

# The Partner

## County Manager Graces Luncheon

York County Manager, Jim Baker, was the guest speaker for the 2008 Greater York Chamber Membership Luncheon held at the McCelvey Cultural & Heritage Museum in York on Thursday, May 27.

Baker was selected as the County Manager in July 2007, and currently resides in York.

After an amusing anecdote and introduction from Chamber President Paul Kutz, Baker began his talk on the Pennies for Progress

Program. He noted that the program was very good for York County, but as a pay-as-you-go program, it created challenges of shortfalls as cost of materials rose. While County Council is committed to completing the 1997 projects, the Council has elected to sell \$15.5 million in bonds to fund the remaining projects. Baker also noted that because of rising costs, several of the 2003 Pennies for Progress projects will not be started, however, those projects will

be moved to the 2010 program. At present, the County is identifying members for the 2010 Pennies for Progress Commission and identifying projects. The Commission will represent all areas of the County and their respective municipalities.

Regarding Capital Facilities Plans, Baker noted that the jail is currently being expanded, DSS will move to Heckle Boulevard in Rock Hill, and their offices will be used to house current Court House occupants as it undergoes renovation.

## Downtown Live Thursday, July 17

Presented by the Greater York Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Live is a community concert series in the parking lot of Whiteside Cleaners & Uniform Rental in historic downtown York on Thursday, July 17, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Palmetto Fresh Market is the food vendor and beverages are available for purchase.

The rain date for this event is Thursday, July 24, 2008. *Parallel*, a five-

piece group will entertain the crowd with current and original rock hits.

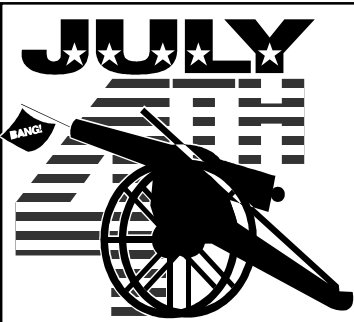
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# Kwick Food Stores Greater York Chamber of Commerce July 2008 Business of the Month

Chamber President, Paul Kutz, proclaimed Kwick Food Stores the *Greater York Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month* for July, 2008, in late June.

Jay Gourley started in the convenient store business in 1977 with one store. He currently operates 3 stores: Sharon Kwick Stop in Sharon, SC; McConnells Corner Mart in McConnells, SC; and Community Food Mart in Rock Hill, SC. Each store includes a deli, while the Sharon Kwick Stop and McConnells Corner Mart offers Hunt Brothers pizza. Gourley is also the owner of the Sharon Grill in Sharon, SC.



Chamber President Paul Kutz presents the Business of the Month Certificate for July 2008 to Jay Gourley of Kwick Food Stores in Sharon on June 24.



## *2008 Senior Expo a Hit*

The 2008 Senior Expo, sponsored by the Clover Chamber of Commerce, Individuals Caring for the Elderly (ICE) and the Greater York Chamber of Commerce, was well received and attended by the community on Tuesday, June 24.

# Director's Report

Yesterday, June 24, 2008, the Senior Expo for Western York County was held at Filbert Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center. Forty organizations signed up and brought information to share with seniors about the various services and products their organizations could offer. Approximately 50 seniors came to gather the information provided.

The last time a Senior Expo was held in the Western part of the County was in 2002. Earlier this year, The Greater Clover Chamber of Commerce, ICE (Individuals Caring for the Elderly) and the Greater York Chamber of Commerce recognized a need shared by all seniors for information about services and products available to them. This first effort in six years to address the informational needs of seniors was very well received both by the provider organizations and the attending seniors. Based on the feedback from all parties, the Senior Expo effort should continue in future years.

The Senior Expo Committee wishes to express its thanks to Bi-Lo Store # 287, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Wal-Mart for providing refreshments and paper products.

## Nominations Sought for GYCC Board of Directors

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2009 Board of Directors. Board criteria includes current paid membership in the Chamber, willingness to chair a committee or project for two of the three-year board term, actively work to promote the Chamber and community, a willingness to recruit new members, and attend monthly Board meetings the second Tuesday at 7:30 am.

Members who have served a three-year term on the Board will be ineligible to serve for one year after retirement except as set

forth in Section I of the By-Laws.

Nominees will be contacted to discern their willingness to serve. Once nominations are received, they are submitted to the Director's Committee for consideration in selecting six candidates. Those candidates will be voted on at the September 2008 Board of Director's Meeting. Elected members will take office January 1, 2009, and serve three years.

Please submit nominations by August 25, 2008, by calling the Chamber at 684-2590, or via email: [info@greateryorkchamber.com](mailto:info@greateryorkchamber.com).

## Welcome

Please take a moment and join the Chamber in welcoming our newest members.

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## Calendar

### July 4 ~ Friday

GYCC offices closed

### July 17 ~ Thursday

5:30 - 9:30 PM

Downtown Live

Whitesides Parking Lot  
108 Congress St., York

### August 22 ~ Friday

5:30 - 9:30 PM

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108 Congress St. York

### August 23 - Saturday

#### Summerfest

Downtown York

9 AM ~ 5 PM

### GYCC Board ~ 2nd Tues

7:30 AM

### Economic ~ 1st Tues of Jan,

Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov  
7:30 AM

### Education ~ 3rd Wed

7:30 AM

### Government ~ 3rd Tues

7:30 AM

### Membership ~ 2nd Mon

5:30 PM

### Summerfest ~ 4th Tuesday

6:30 PM

Visit the member directory on the GYCC website to make sure your business is listed in the best search category.

[greateryorkchamber.com](http://greateryorkchamber.com)

## 4th of July Celebration McCelvey Center

212 East Jefferson Street, York

Friday, July 4

6 pm to 10 pm

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## Century 21 Palmetto Homes & Realty Hosts the June Business After Hours



YC Magazine Publisher Bill Henson entertains the crowd at the June Business After Hours.



Chamber member Charles Bradford listens intently while Will Mitchell and Matt Dover network.

## Howie saves Downtown Live



With a last minute call from Downtown Live Committeeman, Robert Allison, Marc Howie of York Electric Cooperative brings it all and gives it all at the June 19, Downtown Live. The high-energy trio "Soul Watt," whom many may remember from last year's Summerfest were down to a duo when the drummer got stuck in England and could not make the show. Well, Marc Howie sure did. Beverage sales were up and so were the people on the dance floor.

## Chamber Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Zaxby's

From left: Greater York Chamber of Commerce President, Paul Kutz holds the ribbon as Zaxby's Store Manager, Curtis McCreight and York Mayor, Eddie Lee, make the cut. SC Representative, Herb Kirsh, Assistant Store Manager, Cynthia Brown, and District Manager, Chuck Wilson, hold the remaining ribbon. Zaxby's staff and GYCC Board and Chamber members fill the crowd.



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