



CITY OF Anniston ALABAMA

May
2025

EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Anniston City Hall
will be
CLOSED
Monday, May 26, 2025
in observance of
**MEMORIAL
DAY**

Memorial Day serves as a reminder of the individuals who gave their lives in service to our country. It's a time to honor their sacrifices and reflect on their dedication to protecting our freedoms. Whether through moments of quiet remembrance or participating in commemorative events, we recognize their courage and express our heartfelt gratitude.

May

Fun Facts & Dates

Birthstone: Emerald

National Barbecue Month

Birth Flower: Lily of the Valley

National Hamburger Month

Zodiac signs: Taurus & Gemini

National Bike Month

National Pet Month

May 1 – May Day

May 4 – Star Wars Day

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

May 11 – Mother's Day

May 17 – Armed Forces Day

May 26 – Memorial Day

1st Week of the Month:

Be Kind to Animals Week

2nd Week of the Month:

Wildflower Week

3rd Week of the Month:

National Police Week

4th Week of the Month:

Emergency Medical Services Week



MAY BIRTHDAYS



Adailee Russell	Matthew McAllister
Austin Hubbard	Michael Weiss
Austin Key	Ray Jones
Blake McCurry	Rogers Young
Cheryl Heine	Ryan Horrobin
Chloe Cross	Seth Bombard
Daniel Oswalt	Sharonda Hutchinson
David Toole	Shasta Hayes
Deborah Horvath	Shree Walker-Kidd
Jason Mayfield	Stephen Graham
Jaylen Parker	Thomas Freckman
Jonathan Yarbrough	Zachary Gauthier
Kristen Stewart	Zachary Wallace
Matthew Masiak	



happy anniversary

Katherine Meherg 37 Years
Daniel Spaulding 31 Years
Joe Hoffman 28 Years
Jerre Dingler 19 Years
Josh Forrest 18 Years
Michael Yocum 18 Years
Walter Blizzard 18 Years
Derrick Kirby 18 Years
Jeff Feazell 18 Years
Christopher Leach 17 Years
Edward Price 17 Years
Terry Cantrell 13 Years
Derrick Dotson 13 Years
James Oswalt 13 Years
Andrew Hayes 12 Years

Timothy Kent 11 Years
Branton Cole 9 Years
Mikkalina Spann 8 Years
Patricia Pickens 7 Years
Adailee Russell 7 Years
Catherine Stanton 6 Years
Alan Hughes 5 Years
Hunter White 3 Years
Pam Chapman 3 Years
Dakota Barber 2 Years
Ashley Lemons 2 Years
Katherine Morgan 1 Years
Isabella Rose 1 Year
Adam Gieger 1 Year
Avery Odom 1 Year

Congratulations to Johnita Roberts
of The City of Anniston's Public Works Department!
We are proud to share that Johnita has been named

Lindie's Home Flowers and Gifts' 2025
Administrative Professional of the Year!



Out of nominees across the region, Johnita's dedication, professionalism, and positive spirit stood out—and we couldn't agree more! To celebrate her achievement, the team at Lindie's surprised her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers! Johnita, thank you for the incredible work you do each and every day. Your excellence represents the very best of our team!



Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 11, 2025

Mother's Day is always held on the second Sunday of May

On this special day, we recognize the depth of a mother's love —a love that nurtures, protects, and perseveres through every challenge. Whether by birth, choice, or heart, every mother's love leaves an imprint that lasts a lifetime.

To every mother, thank you for your kindness, for your wisdom, and for the way you make the world a warmer, more beautiful place. Your love is the heartbeat of every family, and today, we honor you with all the gratitude and love you deserve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IN ANNISTON & SURROUNDING AREAS



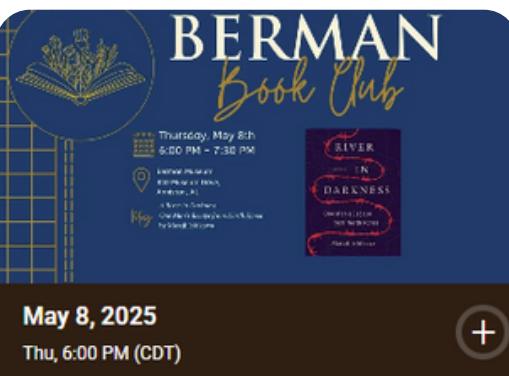
May 3, 2025
Sat, 11:00 AM (CDT)



HOSTED BY: Anniston Museums and Gardens

What's the Story? Environments of Africa

Museum Dr, Anniston, AL, United States, Alabama 36206, 800 Museum Dr, Anniston, AL 36206-2813, United States



May 8, 2025
Thu, 6:00 PM (CDT)



HOSTED BY: Anniston Museums and Gardens

Berman Book Club

Museum Dr, Anniston, AL, United States, Alabama 36206, 800 Museum Dr, Anniston, AL 36206-2813, United States



May 17, 2025
Sat, 7:30 PM (CDT)



HOSTED BY: Oxford Performing Arts Center

Blue Oyster Cult

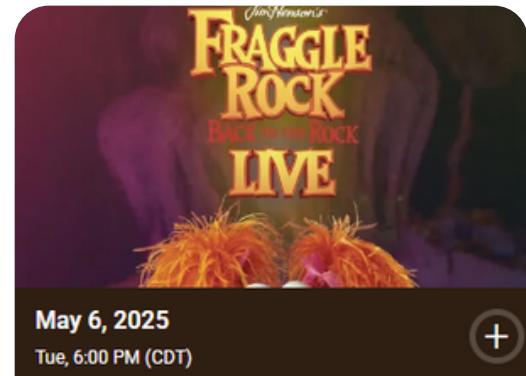
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HOSTED BY: Cheaha State Park-Alabama

Tree Ring Printing

19644 Hwy. 281, Delta, AL, United States, Alabama 36258, 19646 AL-281, Delta, AL 36258-8702, United States



HOSTED BY: Oxford Performing Arts Center

Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock - Live!

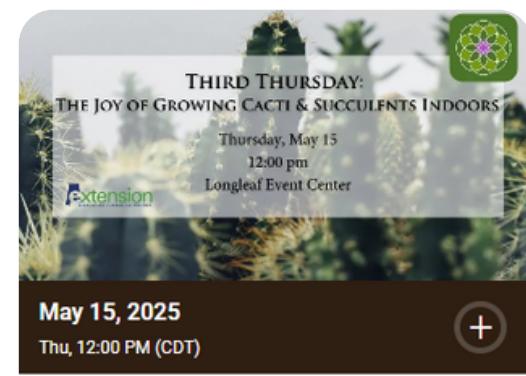
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Creature Feature

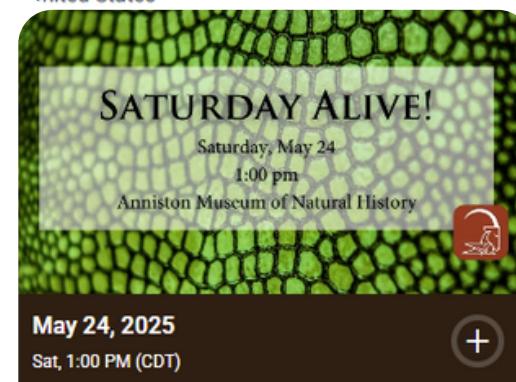
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Third Thursday: The Joy of Growing Cacti & Succulents Indoors

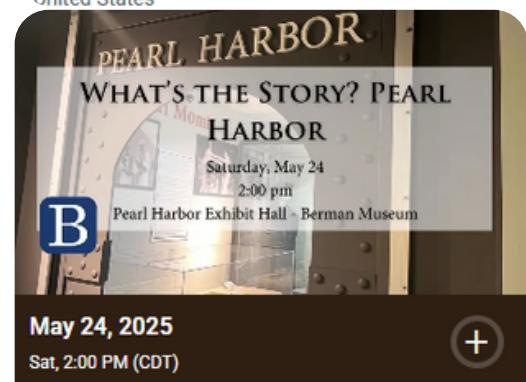
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Saturday Alive!

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HOSTED BY: Anniston Museums and Gardens

What's the Story? Pearl Harbor

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WOODSTOCK 5K

RRCA NATIONAL 5K CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 2, 2025 7:30 AM



WOODSTOCK 5K/KIDSTOCK 1K

THE FIRST SATURDAY IN AUGUST
RRCA NATIONAL 5K CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

- REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.RUNSIGNUP.COM/WOODSTOCK5K

CITY OF ANNISTON PARKS AND RECREATION



WE MAKE SUMMER FUN!



The City of Anniston offers three separate Summer Day Camps at the Carver, Hodges and Wiggins Community Centers. Designed for school children age 5-12, these 10 week camps are packed with activities including:

* Nature & Science	* Drama	* Games	* Arts & Crafts	* Sports
* Outdoor Survival	* Contests	* Music	* Field Trips	* Dance
* Swimming Lessons	* Cooking	* Gymnastics	* Tumbling	

STAFF

Participants in our strategically planned Day Camp Programs are supervised at all times by carefully screened counselors. These qualified leaders instruct the campers, as well as lead them through the daily schedule of activities.

Calendars will be available each week to keep parents informed of upcoming events and activities.

DATES & TIMES

The Day Camps begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. -- Monday through Friday. Ten action-packed weeks are planned beginning May 27th and ending August 1, 2025. June 19th and July 4th is a city-wide holiday, and our camps will not operate.

COST

Camp fees for residents of the City of Anniston are \$55 per week per child; \$50 for each additional child in the same family. Weekly fees for non-residents are \$60 per week per child. A convenient daily plan is only \$15 per child (if space is available).

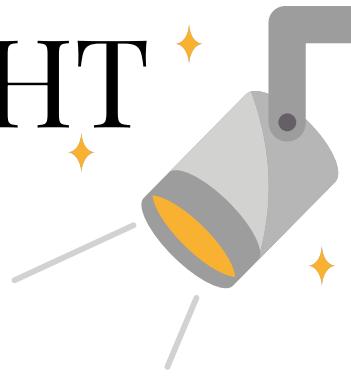
There is a \$25 one-time registration fee for all campers. **Fees are non-refundable.**

Camperships are available for low income families living within Anniston City Limits whose children attend Anniston City Schools. Proof of school enrollment must be provided. Call the camp your child will be attending for more information.

REGISTRATION

Early registration is encouraged since all Anniston Day Camp Programs have limited enrollment. To register your child, follow instructions on the attached registration form.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Sergeant Blake McCurry

Firefighter/Paramedic

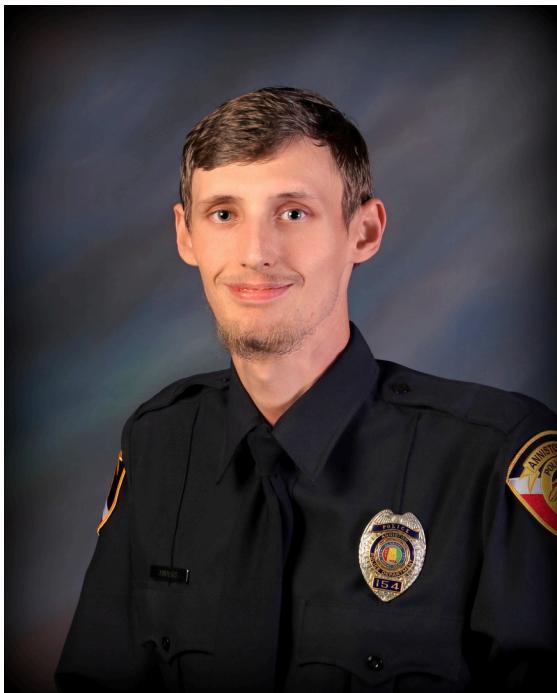
5 Years

What do you like to do in your off time?

During my time off, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two children. I also enjoy playing golf and hunting any chance I get.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The thing I enjoy most about my job are the people I work with. I also enjoy not knowing what the day might bring and that every day provides a new situation to learn from.



Chantz Anders

Police Officer

4 Years

What do you like to do in your off time?

I enjoy relaxing and spending time with friends and family and playing some video games.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I am able to get out and talk with the community and meet new people. I also love the camaraderie within the department and being able to spend time and relax with my second family outside of work, but most of all I am glad to be able to help people when they are truly in a time of need.



Bernadette Burroughs
Rec Center Director
29 Years

What do you like to do in your off time?

I find a lot of joy in being outdoors. I love crafting, experimenting with fashion, and capturing moments through photography. I deeply value time spent with the people I care about. I find comfort in good music or a movie that helps me unwind.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The opportunity to make an impact in the lives of our participants. It's incredibly rewarding to lead a team that's passionate about enhancing quality of life.



Clyda Flournoy
Municipal Court Magistrate
3 Months

What do you like to do in your off time?

I own a record and guitar store on Noble Street so mostly If I'm not at work here I am there. Anytime I have a free weekend I always go back home to North Georgia.

I love learning about other cultures and travel out of the country as often as I can. give classes on Indigenous Americans.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

That every day is different.



Rodney Glass
Tree Division Crew Leader

9 Months

What do you like to do in your off time?

I enjoy riding side by sides and fishing.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

My coworkers are my favorite part of my job.



Mark Williams
Museum Event Attendant

11 Years

What do you like to do in your off time?

I enjoy running 5Ks.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

My favorite part of my job are my coworkers.

HR REMINDERS

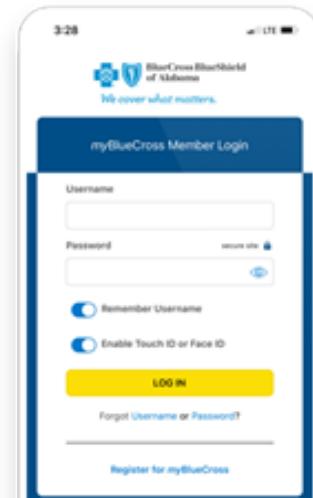


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FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES TEAM

Big thanks to everyone who participated in the Employee Spotlight! We're grateful for your time and effort in joining us for this, and we're excited to involve even more folks in the future. Thanks for doing a great job representing your departments and being such valuable members of the City of Anniston team.

*Thank
you!*

Bersheba Austin, HR Director

LaKea Bailey, HR Generalist

Amanda East, HR Clerk

IT'S FAST AND EASY TO CHOOSE A PROVIDER

With Our Online Provider Directory

With our vision insurance, you have access to advanced vision technology at many independent and retail providers, including popular national chains and regional favorites, as well as online retailers. That way, you receive vision care and services when and where it's convenient for you.

- ① Go to MutualofOmaha.com/vision
- ② In the Extensive Network section, click on the Locate a Provider link.
- ③ Enter a ZIP code or click on Use My Location to see providers in your area.



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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Taking care of our mental health is just as important as our physical health, but knowing when or how to get help is the hardest part. This month, we'll help you become familiar with the signs that you or someone you know may need support and remind you of the resources available to you through your EAP.

Access resources [here!](#)

Beat the Stigma

Misconceptions about mental health can keep people from getting the support they need. Break through this stigma by learning the truth behind some myths and share what you learn with others. No problem is too small.

[Learn More](#)

Finding Your Light

Depression is one of our most common mental illnesses — more than 21 million Americans live with the condition. Watch our short video, which offers insight and hope from one of Lucet's licensed professional counselors.

[Watch Now](#)

Prioritize Your Well-Being

Explore a wide range of tools, tips and guidance to support your mental well-being whenever you need it. Find the support that fits your needs.

[Explore Mental Health Resources](#)

Help Spark the Conversation

Changing the way we talk about mental health starts with the right resources. Access our Mental Health Awareness Toolkit and share tip sheets, videos and articles to promote better understanding, reduce stigma and support those around you.

[Mental Health Awareness Toolkit](#)

Get started with your EAP by joining this month's free webinars:

Strategies to Manage Anxiety
Wednesday May 21, 2025
[Morning - 12PM - 1PM EST](#)
[Afternoon - 3PM - 4PM EST](#)

Preventing Workplace Bullying
Wednesday May 28, 2025
[Morning - 12PM - 1PM EST](#)
[Afternoon - 3PM - 4PM EST](#)

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CINCO DE MAYO SALSA



INGREDIENTS:

- One 28 ounce can Whole Tomatoes (drained and divided)
- ½ Medium Onion (1/2 cup, 3 ounces, 85 grams, finely chopped)
- 1 clove Garlic (finely minced)
- 3 tablespoons Pickled Jalapeno (finely chopped, slices)*
- 1 tablespoon Lime Juice
- 2 tablespoons Cilantro (or chopped fresh parsley)
- add Salt (try 1/4 teaspoon)
- add Black Pepper (freshly ground, try 1/4 teaspoon)

Instructions:

- Roughly chop half of the drained tomatoes; add to blender, along with the onions, garlic, jalapeño slices, and lime juice. Blend for about 5 to 10 seconds, until mixture is somewhat smooth.
- Add parsley, whole tomatoes, salt and pepper. Blend for another 5 seconds or until Salsa is the desired consistency.
- Transfer to non-reactive bowl. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour. Yield: 2-½ cups.

*The more jalapeño you add, the hotter the Salsa will be

Zesty Slow Cooker Chicken Barbecue

INGREDIENTS:

6 frozen skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

1 (12 ounce) bottle barbecue sauce

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Italian salad dressing
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup brown sugar

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce



DIRECTIONS:

1. Place chicken in the slow cooker.
2. Mix barbecue sauce, Italian salad dressing, brown sugar, and Worcestershire sauce in a bowl;
3. Pour barbecue sauce mixture over chicken.
4. Cover and cook on Low for 6 to 8 hours or on High for 3 to 4 hours.
5. Shred to serve.