

# Chamber Connection

*Your source for business news and local happenings in Pierce!*

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## Join our Shop Small Christmas Crawl!

The Chamber of Commerce and Better Hometown Blackshear are hosting Shop Small Christmas Crawl November 27 - December 15 in an effort to encourage locals to shop at home for the holidays and **KEEP THE CHEER HERE!**

This promotion is specifically for retail businesses. The deadline to participate is Friday, November 5.

[Watch video to learn more](#)

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# Chamber hosts 'Meet the Candidates'

The Chamber of Commerce hosted 'Meet the Candidates' for Blackshear's municipal elections ahead of early voting last month.



Candidates for mayor, Charles Broady and Keith Brooks, answered questions and outlined their campaign priorities. Candidates for the District 3 council seat, Chuck Ward and Seth Bagaria, also participated in the event. Theodore Mackey, candidate for District 4, addressed the public as well.

[Watch the forum here](#)

## Pecan Pie Contest

The Chamber supported the Exchange Club of Blackshear by hosting the annual Pecan Pie & Dessert Contest during the Pecan Festival of Georgia last month. The contest is sponsored by Clough Pecan Company.

Dozens of contestants got their bake on and whipped up yummy pecan pies and other desserts for our judges.

Congrats to our winners!  
First place pie - Skylynn Robins  
Second place pie - Regina Bowen  
First place dessert - Jensi Bolden  
Second place dessert - Carly Herrin



**Four-year-old Skylynn Robins won first place for 'Sky Pie'.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

From Christmas Open House events and a parade to our Shop Small Christmas Crawl, there's plenty of opportunities for folks to get in the holiday spirit this month!



### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Dogwood Memories, (406 Main Street) will host Christmas Open House Friday, November 5, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturday, November 6, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Christi's Downsouth Living (3437 Hwy. 84) will host Christmas Open House Friday, November 12, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



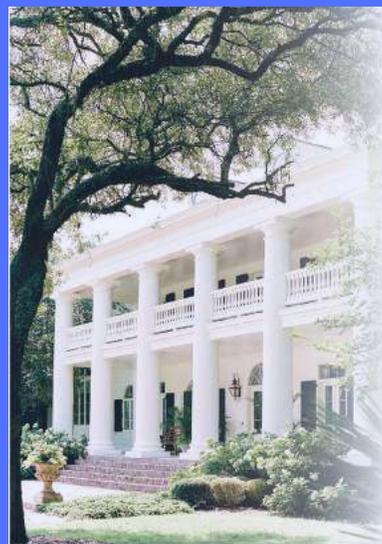
### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Barnard Company (6344 Hwy. 84 Patterson) will host Christmas Open House November 11 & 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and November 13 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Hospice Gala set for November 11

Hospice Satilla will hold the ninth annual Silver Bowl Gala Thursday, Nov. 11, from 4:30-8 p.m. at 6243 Tall Pines Drive (in Okefenokee Country Club).

Be sure to stop by, tour this lovely home and contribute to one of the most deserving organizations to serve Pierce County.



### Ninth Annual Silver Bowl Gala

Please join us for our ninth annual Silver Bowl Gala on Thursday, November 11 from 4:30 - 8 p.m. at the beautiful home of Patrick and Kara Jones located at 6243 Tall Pines Drive in the Okefenokee Country Club subdivision.

This is the second annual "Drive Through For Hospice," which means you can drive up and deposit your donation in one of the silver bowls lining the driveway or you can park and enjoy a tour of the Jones' stunning home and gardens. Admission is complimentary.

Guests will enjoy musical entertainment by Pinder and Snow, boxed specialty cuisine from Heavenly Delights by Gina, and floral arrangements prepared by interior designer Kyle Roberson.

Your support changes lives.



Learn more at [www.HospiceSatilla.com](http://www.HospiceSatilla.com) or call 912.614.1504.

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### THANKSGIVING MEAL IN PARK

A free Thanksgiving meal for families in need will be held in Blackshear City Park, November 20, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



### TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Better Hometown will hold a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the city park at 7 p.m. Friday, December 3.



### CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Christmas Parade will be held on Main Street at 6 p.m. Monday, December 6. Theme: "Toy Trains & Candy Canes."



## SBDC offers course for Quickbooks

Having problems with customers paying in a timely manner? Does this create cash flow issues in your business? Would you like to collect your money more quickly? If your answer to these questions is yes, you need to attend this virtual session offered by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) November 3.

[Register here](#)

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### PATTERSON FARMER'S MARKET

**Eagle Station in Patterson** is hosting a Farmer's Market from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. every Tuesday. Come check out their fresh produce, yummy desserts, crafts and more!



### FOOD TRUCK FIRST FRIDAY!

Food Truck Friday is set for 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. November 5 at Farmers & Builders (3271 Hwy. 84 Blackshear)



### ELECTION DAY

Election Day in the City of Blackshear is Tuesday, November 2. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex (312 Nichols Street)

MEMBER TO MEMBER

BENEFIT PROGRAM (DEALS GOOD THROUGH DECEMBER 2021)

PIERCE COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**The Blackshear Times:**

- Buy one ad get the second ad (of same size/price) free.
- Free one-year subscription for **new** subscribers.



**The Sewing Bee:**

- 25% off first order of shirts or hats with company logo
- 10% off reorders



**Gypsy Willows:**

- 10% discount



**Property Feed & Seed**

- 10% discount (with the exception of animal feed and hay.)



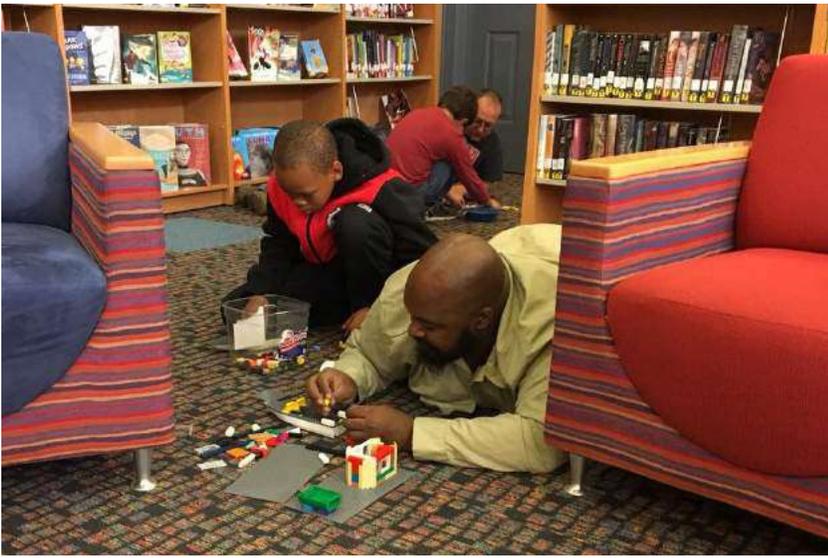
**Studio G Portraits**

- 10% discount on one portrait

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## DEALS FOR DAYS! Don't forget to use your member to member benefits

Earlier this year, the Chamber launched a Member to Member benefit program where our members offer deals exclusively to other Chamber members. The program is designed to boost our local economy, and help our members establish business relationships with each other. We're stronger together! Contact the Chamber today for more information on how you can participate in this program and be sure to utilize the current deals before they expire later this year!



# Member of the Month: Pierce County Library

*"We are a community resource and hub for collaboration, learning and fun. Our goal is to be adaptive to our community and help everyone succeed!"*  
- Lavonnia Moore, director

The library service in Pierce County dates back to about 1904 when members of the Women's Improvement Society began circulating books among themselves. In 1927 they moved into a room in the new Masonic building and began circulating books to the public. Pierce County joined with Ware County and formed the Okefenokee Regional Library in 1955.

The library provides books in all formats, DVDs, faxing, copying, printing, and internet services. The library also offers STEAM recourses and programs. The Pierce County library has four employees and an active Friends of the Library group.

Nominate someone for Member of the Month here!



## Meet Dan Tanner

Dan Tanner is Vice President and Commercial Lender at The Heritage Bank. He has been a Chamber board member since 2020.

**His favorite thing about Pierce County:** The close knit community, and how much pride everyone takes in making it a special place to live.

**A fun fact about Dan:** I lived in Boston, MA for about three years and got a little taste of life as a Northerner.

**Favorite Chamber event:** The Annual Awards Banquet where we get to celebrate the best of Pierce County.

**Why do you serve on the Board?** I serve to try to help make Pierce County a great place to live.



# Welcome to Pierce!

The Chamber of Commerce hosted one ribbon cutting in October

*We celebrated ...*

Local Eats



## Director's Note



By Sarah Gove

I'm very thankful for the Chamber's board of directors. When I took this job in May, I not only made a job change, I made a complete career shift! The learning curve has been steep, and these board members have served our community well. They've supported our events, been a listening ear and offered me practical advice when needed.

We're looking for three new board members just like them to join the board in 2022! Nominations are open now. Nominees must be a member of the Chamber or an employee of a member business. Email me today at [piercechamberofcommerce@gmail.com](mailto:piercechamberofcommerce@gmail.com) for a nomination form.

