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Big BAM Chamber Mixer Kicks Off Business Appreciation Month

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce officially kicked off Business Appreciation Month with a packed house at the Big BAM Chamber Mixer, hosted by TGH Hospital of Crystal River.

The evening was marked by strong attendance as members and guests came together to connect with peers, strengthen business relationships, and enjoy the generous hospitality of TGH Hospital of Crystal River. This year's attendance even surpassed last year's, a clear sign of how our community continues to grow and thrive.

The Chamber also recognized Nick Nicholas Ford as the Presenting Sponsor of Business Appreciation Month. Their support helps make it possible for

the Chamber to showcase and celebrate the contributions of local businesses throughout October.

The celebration continues later this month with one of BAM's signature events, that is sure to sell out again this year, the BAM BBQ, featuring great food, live entertainment, and a special performance by fire dancer Jen Ferry.

Tickets for the BAM BBQ are available now at www.citruscountychamber.com/bam-bbq.

Business Appreciation Month is an annual tradition in Citrus County, highlighting the businesses that provide jobs, support families, and contribute to the overall quality of life in our community. The Chamber invites everyone to join in the celebrations all month long.



RECENT RIBBON CUTTING

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.

Modern Woodmen of America



Welcome to Chamber, Modern Woodmen of America! Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal financial services organization founded in 1883, dedicated to helping families throughout life. With nearly 700,000 members, they offer a range of financial products including life insurance, annuities, and investments. What sets them apart is their unique combination of financial services and fraternal programs, which include social, educational, and volunteer activities that meet local community needs. This approach fosters strong relationships and a sense of belonging among members. Modern Woodmen operates without stockholders, existing solely for the benefit of its members, and is committed to making a positive impact in communities across the United States. (352) 698-3923. <https://www.modernwoodmen.org/>

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- 10/23 BAM BBQ; 6:00pm-10:00pm; M&B Dairy
- 11/14 November Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
- 11/20 November Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm – 7:00pm; The Oaks B&B
- 12/06 Crystal River Christmas Parade, 6pm
- 12/12 Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
- 12/13 Inverness Christmas Parade, Noon
- 12/18 Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm – 7:00pm; (members only), Sweet Citrus Acres

BBQ, Business & Big Connections Await at BAM's Biggest Night

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the grand finale of Business Appreciation Month, the BAM BBQ, happening Thursday, October 23 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at M&B Dairy in Lecanto.

Known as the BIGGEST networking party of the year in Citrus County, the BAM BBQ brings together more than 800 business professionals, local leaders, and community advocates for an unforgettable night of fellowship, food, and fun! This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the businesses that drive growth, innovation, and community spirit in Citrus County while connecting with peers in a one-of-a-kind setting.

Guests will enjoy a feast of local flavors, including Leon's mouth-watering BBQ, Larry Rook's crispy fried okra, Dixie Hollins' famous fried green tomatoes, hearty sides, and ice cream made with cream from M&B Dairy's own cows. Word is, Dixie may even have a special surprise in store this year that goes beyond his beloved recipe.

The entertainment lineup is just as exciting! Live music from Echo Sixx will keep the crowd energized, while a dazzling performance by fire dancer Jen Ferry will add a spark of excitement to

the evening. With great food, lively music, and spectacular performances, this year's BBQ is set to be the most memorable yet.

The Chamber also gives a special thank you to Nick Nicholas Ford, the Presenting Sponsor of Business Appreciation Month. Their continued support makes it possible to host events like the BAM BBQ that celebrate the strength and success of Citrus County's business community.

TICKETS

General Admission: \$40
Admission w/ Open Bar: \$70
(must be 21 or older)

Tickets are on sale now at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/BAM-BBQ. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses who want to elevate their brand presence while supporting this signature event.

Do not miss this celebration of business, community, and local flavor. The 2025 BAM BBQ is ready to fire up the farm, rain or shine. Secure your tickets before we sell out!

BAM BARBEQUE
CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS
THURSDAY, OCT 23RD, 6PM - 10PM
COME HUNGRY AND READY TO GET DOWN!
M&B DAIRY, 8760 S LECANTO HWY, LECANTO
ECHO SIXX BAND "FIRE GIRL" JEN FERRY LEON'S FAMOUS BBQ
\$40 GENERAL ADMISSION **\$70 W/ OPEN BAR**
***MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO PURCHASE**
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.CITRUSCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM/BAM-BBQ/



Chamber Legacy Members



The Chamber recognizes our Legacy Partners that have made a special investment in the Chamber to support the programs and mission of the Chamber. For information on becoming a Legacy Partner, please contact the Chamber by emailing Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.