

CHAMBER NOTES

Williston: A good place to live, work & play

From the President

I am proud to report that we have completed our first quarter with the Williston Chamber and are moving along with accomplishing tasks.

We have finished all the work on the US 41 "Welcome to Williston" sign and will now just maintain the grounds around it. Thanks to Robert Grant, Marc Pompeo and Michael Logiodice for assisting in this project.

We are moving forward with our FDOT Adopt a Highway program and the Chamber, along with any partner who can participate, will begin cleaning our section of US121 on the north end of Williston in the very near future. Keep on the lookout when we schedule our very first clean up to help keep Williston beautiful.

The Chamber continues to give back to our community by recognizing our three businesses of the month for January, February and March: Cross Oak Wealth, River Oak Service and JJ Fields.

On May 14, we will give scholarships to our local youth who meet the criteria to be awarded these honors.

Remember, we are better together, and let's keep Williston at the center of pure country living.



**COREY
BRYAN**

President

*Turkey
Hollow Farm*

Mark Your Calendars

Noon Thursday, April 10—
Lunch & Learn sponsored by
X60 Airport
RSVP by April 7

5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10
Chamber Mixer hosted by
AMVETS Post 444
RSVP by April 7

Friday, April 18
Good Friday
Office & City Hall closed

12:30 Thursday, April 24
Board of Directors Meeting
Open to Chamber partners

Noon Thursday, May 8—
Lunch & Learn sponsored by
Brannan & Hessel CPA
RSVP by May 1

Lunch/Mixer Sponsors Needed

We are trying to complete our 2025 calendar for Lunch & Learn and networking Mixers.

If you or your business would like to sponsor, we need the following:

Mixer - May
Lunch and/or Mixer - June
Lunch and/or Mixer - July
Mixer - August
Mixer - September
Lunch - November

Notify Carolyn in the office if you're interested.



The Chamber's big 2025 fundraiser is now in the hands of the manufacturer and we're beyond excited with the response we received from our partners.

In less than a month, all properties on the board, the box cover, the money and the cards were claimed by more than 40 Williston-area businesses and individuals, thereby ensuring their place in this snippet of Williston history.

Partners are currently reviewing proofs of the game board and by the first of May, the actual game will be in production.

The game's tentative roll out date to the public is set for mid-July to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Chamber's founding.

In the interim, the Willistonopoly committee will be discussing prices, marketing and how best to get this commemorative keepsake in the hands of the consumers - you!



The Chamber's Board of Directors is especially grateful to Dena Battle, our office's administrative assistant who led the charge as the committee chairwoman for this project and made it as effortless as possible for everyone involved.

The Best of the Best

A recap of our 2024 award winners



2024 Outstanding Partners of the Year (tie):
Robert K. Grant Jewelers and Turkey Hollow Farm



2024 Outstanding New Business
(less than 3 years in business)
Archie's Woodfire Pizza



2024 Outstanding New Partner
Cross Oak Wealth - Ozzie Delgado



2024 Outstanding Non-Profit
Turkey Hollow Farm - Peggy & Corey Bryan



Honorary Members for Outstanding Support of the Chamber and its work for more than 30 years:

Williston Peanuts and the Raymond Robinson Family



2025 Hall of Fame Inductee

Raymond Robinson

Raymond Robinson, founder of Williston Peanuts and a lifelong resident of Williston, not only believed in his community, but believed in giving back.

A Chamber member for decades, he served on the board of directors and was heavily involved in the beginning of the Central Florida Peanut Festival, implementing many of the policies and activities that continue today.

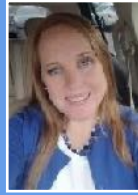
Since his death in 2005, Williston Peanuts has continued its support of the festival by being its major sponsor each year. Additionally, Williston Peanuts, with the Chamber, provides two scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will continue their education in either business or agriculture.

Your Chamber Board

Corey Bryan
Turkey Hollow Farm
President



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Harriett Downs
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Angela Norton
Counting Collective



Carolyn Ten Broeck
Executive Director



Dena Battle
Admin. Assistant

Adopt-a-Highway

At its January meeting, the Chamber's Board of Directors agreed to President Corey Bryan's idea to participate in the Florida Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program in 2025 and 2026.

The Chamber has been assigned SR 121N and will soon be setting a date for our initial cleanup. 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>

Questions? Call our office. We need you!




Next Up?

Peanut Festival

Applications for the 36th Central Florida Peanut Festival will be available to the public at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 13. This year's festival is Saturday, Oct. 4.

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



Megan Shockley
City of
Williston



Betsy Langan
Langan Acres



Wendy Logiodice
River Oak
Service

Also: Brittany Howerton, Stacie Hay, Jennifer Jones, Jessica Hudson

Networking Opportunities

Just see what you're missing!

