

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Dollie Robinson



the center shut its doors, causing them to be laid off at the exact same time. Dollie then decided to continue her education, and she received a degree in information systems from Jacksonville State University. About a year after graduating, she landed a job at The Anniston Star in classifieds. She is on her 13th year at The Star and is now the Advertising Manager.

Dollie is heavily involved at the Chamber through her efforts as an Ambassador and through her "Bringing the Chamber to You" group. She is currently in the Leadership Calhoun County class and is set to graduate in May of 2012.

"I like being involved in the community and getting to know other businesses," said Dollie. "I believe the Chamber is the best way to stay involved, and it is a great networking platform that helps businesses in all aspects."

She is also involved with Relay for Life. If not at work or playing with her grandchild, another one is on the way, she and her husband of 36 years can be found on Lake Mitchell, away from it all, taking pleasure in their love of fishing. Thanks Dollie for all that you do! We hope you catch a big one!

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## Renewals for October 24 - 28, 2011

Thank you for your continued support of the Calhoun County Business Community

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- Anniston Chemical Activity
- Anniston Emergency Medical Services
- Anniston Runners Club
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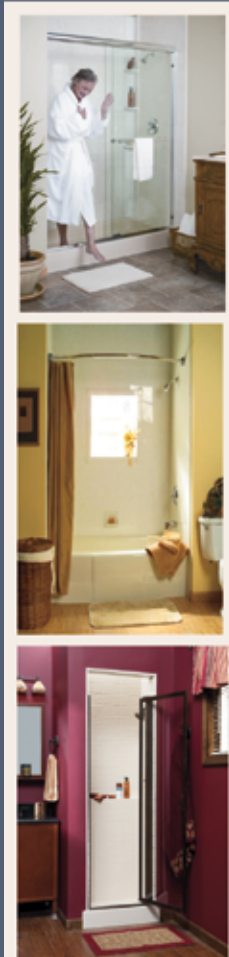
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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Joseph Jankoski



job at a smaller accounting firm for three more years. While in NYC, Joe became involved with the Michigan State University Alumni Club, particularly with their scholarship program that was set up to assist kids in the New York metropolitan area who chose Michigan State as the place to continue their education. He soon became chairman of the scholarship fund for the club. He also held positions through an organization called NY Cares, whose primary mission is to help the homeless in New York, as well as, other projects throughout the year that benefit the community.

Joseph Jankoski, just call him Joe, is the new Executive Director for the Calhoun County Community Development Corporation. The corporation exists to provide affordable Housing, Economic Development and Youth Leadership to the residents of Calhoun County with an emphasis on West Anniston. In a nutshell, they partner with community residents, leaders, businesses and other organizations to work on revitalizing West Anniston.

"I'm just hoping that members of the community will allow me to work with them to realize the potential that abounds here," said Joe.

Joe is from New York, and he joined the Army upon graduation and completed his basic training at Fort McClellan. After 7 years of serving our country, Joe attended Michigan State University where he earned his degree in Accounting. Soon after graduation, he was hired by Ernst & Young in New York City. He stayed there for three years until taking another

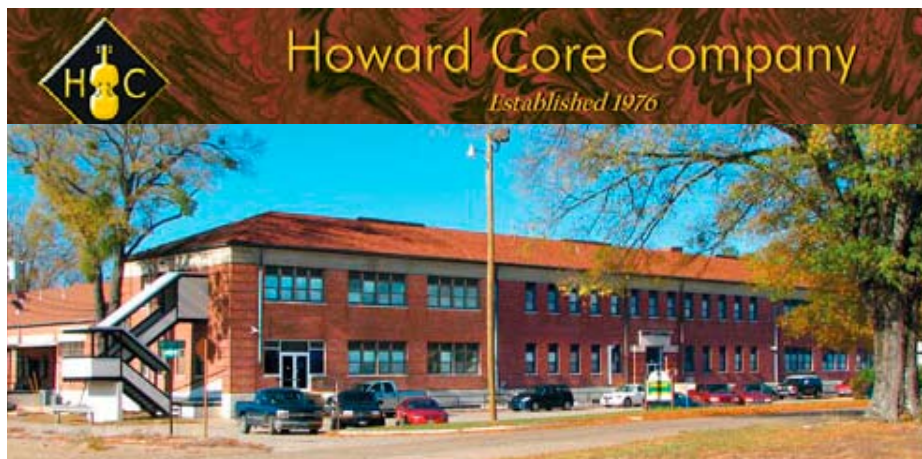
Through his extracurricular positions, Joe became very interested and drawn toward fundraising and nonprofit work, so he enrolled in NYU's master program for Fundraising and Nonprofit Development. Upon finishing his classes at NYU, he began his search for a job, eventually moving to Anniston in order to help out his stepfather who had been having some health problems. He started helping Habitat for Humanity by building a house in Ohatchee this past summer and through that endeavor got to know the executive director for Habitat for Humanity, Ron Hindman. Through Mr. Hindman, he found out about the available position at the Calhoun County Community Development Corporation, and the rest is history.

"The Chamber is the premier networking organization for someone in my position," said Joe. "The Chamber is the voice of the business and we try to incubate businesses in West Anniston, so it seems like a natural fit."

## INSIGHT

Gaining more knowledge about Calhoun County one article at a time

### HOWARD CORE COMPANY



Howard Core Company is a family owned musical wholesale company that imports classical stringed instruments and accessories from around the world and sells directly to retail shops throughout the United States. They specialize in violins, violas, cellos, basses, cases and accessories that cater to the student players and to the professional players. The Howard Core Company brands, such as Johannes Köhr, have attained a reputation for honest value and excellence.

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Core Company is located in one of the buildings at Fort McClellan that once processed meat. They are renovating a new facility for their west coast distribution in California, which also was once a meat processing plant.

Howard Core & Co., Inc. was founded by Howard and Myrna Core in New York



in 1976. Howard started his business in the basement of his home in Smithtown, NY with his wife Myrna and he wanted to expand. Growing the business in NY was not cost efficient. In 1977, Howard saw an ad listing The Cedars Plantation home for sale in Anniston, and he decided that was the business opportunity he was looking for. He moved the family and the company south and made Anniston his home.

"Howard Core himself was a wonderful man full of wit and charm. He was a true gentleman and I will always remember him coming dressed in a three piece suit to the hospital when our daughter, his granddaughter, was born," said Meg Weidner, wife of Alex Weidner, the managing partner of Howard Core Company.

In 2001, Howard Core Company LLC was formed, with Alex Weidner and Howard Core as partners, which insured the future of the firm. Alex grew up working in the business and spent many summers picking orders and packaging strings. He attended Washington and Lee and went on to get his business degree from The University of Southern California. In 1994, Alex returned to Alabama and partnered with Howard, his stepfather, to grow the business.

Howard Core Company, LLC joined the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce in 2007.

"As a member of the corporate community, Howard Core Company recognizes that The Chamber is proactive in its efforts to promote the economic development of Calhoun County, and we wish to support it and be a contributor to its ongoing efforts," said Alex Weidner.



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## NOVEMBER'S BUSINESS AND BISCUITS



November's Business and Biscuits event was held on Thursday, November 3, at Xaxby's in Anniston with around 30 in attendance. Thank you to the Xaxby's staff for making this event a great success! Pictured in the front: Pam Butterworth, District Manager; Brooke Robinson, Gen. Manager (Oxford); Joanna Thompson, Gen. Manager (Anniston), Mason Murphy and Sheila Morgan from the Anniston location.

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