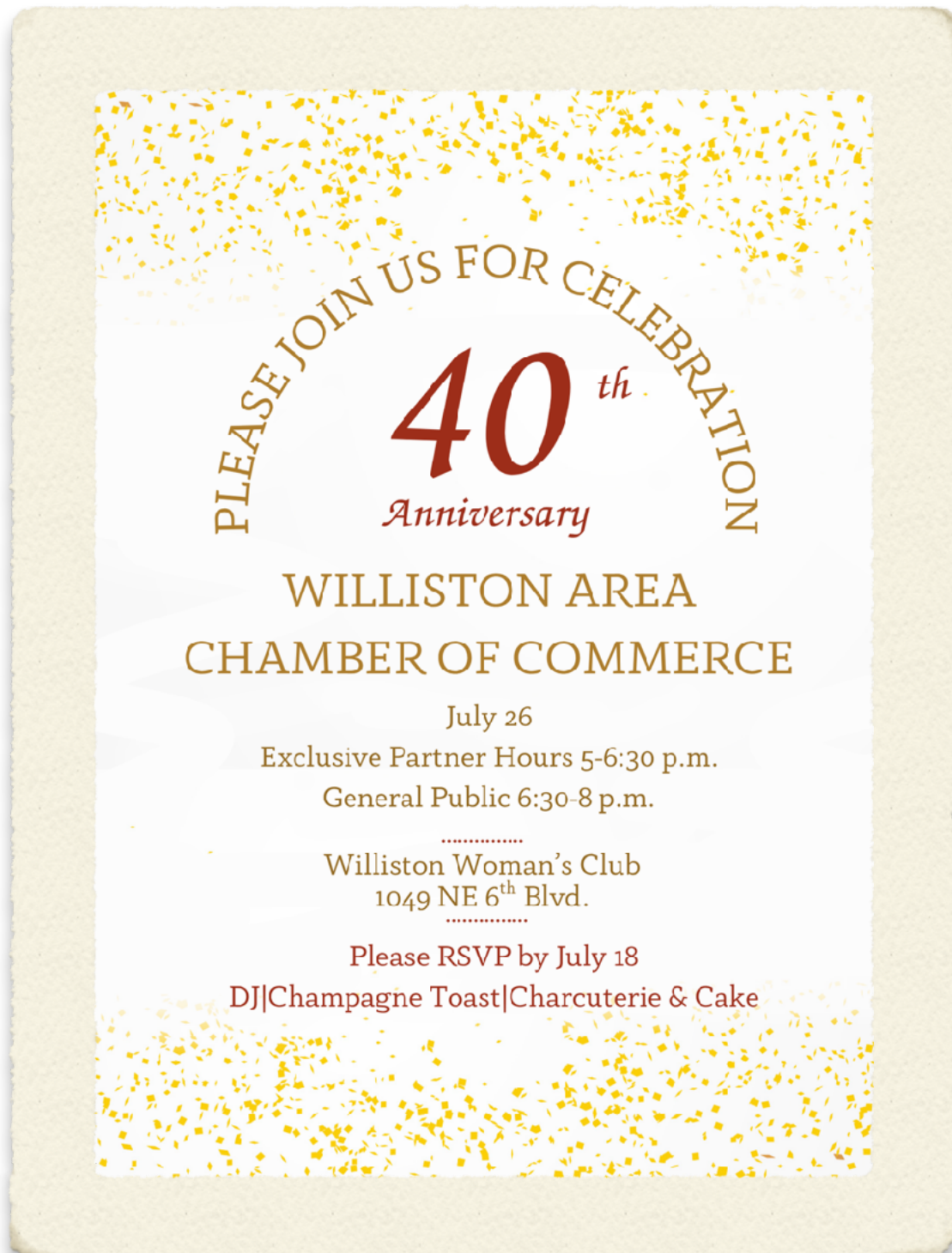


CHAMBER NOTES

Williston: A good place to live, work & play



PLEASE JOIN US FOR CELEBRATION

40th
Anniversary

WILLISTON AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 26

Exclusive Partner Hours 5-6:30 p.m.

General Public 6:30-8 p.m.

.....
Williston Woman's Club
1049 NE 6th Blvd.
.....

Please RSVP by July 18

DJ|Champagne Toast|Charcuterie & Cake

We're celebrating YOU!

In 1985 a group of Williston business leaders came together and formed the first Chamber of Commerce, dedicated to advancing and promoting Williston and its business community.

The first board of directors was headed by President R. Gerald Hethcoat and included William Coker, David Kendall, E.A.W. "Pan" Zettler, Joseph Lewis, Jack Hoy, Robert Sandlin, Joseph Carroll and G. Frank Etheridge.

For 40 years, the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce has continued to live up to that July 19, 1985 mission statement in its ongoing effort to advance the economic, educational and cultural environment of not only the city, but the surrounding area as well.

On Saturday, July 26 we hope you will join us as we celebrate the rich and evolving heritage of the Chamber as we host an anniversary party that is also our July mixer. Inside the GFWC Williston Woman's Club, there will be music, memorabilia, a DJ and light refreshments.

On the clubhouse lawn, two dozen of our current Chamber partners will be in the spotlight as they showcase their businesses and organizations.

We hope you will drop in at your convenience, say hello and meet fellow Chamber partners — after all, we're celebrating YOU and your contribution to our 40-year success story.

Purpose - Adopted July 19, 1985

The Chamber is organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Williston Area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper. All necessary means of promotion shall be provided and particular attention and emphasis shall be given to the economic, civic, commercial, cultural, industrial and educational interests of the area.

Motto

Williston: A good place to live, work and play

From the President

We have completed our second quarter for 2025 and I am proud to report that our membership stands at 125 active members. As always, thank you so much for supporting and being a member of our Williston Chamber.

This past quarter had numerous events that members attended or were part of:

- * Try County Pregnancy Center of Williston Banquet
- * Bacon Fest at Heritage Park
- * BBQ contest at Homestead Park
- * Ornan Lodge Open House
- * Flag posting with VFW at Orange Hill Cemetery for Memorial Day
- * Watermelon Fest at Heritage Park
- * Sister City Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce Dinner

A big thank you to our lunch and learn sponsors: Williston X60 Regional Airport, Seacoast Bank, and Brannan and Hessel CPA.

Congratulations to our Businesses of the Month:

- April: Premier Events
- May: Mustang Cloggers
- June: T-Mobile

And last but not least, our mixer sponsors:

- April: AMVETS Post 444
- May: Princess Portable Toilets
- June: Virtual mixer by the Chamber

We have some upcoming events that the Chamber is excited to host:

40th Anniversary Party at the Williston Woman's Club on Saturday, July 26. All are welcome to attend.

Adopt a Highway through FDOT with our first clean up on Hwy. 121 N out of Williston on Saturday, July 19 at 8 a.m. Meet at City Hall and then head out for our first clean up.

We look forward to seeing you in the future at our many functions and remember our Williston Community is stronger together.



COREY BRYAN

President

***Turkey
Hollow Farm***

Mark Your Calendars

8 a.m. Saturday, July 19

City Hall
Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

5-8 p.m. Saturday, July 26

Williston Woman's Club
Chamber 40th Anniversary Party

12:30 Thursday, July 24

City Hall
Board of Directors Meeting
Open to Chamber partners

Noon Thursday, Aug. 14—

Lunch & Learn sponsored by
Ornan Lodge at the lodge
RSVP by Aug. 7

Sunday, Aug. 17

Pool Party/Mixer hosted by
Black Prong
RSVP by Aug. 7

12:30 Thursday, Aug. 28

City Hall
Board of Directors Meeting
Open to Chamber partners

Noon Thursday, Sept. 11 —

Lunch & Learn sponsored by
Community Foundation of NCF
at city hall
RSVP by Sept. 4

12:30 Thursday, Sept. 25

City Hall
Board of Directors Meeting
Open to Chamber partners

9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4

Central Florida Peanut Festival
Heritage Park

Noon Thursday, Oct. 9 —

Lunch & Learn sponsored by
The Chamber at city hall
"State of the Chamber"
RSVP by Oct. 2

5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16

Mixer hosted by
Two Hawk Hammock at the farm
RSVP by Oct. 9

12:30 Thursday, Oct. 23

City Hall
Board of Directors Meeting
Open to Chamber partners

6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25

Etheridge Cracker House
Steers & Beers Dinner
Tickets on sale through Oct. 17

*** *We still need a host for
a September mixer.
If you're interested,
let Carolyn know.*

Your Chamber Board

Corey Bryan
Turkey Hollow Farm
President



Marc Pompeo
Harriett Downs
Real Estate
Vice President



Betsy Langan
Langan Acres
Secretary



Joyce Wilson
Unity Family Community Center
Treasurer



Donna Hatcher
Hairitage Salon



Todd Etheridge
Capital City Bank



Richard Fontaine
Motion Wellness



Mary Martha Hartley
Seacoast Bank



Michael Logiodice
River Oak Service



Carolyn Ten Broeck
Executive Director



Dena Battle
Admin. Assistant

Adopt-a-Highway

The Chamber's first quarterly work day in the Florida

Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 19.

The Chamber has been assigned SR 121N. All cleanup tools and safety vests will be provided to volunteers.

If you are interested in participating with the Chamber in this ongoing project, it is recommended you watch the safety video and learn more about the program by visiting:

<https://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/aahinfo.shtm>

Please meet at Williston City Hall at 8 a.m. to receive your gear and instructions. Questions? Call our office. We need you!

*Your Ambassadors*

Ambassadors are Chamber partners who volunteer on the Economic Development and Outreach Committee. They act as liaisons between the Chamber partners and the board and executive officer.

The 2025 Chairwoman is Lynne Grant. If you're interested in becoming an Ambassador contact her at lynneg.willistonchamber@gmail.com.



Lynne Grant
Robert K. Grant Jewelers
Chair



Heidi Schwiebert
Two Hawk Hammock



Chrissy Watts
WAG/ Mustang Cloggers



Jay Houston



Betsy Langan
Langan Acres



Megan Shockley
City of Williston



Brittany Howerton
Career Source



Wendy Logiodice
River Oak Service



36th Central Florida Peanut Festival Saturday, Oct. 4 Heritage Park

Join us Oct. 4 as more than 100 vendors from around Florida converge in Williston's Heritage Park for the 36th Central Florida Peanut Festival.

In addition to arts, crafts, apparel, games and information, Butch Batts and the Southbound Band will headline in the Kenneth Schwiebert Pavilion and the Mustang Cloggers will entertain in the afternoon.

This year our Peanut King & Queen pageants, open to children 6 and under, will feature THREE age divisions. More information will come in August, but know the entry fee is still \$25 - the same as the last 10 years!

At publication time, we still have 10 spaces left in the center block and about 20 in the north end near the little gazebo.

If your business wants to participate, apply now as most spaces will be sold by mid-August.

We ♥ Our
SPONSORS!
Peanut Festival** So far

- * Williston Peanuts
- * Levy County Visitors Bureau
- * Harriett Downs Real Estate
- * Ellianos Coffee
- * Cross Oak Wealth

- * Campus USA
- * Beltz Solid Waste
- * Seacoast Bank
- * Princess Portable Toilets
- * Capital City Bank

- * Blooming Bliss Ceremonies, Events, Notary
- * Caldwell Royal Residences

Own a piece of Williston history

Willistonopoly is here and you need it!

The Chamber's 2025 fundraising project began last winter and kicked off in earnest in January when area businesses and individuals purchased spaces around the board to uniquely brand this game as "ours."

In short order it was sold and was sent to the manufacturer for production.

In early June our order was delivered and the city of Williston employees helped us unload and move it to storage.

Sales begin a few days later and six weeks later, we're happy to report, it is selling well.

The game is \$25 per unit but if you buy five or more units, the cost is \$16 - that's like getting one for free.

The lower prices enables area merchants to resell — like Sparr Building and Farm Supply is doing.

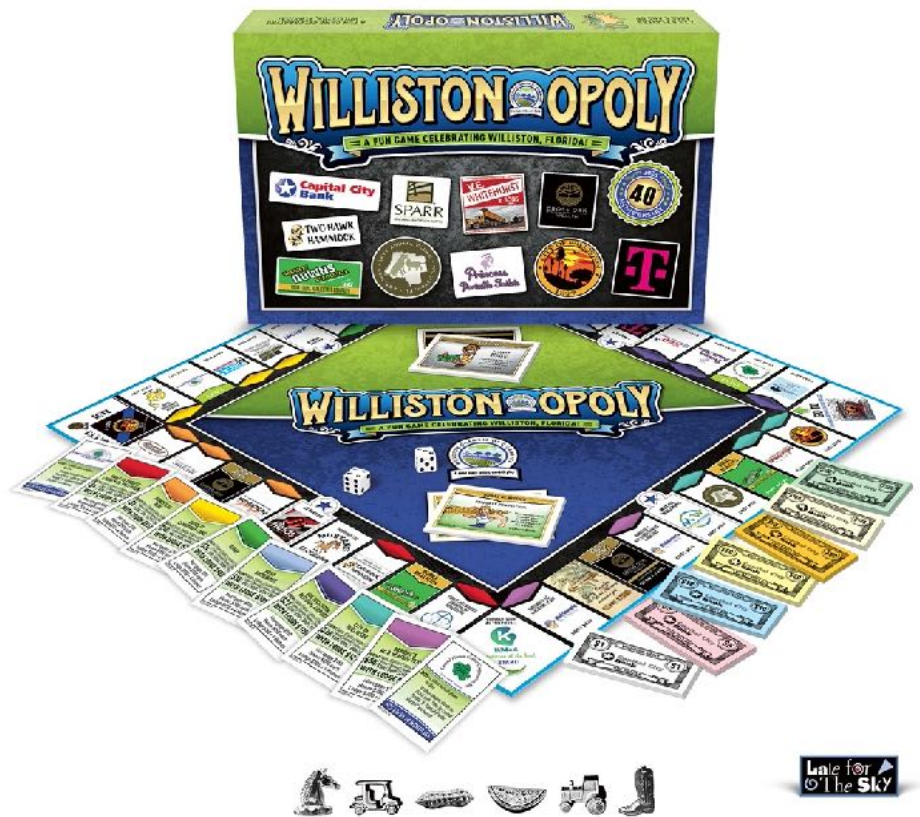
Besides needing one for your home, how about these ideas:

- *Christmas and/or birthday gifts
- *Employee incentive gifts
- *Door prizes for your next event
- *Realtor® closing gifts
- *Placed in AirBnBs or short term rentals
- *Resell in your business
- *Client gifts

The game is available in our city hall office during normal business hours and will be sold at our anniversary party July 26 and again at the Peanut Festival.

Proceeds from the games' profits will enhance our Scholarship Fund **and** will be the starter money for our building fund.

The Chamber thanks our Willistonopoly committee of Marc Pompeo, Betsy Langan and Chairwoman Dena Battle for their work, decision making and ensuring the success of this project.



Congratulations Williston High School

Class of 2025



Blake Martin
Winner of the Harriett Downs
Memorial Scholarship



Joseph Reinhart
Winner of the Harriett Downs
Memorial Scholarship



Isaac Helms
Winner of the Raymond Robinson
Memorial Scholarship



Breeden Clemenzi
Winner of the Raymond Robinson
Memorial Scholarship



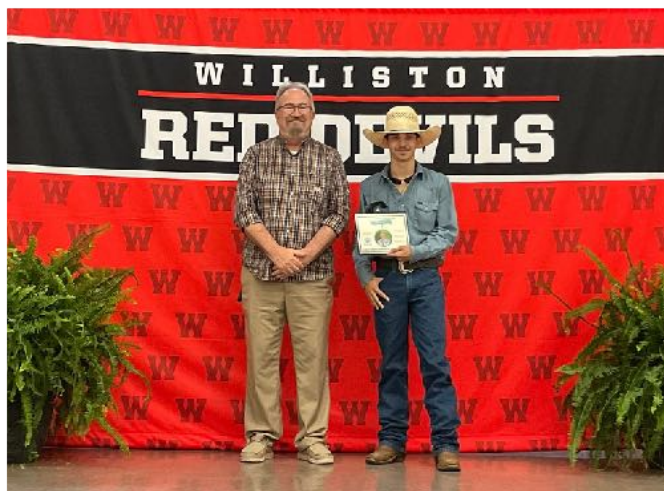
352-528-5552 Williston Area Chamber of Commerce willistonflcoc@gmail.com

The Williston Area Chamber of Commerce believes in education and that the future of our community rests on the shoulders of our young men and women.

For over 20 years, the Chamber has teamed with Williston Peanuts to award scholarships to students who will continue their education in a field relating to business or agriculture.

Our Scholarship Committee of Dr. Richard Fontaine, chairman; Ozzie Delgado, Adam Langan and Carolyn Ten Broeck reviewed and discussed each application and honored the recipients on Scholarship Night.

Right: Ozzie Delgado, Breeden Clemenzi, Isaac Helms and Dr. Richard Fontaine.



With our first Miles of Smiles in 2021, the Chamber inaugurated the Harriett Downs Memorial Vo-Tech Scholarship for students attending a vocational or technical school or a two-year trade program.

Left: Marc Pompeo of Harriett Downs Real Estate and Joseph Reinhart, Right: Blake Martin





Partners of
the Month



Partners Helping Partners



During April and May, we asked our partners to consider donating dog food to Williston Animal Group, car safety seats to Tri County Pregnancy Center and non-perishable food items to the food pantry at Williston First Methodist Church.

Many chose to make the deliveries themselves, but pictured here Ambassadors Lynne Grant and Brittany Howerton delivered six seats to Patrice Pullings on behalf of the Ambassadors and themselves; Carolyn Ten Broeck and Dena Battle delivered the food items to Judy Golden and Joe Smith and Carolyn donated a bag of dog food on behalf of the Chamber to WAG's Chrissy Watts.



This & That



Chamber President Corey Bryan, right and his wife and volunteer extraordinaire, Peggy, joined Executive Director Carolyn Ten Broeck, center, for a dinner mixer and meeting of the Dunnellon Chamber and Business Association and its interim Executive Director Julie Mancini, second from left. Julie is also an invaluable partner in our Chamber. Brandon Payne, T-Mobile manager, also attended adding a pleasant addition to the evening. Their table may have been the most boisterous one there!

Office Hours Aug. 28 - Sept. 9

Thursday, Aug. 28 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 29 Closed
Monday, Sept. 1 Closed Labor Day
Tuesday, Sept. 2 - Thursday, Sept. 4
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5 9 a.m. - noon
Monday, Sept. 8 - Tuesday, Sept. 9
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

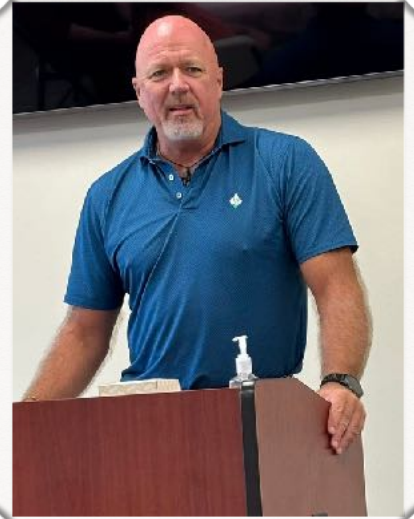
Networking Opportunities

See what you've missed



Williston XGO Regional Airport
April Luncheon





Brannan & Hessel CPA
May Luncheon





*Seacoast Bank
June Luncheon*



2025 Virtual Mixer Cheers to Summer!

