

### LATEST & GREATEST NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL CHAMBER

# Message from the President



# Greetings!

Welcome to the latest news from your Butts County Chamber of Commerce. For those who I have not had the pleasure to meet, my name is Jacqueline McKoon, and I am honored to have been selected to serve our community as your new Chamber President. Although I have only been here a short

while, it already feels like home, thanks to the many of you who have welcomed me with open arms.

Beginning June 3rd, we hit the ground running and have not stopped. Over the last month, our Chamber family has been hard at work making plans, facilitating partnerships, and bringing new ideas, as we prepare to take on the remainder of this year and head into 2025.

In addition to our future planning, we also celebrated a few ribbon cuttings, welcomed a number of new members, and held an event in honor of our past Executive Director, the extraordinary, Lisa Durden. I am truly grateful for the time Lisa has taken to lend her wisdom, guidance, and insight, as we venture into this next phase of Chamber growth building off of the strong foundation Lisa has set.

Moving forward, we hope you find this monthly newsletter helpful as it will serve as the primary resource on "all things Chamber," as well as the latest happenings within our community at large.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to set a meeting for us to get better acquainted, please reach out. My contact information is listed below. I can't wait to meet you! Until next time....

Kind Regards,



Jacqueline McKoon President/CEO



# Month in Review

The last month has been nothing short of eventful. Here is a quick look at your Chamber at work.



# Wandalands Vineyard & Orchards Visit us @ wandalands.com

#### WANDALANDS VINYARD & ORCHARDS

Friday, June 14th brought the community together to welcome the Grand Opening of Wandalands Vineyard & Orchards. This family farm in the epitome of "Georgia Grown" offering fresh produce to Butts County, as well as educational opportunities for all to learn more about Georgia's number one industry. If you have not had the chance to sample their homemade ice cream...you are missing out! Go by, grab a cone, and introduce yourself to the Brown Family! You won't be sorry.

**Click Here to Learn More** 

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Huge thanks to Southern Crescent Technical College and their partners for including Butts County in their regional workforce development initiative as it pertains to career pathways through our technical schools.

The educators selected to go through the program can now share with fellow teachers how they can better equip our students for a successful career path through our technical college system while filling much needed gaps within our regional workforce. Shoutout



to Georgia Power for sponsoring the program, along with our Chamber members, Central Georgia EMC & Wellstar Sylvan Grove Hospital for participating!



#### NORTHPOINT MORTGAGE

We were thrilled to welcome Northpoint Mortgage to the Chamber family with an official Ribbon Cutting, June 24th.

Northpoint Mortgage is excited to serve the Butts County area in helping families realize their dream of home ownership. Attendees were not disappointed by the Varsity Truck that was on hand to welcome attendees to lunch. Go by and checkout Northpoint Mortgage!

**Click Here to Learn More** 





## THANK YOU, LISA DURDEN!

Folks from across the state gathered to honor our outgoing Chamber Executive Director, Lisa Durden, as she "cut the ribbon" into retirement. Lisa exemplifies servant leadership as she has dedicated her career to bettering our state and local community for the greater good. We cannot thank her enough for her contributions and the impact she has made.

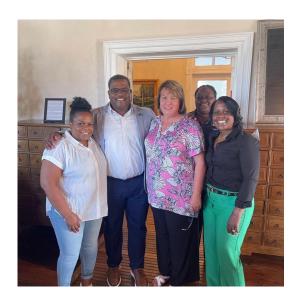
Huge thanks to all who attended, especially our speakers & presenters, our dedicated volunteers, and Chamber Board, who pulled together an amazing event for the extraordinary Lisa Durden.

Special shoutout to chamber members, Frankie Willis for allowing the event to take place in her beautiful **Buggy House**, **3 C's Charcuterie** for their awesome catering, Jan Jones for lending her talents (blueberries & flowers) for our table decor, and our local Sheriff's office for their logistical expertise.











# Welcome New Members

What was hotter than the record-breaking June Temperatures?

Membership Recruitment. Huge welcome to our newest Chamber members!

We look forward to helping you THRIVE.

Interested in joining our Chamber family?

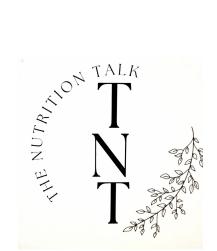
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## **ELITE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL**

We are thrilled to welcome The Nutrition Talk to our ELITE member level. We look forward to welcoming this brand-new business which focuses on holistic health and nutrition to our business community! Click Here to Learn More

## SAVE THE DATE





## CORE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

# MIKE PATTERSON GENERAL CONTRACTORS

LAKESIDE DOCKS

NORTHPOINT MORTGAGE

**S&S ROOFING** 

SOUTHERN RIDGE SOFTWASH

# Upcoming Events Calendar

Never a dull moment in Butts County! Looking to get involved? Check out what's happening below.

#### CHAMBER EVENTS

\*Denotes Chamber specific or partnered events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th
RIBBON CUTTING: THE NUTRITION TALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th & 20th STRANGER THINGS EPICON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th
CHRISTMAS PARADE & STROLL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12th CHAMBER MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR UPDATES AS WE HAVE DETAILS FOR LUNCH & LEARNS FORTH COMING!

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

\*Denotes community organizational events & happenings

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th
PAINTING CLASS

SATURDAY, JULY 20th RIDE THE RIVER UNITE 2 FIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24th PAINTING CLASS

THURSDAY, JULY 25th
BUTTS COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd YOGA ON THE LAWN THIRD STREET FARMERS MARKET

> SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th RIDE THE RIVER





## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2024

We are counting down the days until this year's Fall Music Festival!

Fun for the whole family, this year's Festival will showcase the best of Butt's in one fun filled day of activity. Whether you want to visit our booths, checkout local artists, enjoy live music, browse the car show, or participate in Trunk-or-Treat...We have got you covered! Be on the lookout for details to come. In the meantime, **SAVE THE DATE!** 

#### **VENDOR INFORMATION**

Booths are going fast! If you want to participate, please make sure to register ASAP.

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