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- Would you like to know more about healthcare services in our area?
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- Would you like to find out how community service agencies serve people in need?
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- Would you like to ride along in an ambulance?
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- Would you like to know more about continuing education and higher education opportunities?
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- Would you like to see our State Legislators in actions?
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- Would you like to know about over 40 local attractions and historical sites?
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- Would you like to ride along with a law enforcement officer?
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- Would you like to sit in on a trial or tour a jail?
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Leadership Calhoun County (LCC) provides an opportunity to learn about our community through participatory experiences. Apply NOW by calling 256-238-7715, downloading forms from the Chamber website: calhounchamber.com, click on About Us, Chamber Programs, Leadership Calhoun County or emailing lyndaa@calhounchamber.com.



▲ LCC LCC 2011 class members participate in Team Building Day

BUSINESS & BISCUITS



Chamber members Miles & Elizabeth Collins, SITES2TRAVEL, attend Business and Biscuits



Sherlyn McWhorter, 1st Educators Credit Union; Donald Tucker, Tucker Engineering; Mitchell Foster, Autumn Cove; and Tab Bisignani at Business & Biscuits



Courtney Sampson, Woodmen of America; Linda Tirban, Calhoun Community Press; and Kenny Burrell, Northeast AL surgical Associates attend Business and Biscuits

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JSU EVENING WITH BART STARR. Bart Starr is coming August 19th to the Stadium Club Level at JSU Tower. Called "Striving Toward Excellence: An Evening with Bart Starr," the event will begin at 6:30pm with a catered dinner. Bart Starr will speak, followed by a Silent Auction and possibly a live auction of about 10 or so premium items. At his point, auction items include a VIP Talladega Weekend Package, Dale Jarrett Racing Adventure Package, a Golf Getaway, a Jack Daniel's barrel with the JSU logo engraved in the top, etc. They expect to have beach getaways, celebrity autographed items, plus many more JSU and local items. Consider promoting your business by donating a valuable prize for the auction. One ticket - \$100 • Two tickets - \$175 For information, contact Brenda Holt at 256.782.5605 or blholt@jsu.edu

NOW- LABOR DAY 2011

Anniston Museum Hours and Admission: Monday through Saturday 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 1-5 pm. No tickets will be sold after 4:30 pm, in order to assure visitors are able to view and enjoy everything. \$6 per adult; \$ 5.50 per senior (age 60+); \$5 per child (ages 4-17); children under 3 are free. Free for Museum Members who show their Membership Cards. Call 256-237-6766 ext. 120 www.annistonmuseum.org

NOW – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Photo Exhibit: Sarah Miles/Anita Stewart
Photos of objects from Anniston Museum's permanent collections and scenes from the Museum landscape captured by local photographers Sarah Miles and Anita Stewart will be on view in the Museum's Changing Exhibits Gallery. Link to photographers artist's statements online at www.annistonmuseum.org in the Calendar of Events listing.

NOW-JULY 15

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FREEDOM RIDERS EXHIBIT: Anniston Public Library

JULY 16

AOD Federal Credit Union Member Appreciation Day 10 am - 2 pm
Free Education Seminars: "Fraud, Scams, & Identity Theft" (10 am) & Calhoun County Sheriff's Dept. Child Identification via IRIS scan technology (1 pm). Refreshments served 11 am - 1 pm. Children's activities: moon bounce, balloon art & face painting, Sweetwater

Road Band, Oxford Fire Department, Door prizes, & the AODFCU cash machine! Confidential document disposal in CINTAS shred truck. For more info visit www.aodfcu.com

JULY 22 AND 23

Grand Time for Grandparents and Grandchildren
Pay for each child (4 – 17) and get a grandparent in the Natural History or Berman Museum at no charge. Those admitted through the Natural History Museum may also see a live animal demonstration Friday at 2 pm or Saturday at 11 am. Limit one grandparent per child. Call 256-237-6766 or go to www.annistonmuseum.org.

AUGUST 3

Training for Nurses and Social Workers in "Infant Adoption" 9 am – 2 pm at the Anniston City Meeting Center, room C. Funded by the US HHS Dept. No charge to attend, 4 – 4.75 CEU's awarded. Light Breakfast, Snacks and lunch are provided, but registration is required. Call 1- 888-440-9800.

AUGUST 5

Packet Pick-Up and Pasta Pig Out 5- 7 pm Anniston High School. Get ready for the Wood stock /Kidstock Races. Go to www.woodstock5k.com for more information.

AUGUST 6

Woodstock 2011 RRCA National 5K Championship. More than 1400 runners and walkers will converge to take on the challenging 5 K race. Go to www.woodstock5k.com for more information.

AUGUST 12

American Cancer Society Summer Gala 6 pm – til? Anniston Country Club. Join Honorary Chairman, Joe Hubbard, and purchase tickets to the annual fundraiser. Sponsorships are available for \$250 - \$5,000. Tickets are \$75 per person. Memorials may be made with Gifts of Hope for \$25. For information, call 256-832-1188.

SEPTEMBER 30

Fireball Run Adventurally Finish Line Festival
Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event! The teams of this national competition will roll into town, track down clues regarding our history and attractions and then wrap up with a celebration and you can be a part of all the action.

THE JJs

These great folks just joined the Chamber. Look for them at upcoming events and make a point of talking to them.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

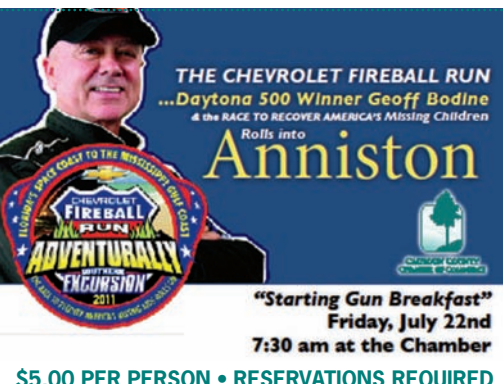
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JULY 22

Starting Gun Breakfast with Jeff Bodine
Be among the first to hear about this historic event that will be coming to Calhoun County on September 30. Attend a Breakfast, followed by a News Conference in which this national competition will give the "Green Flag" to our local organizing committee. Executive Producer, J Sanchez will be at the Chamber to talk about the event and discuss how social media can jumpstart any business. Seating is limited. Registration is \$5. Call 256-237-3536.

\$5.00 PER PERSON • RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Project Manager Position

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is looking for a project manager to oversee the day to day activities of a major project that will focus on the employment of displaced workers from the Anniston Army Depot chemical demilitarization project, as well as the development of a long term economic development strategy for the region. This position is a full-time contract position, lasting for a period of 18 months. Experience in working in federal contracts and human resources is a plus. For an application and a detailed position description please stop by the Chamber at 1330 Quintard Avenue, Anniston, AL or at its website www.calhounchamber.com.

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CHAMBER NEWS

ORGANIZATION DIVISION

Business After Hours The new general manager of the Hilton Garden Inn, Angela Smith and Lynn Burgess-Smith are excited about hosting this event for Chamber members on July 19 from 5:30 – 7 pm. Don't forget, that we will celebrate "Christmas in July".

RIBBON CUTTINGS AND GRAND OPENINGS

Jacksonville Medical Center will be snipping a ribbon on their new imaging center in Alexandria on July 22nd at noon. The address is: Alexandria Lab & Imaging, 80 Spring Branch Road, Suite F, and Alexandria, AL 36250.

BUSINESS & BISCUITS

was held Thursday, July 7. New members met with chamber Board members and Ambassadors.

EDUCATION DIVISION

Leadership Calhoun County applications are available for the 2011/2012 session. Contact Lynda Aker at lyndaa@calhouncchamber.com or phone 256-238-7715 or check the Chamber website to apply. There is still space available in the class and time to apply before the tuition increase takes effect. The LCC Program Committee and Day Chairs are busy planning another exciting year!

Education Committee: The Education Committee will meet on August 3 at the Chamber at 8:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Heidi Edwards from Mojo Customs was at the Chamber last week to shoot new videos for the Small Business online library. Tom Todt, State Director of the SBA (and former Calhoun Chamber employee) explained their loan application process and Donna Fatke from EARPDC explained their local revolving loan fund. In addition, John Garlick, Deputy Sheriff, was video taped on Internal/External theft prevention

tips. That video has information on how to protect your business especially during the holiday season. These great resources will be available soon on the Chamber website – video library.

Salute to Industry Golf Outing is set for Thursday, Sept. 22 at Cider Ridge Golf Club. Course Sponsorships are available at \$400 and include: Company name on all publicity, Entry fee, mulligans/power drive, gift bag, lunch and dinner for 2 golfers,. Any additional golfers at a reduced rate of \$75 each. For more information, on the Salute to Industry Activities, contact Linda Hearn at 256-238-7717 or linda@calhouncchamber.com.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

The Government Affairs Committee – Nathan Hill and Chamber president, Sherri Sumners, have been completing action items from the most recent trip to DC.

DeJarvis Leonard gave a brief update on Veterans Parkway and the Depot road improvements. Nathan Hill is setting up a meeting with the parties involved.

Chemical Demilitarization – Donna Fatke worked up the ad that ran this weekend for the Program Manager for the grant. The Chamber received notice that the Outreach office located in the Chamber will extend its presence here through 2012. That should be really convenient for the parts of the grant program that will work together.

MARKETING DIVISION

CHAMBER "CASTING CALL" CAST theater group has a position designated on their board for someone from the Chamber. With the staff changes and the heavy volunteer load on the Board, we are asking if any of you would like to serve as a liaison between the Chamber and CAST. If you are interested, let Sherri Sumners know.

ALABAMA'S 6th ANNUAL SALES TAX HOLIDAY INFORMATION

DATES: Beginning of Day (12:01am) Friday, August 5 until Midnight, Sunday, August 7

Remember the items that qualify:

- **Clothing and Footwear (\$100 or less per item)**
- **Most school supplies (\$50 or less per item) including art supplies**
- **Computers and computer equipment (\$750 or less per item)**
- **Books (\$30 or less per book)**

For specific information, go to www.alabamaretail.org. According to that site, Anniston, Calhoun County, Jacksonville, Oxford and Goshen had all passed ordinances to waive local tax as well. Other governments have until July 6 to approve ordinances or resolutions and to inform the state.



FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) ASSISTANCE DEADLINE IS EXTENDED TO JULY 18.

The deadline to file for FEMA assistance and/or to return Small Business Administration loan forms is July 18th. Individuals and businesses do not have to accept FEMA assistance or to agree to any loan in order to apply. Applicants need to apply for both FEMA and SBA services in order to qualify for any assistance. Apply either in person at a Business Recovery Center (BRC) or, over the phone at 800-621-FEMA, or online at www.fema.gov.



Return your completed SBA loan application today!!! Not applying is leaving recovery money—for which you may be eligible—sitting on the table. If SBA determines that you can't afford a loan, you may be referred back to FEMA for a grant you don't have to pay back. Regardless of income, anyone in the 43 counties declared for FEMA Individual Assistance may apply for an SBA loan.

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