

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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87TH ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET



Business of the Year

Cotton & Wood Boutique



Katherine Foss Education Award

Dr. Sonya Bennett



GEM Award

Lisa Holmes



Ambassador of the Year

Bertha Sue Dixon



McGregor Mayor Agricultural Award

Eric Hickox



Jack Williams Community Service Award

Walt Eddings



Entrepreneur of the Year

Jamie McQuaig

87TH ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET



Paul Tang Heart of the Community
Al Jacobson (Accepted by Don James)



Randy Sharpe Health Hero Award
Dr. Phillip Suess



A.A. Karle Award
Melissa King



Helping Hands Award
GATX



Jack Lott Award for Downtown
Economic Development
Ashley Simmons



Ralph & P.O. Herrin Business & Industry Award
Okefenokee Swamp Park

FEBRUARY CHAMBER EVENTS



Tuesday, February 8, 2022

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



Thursday, February 24, 2022

Ribbon Cutting | Okefenokee Heritage Center - The Venue | 1460 N Augusta Avenue



Thursday, February 24, 2022

Business After Hours | Okefenokee Heritage Center | 1460 N Augusta Avenue

FEBRUARY CHAMBER EVENTS



Friday, February 28, 2022

Ribbon Cutting | Urbest | 300 Mary Street

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

MARCH 7 | 12:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Southeastern Lawn Pro

317 Plant Avenue | Waycross, GA 31501

MARCH 8 | 7:45 AM

February Rise and Shine

Hog-N-Bones

1900 Memorial Drive | Waycross, GA 31501

MARCH 12 | 12:00 PM

Ernest Jones Super Bowl 56 Champions Parade / Rally

Memorial Stadium

1000 Memorial Drive | Waycross, GA 31501

MARCH 17 | 5:00 PM

February Business After Hours

Oasis Glam

503 South City Boulevard | Waycross, GA 31501

MARCH 23 | 12:00 PM

Chamber Ambassador Meet & Greet

Hog-N-Bones

1900 Memorial Drive | Waycross, GA 31501

WCHS STAR STUDENT & TEACHER



The Waycross – Ware County Chamber of Commerce is honored to be the local sponsor for the PAGE STAR Program. This award is given to students that score the highest in one sitting on the SAT. We celebrated this year's STAR Student and Teacher by hosting a luncheon for them surrounded by their friends, family, and colleagues.

STAR Student – Alexandra Marie Dela Cruz Cochon
STAR Teacher – Leslie Giraldo

Huge thanks to Jewell Sharpe, WCHS Senior Counselor, for organizing the wonderful luncheon and United Community Bank for being the lunch sponsor.



L – R : Leslie Giraldo, Alexandra Marie Dela Cruz Cochon, Paige Taylor, Cindy Pierce, Jewell Sharpe

COMMUNITY EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Friday Night Lights with The Miracle League of the Okefenokee

Friday, February 18, 2022



Friday Night Lights with The Miracle League of the Okefenokee was an exhibition baseball game and fundraiser hosted by the Ware County Athletic and Special Needs Departments. At this event, they raised \$27,000 for The Miracle League of the Okefenokee. They plan to host another Friday Night Lights in Pierce County on March 18.

Southern Forest World's Arbor Day

Saturday, February 19, 2022



Southern Forest World was able to give out around 500 trees, which included Sawtooth Oak and Crepe Myrtle for Arbor Day this year.

COMMUNITY EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Georgia Lion's Camp Car Show

Saturday, February 19, 2022



Georgia Lions Camp hosted their 5th Annual Car Show with 98 registered vehicles, food trucks, and other vendors in attendance. Woodbine Lions Club sponsored the event, but 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 5th Annual Car Show.

LEADERSHIP WAYCROSS

Local Government Day

Wednesday, February 16, 2022



Leadership Waycross Class of 2022 had Local Government Day this month where they were able to tour all the local government agencies and learn more about our community.

GOLD STAR

Waycross - Ware County celebrates Ernest Jones going to the SuperBowl LVI by designating Friday, February 11, 2022 as Ernest Jones Day

Wednesday, January 19, 2022



Our community came together to support our very own Ernest Jones as he played in the Super Bowl LVI with the Los Angeles Rams. Dairy Queen of Waycross showed their support by creating an Ernest Jones Blizzard which sold out within 2.5 days!

FEBRUARY CHAMBER WRAPPED

FACEBOOK REACH

16,104 —

FACEBOOK PAGE VISITS

760 —

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE LIKES

59 —

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

2 —

INSTAGRAM REACH

912 —

INSTAGRAM PROFILE VISITS

145 —

NEW INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

18 —

**OBEDIAH'S
OKEFENOK**

EL SANTO COYOTÉ
MEXICAN RESTAURANT
BAR & GRILL



Executive Director's NOTE

by Paige Taylor

As 2022 is quickly underway, we are welcoming new businesses into the community and hosting more and more "normal" events.

Please be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram for weekly updates on what is happening at the Chamber and learn how you can get involved!

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