

CHAMBER CONNECT

Pierce County Chamber of Commerce's Monthly Newsletter



P3 visits Southeast Pipe, Chemours & PrimeSouth

Pierce Pathway Portal (P3) hosted tours for students enrolled in three different career classes at PCHS in August.

The computer programming class learned how [Southeast Pipe](#) uses software systems and TV equipment to scope sewer lines and document repair/rehabilitation needs.

Ag. mechanics students toured [Chemours Company](#) in Offerman where they visited the repair shop, toured several pieces of large equipment used in Chemours' mining operations and watched a video about the work Chemours does here at home and around the nation.

Business & Tech students toured [PrimeSouth Bank](#) to learn more about the banking industry and good financial habits.

About P3: Pierce Pathway Portal is a workforce development initiative and collaborative of the Chamber, Pierce County Industrial Development Authority and Pierce County High. Students enrolled in Career, Technology, Agriculture and Education (CTAE) classes are matched up for tours of local industries where the career skills they're learning in the classroom are used on the job site. Our goal is to connect students with a future career right here in Pierce County!

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New glofish species featured in Addictive Aquatics display at BES

An aquarium at Blackshear Elementary School is now home to a brand new species of Spectrum Glo fish just released in the United States -- and it's thanks to the company's relationship with local pet store, Addictive Aquatics.

"This is a major thing with the company," says shop owner Matt Sikes. "These are the first to be sent out to the public and Spectrum Brands Glofish picked Blackshear Elementary School to be the lucky recipient! We are putting Blackshear in the spotlight in the pet industry!"

PrimeSouth Bank goes Gold for kids this month

It's Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

PrimeSouth Bank in Blackshear will be selling \$2 candy bars and \$1 gold ribbon cards all month long to raise funds for Childhood Cancer Awareness.

The bank's Sweets for the Cure campaign features World's Finest Chocolate bars. All proceeds raised will be donated to local childhood cancer organizations on the frontlines in the fight for a cure.

HELP OUR COMMUNITIES KEEP CHILDHOOD SWEET.

SWEETS FOR THE CURE
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE
Together we can help keep childhood sweet with your purchase of World's Finest Chocolate Bars at your local PrimeSouth branch in September.

Help us fill our Hero Walls by purchasing gold ribbons in our branches.

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL CHILDHOOD CANCER ORGANIZATIONS. HELP US IN THE FIGHT FOR A CURE.

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Ribbon cutting at Peaceful Skincare Salon & Spa well attended

A crowd gathered at Peaceful Skincare Salon & Spa last month on E. Park Street in Blackshear to welcome owners Kristi Gilbert and Ginger Griffin to the business community and to the Chamber family.

Peaceful's team of professionals prepared a beautiful spread of refreshments, desserts and prizes.

Let the folks at Peaceful help you relax and treat yourself (or your special someone) to a facial, mani/pedi, fresh cut & style and more!

Dogwood Memories hosts BAH at new furniture store

Dogwood Memories hosted Business After Hours in August at their new furniture store, located at 412 Main Street Blackshear, right next to their home decor shop.

Nearly 50 Chamber members, business community representatives and local officials came out to tour the new shop, meet and greet and enjoy refreshments.

Dogwood gave out some great door prizes, too!

Be sure to check out their new line of home furniture and art.



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Leadership Pierce to kick off September 26

15 adults representing a variety of business sectors in our community make up the class

Leadership Pierce will resume the first class since the COVID-19 pandemic this month.

The class will kick off with an Economic Development themed day hosted by Chemours Company in Offerman. The day is sponsored by Georgia Power and facilitate by Georgia EMC.

Class members will be exposed to the world of economic development at the state level as well as the economic engines located here at home.

Presenters include IDA Director Matt Carter, Jenny Robbins (Georgia EMC) and Jason Coley (Georgia Power).



Member of the Month: Ace Pole Company

[Ace Pole Company](#) is currently owned by Beach Timber Company of Alma. They are the largest producer of CCA-treated utility poles in the country, and have been manufacturing poles for more than 50 years.

Ace takes pride in employee appreciation, great pay scales and quality products. The company employs nearly 250 across the region.

"We believe in doing what we say we will do and building relationships with our customers. Our goal is not only to meet your expectations, but to exceed them." - Company Mission Statement.

For more information on their products and services visit acepole.com.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It's another busy month here at the Chamber! We're taking nominations for a vacant seat on our board of directors. Nominations will close Sept. 9. Email piercechamberofcommerce@gmail.com for more info.

We're also finalizing plans to kick off Leadership Pierce and Student Leadership Academy this month, and slated to host two member events and multiple ribbon cuttings in September. Come join us at Business After Hours and Wake Up, Pierce!



Kelly's Tanning Salon & Spa to close Oct. 31

Kelly's Tanning Salon and Spa, located at 505 Main Street Blackshear, will close its doors October 31 to make room for expansion of Steel & Metal Systems Inc. and Roll-Up Door, Inc.

Watson and Eileen Coffee, owners of all three companies, made the announcement this week. The closure process for Kelly's began August 31.

"I am saddened that the time has come for us to close the salon and spa. I've enjoyed offering these services to more than 4,000 clients over the years, and will miss the relationships we've built with our customers," she says. "At the same time, I'm looking forward to the growth of RDI and SAMS and the role we will continue to play in Pierce County."

Education Foundation supports SLA with \$500 donation

The Pierce County Foundation for Excellence in Education recently made a \$500 donation to the Chamber of Commerce in support of Student Leadership Academy (SLA).

The program is set to begin September 12. Twelve juniors at Pierce County High School have been admitted into this year's class which will focus on leadership development, civic engagement and community awareness. Students will also be exposed to the workings of local government.

Thank you to the Foundation for investing in our future leaders!



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Upcoming Events

September 2022

Pierce County Chamber of Commerce

Check out this list of Events for September

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Ribbon cutting

Join us for a ribbon cutting at Abide Home Care, 101 Satilla Bluffs Drive, at 11 a.m. This is a joint ribbon cutting with Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce.

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Business After Hours

Join us for Business After Hours at Eagle Station, 3507 Williams Street Patterson, in the Brick Room from 5-7 p.m. We'll also cut a ribbon on the newly renovated event space!

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Board nominations

Nominations for a new board member to fill a recently vacated seat on the Chamber Board of Directors will close Sept. 9. Email piercechamberofcommerce@gmail.com for a nomination form.

Sept.
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Ribbon cutting

Join us for a ribbon cutting at Restor Metabolix, 3345 Hwy. 84 West, Suite 102 at 11 a.m. in The Cotton Exchange. Help us welcome them to Pierce County!

Sept.
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Homecoming Parade

Pierce County High School's homecoming parade will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19. The parade will travel from Emmanuel Baptist Church to Pierce County Board of Education.

Sept.
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Wake Up, Pierce

Join us for our morning networking event, September 29, 8-9 a.m. at Pierce County High School. Our featured speaker will be Laborfinders.