

# CHAMBER CHATTER

Waycross - Ware County Chamber of Commerce's Monthly Newsletter



## About us

### Our Mission

We support the Waycross and Ware County business community as strong advocates for job creation by providing quality networking, meaningful services and business insight to help grow your business and our economy.

### Our Vision

Our vision is to serve as a champion of free enterprise, a catalyst for economic prosperity and a convener for community and business development.

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# 88TH ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET

Thursday, February 9, 2023



Business of the Year

Magnolia House



Entrepreneur of the Year

Emily Hadaway



Katherine Foss Education Award

Principal Donna Solomon



GEM Award

Allen Allnoch



Ambassador of the Year

Shelby Ewen



McGregor Mayor Agricultural Award

Dan Johnson Jr.



Jack Williams Community Service Award

Jon Whipple



Randy Sharpe Health Hero Award

Kimberly Denton



# 88TH ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET



Paul Tang Heart of the Community

Dr. Reba Smith



Outgoing Chamber Chairman

Barry Parrish



A.A. Karle Award

Heather Fluker



Ralph & PO Herrin Business & Industry Award

Jay Patel



Helping Hands Award

Lovett Young (Accepted by Ashley Young & Albert Flynn)



Outgoing WWDA Board Members

Dr. William Clark & James Willis

Jack Lott Award for Downtown Economic Development

LL Creek



# FEBRUARY CHAMBER EVENTS



Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Rise & Shine | Southern Forest World | 1440 N Augusta Avenue



Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Ribbon Cutting | Ritch's Alley | 3798 Memorial Drive



Thursday, February 16, 2023

Business After Hours | Memorial Satilla Health | 1900 Tebeau Street



# FEBRUARY CHAMBER EVENTS



Thursday, January 9, 2023

Ribbon Cutting | Elysian Beauty + Wellness | 215 Pendleton Street, Suite 322

# UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

**MARCH 14 | 7:45 AM**

## **Rise and Shine**

Okefenokee Heritage Center

1460 N Augusta Avenue | Waycross, GA 31501

**MARCH 15 | 12:00 PM**

## **Chamber Ambassador Meet & Greet**

Hog-N-Bones

1900 Memorial Drive | Waycross, GA 31501

**MARCH 16 | 5:00 PM**

## **Business After Hours**

First Southern Bank

930 Memorial Drive | Waycross, GA 31501

**MARCH 29 | 12:00 PM**

## **Ribbon Cutting**

Friendly Express

227 Pendleton Street | Waycross, GA 31501

**MARCH 31 | 9:30 AM**

## **Ribbon Cutting**

Goodwill Southeast Georgia Waycross Retail Store

2101 Memorial Drive | Waycross, GA 31501



# COMMUNITY EVENT SPOTLIGHT

## Children's Dog Show - Mom Prom Fundraiser

Saturday, February 11, 2023



The Children's Dog Show was a fundraiser for Mom Prom Contestant, Andrea DeLoach. It was a great success where all the proceeds supported Bethesda Recovery. Huge thanks to Ware County Beta Club & National Honor Society members for volunteering at this event. Mom Prom Contestant, Andrea DeLoach, wants to thank everyone who sent in donations, participated and volunteered to make it a success and Okefenokee Heritage Center for hosting it.

## Southern Forest World's Arbor Day

Saturday, February 18, 2023



Southern Forest World hosted another successful Arbor Day this month where they raffled off a chainsaw and had a visit from Smokey the Bear.



# COMMUNITY EVENT SPOTLIGHT

## Georgia Lion's Camp Car Show

Saturday, February 18, 2023



Georgia Lions Camp hosted their 6th Annual Car Show with several registered vehicles, food trucks, and other vendors in attendance. All the proceeds go towards helping with programs, activities, and sponsorships at the camp. Mike Williams, Camp Director, would like to thank the community for their support for this camp and their 6th Annual Car Show.

# LEADERSHIP WAYCROSS

## Local Government Day

Wednesday, February 15, 2023



Leadership Waycross Class of 2023 had Local Government Day this month where they were able to tour all the local government agencies and learn more about their community.



## Leadership Waycross Alumni Reconnects

Thursday, February 23, 2023



If you've ever participated in Leadership Waycross, you've heard each class say they are the best class ever. On February 23, we all came together as Alumni to make Leadership Waycross Alumni the best ever. Members are eager for the future of the Alumni Program and can't wait to see all the great things to come.





# FEBRUARY CHAMBER WRAPPED

## FACEBOOK REACH

45,109 

## FACEBOOK PAGE VISITS

4,988 

## NEW FACEBOOK PAGE LIKES

27 

## NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

4 

## INSTAGRAM REACH

980 

## INSTAGRAM PROFILE VISITS

180 

## NEW INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

16 




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## Executive Director's NOTE

by Paige Taylor

This time of the year is always so busy for us here at the Chamber. If you are interested in getting involved in the Chamber, I would like to personally invite you to our Chamber Ambassador Meet & Greet on March 15 at Hog N Bones. This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about your community and GET INVOLVED. For any questions, please reach out!

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