

## Welcome, Gary

Gary Chandler started his new position as President and CEO of JCEDA on October 3. He hit the ground running with full days of meeting new people, co-hosting the CEO Expo and Industry Appreciation Day, and making presentations to prospects.

Gary came to us from The Alliance, a volunteer-based umbrella organization in Corinth, Mississippi consisting of the chamber of commerce, economic development organization, Main Street Corinth, Keep Corinth Alcorn Beautiful, and Corinth Young Professionals. He worked for U.S. Congressman Bud Cramer for eight years as special assistant and field representative in the Muscle Shoals and Huntsville district offices from 2000-2008.

A native of Tupelo, Mississippi, he holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Alabama and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute.



"The first few months have been busy. I've enjoyed getting to know the community and our leadership. I look forward to continuing our efforts to grow good jobs in Jackson County," said Chandler. Chandler's family includes wife, Amy, and children, Carter and Caroline.

## Bellefonte Sold

The Bellefonte Nuclear Plant was sold by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) at a November 15 auction for \$111 million. Nuclear Holdings LLC, a Washington DC-based company, bought the property which includes buildings and 1,600 acres of land on the Tennessee River. The company plans to bring 2,000 permanent jobs to Jackson County and up to 4,000 temporary construction jobs. The company says it will invest up to \$13 billion into the plant to bring it online as an energy producer.

Nuclear Holdings is a family-owned and managed company established by Franklin L. Haney in 2012. Former Alabama congressman Bud Cramer, speaking on behalf of the company, said the Haney family intends to complete a "state-of-the-art nuclear facility." He did not speculate as to the timetable to complete the nuclear plant.



"We are optimistic about the future of Bellefonte and the economic impact its completion will bring to Jackson County," said Gary Chandler, President and CEO of JCEDA.

## Sustainability Award Presented to Sanoh

As part of the Valley Sustainable Gold Community program for the City of Scottsboro, Jackson County EDA recently presented the Sustainability Award to Sanoh America for their recycling efforts.

One of the major initiatives of the Scottsboro plant, which manufactures metal tubing for the automotive industry, is to reduce waste going to the landfill. Currently their recycling efforts include the recycling of white paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, plastic film and bags, wood pallets, miscellaneous scrap metal and metal tubing. Just recently the plant has also started to recycle cigarette butts.

From January to September of this year alone, the Scottsboro plant has recycled 73,890 lbs. of cardboard, 185,546 lbs. of scrap metal tubing and 28,441 lbs. of miscellaneous scrap metal. They also send out a truck-

load of wood pallets about every six weeks. Sanoh Scottsboro is certified under the ISO 14001 Environmental Standard for its efforts to be an environmentally friendly facility. Thank you, Sanoh, for being a great corporate citizen.



Gary Chandler, JCEDA, presents award to Joel Hallman, Operations Manager at Sanoh in Scottsboro

## Industry Appreciation

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Jackson County EDA and The Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce co-hosted the 23rd annual Jackson County Industry Appreciation Day on October 13. Presenting sponsor was FNB and gold sponsor was US Gypsum.

It was a beautiful day to be outside and enjoy Jackson County with our local industries and economic development allies.

Twenty-three teams participated in the golf tournament and non-golfers enjoyed a boat cruise. In the industry division, WestRock took first place gross and also second place gross. Polyamide High Performance took first place net, and second place net went to SafeTweave.



Top, l to r: Senator Steve Livingston, Shelia Shepard, Gary Chandler, Marilyn Lott. Bottom, l to r: Jason Wright/NAIDA, Warren Hicks/TVA, and Ronnie Smith/AIDT

## CEO Expo



The 6th annual CEO Expo, a hands-on career fair for ninth graders, was held Oct. 6 and was a huge success. Over 80 exhibitors and almost 700 ninth graders throughout Jackson County participated.

The presenters are Impact Learning Center, Northeast Alabama Community College, Earnest Pruet Center of Technology, Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Scottsboro City School District, and JCEDA.

For more information visit the CEO Expo website at [www.ceoexpo.org](http://www.ceoexpo.org).



## 2016 Industry Expansions:

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