

Chamber Chatter

August 2025 Recap

Dear Chamber Members,

August was truly one for the books! Our chamber family continues to grow and that growth is such a powerful reminder of how committed our business community is to lifting each other up and investing in the future of Colleton County. This past month, we've had the privilege of welcoming new members, celebrating multiple ribbon cuttings (with plenty more just around the corner!), and seeing record-breaking turnouts at our events.

What excites us most is the energy that's building across our county—it feels like everywhere we turn, there's momentum, collaboration, and pride in what we're accomplishing together. We couldn't be prouder to play a part in this story, and even more proud of all of our members who make Colleton County such a vibrant place to live, work, and grow. Here's to keeping that momentum strong as we head into the fall!



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On the Horizon

Our annual State of Colleton dinner is fast approaching. Happening on November 20, 2025 at the Walterboro Wildlife Center, we are busy planning an informative and engaging evening. Filled with networking, a delicious dinner, and speakers consisting of our county leaders, you won't want to miss out! Reserve your seat today! Email or call!



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- 4 Tickets for Entry and a reserved table
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Upcoming Events

Coffee with Colleagues - Sponsored by The Press and Standard

September 3, 2025- 8:00AM

Colleton Coffee

252 E. Washington St., Walterboro, SC 29488

First Thursday

September 4, 2025

E. Washington St., Walterboro, SC 29488

Downtown shops open until 7:30pm

Atherton Law Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

September 5, 2025 - 10:00AM

979 Robertson Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488

Elegant Treasurers Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

September 10, 2025 - 1:00 PM

251 E Washington St., Walterboro, SC 29488

Business After Hours- Hosted by Preferred Construction Supply

September 17, 2025- 6:00PM

105 Venture Way, Walterboro, SC 29488

Looking for the perfect way to connect, unwind, and grow your network? Join us for Business After Hours hosted by Preferred Construction Supply! This is your chance to meet fellow professionals, build valuable relationships, and learn more about one of our community's leading companies—all in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Come enjoy great conversations, refreshments, and the opportunity to expand your business connections! Expect an email calendar invitation soon.

Golf Tournament- Halloween Theme!

Date: October 25, 2025

Dogwood Hills Golf Course

Sign your team up now! Best Team Costume wins a prize! Interested in sponsoring? Reach out!

August 2025 Recap- Events

Junqué Ribbon Cutting

What a fantastic day in Walterboro! The grand opening and ribbon cutting of Junqué was an absolute hit, and the Colleton County Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to officially welcome them!

The owners, Kellie and Mykee, and vendors truly went all out to make this day and store something special — and they've filled the space with all the “fancy junk” your heart could ever desire! From vintage finds to upscale treasures, there's something for every style and every home.

Stop by, explore, and see what treasures are waiting for you. Trust us... you won't leave empty-handed!



Business After Hours & Ribbon Cutting- Colleton County Chamber

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours !

We are so grateful for the warm welcome into our new space and for the incredible support from our members, community partners, and Colleton County leaders. Your encouragement means the world as we continue working together to grow, support, and celebrate local businesses.

Events like these remind us of the power of connection and collaboration—when we come together, we all succeed.

Here's to many more milestones, partnerships, and wins for Colleton County businesses!



Coffee with Colleagues

What a morning! We had our BIGGEST turnout ever at Coffee with Colleagues in August with the Colleton County Chamber of Commerce!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us — it was inspiring to see so many local professionals come together, connect, and share the same positive energy and commitment to growing our business community.

Let's keep the momentum going — we can't wait to see you at the next one!



Colleton County News



Hometown Heroes Recognized

On July 22, 2025, a tragic crash on I-95 claimed lives and left many critically injured. In that moment of crisis, Colleton County's first responders and healthcare workers acted with courage, skill, and compassion.

Fire-Rescue, law enforcement, dispatchers, and hospital staff worked together to save lives, protect our community, and bring hope in the midst of tragedy.

On August 12, 2025, County Council issued a Proclamation of Recognition honoring their extraordinary service, teamwork, and dedication.

To every firefighter, officer, dispatcher, nurse, doctor, and support worker—Colleton County salutes you.

Colleton Medical Center Welcomes New CEO

From Colleton Medical Center Social Media:

"Please join us in welcoming our new CEO, Colin O'Sullivan—a healthcare leader with more than 25 years of experience guiding teams, shaping strategy, and elevating patient care. We're thrilled to have him on #TeamColleton!"

"It's a privilege to welcome Colin O'Sullivan as CEO of Colleton Medical Center," said Missy Feather, Chief Nursing Officer. "His experience and vision will guide us in advancing patient care, building on our hospital's strong legacy, and inspiring excellence across our entire team."



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"The real shift happens when the board and CEO don't just tolerate each other's roles, but respect them."



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FROM INTERFERENCE TO
IMPACT: THE CASE FOR
GOVERNANCE-FOCUSED
BOARDS

 **JAMES DISMOND**

 **MIRASOL**
HEALTH

MiraSol Health CEO Featured by Forbes NonProfit Council

From MiraSol Health Social Media: "In the article, "From Interference to Impact: The Case for Governance-Focused Boards," he explores how boards and CEOs can create stronger organizations by respecting one another's roles and focusing on governance over micromanagement.

As James notes "Ultimately, when the board governs and the CEO leads, your organization can improve and your mission can be reinforced." [**Read Article Here**](#)

Member Spotlight

Jennifer Larson
Golden Years Sanctuary



Founded by Jennifer Larson on Valentine's Day 2023, Golden Years Sanctuary is a nonprofit devoted to the care and comfort of senior and hospice cats, ensuring they spend their golden years surrounded by warmth, dignity, and affection.



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In a quiet corner of Cottageville, a little magic is happening—and it's all centered around love, compassion, and second chances. Founded by Jennifer Larson on Valentine's Day 2023, Golden Years Sanctuary is a nonprofit devoted to the care and comfort of senior and hospice cats, ensuring they spend their golden years surrounded by warmth, dignity, and affection.

Currently home to six senior cats ranging in age from 11 to 19, the sanctuary provides timely vet care, cozy spaces, and, most importantly, an abundance of love. One special hound, Henry—once abandoned and gravely ill—also calls the sanctuary home. Now fully recovered, he's the poster pup for resilience and healing.

But Golden Years doesn't stop at the sanctuary doors.

Through their community outreach initiative, Operation Noel, the organization operates pop-up pet food pantries throughout Colleton County. These pop-ups are intentionally low-barrier—no paperwork, no red tape. They exist to meet people where they are and help them keep their beloved pets at home and out of shelters. The initiative is named after a hospice cat taken in during the holidays—a beautiful reminder that every day holds the potential to be a gift, especially when kindness is involved. The spark for Golden Years Sanctuary came from a special soul—Stewie, a 21-year-old cat adopted from a kill shelter at age five. Originally named “Mr. Tinkles” (you can probably guess why), Stewie blossomed into a beloved family member who enjoyed a full life of love and backyard adventures. His journey inspired Jennifer to create a place where senior and hospice cats could experience the same kind of gentle care in the twilight of their lives. “I started thinking I wanted to provide space to senior or hospice cats who need a soft place to land,” Jennifer recalls. “To ensure the 4th quarter of their life was spent in a warm, comfortable environment.” After moving to Cottageville in 2022, Jennifer and her family spent their first year getting to know the area—exploring local shops, connecting with small businesses, and learning where to find trusted resources. Golden Years officially launched in early 2023, and since then, has worked hard to establish its grassroots presence in the community. “I’ll never forget when we got our first call saying, ‘I’ve heard about your wonderful sanctuary.’ Those are the moments that matter most.” Like any grassroots nonprofit, Golden Years faces its fair share of challenges—chief among them, spreading awareness and securing consistent donor support for their community pantry. “We need people to know we’re here—especially those who might benefit from our help,” says Jennifer. The sanctuary is eager to collaborate with local businesses to host pet food drives and raise awareness. They’re also planning to launch a volunteer program soon, welcoming anyone who wants to lend a hand—or a heart. Looking ahead, Jennifer hopes to launch a grant program to help senior citizens with the cost of veterinary care for their pets, as well as a new “mini mission” to support community cat caregivers. “We want to build strong relationships that help both sides of the fence—not just ours,” she adds.

Want to Get Involved? You can support Golden Years Sanctuary in a number of ways:

-Host a pet food or supply drive at your business

-Spread the word to friends and neighbors

-Follow and engage on Facebook and Instagram

-Visit their website at goldenyearssanctuary.org to explore their Wishlist, resident stories, and donation options

-Whether it's sharing a post, dropping off supplies, or simply learning more, every small act helps Golden Years continue to do what they do best: providing love, comfort, and dignity to animals who need it most.

Welcome New Members



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The sanctuary provides love, care, and dignity to senior and hospice cats. With the exception of 1 special dog, Henry!

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He currently lives in Walterboro with his wife and daughter, and remains dedicated to serving the community he has always called home.



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