

# Butts County Chamber News!

*March 12, 2024*



Chamber of Commerce,

Congratulations to our award winners who were recognized at the Annual Chamber Banquet on March 7, 2024. The following winners were 2023 Award winners:

- 2023 Business of the Year: MasterBrand Cabinets
- 2023 Citizen of the Year: Mr. T. Carmichael
- 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee: Mr. Curtis Gaye
- 2023 Public Safety of the Year Winner: Mr. Alan Ingram
- 2023 Service Above Self Award Winner: Ms. Harrileen Conner
- 2023 Non-Profit of the Year: The Greater Butts Lions Club

Thank you to all who decorated the beautiful and creative tables. Table winners were:

1st Place - Butts County Sheriff's Office  
2nd Place - Texture Salon  
3rd Place - Dauset Trails Nature Center

Thank you to our outgoing board members to their hard work and dedication:

Matt Garrison - Butts Co. Sherri's Office  
Amanda Rivers - The Rivers Ranch  
Kristie Head-Stodghill - Wellstar-Sylvan Grove  
Brent Watts - Butts Co. School System  
Melissa Cole - Ameris Bank  
Sister Ward - Georgia Power

Welcome New Board Members:

Bruce Knight - Butts Co. Sheriff's Office  
Erica Fishell - Wellstar-Sylvan Grove  
Dr. Irvin Clark - Southern Crescent Technical Schools  
Will Rustin - Butts Co. School System  
Robert Simoneaux - Edward Jones Investments  
George Crews - Georgia Power

A special thanks to Central Georgia EMC who graciously allowed us to host our banquet at the EMC.

***Upcoming Events:***

Mar. 16 - City of Jackson Clean-Up Day

Mar. 17 - Happy St Patrick's Day

Mar. 20 & 27 - Introduction to Watercolors painting classes. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Mar. 21 - New Life Fundraising Banquet for the Butts County Pregnancy Center

Mar. 22 - Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application - Deadline to apply is March 22.

Mar. 23 - Kids Bike Race begins at 2:30 p.m.

Mar. 23 -24 - 2nd Annual Outdoor Capital Classic Bike Race

Apr. 27 - UGA Dawg Dash - Griffin - 9:00 a.m.

May 3, June 3, and Aug. 2nd - City of Jackson's DDA First Fridays.

May 11 - Jackson Presbyterian Church's Spring Fling - 9:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

The City of Jackson DDA is sponsoring the 3rd Street Farmers Market this year. Email [marjorie.stansell@cityofjacksonga.com](mailto:marjorie.stansell@cityofjacksonga.com) for information.

If you have something you would like us to share in our newsletter, email [Ldurden@buttschamber.com](mailto:Ldurden@buttschamber.com) .

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**Core Members:**

**Wandalands Vineyard and Orchards, LLC** - located at 113 Barnes Road, Jackson, GA. Phone Jerome Brown at (470) 308-1367. Visit the vineyards or

shop their store online for fresh fruits, nuts, and other farm products.

**Enhanced Members:**

**Big House Payment Solutions** - Meeting all your payment processing needs under one roof Located at 6142 Gordy St., NE, Covington, GA 30014. Phone: 678-300-3511.

**Jackson Barbell Co.** - Jackson's premier gym and fitness center. Located at 214 Third Street, Jackson, GA. Phone: 470-251-5093. Owner: Mandy Prine.

**Thurman Sprinters, LLC** - Phone: 678-758- 4050. Owner: Belinda Davis. Book a Mercedes Sprinter (with driver) for weddings, birthdays, trips, to/from airport, funerals, anniversaries and other special events.



2023 Hall of Fame Inductee  
Mr. Curtis Gaye  
Award Presented by 2024 Chamber  
Board Chairwoman Latara Miller  
*Award Sponsored by Sherrell-  
Westbury Funeral Home*



2023 Citizen of the Year  
Mr. T. Carmichael  
Award Presented by Board Member  
Ike English  
*Award Sponsored by May & Carter  
Oil Co.*





2023 Public Safety Award Winner  
Mr. Alan Ingram  
Presented by Board Member Brad  
Johnson



2023 Service Above Self Award  
Ms. Harrileen Conner  
Presented by Board Member Matt  
Garrison  
*Award Sponsored by the Jackson-  
Butts Rotary Club*



Your copy should address 3 key questions:  
Who am I writing for (audience)? Why  
should they care (benefit)? What do I want  
them to do (call-to-action)?

Create a great offer by adding words like  
"free," "personalized," "complimentary," or  
"customized." A sense of urgency often  
helps readers take action, so consider  
inserting phrases like "for a limited time  
only" or "only 7 remaining!"



2023 Board Chairwoman Natalie Jones  
passes the gavel to the 2024 Board  
Chairwoman Latara Miller

## 2024 Chamber Scholarships

Application Deadline March 22, 2024

Click here to apply: **SCHOLAR**



## City Street Clean Up Day!



**March 16th 8:00am  
@ City Hall  
134 S. Oak St.**



**Indian Springs State Park - March 2024 Programs**

Museum hours:  
Saturdays and  
Sundays 1-3 PM

# MARCH 2024 PROGRAMS

Office phone:  
770-504-2277

## Saturday, March 2nd

- **Nature Games: 11:00AM-12:00PM**

Wear your outside clothes to the museum for some outdoor nature-themed fun!

- **Nature Discovery Hike: 3:30-4:30PM**

Come to the Overland Nature Trailhead for a 3/4 mile educational nature hike with the Naturalist to learn about the ways nature is changing with our Georgia climate.

## Sunday, March 3rd

- **Insect Exploration: 11:00AM-12:00PM**

Join our Naturalist at the program hut to learn all about some of Georgia's most intriguing insects!

- **World Wildlife Day: 3:30-4:30PM**

This year, World Wildlife Day is about connecting people with the planet digitally. Join us at the museum to learn about an awesome app called iNaturalist where you can learn to ID anything and help researchers collect data through your findings!

## Saturday, March 9th

- **Winter Walk + Nature Journaling: 11:00AM-12:00PM**

Take a short (30 min) lakeside walk with our Naturalist and learn how to keep track of winter's ongoing changes in a nature journal! Meet at program hut. **8 Person limit! \$2 per person.**

- **Build-A-Birdfeeder: 3:30-4:30PM**

Join our Naturalist down at the program hut to build your very own pinecone birdfeeder and learn some fun facts about Georgia's beautiful birds! **\*ALLERGY WARNING: we will be using peanut butter for this activity!**

## Sunday, March 10th

- **Outdoor Games: 11:00AM-12:00PM**

Meet us at the program hut for some outdoor fun while the weather is nicer!

- **Almost Spring Nature Hike: 3:30-5:00PM**

Meet the Naturalist at the Multi-Use Trailhead for a 2 mile interpretive hike exploring how the forest wakes from its winter sleep! **12 person limit! \*\*\$2 per person.\*\***

## Tuesday, March 12th

- **Homeschool Tuesday: 10:30AM-12:00PM OR 1:30-3:00PM**

Homeschoolers are invited to join our Naturalist to explore a new topic in nature or history!

**8 Child limit per class! \*\*\$4 per child, must call office to preregister by 5pm on 3/11\*\***

## SAINT PATRICK'S SCAVENGER HUNT: MARCH 14-17th

- **Pick up your riddle sheet at the office**
- **Use the clues on your riddle sheet to find all 10 leprechauns**
- **Once you find all the leprechauns, come to the office, and show us your pictures to pick up your prize!**

## Friday, March 15th

- **Construct-A-Campfire: 6:30-8:30PM**

Meet our Naturalist at the program hut to learn how to safely build a campfire, and enjoy some s'mores **\*\*\$2 Per person for change at event.\*\***

- **Astronomy in the Park: 8:30-10:00PM**

Wear your sturdiest shoes and join the Flint River Astronomy Club on top of the dam to investigate the night sky. Free event!

## Saturday, March 16th

- **Frog Nature Journaling: 11:00AM-12:00PM**

World Frog Day is Wednesday, March 20th. Join us at the program hut to celebrate early by learning all about some of Georgia's fantastic frogs, and we'll show you how to keep track of the new things you learn in your very own nature journal! **Journal provided. \*\*8 person limit! \$3 per person, Must call Park Office to pre-register by 5pm om 3/15.\*\***

- **CCC Walk: 3:30-4:30PM**

Meet the Naturalist at the museum for a short (1mi) hike to learn about the boys who built the park!






Museum hours:  
Saturdays and  
Sundays 1-3 PM

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## • Sunday, March 17th

- Saint Patrick's Scavenger Hunt ends 
- Plant a Flower Day: 11:00AM- 12:00PM

National Plant a Flower day was Tuesday, March 12th. We're celebrating a little bit late at the program hut with a fun lesson about the types of flowers we might see in Georgia this time of year! Then we'll give you your very own flower seeds to take care of!

**10 person limit! \*\*\$1 per person, Must call Park Office to pre-register by 5pm on 3/16.\*\***

- Bark in the Park: 3:30-4:30PM 

Meet our Naturalist at the Program Hut for a short (1 mile) guided walk around the park with your 4-legged friend, learn about some places in the park you might not have heard of, and ask her any questions you have about Georgia's oldest State Park!



## EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT MARCH 23rd -31st

- Pick up your clue sheet at the Park office
- Take pictures of the eggs you find with your phone
- Once you have found the right number of eggs, come show us your pictures at the Park office to receive your prize

## Saturday, March 23rd

- Salamander Nature Journaling: 11:00AM-12:00PM 

Join us at the program hut to learn all the secrets of Georgia's salamanders, and you'll get a specially made nature journal with our favorite salamander on the cover!


**8 person limit! \*\*\$3 per person, must call Park office to pre-register by 5pm on 3/22\*\***

- Bluebird Stroll: 3:30-4:30PM


Meet our Naturalist at the program hut to learn all about Georgia's bluebirds, then we'll take a short (3/4 mile) walk around the park to see if there are any eggs in our bluebird houses!



## Sunday, March 24th


- Hummingbird Crafts: 11:00AM-12:00PM 

Meet our Naturalist at the program hut to welcome back the hummingbirds, and make your own hummingbird craft to take home!

- Wildflower Walk: 3:30-4:30PM 

Come join us at the Overland Nature Trailhead for a 3/4 mile hike to learn about the newest nature changes from winter to spring, and maybe we'll spot some freshly blooming wildflowers!

## Saturday, March 30th

- Turtle Talk: 11:00AM-12:00PM 

Meet our Naturalist at the program hut to learn some of the beautiful patterns of Georgia's terrific turtles, so you can learn to identify them in the wild!

- History Hike: 3:30-4:30PM


Join our Naturalist at the museum for a short hike (1 mi) to learn more about the history of Georgia's oldest State Park!

- Bat Campfire: 7:00-8:30PM 

Come down to the program hut to learn some fun facts about bats, and enjoy some s'mores.

Afterwards we'll walk up to the dam to look for the bats hunting for their dinner! **\*\*\$2 per person, exact change at event.\*\***

## Sunday, March 31st

- Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt ends 
- Feed the Fish: 11:00AM-12:00PM

Meet our Naturalist at the program hut to learn about the different types of fish you can find in Georgia's lakes, and now that it's warm outside we'll take to you feed our fish!

- Mushroom March: 3:30-4:30PM 

Join us at the museum for a short (3/4 mile) walk behind the museum to look for some stunning mushrooms that are growing with the new spring season!

**\*All programs require a \$5 ParkPass or an annual ParkPass. For more information, call the park office.**

**\*Well behaved dogs are welcome at any programs!**



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**INTRODUCTION TO  
WATERCOLORS**  
**Series of 2 PAINTING CLASSES**

✓ **Wednesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 27**

✓ **1 to 2:30 pm**

✓ **in The Art Center at the Historic Courthouse**

✓ **Jackson Square**

**Instructor: Carolyn Fuller**

**Registration Fee \$25 (covers 2 classes)**

**Minimal additional supplies needed**

*Class is filling up quickly, and is limited in size. Register today by calling Stuart Jordan at 770-356-6849, or send email to [strtjordan@yahoo.com](mailto:strtjordan@yahoo.com). Don't miss out on this fun opportunity!*

*sponsored by The Jackson-Butts County Council for the Arts*



# KIDS BIKE RACE

**Saturday, March 23rd, 2024**  
**Free Registration starting at**  
**Second & Mimosa St.**  
**Race begins @ 2:30pm**

Ages 10- and up  
(5th through 12th grade)  
will get to experience  
one lap on the sanction  
bike course.

Ages 5-10  
(1st through 4th grade)  
will participate in the biker dash  
on 2nd St.  
Training wheels welcome





THE CITY OF JACKSON PRESENTS  
**THE 2ND ANNUAL  
OUTDOOR CAPITAL CLASSIC  
BIKE RACE**



**MARCH 23-24, 2024**

Saturday- March 23rd **\*\*High Falls Circuit Race\*\***  
8:00am-10:35am

Saturday- March 23rd **\*\*Jackson Criterium\*\***  
1:00pm-6:00pm

Sunday - March 24th **\*\*Butts County Road Race\*\***  
8:00am-10:40am



**DAWG DASH 2024**  
5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK



**April 27**



**9 a.m.**



**UGA Griffin**

1109 Experiment Street  
Griffin, GA

It's time for the Dawg Dash! Registration open for the 5k race or one-mile fun run/walk on the beautiful UGA Griffin Campus. Sign up now for early bird price and to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Sponsorship opportunities available!

**To register:**

<https://bit.ly/UGAGriffinCampusDawgDash2024>

**Questions?**

Email Beth Horne at [bhorne@uga.edu](mailto:bhorne@uga.edu)

# First Friday

Kids Corner

Art Vendors

Food Trucks

Mark Your Calendars!

Now Accepting Art Vendor Applications

May 3rd

June 7th

Aug. 2nd



CITY OF JACKSON, GEORGIA  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Applications available at  
City Hall 134 S. Oak St.

[marjorie.stansell@cityofjacksonga.com](mailto:marjorie.stansell@cityofjacksonga.com)

Contact Joy  
for vendor  
information  
678.836.3518

Plants  
Garden Items  
Sweet Treats  
Canned goods  
Gift Items  
Local Art

**2024**  
***Spring Fling***  
Saturday May 11th 9-2

*Jackson Presbyterian Church*  
240 N Oak St, Jackson, Ga 30233





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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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**Third Street Market Is Back! Now  
Accepting Applications for Vendors**



**Applications located at  
City Hall 134 S. Oak St.**

**For more info: [marjorie.stansell@cityofjacksonga.com](mailto:marjorie.stansell@cityofjacksonga.com)  
770-775-7535**

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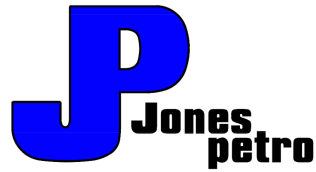
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