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Chamber Connection

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Hop on the BAM WAGON:

Nick Nicholas Ford PRESENTS
BAM BARBECUE
CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS
THURSDAY, OCT 26TH, 6PM - 10PM

COME HUNGRY AND READY TO GET DOWN!
M&B DAIRY, 8760 S LECANTO HWY, LECANTO

THE EMBRY BROTHERS LEON'S FAMOUS BBQ

\$35 - GENERAL ADMISSION **\$60 W/ OPEN BAR**
*MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO PURCHASE

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.CITRUSCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM/BAM-BBQ/

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The Chamber's B.A.M. BBQ is back on Oct. 26!

Mark your calendars and dust off those boots, because the biggest party in Citrus County is just around the corner! If you haven't already heard (where have you been?), the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is all set to host the grand finale of Business Appreciation Month – the B.A.M. BBQ.

On October 26th, from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M., M&B Dairy in Lecanto. The atmosphere will come alive as the epicenter of camaraderie, networking, and sheer fun. With an average turnout of 500 enthusiastic business professionals, local leaders, and community members, this is the networking fiesta you don't want to miss. And why would you? Between genuine conversations, delicious food, and fabulous entertainment, it's more than just a BBQ – it's a community celebration.

"Every year, our B.A.M. BBQ is an opportunity for us to celebrate and thank our local businesses for the immense contributions they make to Citrus County," remarked a Chamber President/CEO, Josh Wooten. "The vibe is laid-back and fun, the ambiance unique, and the connections real."

What's on the menu? Mouth-watering doesn't even begin to describe it. Relish Leon's famous BBQ, assisted by the Agriculture Alliance of Citrus County. But that's not all! Dive into Larry Rook's fried okra and Dixie Hollins' fried green tomatoes. And, for those with a sweet tooth, The Ice Cream Club promises a dessert to remember, crafted from the milk of M&B Dairy's own cows.

Entertainment-wise, the Chamber has pulled out all the stops. By popular demand, The Embry Brothers are back! With their soulful tunes and electrifying performance, they're set to elevate the evening to an all-new high.

If you're yet to grab your tickets, act fast! Priced at \$35 for general admission and \$60 for an open bar, you can secure your spot by visiting www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/bam-bbq.

Looking to make a larger impact? Sponsorship opportunities are up for grabs. Reach out to Corrine at Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com for details.

Don't just hear about it afterward. Be there, be part of the buzz, and hop on the B.A.M. Wagon! The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce looks forward to seeing you at the party of the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/20 — Salute to Business Luncheon; CF – Wilton Simpson Campus; Speaker: Gray Swoope, CEO of VisionFirst Advisors and former Florida Secretary of Commerce; Sponsored by CORE Business Center

10/26 — BAM BBQ; M&B Dairy

11/16 — November Mixer hosted by the Sugarmill Woods Country Club

11/17 — November Chamber Luncheon; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; 40 Under Forty Awards; Sponsored by Digital Hound Media

Salute to Business Luncheon will feature former Florida Secretary of Commerce

As a leader with a rich history in economic development and a stellar track record including serving as the Florida Secretary of Commerce under Gov. Rick Scott, The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is proud to host Gray Swoope as our Salute to Business luncheon keynote speaker.

Mr. Swoope brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this momentous event to discuss



Gray Swoope

strategies on managing our current and expected growth with the County's strategic mission of prioritizing the protection of environmental assets while ensuring services and resources are available for all residents.

The luncheon will be held on October 20th at the College of Central Florida Wilton Simpson Campus in Lecanto from 11:30am – 1pm. Tickets are \$35 and must be

made in advance. No walk-ups will be accepted. This luncheon is expected to sell out quickly! Reserve your space now at www.citrus-county-chamber.com/business-appreciation-month/.

Thank you to Business Appreciation Month presenting sponsor, Nick Nicholas Ford – celebrating 42 years in business this month, to our luncheon sponsor CORE Business Center, and our venue sponsor College of Central Florida.

RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

Operation PAR



Welcome to the Chamber, Operation PAR! If you or a loved one is struggling with addiction, you don't have to go through it alone. Their all-inclusive recovery treatment options provide hope and liberate individuals from the chains of addiction so they can create a life they love. 470 Pleasant Grove Rd, Inverness FL 34452. (352) 560-6077. <https://www.operationpar.org/>

Manatee Meat Company



Welcome to the Chamber, Manatee Meat Company, a part of the 7 Gifts of Kindness initiative. Alongside the 7 Gifts of Kindness, Manatee Meat Company brings attention to helping Cancer Warriors, Caregivers, and Children in need of advocacy. They raise money to fund monthly gift box and gift bag donations to Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute, Share the Care, Inc., and Jessie's Place - a Child advocacy center in Citrus County, <https://www.manateemeatcompany.org/>

Chamber Legacy Members

