study rooms, Wi-Fi connections, and increased space for library materials and expanded seating for individual study. The complex was designed by Fennell Purifoy Hammock Architects of Little Rock and is being constructed by G.A.G. Builders, Inc. of Cabot.

Membership Renewals

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

Harold Adams CPA, 14 years	Amerigas, 10 years	Allison Ford, 40 years
AR workforce Center, 6 years	Arvest Bank, 45 years	B & S Tire, 8 years
Jerry Bolin, 3 years	Jimmie Carter Trucking, 7 years	Conway County Library, 15 years
Darlene Cree, 16 years	Bill Deaton, 26 years	Dox Medical Supply, 11 years
Entergy, 37 years	Roger and Katherine Foust, 7 years	J.R. Francis, 10 years
Heart of Arkansas United Way, 2 years	Huff Sanitation Inc., 3 years	Koontz Electric Co., Inc, 32 years
KVOM, 45 years	Lees Pest Control, 8 years	Lewisburg Bay, 16 years
M & C Productions MCC6, 9 years	McDonalds, 26 years	Morrilton Country Club, 19 years
Morrilton First Assembly of God, 2 years	Morrilton Packing - Petit Jean Meats, 46 years	
Museum of Automobiles, 32 years	O'Reilly Auto Parts, 9 years	Ormond Stevens and Dell, 46 years
River Valley & Ozark Edition, 6 years	Roberson Tire, 17 years	Sacred Heart School, 13 years
The Shoe Company, 4 years	Shoptaw & Labahn, 11 years	Snyder Environmental, 5 years
South Conway County School District, 21 years	Bill and Mary Jane Stacks, 10 years	
Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian, 4 years	Wal-Mart, 40 years	
Stan Willis Investments, Inc., 3 years	Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, 27 years	

Christmas Parade Winners

Commercial

- Koontz Electric - 1st Place
- Petit Jean State Bank - 2nd Place
- Morrilton Vet Clinic - 3rd Place

Wheeled

- Bill Cornett 1st Place
- UACCM Bus 2nd Place

Church, Civic & Individual

- Pink Passion Relay for Life - 1st Place
- Conway County Court House - 2nd Place
- City of Morrilton - 3rd Place

Schools

- Wonderview Gifted and Talented - 1st Place
- Morrilton High School FFA - 2nd Place
- Morrilton High School Science Club - 3rd Place

Christmas in the Park

- Koontz Electric - 1st place
- Morrilton Christian Center - 2nd place
- Bob Neal and Sons - 3rd place

Join Us In Welcoming New Members

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

Apex Communications

Owner: James Coker
100 Wal-Mart Drive, Suite 2
501-354-4407
Telecommunications

Crafton Tull Sparks

Manager: Greg Barborek
65 Bradley Cove Road
Russellville, AR 72812
479-968-1885
Architects

Hubbard's 2nd Hand Rose

Owner: Karen Smith
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Consignment

Morrilton Housing Authority

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Housing

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Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce Committees

Interested in joining one of our committees? Give us a call at 354-2393.

Beautification Committee

- Plans and executes semi-annual downtown clean-ups.
- Conducts the Adopt-A-Spot program.

Chamber Ambassadors

- Recruit new Chamber members and retain current members.
- Serve as the official representatives of the Chamber of Commerce at ribbon cuttings, ground breakings, etc.
- This committee is by invitation only.

Christmas Events

- Plans and executes the Annual Christmas Parade.
- Conducts the Angel Sign program.
- Plans and executes Christmas in the Park lighting display.

Small Business Committee

- Works to promote small businesses by offering seminars and networking opportunities.
- Serves as a forum for addressing the needs of small businesses.

Tourism Committee

- Promotes tourism in Morrilton and Conway County with events throughout the year.
- Plans and organizes the Farmers Market.