



# Pierce County

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



## Member SPOTLIGHT

PROUD MEMBER OF THE  
PIERCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



### Welcome to ♥ SOUTHERN SIPPIN' Cafe

At Southern Sippin', we're passionate about great coffee, friendly faces, and creating a warm place where everyone feels at home. From handcrafted espresso drinks to refreshing teas and locally inspired treats, we're here to brighten your day—one sip at a time.



#### HANDCRAFTED DRINKS

Coffee, espresso, teas, refreshers & more



#### DELICIOUS TREATS

Muffins, pastries & light bites



#### LOCAL & WELCOMING

A friendly space to relax, work or connect



#### MADE WITH CARE

Quality ingredients and a passion for service



GOOD COFFEE.  
GOOD PEOPLE.  
GOOD VIBES.



Stop in today,  
we can't wait to see you! ♥



3525 US 84  
BLACKSHEAR, GA



912-807-4638



southernsippincafe.com



southerngroundsch@gmail.com



Building Business. Building Community.  
Building a Better Pierce.

# Welcome

— TO OUR —

## NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBER!

Please join us in giving a warm *welcome* to our newest member  
of the **Pierce County Chamber of Commerce!**



-  255 Main Street  
Blackshear, GA 31516
-  [occasionsformalandevent@gmail.com](mailto:occasionsformalandevent@gmail.com)
-  Occasions Formal & Event Wear
-  Follow on Facebook to stay up to date on new arrivals, events, and special offers!

Occasions Formal & Event Wear offers a beautiful selection of dresses and accessories for all of life's special moments.

*Where style meets celebration!*

We are excited to have you as part of the Chamber family and look forward to building connections, supporting your business, and celebrating your success.

 — *We're glad you're here!* — 

One of the greatest benefits of Chamber membership is the support we show one another. We invite you to:

-  **VISIT THEIR BUSINESS**  
Stop in and say hello!
-  **FOLLOW THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA**  
Like, comment, and share their posts.
-  **EXPLORE THEIR WEBSITE**  
Learn more about what they offer and how they can help you.
-  **INTRODUCE YOURSELF**  
Make a new connection and build a lasting relationship.
-  **SHARE & SUPPORT**  
Help spread the word and support a fellow Chamber member!



When we support fellow Chamber members, we strengthen our local business community and create opportunities for everyone to grow and succeed.

  
BUILDING  
CONNECTIONS

  
SUPPORTING  
BUSINESS

  
STRENGTHENING  
OUR COMMUNITY

*Pierce County*  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Welcome

TO OUR  
NEWEST MEMBER!



Hi, my name is *Brianna Dowling*, I'm the heart behind Thrifty Bear.  
I am a wife, mom to three beautiful children, and for as long as I can remember, I've dreamed of opening my own store.

For years, I've been a stay-at-home mom, and while being a mom is one of the greatest blessings of my life, I also found myself longing for a purpose and passion outside of motherhood. That's when Thrifty Bear was born.

I've always loved finding unique treasures, giving old things new life, and creating a place where people can do the same was something so special to me. Each piece has its own story, and you get to be a part of that.

Thank you for following along, supporting my small business, and being a part of Thrifty Bear's journey. Every like, share, visit, and purchase means more to me than you know. 



205B MAIN ST.  
BLACKSHEAR, GA 31516



(912) 614-0306



HOURS:  
MON, TUES, THURS, FRI  
11AM – 6PM  
SATURDAY  
10AM – 4PM



SHOP SMALL. SUPPORT LOCAL. BUILD COMMUNITY. 

# ≡ Welcome ≡

Pierce  
County  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TO OUR

# NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBER!

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING



## HOMESTEAD STITCHES

Quality stitches. Lasting impression.  
Embroidery for what matters.



3493 Hopewell Rd  
Patterson, GA 31557



+1 912-424-8500



[cjqualityservicesllcga@gmail.com](mailto:cjqualityservicesllcga@gmail.com)

We are excited to have Homestead Stitches as part of the  
Pierce County Chamber of Commerce family!



We encourage our members to support our new member  
by visiting their business, following their social media,  
and helping us give them a warm Chamber welcome!



Together, we build  
relationships, support  
one another, and grow  
our community!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the attached list of upcoming  
Chamber events and mark your calendars!

## Thank you

for supporting our Chamber  
and each other!



CONNECTING BUSINESSES. SUPPORTING GROWTH. STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY.





# Chamber AMBASSADOR APPRECIATION



WE APPRECIATE YOU!

*Carolyn Still*

*Heart of Hospitality* 

## THANK YOU FOR...



### YOUR WARM WELCOME

You make everyone feel at home.



### YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE

Always jumping in to help.



### YOUR POSITIVE SPIRIT

You bring joy to every event.



### YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY

Pierce County is better because of you!

*Thank you for being the heart  
behind so many of our events!*



YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

*We are so grateful for you!*



# Pierce County

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## BUILDING *Tomorrow's* LEADERS — IN PIERCE COUNTY —



Student Leadership  
Academy &  
Civic Health Board



Youth Legacy  
Leadership

LEADERSHIP ★ SERVICE ★ COMMUNITY



[pcgeorgia.com](http://pcgeorgia.com)



912-449-7044

### CHAMBER PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES



# Jot Em Down





PIERCE COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Upcoming EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



SEPTEMBER

7



## LABOR DAY

🕒 Pierce County Chamber Office will be **CLOSED** in honor of the holiday.

SEPTEMBER

10



## HARBORVIEW PIERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

🕒 5:00 PM  
Harborview Pierce | Blackshear, GA

SEPTEMBER

12



## PIERCE COUNTY 250TH CELEBRATION

🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
City Park | Blackshear, GA

SEPTEMBER

15



## ENOTECA WINE BAR RIBBON CUTTING

🕒 5:00 PM  
Enoteca Wine Bar | Waycross, GA

SEPTEMBER

22



## THRIFTY BEAR RIBBON CUTTING

🕒 4:00 PM  
Thrifty Bear | 205B Main Street, Blackshear, GA

SEPTEMBER

24



## OCCASIONS FORMAL & EVENT WEAR RIBBON CUTTING

🕒 4:00 PM  
Occasions Formal & Event Wear | Blackshear, GA

SEPTEMBER

26



## AMVETS, LADIES AUXILIARY FISH FRY

🕒 12:00 PM UNTIL  
AMVETS | Blackshear, GA

SEPTEMBER

28



## HOMECOMING PARADE

🕒 6:00 PM  
Downtown Blackshear, GA

Your support and involvement make our community stronger.  
We look forward to seeing you at these events!

— Together, we grow stronger! —



An American flag is draped across the top left corner. The background is white with scattered stars in blue, red, and silver. The word "LABOR" is in a large, bold, blue serif font, and "Day" is in a red script font. The text is flanked by horizontal lines with stars in the center.

# LABOR *Day*

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
IN HONOR OF HOLIDAY

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

*Pierce  
County*  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



YOU'RE INVITED!

# BUSINESS AFTER *Hours*

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER

**10**

5:00 PM



*Join us for*

- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Door Prizes
- ✓ Great Food
- ✓ Community Connections



## HARBORVIEW PIERCE

*A Place to Heal. A Place to Belong.*



WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 10  
5:00 PM



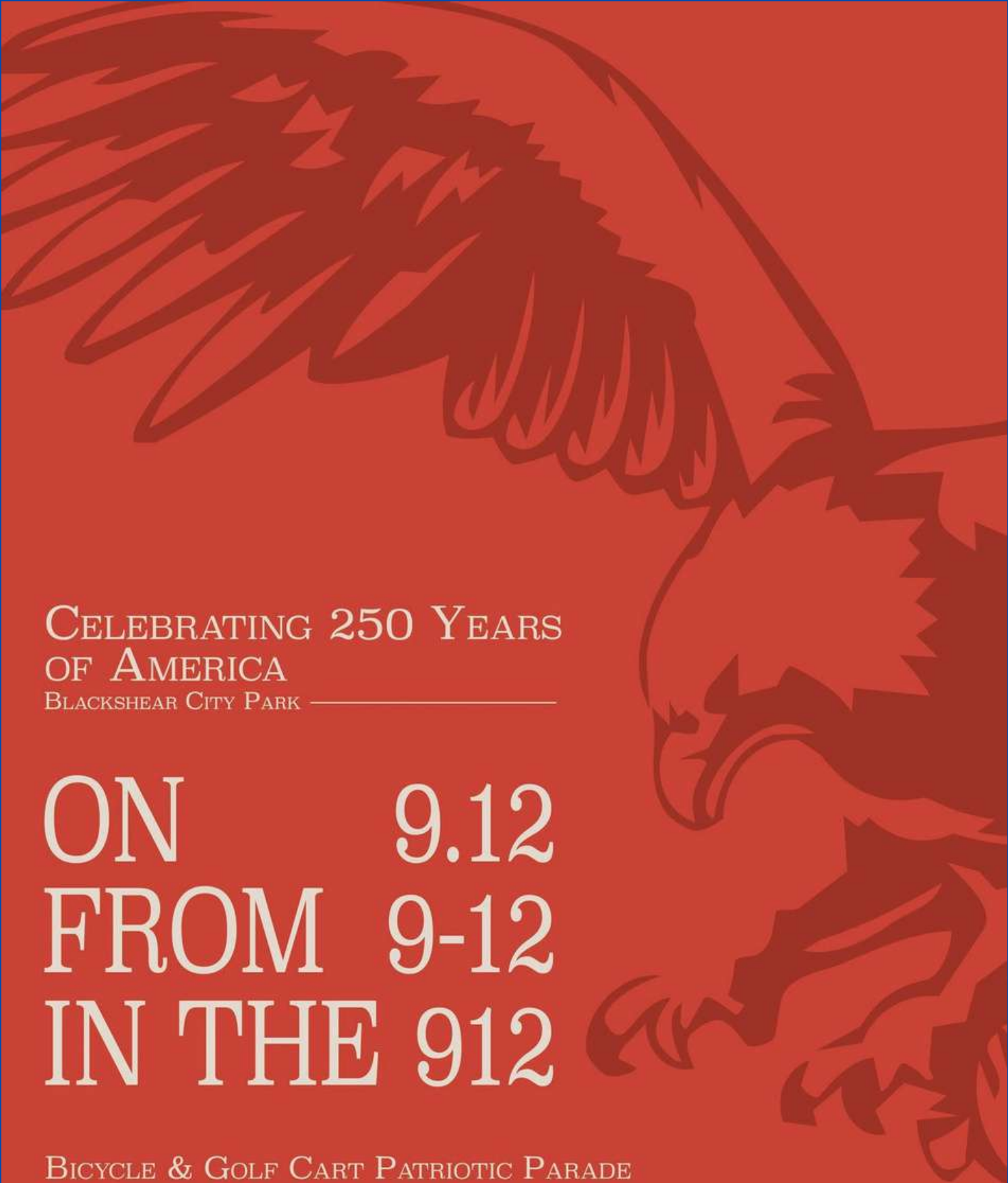
221 E CARTER AVE.  
BLACKSHEAR, GA



912-449-6631  
[piercehbrv.com](http://piercehbrv.com)

➤ *Thank you for supporting local business!* ♥ ➤

STRONG BUSINESSES. STRONG COMMUNITY. ★  
*Together, we make Pierce County thrive!*

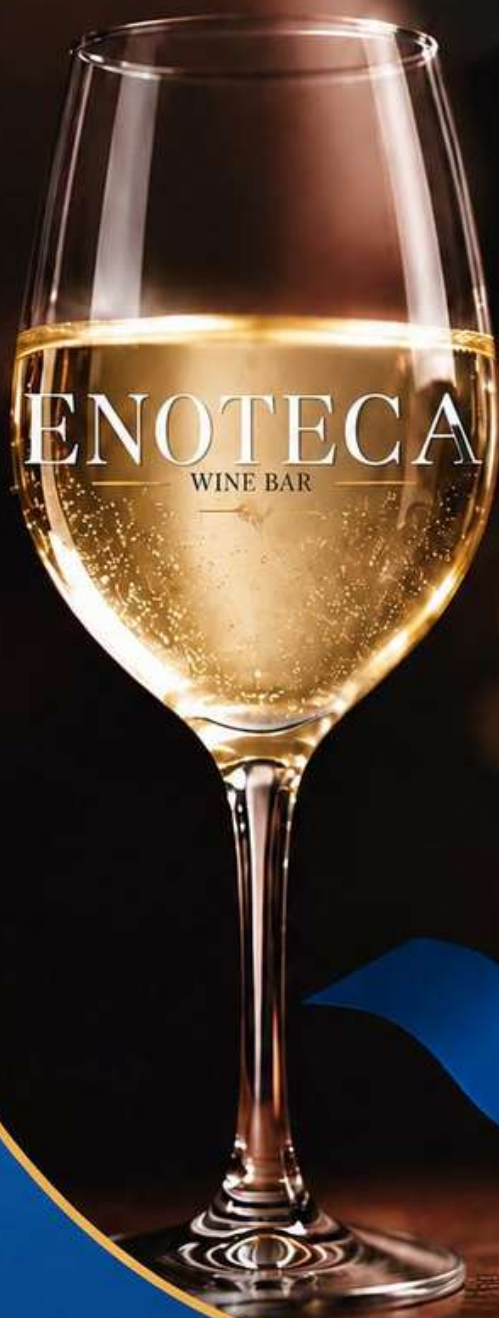
A large, stylized graphic of an eagle's head and wings, rendered in a dark red color, dominates the right side of the poster. The eagle is facing left, with its wings spread wide, and its head is turned slightly towards the viewer. The background of the entire poster is a solid blue color.

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS  
OF AMERICA  
BLACKSHEAR CITY PARK

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ON 9.12  
FROM 9-12  
IN THE 912

BICYCLE & GOLF CART PATRIOTIC PARADE  
UNVEILING OF THE COMMUNITY ART MOSAIC PROJECT  
LIVE ART FEATURING LEE MOBLEY & LIVE MUSIC



Pierce  
County  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# RIBBON Cutting

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
THE GRAND OPENING OF

ENOTECA  
WINE BAR



SEPTEMBER  
**15<sup>TH</sup>**



**5:00**  
**PM**



418 ALICE STREET  
WAYCROSS, GA  
31501

*Good Wine. Good Times. Great Company.*

COME FOR THE WINE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS,  
AND LEAVE KNOWING YOU HAD AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE.



enoteca winebar



enoteca418@gmail.com

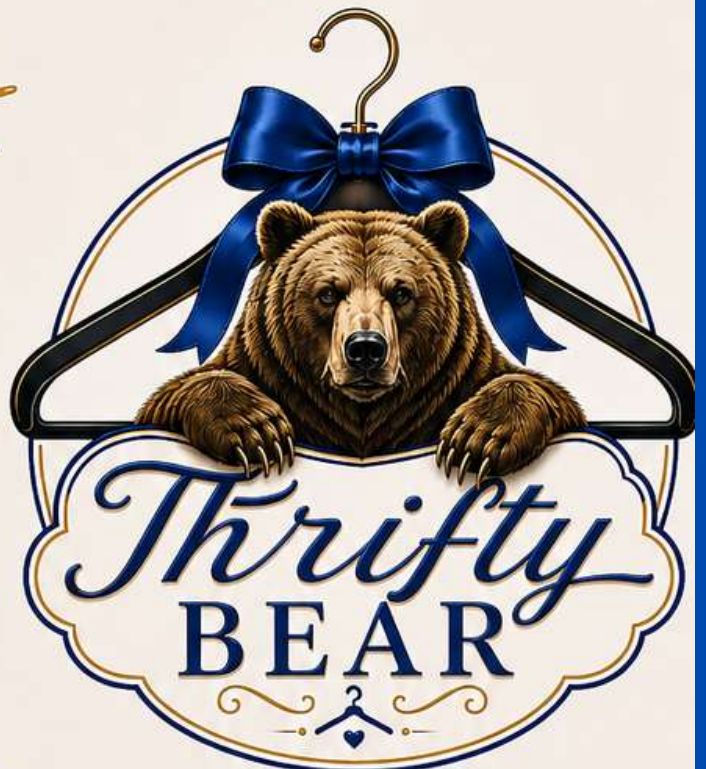


Waycross, Georgia

# Join Us!

— FOR A —

# RIBBON CUTTING



TREASURES WITH A PURPOSE



*Tuesday*  
**SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**



**4:00 PM**



**205B MAIN STREET  
BLACKSHEAR, GA 31516**



*Come help us celebrate  
this exciting milestone  
and give a warm Chamber  
welcome to *Thrifty Bear!**



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*Pierce  
County*  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Thank you for supporting  
our Chamber members and  
our Pierce County community!





YOU'RE INVITED! ✨  
**RIBBON CUTTING**

TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER

**24**

4:00 PM



*Join us as we celebrate*

A NEW CHAPTER  
IN DOWNTOWN BLACKSHEAR!



*ccasions*

FORMAL & EVENT WEAR



*Fall*  
WEDDING GUEST



Help us welcome Occasions  
Formal & Event Wear to the  
Pierce County business community!



SHOP  
LOCAL



SUPPORT  
COMMUNITY



CELEBRATE  
TOGETHER



RIBBON CUTTING  
CEREMONY



TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24  
4:00 PM



225 MAIN STREET  
BLACKSHEAR, GA



occasionsformalandevent  
@gmail.com

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*Together, we make Pierce County thrive!*



**T**anner  
**A**uto  
**R**epair  
**P**lus

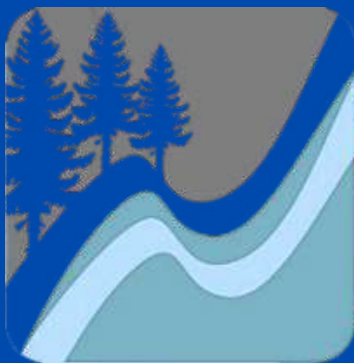


912-807-8277 • 912-807-8278

845 S.W. CENTAL AVE BLACKSHEAR



**Coastal Pines**  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



**PC ▶ IDA**  
PIERCE COUNTY, GEORGIA  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**The Blackshear Times**

*Liked by Many • Cussed by Some • Read by Them All*

# INTRODUCING!!



## FAMILY SUPPORT CALL CENTER

**877 • ALL • GA • KIDS**

**1-877-255-4254**

**FINDQRCARE@DECAL.GA.GOV**

**OR SCAN HERE**



**Georgia's Source for Finding Quality Child Care**  
*From DECAL & Quality Rated*

## GET ENHANCED SERVICES

**FROM DECAL SPECIALISTS BY PHONE OR EMAIL**

- Referrals to Quality Rated Providers
- Child Care Program Enrollment Help
- Information on All DECAL Programs
- Assistance in Multiple Languages

# Let's be social!

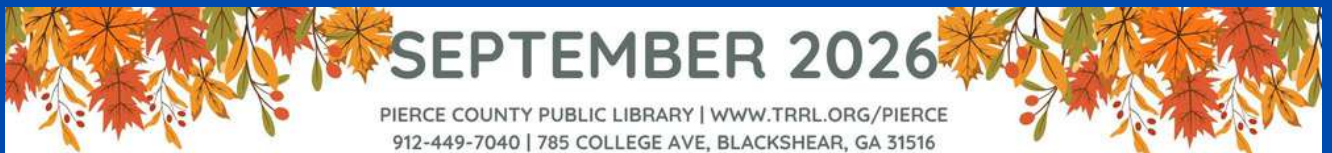


## LIBRARY HOURS

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>CLOSED</b>       |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>CLOSED</b>       |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>10:00 – 7:00</b> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>10:00 – 6:00</b> |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>10:00 – 7:00</b> |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>10:00 – 6:00</b> |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>10:00 – 2:00</b> |

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Computer use ends 15 minutes prior to closing.



## SEPTEMBER 2026

PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY | [WWW.TRRL.ORG/PIERCE](http://WWW.TRRL.ORG/PIERCE)  
912-449-7040 | 785 COLLEGE AVE, BLACKSHEAR, GA 31516

| SUN<br>CLOSED                                                                             | MON<br>CLOSED | TUE<br>10:00 - 7:00                                            | WED<br>10:00-6:00                                                                         | THU<br>10:00 - 7:00                                              | FRI<br>10:00 - 6:00                 | SAT<br>10:00 - 2:00                                                                         |
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|                                                                                           |               | 1<br>BINGO W/<br>GEORGIA<br>RELAY<br>5:00 PM (18+)             | 2<br>PAINT & CHAT<br>W/ SENIORS<br>10:00AM (50+)                                          | 3<br>DEMENTIA<br>FRIENDS W/<br>CHRISTY<br>JOYNER<br>5:30PM (18+) | 4<br>STORY<br>TIME<br>11:00AM(0-5)  | 5<br>CLOSED                                                                                 |
| 6<br>  | 7             | 8<br>NATURE<br>LOVERS BOOK<br>CLUB<br>6:00PM (13+)             | 9<br>  | 10<br>BOOK CHATS:<br>COZY<br>6:00PM (18+)                        | 11<br>STORY<br>TIME<br>11:00AM(0-5) | 12<br>DUNGEONS &<br>DRAGONS<br>11:00AM (18+)                                                |
| 13<br> | 14            | 15<br>FRIENDS OF<br>THE LIBRARY<br>MEETING<br>5:30PM           | 16                                                                                        | 17<br>TEEN NIGHT:<br>FAUX<br>TERRARIUMS<br>5:00PM (13-<br>19)    | 18<br>STORY<br>TIME<br>11:00AM(0-5) | 19<br>3RIVERS CON<br>10:00AM -<br>2:00PM<br>ALL AGES                                        |
| 20                                                                                        | 21            | 22<br>BYO CRAFT<br>NIGHT<br>5:00PM (9+)                        | 23                                                                                        | 24<br>MYTHICAL<br>SOCIETY<br>BOOK CLUB<br>6:00PM (18+)           | 25<br>STORY<br>TIME<br>11:00AM(0-5) | 26<br> |
| 27                                                                                        | 28            | 29<br>HANDS ONLY<br>CPR<br>2:00PM (18+)<br>SIGN UP<br>REQUIRED | 30<br> |                                                                  |                                     |                                                                                             |

# Better Hometown Blackshear

AUGUST      SEPTEMBER      OCTOBER

***School Is In!***

August 5

***250th  
Celebration***

September 12  
9 am - 12 pm

***PC Homecoming  
Parade!***

September 28  
6 pm

***PC Homecoming  
Game!***

October 2  
7:30 pm

***Community Wide  
Trick or Treating!***

October 29  
6 pm

NOVEMBER

***Pecan  
Festival!***

November 7  
All Day!

DECEMBER

***Christmas  
Parade & Market!***

December 7  
6 pm

# Upcoming Events

2026



**WE NEED YOU**  
**AS A VOLUNTEER**  
**IN TIMES OF**  
**CRISIS**  
**SIGN UP TODAY**

Call or text Pierce is Prepared for more info: (657) 570-6021

**Pierce County Chamber of Commerce**

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200 SW Central Ave. | PO Box 47 Blackshear, GA 31516 || [pcgeorgia.com](http://pcgeorgia.com)





**Pierce County Chamber of Commerce?**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber membership supports business growth, professional development, and the future of Pierce County.

**All memberships include:**

- ✓ Business or organization listing on the Chamber website
- ✓ Networking and promotional opportunities
- ✓ Priority access to Chamber educational classes
- ✓ Support of youth leadership initiatives including Pierce County High School Student Leadership Academy, P3, and Youth Legacy Leadership

*A one-time \$25 application fee applies to all new members.*

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| <br><b>Entrepreneur / Startup</b><br>\$100 annually   \$125 first year<br>Ideal for startups and home-based businesses building connections and visibility. | <br><b>Small Business</b><br>\$175 annually   \$200 first year<br>Includes ribbon cutting or business spotlight opportunities and one promotional social media post per year | <br><b>Premier Business</b><br>\$325 annually   \$350 first year<br>Enhanced visibility and leadership opportunities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three Chamber email blasts per year</li><li>• Two promotional social media posts</li><li>• Priority referrals</li><li>• Committee and leadership participation</li></ul> |
| <br><b>Professional</b><br>\$325 annually   \$350 first year<br>Designed for professional service providers and individuals.                                | <br><b>Non-Profit</b><br>\$150 annually   \$175 first year<br>Supports outreach, collaboration, and community engagement.                                                    | <br><b>Chamber Awards Ceremony Supporter</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## A QUICK TIP FOR YOUR BUSINESS

### Elevating Your Strategy: Why SWOT Needs PESTLE

You're likely familiar with the SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats). It's a classic for a reason — it's simple and effective. However, the biggest pitfall of a SWOT is that it often becomes too "inward-looking," causing teams to miss the massive external shifts that can make or break a business.

#### The Power of the Pair

While SWOT looks at your internal capabilities, PESTLE forces you to scan the macro-environment across six specific pillars: Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Legal and Environmental.

Integrating these two frameworks offers three distinct advantages:

1. **Eliminates Blind Spots:** You won't just list "market growth" as an opportunity; you'll identify the specific Social trend or Technological breakthrough driving it.
2. **Data-Driven Objectivity:** It moves the conversation from "I feel like this is a threat" to "The new legal regulations in Q3 represent a definitive threat."
3. **Future-Proofing:** PESTLE identifies long-term external shifts, allowing you to build internal Strengths today that will be relevant five years from now.

**The Bottom Line:** Use PESTLE to gather the "outside-in" data first. Then, use that data to populate the Opportunities and Threats in your SWOT. The result is a strategy that isn't just a snapshot of where you are but a roadmap for where the world is going.



*Thomas Credle, Business Consultant at the UGA  
SBDC in Columbus*