

**Mission of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce**

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses unified in efforts to advance the economic growth of the region, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.

Chamber Connection

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ANNUAL BAM BBQ This Thursday!

JENKINS AUTO GROUP PRESENTS
BAM BARBECUE
CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS
THURSDAY, OCT 27TH, 6PM - 10PM

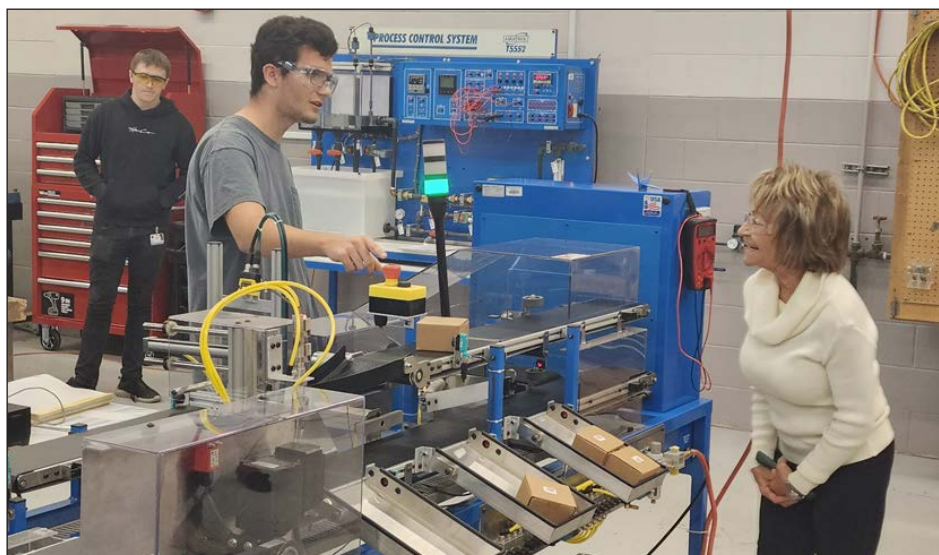
COME HUNGRY AND READY TO GET DOWN!
M&B DAIRY, 8760 S LECANTO HWY, LECANTO

THE JOJO JONES BAND **LEON'S FAMOUS BBQ**

\$30 - GENERAL ADMISSION **\$55 W/ OPEN BAR**
*MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO PURCHASE

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM

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It's time for a boot scootin' good time as the BEST business networking event of the year returns: the Business Appreciation Month (BAM) BBQ THIS THURSDAY, October 27, at M&B Dairy in Lecanto.

This annual Citrus County Chamber of Commerce event brings together hundreds of Citrus County's local business-people for an evening that recognizes the contributions that the businesses make to our local economy and our quality of life.

With mouth-watering BBQ cooked on site by M&B's own Leon McClellan and members of the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County, Dixie Hollins' famous fried green tomatoes and Larry Rooks' fried okra, deliciously smooth ice cream made from the cream of M&B's dairy cows, along with a complete array of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, the BAM BBQ is the place to be seen, network and have fun!

We are excited this year to host on stage, Rekindled Bits of Grass and our headliner, local favorite The Jojo Jones Band!

Ticket prices range from \$30 - \$50
\$30 - GA (Includes admission, dinner, and unlimited non-alcoholic beverages)
\$55 - GA/Open Bar (includes admission, dinner, and unlimited adult drinks)

Tickets are available on EventBrite (<https://tinyurl.com/BAMBBQ2022>) For information, call 352-795-3149.

Behind the Scenes on local business!

Business Appreciation Month is host to many events to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions our local businesses have made in our community and to our economy. The Business Familiarization (BAM FAM) Tour is an attendee favorite that develops a deeper appreciation for the work that many of our businesses do for our community. During a day-long trip around our county, guests visited local businesses and organizations to receive an inside look at their operations and hear about plans for the future.

On this year's tour, our guests got one-on-one tours or progress updates of Duke Energy's Mariculture Center and the Bay Trail Solar Plant, Pete's Pier Marina, Citrus Publishing/Citrus County Chronicle, Withlacoochee Technical College, WoodSpring Suites, Oscar Penn's, Right Rudder Aviation, the CORE Business Center, a tour of Inverness, Holder Industrial Park, the Citrus Springs Habitat for Humanity project, soon-to-open ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital, Copp Brewery and Winery, and additional updates on the County's strategic planning, the animal shelter, Prosperity Citrus, and more.

We thank all our hosts and speakers for taking the time to give an in-depth look at their facilities and organizations. We also thank our guests for their interest and support of all our amazing local businesses. We look forward to new stops on next year's tour!

A special thank you to our BAM FAM Tour Presenting Sponsor Meek Real Estate, BAM FAM Lunch host Oscar



Penn's, and all of our Business Appreciation Month sponsors!

Thank you, BAM sponsors!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/27 — BAM BBQ 6PM – 10PM; M & B Dairy, Lecanto
- 11/17 — November Chamber Mixer, 5PM – 7PM, TBA
- 11/18 — November Luncheon 40 Under Forty Awards, 11:30AM, Plantation on Crystal River
- 12/03 — Crystal River Christmas Parade, 6PM
- 12/10 — Inverness Christmas Parade, 12PM
- 12/15 — December Parade Awards Mixer, 5PM – 7PM, Bayfront Health Seven Rivers
- 12/16 — December BWA Luncheon, 11:30AM, Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

Christmas Around the World!

Applications for parade entries are now open online at CitrusCountyChamber.com/Christmas-Parades.

- School band -- \$0.00
- Strawberry Festival Pageant Winner -- \$0.00
- Police, Sheriff, Fire, Gov. Units, Military -- \$0.00
- Reigning 2022 Pageant Recipient -- \$0.00
- Non-Commercial Float or Entry (includes trailer) -- \$30.00
- Religious Entry -- \$30.00
- Car Club -- \$30.00
- Commercial Units (includes trailer) -- \$60.00
- *Additional Units may result in additional fees.

Crystal River Parade
12/03/22 6 P.M.

Inverness Parade
12/10/22 12 P.M.

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