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UPCOMING

10/17- YMCA ribbon cutting at Lollipop

10/18- Legacy Leadership Orientation

10/27- Light up

Blackshear at First Baptist Blackshear

10/31- Trick or Treat IN THE PARK

Honor Your Veteran in November

Pecan Festival of Georgia 11/9

OUR ROLE

The Pierce County Chamber of Commerce plays a vital role in fostering community growth and development by promoting collaboration among local businesses and residents.

Through networking events such as ribbon cuttings, business after hours, and Wake-up Pierce, the Chamber empowers businesses to thrive while creating a sense of unity and purpose within the community.



Meet & Greet with the Chamber



Welcome our newest members



Cotton Pickin' Boutique & Brew

Hi! My name is Theresa Waters. I'm the owner of the new Cotton Pickin' Boutique and Brew. I've always had a love for cooking, clothing and COFFEE so I created a place everyone could come and shop, eat and enjoy coffee. I've met so many people already, have a lot of regulars and look forward to a future at Cotton Pickin' Boutique and Brew.



The Curated Closet- Consignment Boutique

I have always loved consignment. As a young mother in 2005, I opened up a consignment shop in 2006 with my Aunt, but unfortunately I had to sell my portion of the business back to her in 2012 due to needing affordable healthcare insurance (Casey's job had quit paying for dependent coverage). I went on to finish my Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, worked in corporate for several years and I loved it. But consignment is where my heart is. I told my sister Megan and my husband Casey that if The Lord ever opened up the door again for me to be able to get back in the consignment business I wanted to! And guess what...He did! I could not have launched The Curated Closet without The Lord's guidance, my sister Megan and my husband Casey. I am having so much fun and meeting so many great people and I am excited to see what the future holds for The Curated Closet! April Wolfe-Owner



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MISTI MARTIN-OWNER**





Christi Pitts Executive Director

Listen, I am so excited to be a part of Pierce County but even more so to be your Chamber Executive Director!

I am the Mama to my 31 year old son, Tab and my almost 3 year old mini dachshund Ruby Dee. They are my heart.

I believe that community growth is crucial to the development of all businesses.

Introducing our Chamber Executive Director and board

President, Casey Kimbrell Jr., DVM Veterinarian at local family Veterinarian clinic. Vice President, Stephanie Bell, executive director of Pierce County Family Connection. Treasurer, Cheryl Williams. Board members, Eileen Coffee, Stacey Thrift, Bobby Tippins, and Brenda O'steen. Each board member brings their own uniqueness and knowledge of in their field while working with the community.

I am honored to be working side by side with our amazing board.



our CHAMBER

The Pierce County Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit membership organization. Our primary goal is to promote businesses in Pierce County and help create an overall healthy and sustainable business climate throughout the local area.

our VISION

The vision of the Pierce County Chamber of Commerce is to provide for a competitive and business friendly climate for all of Pierce County.

our MISSION

The mission of the Pierce County Chamber of Commerce is to foster partnerships for the advancement of Pierce County.

Upcoming Events

October 2024



Saturday Mammograms

October 1-26, 2024

8 am - 12 pm

Memorial Satilla Health

1900 Tebeau St. Waycross, GA 31501

Memorial Satilla Health is offering Saturday mammogram appointments during Breast Cancer Month. For more information, call 912-287-2650.



Pierce County Chamber of Commerce

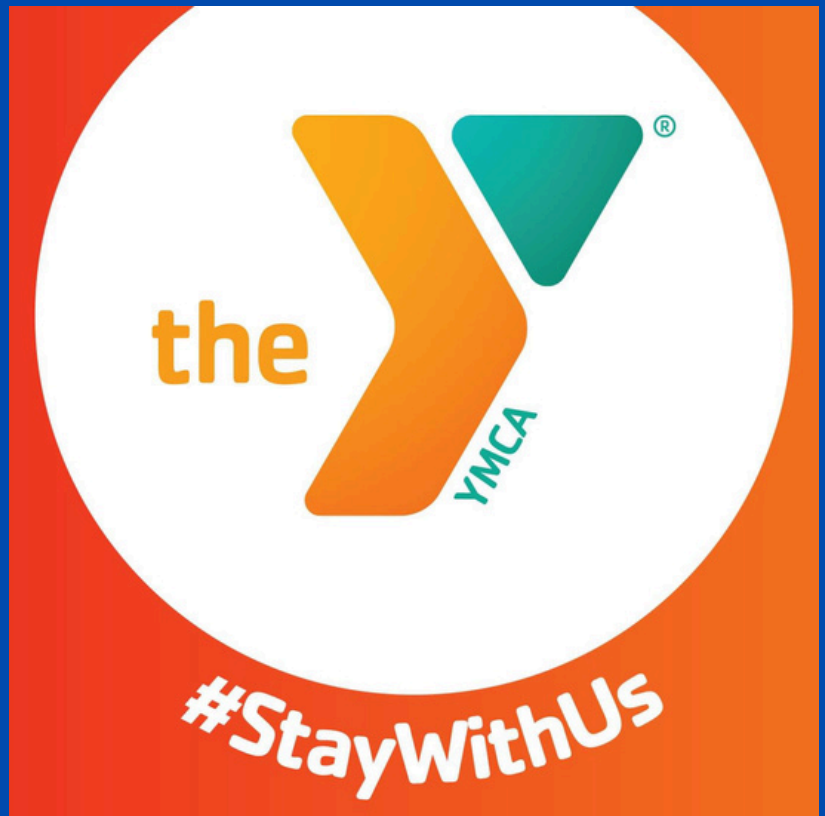
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Upcoming Events

October 2024



join us on 10/17 at 4:30pm for a ribbon cutting at the Lollipop.
5218 Ga Hwy 121 N

The graphic has a Halloween theme. It features a large, bright full moon in the center against a dark purple night sky. Silhouettes of bare trees and flying bats are scattered around the moon. The text 'Just a Bunch of HOCUS POCUS' is written in a decorative, gothic-style font. 'Just a Bunch of' is in a smaller, cursive font, with a small pumpkin icon replacing the word 'of'. 'HOCUS POCUS' is in a large, bold, black font with decorative flourishes. Below the graphic, there is a light purple rectangular box containing text about a movie night event.

Join the Sanderson Sisters at The Banter for movie night Tuesday, October 15th, 7pm
Purchase tickets before Oct 8th, \$5 per child
*parent or guardian must be present (no admission required for adults)

*Free popcorn & drinks provided

Venmo : @Misti-Martin-6
Paypal : @MistiMartin769

*For more info 912-281-2607
or FB message The Banter

Upcoming Events

October 2024

FIRST BAPTIST BLACKSHEAR PRESENTS

LIGHT UP

BLACKSHEAR

Live **MUSIC** **FREE** **INFLA-**
FOOD **TABLES**

5:30 PM Sunday night

October 27th

TRICK
OR
TREAT

IN THE PARK

PRIZE CATEGORIES:
BABY-3 YEARS OLD
4-8 YEARS OLD
9-12 YEARS OLD
FAMILY/GROUP
PETS
TRUNK/TENT/TABLE

CALL FOR A PRIME SPOT

Upcoming Events

November 2024



HONOR YOUR VETERAN

With A Downtown Pole Banner

IN NOVEMBER, BETTER HOMETOWN BLACKSHEAR WILL ONCE AGAIN LINE OUR CITY STREETS AND PARK IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES WHO HAVE SERVED OUR GREAT COUNTRY

Please visit:
www.betterhometownblackshear.com
to purchase, or simply stop by
Blackshear City Hall
Feel free to call 912.590.2200 for
more information

\$80 PER BANNER

Things we need to know: Name, Rank, Branch of Service...and a photograph

ALL INFORMATION & PAYMENTS DUE BY
OCTOBER 4, 2024



Sponsored by the Blackshear Exchange Club
Annual Pecan Pie/Dessert Contest

Hosted by the PC Chamber of Commerce/Sponsored by Clough Pecan

Contest Rules:

- Registration is now open. Entries must be submitted in person by the entrant on Saturday, 11/9/24, from 8:30AM to 9:30AM at the Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, 200 SW Central Ave., Blackshear, GA
- Entry Fee: Early Registration - \$10 fee for first entry; \$5 for each additional entry (\$15 and \$10 if entering the day of the event.)
- Participants may enter up to three entries.
- Entries must be entered in the name of the person who made the dish.
- Contestants must indicate on the registration form if the entry is to be sold and the proceeds donated to the Exchange Club's charities, or if the entry is to be returned to the contestant after judging. If contestants choose to have entries sold, the entered pies/desserts and the containers become the property of the festival committee, and pie plates/pans will not be returned.
- Optional: 2 pies (desserts) may be submitted (one to judge and keep, one to sell for charitable donation).
- A complete recipe is not required, but each entry must include a list of ingredients.
- Contestants agree that photos and contact information may be taken and used for marketing purposes.

Prizes:

- *Clough's Traditional Pecan Pie Grand Champion* (\$50) & 1st Place Ribbon; *Traditional Pecan Pie Runner-Up* (\$25) & 2nd Place Ribbon
- *Clough's Pecan Dessert Grand Champion* (\$50) & 1st Place Ribbon; *Pecan Dessert Runner-Up* (\$25) & 2nd Place Ribbon

Baking Rules:

- Pecans must be a primary ingredient.
- Entrants in the "Pecan Dessert" category must include the name of the dessert (Ex. Pecan Pralines)
- No cream-based pies or desserts requiring refrigeration are allowed.

Judging:

Judging will begin around 10:00 AM. Results will be announced from the main stage in the city park that afternoon. Judges' decisions are final, and they are not required to provide feedback about their decisions. Entries will be scored on the following criteria (25 possible points):

- Overall Appearance/Presentation Up to 5 Points
- Flavor (aroma, taste, balance of flavoring) Up to 5 Points
- Texture/Consistency (evenly baked, doneness) Up to 5 Points
- Moistness/Crumb (as applicable to category) Up to 5 Points
- Creativity/Originality Up to 5 Points



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Entry Form

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Entry Fee Prior to 11/9/24 \$10.00 + (\$5.00 x 1 or 2 additional entries) _____ = Total Due: _____

Entry Fee on 11/9/24 \$15.00 + (\$10.00 x 1 or 2 additional entries) _____ = Total Due: _____

Payment Type: Check Cash Card Circle One: Traditional Pecan Pie Pecan Dessert Category

- I would like you to sell my entry and the proceeds donated to the Exchange Club's charities.
- I would like my entry returned to me after judging.
- I will bring one entry to judge and keep and a second one to be sold.

I hereby certify I have read the contest and baking rules and agree to abide by the guidelines.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

__ This section may be completed when registering or when the entry is submitted on the morning of the event.

Name of Dessert: _____

Ingredients: _____

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Ingredients: _____



Pecan Festival of Georgia 2024

Saturday, November 9th



Sponsored by The Exchange Club of Blackshear

Vendor Application Information

Business Name:		Email:
Name:		Size of Canopy:
		Phone:
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Vendor Space		Fees:
		Enter Amounts Here
Entry Fee for 10x10 Space		\$75
Entry Fee for 10x20 Space		\$100
Food Space		Fees:
Entry Fee for <i>Business 10x10</i> Space		\$100
Entry Fee for <i>Business 10x20</i> Space		\$200
Entry Fee for <i>Club Fundraiser 10x10</i> Space		\$50
Entry Fee for <i>Club Fundraiser 10x20</i> Space		\$75
Total Fees		

RULES

- #1 All Vendors must check in with the Exchange Club once they arrive. Blue tent next to the stage.
- #2 Set up may begin **November 8th after 4 pm, at your own risk.**
- #3 All vehicles must be moved outside the park by **9:00 am Nov 4th** or will be at risk of fine or towing.
- #4 Exhibitor must provide his/her own means of display/tent and remain with their products the entire length of the festival.
- #5 All display material should be contained inside the space allotted for them.
- #6 Please provide a detailed list of the food/arts/crafts, and any other items you will be providing. Feel free to write on the form, if needed.
- #7 All entry fees must be paid in full and turned in with the completed application. At this time, mail is our only option. **DEADLINE Oct 4th.**
- #8 No refunds will be given due to interruption in the festival, as a result of weather, or any cause beyond the control of the Exchange Club of Blackshear.
- #9 All applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt by phone, email or text, once their application and fee is received and processed.
- #10 Collecting and paying 7% sales tax is the responsibility of the vendor.

Please mail check or money order to:

**Exchange Club of Blackshear (Pecan Fest)
PO BOX 724, Blackshear, GA 31516**

Questions? Please contact:

**Chris Shimkus
912-286-8444 or cshimkus@primesouth.com**



What a way to end this volume of the Pierce County Chamber of Commerce newsletter with giving to our community!

A huge thank you to the Major Argelia(Salvation Army), Michael McGee(Salvation Army), Stephanie Bell(Family Connection), and Josiah Outerbridge(Salvation Army) for their distribution of hot meals the past couple of weeks. Also, an enormous applause to all the other volunteers that worked at lunch and dinner to feed as many as they could. Helene brought Pierce even closer.

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