

# Chamber Connection

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## Chamber presents at FACP Conference

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce was honored this past week to be included in the 2021 Fall FACP Conference as a presenting panelist to discuss our partnership with the County and Cities in utilizing residual CARES dollars to help promote and support local businesses.

Chamber President/CEO, Josh Wooten spoke on our three current projects including the creation of the CORE Business Center, the Furlough Re-hire Grant, and the Shop Citrus First campaign.

For more information on these programs please visit [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com).

### WHAT IS CORE?

CORE is a collaborative partnership to provide local small

Citrus  
One-Stop  
Recovery &  
Economic

and medium sized businesses with resources and no-cost services they can use and build upon to maximize success.

Starting and growing a business is extremely rewarding but running a business while searching for critical answers to business growth can feel overwhelming.

The Citrus One-Stop Recovery and Economic (CORE) Center is your one-stop solutions center towards your success. Whether you are a prospective entrepreneur looking for direction, or a small to medium size business reaching for the next level, our resources — from workshops, networking, training and more can maximize your results and place you at the core of success. [www.coretosuccess.com](http://www.coretosuccess.com)



## Fire Up Citrus Deadline less than a week away!

There are few opportunities in life where you are handed a platform to speak your truth and share your ideas for a brighter future. Fire Up Citrus! is one of those moments. 12 presenters will have 5 minutes each to present their ideas to grow Citrus County for the better. Our community is growing every day and this presents the opportunity for your voice to be heard in front of community leaders, movers and shakers, looking to make a difference.

But what kind of ideas are welcome at Fire Up Citrus? ALL OF THEM! Ideas of all shapes and sizes are encouraged. Over the years, we've heard ideas for

skate parks to educational academies, non-profit startups to affordable housing. No idea is too big or small to make an impact for the future of our community!

Applications are open through October 1st, online at [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/fire-up-citrus](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/fire-up-citrus). You can also access the 2019 presenter video to see what it's all about!

Fire Up Citrus! will be held at the Valerie Theatre in Inverness on October 19th from 6 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. General admission is \$10. Free for presenters.

For more information, contact Ardath Prendergast at 352-795-3149 or [ardath@citruscountychamber.com](mailto:ardath@citruscountychamber.com).

### 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.

**Florida Wellcare Alliance, LC**

**352-419-4859**



Welcome to the Chamber, Florida Wellcare Alliance, LC! The Florida Wellcare Alliance (FWA) is a limited liability partnership comprised of Citrus County Florida physicians representing multiple medical specialties. The executive office is located in Hernando, on West Central Florida's scenic Gulf Coast. 1245 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy, Hernando, FL. 34442. <https://www.floridawellcare.com/>

**Unity of Citrus**

**352-746-1270**



Welcome to the Chamber Unity of Citrus! Unity of Citrus is a positive path for spiritual living that centered in God, they celebrate the Christ-consciousness in a world of peace, harmony, and abundance for everyone. They are here to provide a loving, accepting, and healing spiritual community that transforms lives and our world through prayer, education, and sacred service. 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto, FL, 34461.



PRESENTS



## BARBECUE

CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS

**THURSDAY, OCT 28TH, 6PM - 10PM**





**COME HUNGRY AND READY TO GET DOWN!**

M&B DAIRY, 8760 S LECANTO HWY, LECANTO

LEON'S FAMOUS BBQ

**B.A.M! 2021**

MUSIC BY VEGAS MCGRAW

CONNECT W/ LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

ONLINE AT [CITRUSCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM/BAMBBQ](http://CITRUSCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM/BAMBBQ)

**\$25 GENERAL ADMISSION | \$50 W/ OPEN BAR**

\*\* INDIVIDUAL ADULT BEVERAGE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT FOR \$5 PER TICKET.

**THANK YOU BAM SPONSORS**






### Senate President to speak at October Luncheon



**Wilton Simpson**

The Business Appreciation Month Salute to Business Luncheon is excited to welcome Florida Senate President, Wilton Simpson, as our keynote speaker! Senator Simpson will share his thoughts around the 2022 legislative business agenda.

The luncheon will be held on October 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the College of Central Florida — Lecanto Campus.

Thank you to our October luncheon sponsor Duke Energy. \$25 to attend, lunch included.

To RSVP, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2021-October-Luncheon>.

## Chamber Events

**10/15** – Salute to Business Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Senate President Wilton Simpson, sponsored by Duke Energy – 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.. To register email [Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com](mailto:Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com).

**10/19** – Fire Up Citrus! – 6 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.; The Valerie Theatre in Inverness

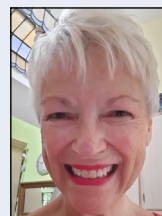
**10/28** – BAM BBQ presented by Crystal Harley Davidson – 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.; M&B Dairy in Lecanto. Tickets on sale now at [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/bambbq](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/bambbq).

### WYKE 'Chamber Report' on WYKE



Watch the weekly Chamber Report show on WYKE-TV to stay informed on Chamber events, issues, and member spotlights. Chamber Report is broadcast on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 5 p.m. on Spectrum Channel 16 or through LiveStream ([www.livestream.com/watch](http://www.livestream.com/watch) and search for "WYKE TV 47").

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Sue Grable of Nature Coast Ministries to discuss their no-cost dental clinic and the many ways you can get involved! Also joining Jade is Will Wilson, owner of Citrus Sports and Apparel, to talk about his current experience with supply chain delays and how that is affecting his and other local businesses. Finally, Shaunda Burdette, Executive Director of the Citrus County Education Foundation, and Alyson Brennan, committee Chair of the Hernando Dragon Boat Festival, sit down with our host to talk tell us about the upcoming dragon boat festival, how to get involved, and more! Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!



**Sue Grable**



**Will Wilson**



**Shaunda Burdette**



**Alyson Brennan**

### Chamber Legacy Partners



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 at 352-795-3149.

