



SHOALS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Calendar
for the week of
February 11th, 2008**



Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2008

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Monday, February 11

10:00 a.m.
KTSB Board of Directors
SCBED

Tuesday, February 12

CHOICES - Sheffield J. H.

8:30 a.m.
Crime Stoppers
Anderson Conference Room, SCBED

11:00 a.m.
Ribbon Cutting & Open House
Keller Home Health & Hospice
600 Woodward Ave. in Muscle Shoals

11:30 a.m.
Air Services Committee
Northwest Alabama Regional Airport

Wednesday, February 13

CHOICES - Sheffield J. H.

8:00 a.m.
Legislative Affairs Committee
Anderson Conference Room, SCBED

Thursday, February 14

CHOICES - Colbert Heights H. S.

7:30 a.m.
Chamber Board of Directors Meeting
Citizens Board Room, SCBED

Friday, February 15

CHOICES - Colbert Heights H. S.

8:00 a.m.
KTSB at the Muscle Shoals High School
"Teach Me" conference

NORTHWEST SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE has honor students that are looking for 5 hours per week of **Internship in Accounting or Business Administration**.
Call Joan Baltes at 256-331-5353 or e-mail jbaltres@nwsc.edu

St. Joseph's Church Fish Fry, **Friday February 15, 4-7 PM, School Cafeteria**

DoubleHead Resort **hosts Valentines Dinner for Two. Thursday, February 14th, 7:00 p.m.\$45 per couple. Call for more information and reservations 1-800-685-9267**

Tuesday, February 19th at 11am Ribbon Cutting & Open House / New location of *LifeSouth Community Blood Center*, 1208 S. Jackson Hwy in Sheffield

Thursday, February 21st / Chamber Networking Breakfast / 7:30-9am / SBS Electric

April 18th Lauderdale County Children's Policy Council will host the Carson and Barnes Circus at the Cross Point Church of Christ. For more information call Ellen McGowen at 246-1473. The event will benefit Children of Lauderdale County.

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Seeking Executive Director

United Way of Northwest Alabama, Inc. seeks Executive Director. BS/BA is required with a minimum of 3 years of management experience, preferably in non-profit human services. Full job description and benefits summary can be found at www.uwshoals.org. Interested individuals should submit seven (7) copies of letter of interest, resume, references, & salary history to: Attn: Search Committee c/o United Way of NW AL 300 Industry Street / Florence, AL 35631 Deadline for submittal is Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

"Birth Of A Legend: The Story Of The WAWA", a full-length motion picture shot entirely in The Shoals has now been released as a DVD. Help support our movie makers by visiting www.birthofalegend.com and getting yourself a copy of this very funny flick. Chamber members Steve & Sheri Wiggins of Whippoorwill Hollow Films produced and directed it. www.whippoorwillhollowfilms.com

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Gov. Bob Riley will lead a delegation of business, education, and government leaders to The People's Republic of China to help Alabama companies market themselves to the state's third largest trading partner and promote the state as a world class business center. The trip will be coordinated by the Alabama Development Office and the China office represented by BDBC International LLC.

April 4-12, 2008 you will visit Shanghai, Nanjing, Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

For more information, or to apply for the China Trade Mission, Call 334-242-0450 to speak to Heath Cosgrove. Or E-mail : heath.cosgrove@ado.alabama.gov

The University of North Alabama Office of Continuing Studies and Outreach announces registration for **human resources certification training courses** through the Society of Human Resource Management Learning System. The courses will be offered both in the classroom and online. Both courses begin Feb. 4 and conclude May 2. The course provides an up-to-date overview of key human resource management concepts and trends and is based on the new 2008 Human Resource Certification Institute body of knowledge. For registration or more information, call the UNA Office of Continuing Studies and Outreach at 256-765-4862, or visit www.una.edu/conted and select Human Resources

Academy Award winner **Billy Bob Thornton** will be the special guest for the 2008 George Lindsey UNA Film Festival. **The 11th annual festivities will take place March 6-9 at the University of North Alabama** and across the surrounding Shoals area. Thornton – who calls himself "the world's biggest fan" of "The Andy Griffith Show" and its colorful Mayberry characters – is scheduled to appear at the Lindsey festival March 7.

Education / Workforce Development Info

- Summer Technology Institute for Educators – We received a grant from the Rural Alabama Initiative, through Auburn University and the Alabama Extension Service to develop and implement a professional development event for Shoals educators. The program will place middle & high school math & science teachers and counselors in NW-SCC technical programs for two weeks, to learn the educational, soft and hard skills requirements necessary for each program and the jobs to which they lead; participate in hands-on activities in the classes; hear from business representatives about why they need more skilled workers and the career paths (and salaries) to which these technical programs lead; hear from students about their career aspirations; and tour businesses using the skills from the technical programs.
- Youth Entrepreneurship Summit, March 12 & 13 – 10th grade Career Technical students will hear from business and industry leaders and motivational speakers about starting their own businesses and the education and skills required for today's workforce. They will also participate in the Reality Check program – a hands-on “being an adult in the real world is expensive” budgeting activity to help them better understand how education affects their career, which affects their bank account, which affects their desired lifestyle.
- GOT EMPLOYEES?? 2008 Shoals Job Fair – coming May 2008... will you participate? Plans are just getting underway for the annual Shoals Job Fair. Thank you to our Sponsors: Gold - Sara Lee & Silver - Kelly Services
- Teacher Supply Depot – was open Jan. 10
 93 educators attended and valued their finding at \$11,979, plus give-aways won, estimated at \$2,859. Average per teacher was \$159.55!
 Donations of new or gently-used school or office supplies are always needed for the next opening, including: paper; desk accessories; good, working (gently used) equipment. Cash is also very helpful in purchasing new school supplies. All donations are tax deductible, made to the Shoals Area Chamber Foundation.
 THANK YOU especially to our Sponsors: Presenting - Wachovia Foundation, Gold - Sara Lee, Silver – Buffaloe Billing & Medical Solutions, Independent Computer Services, Internal Medicine Assoc., and Ronnie Campbell's Collision Center.
- Shoals Middle School CAREER FAIR & REALITY CHECK was Feb. 1 - 70 Exhibitors participated in the Career Fair and +/-175 community volunteers manned the Reality Check booths. 1000 Shoals area 8th graders attended both the Career Fair and Reality Check, while an additional 1000 Florence Middle School & Freshman Center 7th & 9th graders attended the Career Fair. Exhibitor Evaluations are still coming in, but have been very positive so far and feed back from Reality Check volunteers is outstanding! A “companion Shoals *High School* Career Fair” if being discussed for next year. This event will be added to this year's TRC Campaign.

· Shoals Business and Industry WORKFORCE NEEDS SURVEY FOR SCHOOLS (on-line) - Shoals Employers, if you have not done so already, please go to this link <http://www.shoalschambersurvey.com/survey/q.asp?sid=1&k=whtnofualy> and complete the workforce needs survey. Your input will assist our local schools to better prepare YOUR FUTURE WORKFORCE! If you've ever wished you could communicate your workforce needs to educators, this is your opportunity! Please help us help you!

· (NEW LINK!) SPEAKERS BUREAU FOR SHOALS AREA SCHOOLS - Please share your wisdom & experience by speaking to / training students &/or educators in Shoals area schools (elementary through college). If you know about it or are interested in it, students would probably like to hear about it (career / skills info, character development, social etiquette, hobbies, travel & life experiences, etc.) Complete this brief on-line survey listing the topics about which you would be willing to speak / train & your contact information, at <http://www.shoalschambersurvey.com/survey/q.asp?sid=22&k=kbtssdidgt>