

JUNE 2019 BUSINESS OF THE MONTH: JET FOOD STORES

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When we're not celebrating national campaigns or community events, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce dedicates an entire month to celebrating one of our amazing Members. And this month's celebrated Member is Jet Food Stores, our 2019 Ambassador Sponsor! Jet is a local retail convenience store chain that is headquartered in Washington County. You can find one of their 49 retail locations throughout Washington County and beyond!





BRAG: BIKE RIDE ACROSS GEORGIA

June was the month of the annual Bike Ride Across Georgia (or BRAG, for short). Communities throughout Georgia were turned into temporary rest stops for these incredible bike riders, and Washington County joined in on the fun! Tennille and Deepstep both proudly served as rest stops for BRAG, offering water and snacks.





RIBBON CUTTINGS



Ribbon Cutting at Joie + Co, a new boutique in Sandersville, GA located in Kaolin Plaza.

GMA SAVANNAH

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce was proud to talk about civic health at the annual Georgia Municipal Association conference alongside Family Connection & Communities In Schools of Washington County. It was a great opportunity to discuss ways we are making our community more civic healthy.



HIGHWAY 15 SIGN CEREMONY

On June 26th, the Highway 15 Coalition held a ceremony in Wrightsville, GA, celebrating the grand opening of their brand new "Traditions Highway" signs that can be found throughout communities along HWY 15.

Representatives from every single HWY 15 Coalition community, representatives from the Georgia Department of Transportation, and people from the surrounding community had the privilege of hearing from HWY 15 Coalition Board President Chris Hutchings, Representative Mack Jackson, and Corbett Reynolds from the GDOT.



BRE

The June Business Retention & Expansion Breakfast had over 50 attendees, and Stan Wilson provided a wonderful, educational, and informative program. Chester Dean's delivered a great breakfast to kickstart the day as well. Our next BRE Breakfast is September 4th.







COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY EDUCATORS

The Chamber hosted a Coffee & Doughnuts networking event with Washington County's new leaders in education. Attendees had the opportunity to speak with many education leaders, including WACO Schools Superintendent Dr. Rickey Edmond, OFTC President Erica Harden, Brentwood Head of School Danny Howell, WACO High School Principal Dr. Darryl Gilbert, and T.J. Elder Middle School Principal Timothy May.



Ambassador of the Month

TERESA HINES

As the Publisher of our local newspaper, The Georgian, Teresa Hines was already incredibly involved with the community, but when the opportunity arose to become a Chamber Ambassador, she saw it as an opportunity to connect with the businesses and citizens of Washington County even more. Along with publishing local government news, events, and legal notices, becoming an Ambassador allowed Teresa to add promoting local businesses and industry for her community to her long list of accomplishments as well. She believes that although we are a small community, it takes all of us to make us a strong, sustainable county.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE!

The Development Authority of Washington County & the Washington County Chamber of Commerce are proud to introduce the newest team member, Saketha Yancey. Saketha has been hired as Office Manager, overseeing the day to day operation of the offices and supporting both organizations. Ms. Yancey dedicated 31 years to the Board of Education, working her way through the organization and finally serving as Director of HR before her retirement. She also serves as a pastor for Empowered to Serve Ministries, Inc. Along with spending time with her husband Brinson, her son Chadrick, and her daughter Latronda Jones, Saketha enjoys reading and traveling. Saketha is excited to be more involved with her community, support Washington County, and connect with the people around her. The Authority and Chamber are excited about this new addition to the team and look forward to her contributions to our organizations and our community.



Welcome New Members!





Upcoming

July Business After Hours

Thursday, July 25th 5:30-7:00 PM Boys & Girls Club 320 Riddleville Rd, Sandersville, GA 31082

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