

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you from the Chamber of Commerce:



Kathy Gillison-Parker

Kathy grew up just outside of Chicago but has lived in Calhoun County for 33 years and is a graduate of Jacksonville State University and Gadsden State Community College. Her involvement with the Chamber stems from her job at GSCC as the Coordinator of Economical Development. Her duties involve a great deal of economic development and governmental relations, which result in a great deal of community service work.

"I think that anytime you can be of service to your community is a great thing," said Kathy. "It is an important part of my life, to give back."

Kathy is heavily involved in the Chamber. She graduated from Leadership Calhoun County in 2004 and has been serving on the LCC board since 2005, where she held the title of Chair from 2008 - 2009. She is also a member of the "Bring the Chamber to You" committee that started up earlier this year. The committee, of approximately 40 Chamber volunteers, visits all existing members of the Chamber and surveys them in order to collect data on what the Chamber can do to assist them and to meet their needs.

Kathy's volunteer work extends way out past the Chamber. She works in the children's ministry at her church, First Baptist Church of Pell City, and has been serving as her son's Cub Scout leader for the past three years.

"I encourage all businesses in Calhoun County to join the Chamber because it is the voice of business," said Kathy. "According to our surveys, many people prefer to do business with Chamber members due to the fact that it shows their customers they are a community business and truly believe in the 'community aspect' of being in this area."

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Thank you to all members for your continued participation & support of the Chamber!  
 Interested in membership? Contact the Chamber at 256-237-3536.

## Renewals for August 29 - September 2, 2011

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| Animal Medical Center        | National Gypsum Company    |
| Bama Warehouse, Inc.         | Wireless Expressions       |
| B.R. Williams Trucking, Inc. | Wal-mart - Anniston        |
| Keller Williams Realty Group | YKK/Tape-Craft Corporation |
| Lakeside Hospice             |                            |

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| <p><b>Tuesday, September 20</b><br/>                 Business After Hours from 5:30pm - 7:00pm at AOD FCU's Oxford Branch.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 21</b><br/>                 Salute to Industry Tour. Reserve a spot by calling 256.237.3536 by September 20th.</p> <p><b>Thursday, September 22</b><br/>                 Chamber Board Meeting Ohatchee Town Hall from 7:30 a.m. -8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday, September 22</b><br/>                 Salute to Industry Golf Tournament at Cider Ridge. For more information, call 256-238-7721.</p> | <p><b>Friday, September 23</b><br/>                 Salute to Industry Breakfast at the McClellan Park Medical Mall. Cost is \$10, and to make reservations please call 256.237.3536.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 28</b><br/>                 Ribbon Cutting Yamato Steak House of Japan at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, September 30</b><br/>                 Mark your calendars for the Fireball Run Adventurally "Hometown Homecoming from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00pm. in Downtown Anniston</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 18</b><br/>                 Business EXPO/ A Taste of Calhoun County The Area's Largest Networking Event</p> |
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Look for the Salute to Industry tab in the Wednesday, September 21 edition of The Anniston Star.

## WHAT IS BUSINESS EXPO?

The annual Business EXPO is an interactive marketplace of over 100 exhibitors representing a number of growing businesses including financial services, office products, internet and e-commerce, and more. Attendees and exhibitors alike can check out the exhibits, try out new office equipment, test the latest technologies and come face to face with the area's businesses.

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce brings to you the Business EXPO every October. This year's event will be **Tuesday, October 18, 2011.**

### DID YOU KNOW???

- Expo utilizes the entire space of the Anniston City Meeting Center
- EXPO is the regions largest networking event
- This is the 27th year of the Business EXPO in Calhoun County
- EXPO attracts over 2,500 attendees each year
- According to the EXPO survey, most people attend the EXPO to network (face-to-face) and make contacts
- 45% of those attending are involved in the purchasing process for their company
- The first EXPO held at the Anniston City Auditorium included 20 exhibitors 300 in attendance and since has grown to 100 exhibitors and 2,500 attendees



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