

## **Higgs Multimedia Group Stations Public Affairs Program “Community Calendar with Brian Blount”**

**May 2020**

**Thursday, May 7, 2020- 8:45am** (duration 3:20)

Angela Manders, Executive Director of the Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, talks about the recent survey submitted online for local businesses to complete in how they are dealing with the present Covid 19 virus in keeping their businesses up and running. She says the info changes daily thus makes the results obsolete immediately in some cases. She says Pierce’s businesses are very resilient in the situation and that folks need to continue to shop local. She says it is the business’ job to make that easy. Contact: Angela Manders (912) 449-7044

**Thursday, May 14, 2020- 8:45am** (duration 2:53)

Leah Ritch, Pierce County Board of Elections supervisor, discusses early voting coming up starting Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and going for 3 weeks leading up to the general primary election day on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. She discusses the preventative measures that will be taken including the 6 foot social distancing minimum, poll workers wearing masks, face shields, and gloves and voters being given gloves to wear. She encourages voters to wear masks but not mandatory and voters will have to bring one. Gloves will be provided. She encourages use of the absentee ballot method of voting to avoid all the hassle. She says over 3000 applications returned for ballots and over 1500 ballots received as of May 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Leah Ritch (912)449-2028

**Thursday, May 21, 2020- 8:44am** (duration 6:32)

David Shields, Athletic Director at Ware County High School, discusses the school’s current inability to provide a free physical exam this year for the upcoming school year’s student-athletes who wish to participate in extracurricular sporting activities as they have done in years past. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through seniors must have one on file. He is asking parents to get with their personal health care provider to get one done and has a list on the website of providers willing to do an exam of the student if a family does not have a personal physician. There is no guarantee the opportunity will arise for the school to provide a doctor for the exam due to the restrictions in place because of the coronavirus. Contact: David Shields (912) 682-4814