Welcome to Jacksonville, Alabama, a small southern town with a historical past and promising future. Jacksonville has a significant location, halfway between Birmingham, Alabama and Atlanta, Georgia. The mountains provide great natural beauty and outdoor recreation that everyone can enjoy. With its historic public square, beautiful historic churches, antebellum homes, and safe, attractive neighborhoods, Jacksonville has a small town charm where everyone is considered family.

On behalf of Jacksonville, I invite you to come spend some time in our beautiful town and enjoy everything Jacksonville has to offer.

Sincerely,

Mayor Johnny L. Smith
www.jacksonville-al.org

Welcome from the “Friendliest Campus in the South,” cradled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in Northeast Alabama. Truly our Jacksonville State University is a place like no other. Our roots go deep into the red clay that provides the foundation for our picturesque campus, yet our vision for continued success is future-driven. We strive to offer the newest technologies and teaching methods that will prepare our students for unbridled success and opportunities for lifelong learning. As a learning-centered campus we set our sights on the future. We are excited by the endless possibilities.

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Dr. William A. Meehan, President
www.jsu.edu
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Chief Ladiga Trail located in the heart of Jacksonville is the first extended Rails-To-Trails project. It runs from Anniston through Weaver, Jacksonville, Piedmont and joins the Silver Comet Trail at the Georgia line. It is a 33 mile trail that wanders through forests, farmland, beautiful wetlands, over streams and up in the mountains. It is a family oriented pathway that provides a safe, non-motorized way to travel, exercise and relax while enjoying the outdoors. For additional information visit www.chiefladigatrail.com

Jacksonville Train Depot located on Mountain Street is Jacksonville’s historic railroad depot. It is one of only three Civil War-era depots remaining in Alabama. Built in 1860 and carefully restored to its original condition by a group of faithful volunteers. The Depot is now a multi-use community facility that serves as a resting place for bicyclists and walkers enjoying the Chief Ladiga Trail. It is home to the Jacksonville RSVP office and the community portion is available for rent for meetings or parties. For more information about the depot you can contact the City of Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department at 256-435-8115.

Jacksonville Community Center opened its doors in 2002. Created with the community in mind, this facility has an indoor basketball court, a walking/running track, a full fitness facility and meeting/party rooms available for rent. During the summer months you can enjoy the zero entrance pool complete with waterfall and fun and games for all. The center houses the Parks and Recreation Department which oversees the youth swim team, soccer teams, basketball, softball and track and field teams. The Parks and Recreation Department also maintains the fields and trails at Henry Farm Park and Germania Springs. For information about the center or for rental of any of the facilities available for public use contact us at (256) 435-8115 or visit us at www.jacksonvillerecreation.com

Terrapin Creek flows from the Talladega National Forest in Cleburne County through Calhoun County and is on the Alabama Scenic Rivers Trail. It is excellent for canoe, kayak and flat bottom boat floating. Terrapin Creek provides for excellent fishing opportunities year round. Spotted and largemouth bass, bluegill and an occasional striped bass are just a few of the fish that are waiting for you. For more information on fishing Terrapin Creek visit www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/freshwater/where/rivers/terrapin.

Terrapin Creek Lodge located on Terrapin Creek offers one of the South’s most unique lodging and event venues. Our main lodge and cabins are the perfect place for your vacations, getaways, family reunions and golf or fishing outings. Our main lodge is a fully furnished, waterfront vacation home complete with an outdoor deck overlooking the creek complimented by a large stone fireplace. We also have five cabins that can be rented with the Main Lodge or separately. For more information visit www.terrapinlodge.net.

Terrapin Outdoor Center is a family owned and operated paddle sport specialty shop located directly on Terrapin Creek for over 45 years. We sell and rent canoes and kayaks for your day of adventure on the creek! There’s nothing better than a quiet peaceful float down Terrapin Creek: clean clear water, beautiful scenery, great fishing, wildlife, and enough moving water is available to keep things interesting. For more information visit www.canoeshop.net.

Nelson’s Redneck Yacht Club located on Terrapin Creek rents canoes and kayaks for a day of adventure on the creek. Their friendly, attentive staff is available to help you seven days a week. We offer both a “put-in” and “take-out” service. We begin launching at 8:00 am with last launch at 1:00 pm and we pull boats out until 7:00 pm which allows you to float at a leisurely pace and enjoy the time on the creek. For more information visit www.redneckyachtclubcanoeandkayakrental.com.

No Worries Kayak Rentals is located at 3180 Alabama Highway 9 South in Piedmont, Alabama. We offer a wide variety of services including kayak and canoe rentals, a shuttle service, and parking which is available at our two convenient locations. As you float along, the pristine waterway there are wonderful opportunities for fishing, swimming, or just plain relaxing. For a fun filled and adventurous day on the beautiful Terrapin Creek, come and float with “No Worries”. Our name says it all. Find us on facebook at No Worries Kayak Rentals and on the web at www.noworrieskayakrentals.com or call us at (256) 447-3773.
Weiss Lake, the lake known as the “Crappie Fishing Capital of the World” has other fish to boast about these days; largemouth bass and striped bass are making a name for themselves. The largemouth bass fishery has been a best-kept secret for several years. Data collected from tournament anglers and state fisheries personnel has shown that Weiss Lake is one of the better bass fisheries in the state; www.lakeweiss.info.

Recreation

Dugger Mountain National Wilderness Area located in the Talladega National Forest and Calhoun County is the second highest peak in Alabama and is home to hundreds of plants and animal species. Its natural beauty and breathtaking scenery make it the perfect place to camp, hunt, hike, fish or ride through the trails.

Cheaha State Park is the pinnacle of natural beauty and awe in Alabama. This foothill of the Appalachian Mountains is the highest point in the state. The park hosts hiking trails, mountain bike trails, a lake for swimming and fishing, an observation tower at the highest point, campgrounds, cabins, chalets, motel rooms, a restaurant, an Indian artifact museum and much more. The park is completely surrounded by the Talladega National Forest which offers additional recreational resources, like easily accessible trails to waterfalls and more; www.alapark.com/cheaharesort.com.

Lake Neely Henry is located in northeast Alabama on the Coosa River, near the towns of Gadsden and Ohatchee. The reservoir envelopes 11,235 acres and extends 77.6 miles from the dam upstream to Weiss dam. Generally a river-run lake, Neely Henry fans out toward the dam to offer more open water. Sandwiched between Weiss Lake (a.k.a. “The Crappie Capital of the World”) and Logan Martin, Neely Henry is one of the best-kept fishing secrets in Alabama; www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/freshwater/where/neelyhenry.

Coldwater Mountain Forever Wild Mountain Bike Trail Project is a 4000 acre tract of land owned by the State of Alabama’s Forever Wild organization. It is being developed into a world class destination trail system with over sixty miles of trails for mountain bikers, trail runners and hikers; www.neaba.net/coldwater-mountain-bike-trail-project.html

North Alabama Birding Trails are located in 11 counties and encompass 50 viewing sites. If you are interested in a quiet morning walk or weeks of exploration, North Alabama is sure to please. Landscapes in the region range from tupelo swamps to blazing fields of wildflowers, and towering forests of oak and hickory to vast sheets of open water. All sites can be accessed by vehicle and many also have walking and hiking trails.

Talladega Superspeedway, known as the fastest, most competitive motorsports venue in the world, is located in Talladega County just down I-20. Records for the most lead changes, most leaders, fastest qualifying speed and fastest average race speed have been established at Talladega. Talladega hosts the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, the NASCAR Nationwide Series, the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series and the Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA). Several driving schools regularly visit the speedway including the Dale Jarrett Racing Adventure, Richard Petty Driving Experience, Rusty Wallace Racing Experience, and the NASCAR Racing Experience; www.talladegasuperspeedway.com. While at the speedway be sure and visit the International Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum.
The Anniston Museum of Natural History is located in LaGarde Park only minutes from Jacksonville. Come explore the wilds of Africa, the wonders of the North American wilderness and the mysteries of 2000 year old mummies in the museum’s seven exhibit halls. For more information visit www.annistonmuseum.org.

Berman Museum of World History also located in LaGarde Park houses a unique collection of ancient treasures and artifacts from throughout the world and the weapons collection of the late Farley Berman, a Calhoun County resident who worked for military intelligence during his career. For more information visit www.bermannmuseum.org.

Knox Concert Series
Since 1946 the Knox Concert Series has brought world-renowned music and dance productions to East Alabama with such acts as Smokey Robinson, LeAnn Rimes, The Celtic Women, Vince Gill, The Nutcracker and the Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel. Knox Concert Series also presents an educational outreach program to area students each year. The program aims at developing the children’s knowledge of classical music and performances. Photo credit; Knox Concert Series/Alabama Ballet.

JSU Field School is a program that cultivates comprehension of Alabama’s natural and cultural significance, celebrates diversity, and fosters stewardship of the natural world. The programs and events are not only educational in nature but also fun for everyone in the community. JSU Field Schools present programs from the deepest canyon which begins at the Little River Canyon National Preserve and ends near the highest mountain in Alabama at the Cheaha State Park. Check out our website for more information about upcoming events www.jsu.edu/epic/field_schools.

Local Golf Courses feature the popular Silver Lakes which is one of ten courses making up the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. With an idyllic outdoor setting, an exquisite clubhouse and first-class catering, Silver Lakes can turn your event into the talk of the town. Other golf courses include Stony Brook, Cane Creek, Cider Ridge, Indian Oaks, and Pine Hill.

Jacksonville State University Drama Department
JSU is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre. First accredited in 1994, JSU has met strict standards for strong theatrical and academic training. Our department offers a strong liberal arts education combined with excellent production, performance and design opportunities for our students. In addition to our strong academic commitment, the drama department also presents five to six main stage productions each year. Our students are involved in all aspects of production both onstage and backstage. Visit our website for more information; www.jsu.edu/drama.
Dining

Effina’s Tuscan Grill
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256-782-0008

Gamecock Diner
JSU Campus
700 Pelham Rd. N.
256-782-5554

Hardee’s
400 Pelham Rd. S.
256-435-3443

Ishin Asian Café
815-A Pelham Rd. S.
256-435-9940

Jack’s Family Restaurant
602 Pelham Rd. S.
256-782-3500

Java Joe
5 Public Square, E.
256-782-3222

Jazzman’s Café & Bakery
JSU Campus
700 Pelham Rd. N.
256-782-5554

Jefferson’s
407 Pelham Rd. N.
256-435-3456

JSU Food Court
700 Pelham Rd. N.
256-782-5554

Leghorn’s
411 Pelham Rd. N.
256-365-2736

Little Caesar’s
420 Pelham Rd. N.
256-782-2067

Loco Mex
809 Pelham Rd. S.
256-435-7499

Mad Hatter Cakes
30 Coffee St. SE
256-452-2486

Momma Goldberg’s Deli
208 Mountain St. NE
256-365-1566

McDonald’s
1 Public Square, E.
256-435-5002

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256-365-1566

Papa John’s Pizza
702 Pelham Rd. N.
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Pizza Hut
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256-365-5080

Roma’s
1 Public Square, E.
256-435-3467

Sonic
1120 Pelham Rd. S.
256-782-2919

Strun
500 Forney Av. NW
256-782-0106

Subway
402 Pelham Rd. N.
256-435-3467

Subway (Wal-Mart)
1625 Pelham Rd. S.
256-435-5983

That Shop!
105 Mountain St. NW
256-782-0588

Waffle House
500 Pelham Rd. S.
256-365-1450

Wendy’s
415 Pelham Rd. S.
256-782-3241

World of Wings
809 Pelham Rd. S.
256-435-0807

Yamato Steak House
of Japan
815-A Pelham Rd. S.
256-435-6516

Baja California Grill
1555 Pelham Rd. S. Suite A
256-435-0075

Baja Fresh
JSU Campus
700 Pelham Rd. N.
256-782-5554

Bojangles’
1061 JD & L Dr. SW
256-782-1227

Burger King
410 Pelham Rd. N.
256-782-2855

Captain D’s
1021 Pelham Rd. S.
256-435-1818

Chick-Fil-A
JSU Campus
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256-782-5554

Cocky Q
JSU Campus
700 Pelham Rd. N.
256-782-5554

Coop Deville
401 Pelham Rd. S.
256-435-1818

Cooter Brown’s Rib Shack
8466 A1 Highway 204
256-820-1388

Domino’s Pizza
110 Ladiga St. SW
256-435-8200

Effina’s Tuscan Grill
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Oxford Exchange
located just off of I-20 in Oxford has more than 32 stores and restaurants with stores like Target, Home Depot, Best Buy, Kohl’s, Old Navy, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Lane Bryant, Hobby Lobby, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Pet Smart.

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Religion
Varied faiths and denominations have places of worship in Calhoun County including Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Church of God, Episcopal, Islam, Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Jewish, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, as well as non-denominational and a variety of independents. Worshippers speaking Hispanic, Arabic or Korean will find that some religious groups offer services in those languages.

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Economic Development


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Bear and Son Cutlery has a rich family tradition in knife making. It has a skilled and experienced work force capable of performing many of the extra hand operations that go into the making of its products. The Bear & Son Cutlery factory is unique in that it is fully self-contained. While some companies only assemble parts brought from various suppliers and put their names on the product, Bear does everything in-house from building its own blanking dies to heat treating, grinding and assembly, and hand finishing our products. These steps insure that Bear & Son Cutlery is of excellent quality and a real value for both the dealer and consumer. This commitment to excellence has just improved due to rich family tradition in knife making craftsmanship not only by management, but also by its experienced work force. Its customers and consumers can look for even more new and exciting products as a result. Bear and Son’s ongoing commitment is to make them in America and make them affordable. It wants everyone to be able to afford what we are proud to make! Visit their website at www.bearandsonscutlery.com.

Parker Hannifin
Shelco Foundries specializes in small ductile iron castings from ounces to ten pounds. Customers include Caterpillar, Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and Detroit Diesel. While Shelco Foundries produces a wide range of sizes and shapes, its specialty is castings weighing less than four pounds. Parts produced for OEM manufacturers are supports, rocker arms, followers, camshaft thrust plates, brackets, and exhaust flanges. We have a machining facility on site to supply any of its customer’s machining needs. Shelco also trims castings if required as an alternative to grinding and can provide a quote from prints or models of all types. Visit their website at www.shelcofoundry.com.

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Longleaf Studios is the largest green screen production studio in Alabama. The Northeast Alabama Entertainment Initiative (NEAEI) strives to design, test, and incubate education, workforce and economic models throughout Northeast Alabama to launch the Entertainment Industry Incentives Act in the most effective way possible for all of Alabama. When the Alabama Entertainment Incentives Act was passed into law, an extraordinary team of local and state leaders devised a plan to allow for the Northeast Alabama region to actively participate with film and entertainment opportunities. The establishment of the NEAEI was approved by the JSU president and since then, much progress has ensued. Photo credit; Graham Lewis and Emil Loken.
Electric Service

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Natural Gas

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Water Supply

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Jacksonville State University

Jacksonville State University is a fully accredited four-year university in Jacksonville, Alabama on a 459-acre campus. JSU is the sixth largest university in Alabama, serving over 9,000 students and offering academic programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Programs are offered through its College of Arts and Sciences, College of Commerce and Business Administration, College of Education and Professional Studies, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Department of Military Science and the College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education. Aside from on-campus classes, JSU also offers online classes for both undergraduate and graduate work.

JSU’s Department of Technology and Engineering offers a degree in manufacturing systems technology. The program balances academic instruction with practical applications in manufacturing systems to provide a broad base of knowledge and skills needed to effectively manage and control production in manufacturing facilities. The degree programs offered by JSU’s Department of Technology are nationally accredited by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering.

Gadsden State Community College

Gadsden State Community College is a comprehensive community college dedicated to meeting the needs of the citizens in its service area. It offers the first two years of a four-year degree as well as a number of technical and certificate programs and non-credit programs that include skills training and adult education. The engineering technology division offers programs in automotive manufacturing technology, industrial automation technology, drafting design technology, electronic engineering technology, electrical technology, machine tool technology and mechanical design technology. The Gadsden State Community College Ayers Campus and the Gadsden State McClellan Center serve the residents in the Calhoun County area.

Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT)

AIDT was established to build a healthy state economy by recruiting and training a skilled workforce to attract new industries to the state and to expand existing industries. AIDT assists a variety of employers throughout the state by identifying a qualified applicant pool through recruitment, screening and training services at no cost to the company. AIDT offers comprehensive pre-employment selection and training, leadership development, on-the-job training, continuous/process improvement assessments, maintenance assessments, and industrial safety assessments and training, all specific to a company’s needs. AIDT is the first state workforce training program in the United States to earn international certification for its quality management system. AIDT was awarded the CISCO 9001:2008 certification by the International Organization for Standardization.

Calhoun County Career Technical Center

The Calhoun County Career Technical Center is open to tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students in the Calhoun County School System. Students attend the Career Technical Center for skills and technical training, while completing required academic work at their area schools. Courses are offered in automotive service technology, CISCO computer networking, collision repair technology, drafting design technology, electrical technology, health science, cosmetology, early childhood education and older adult services, carpentry, welding technology, precision machining technology, power equipment technology and auto detail. Through the Career/Technical Cooperative Education Program, students receive instruction in their selected occupations through on-the-job training. All career technical programs are Business Industry Certified (BIC). This process requires each program to undergo an onsite visit facilitated through the State Department of Education by a program-like educator and two representatives from business and industry in the community. The programs that meet this rigorous standard have all areas evaluated including lesson plans, community, business and industry involvement, job placement and equipment that mirrors actual job conditions.