



Welcome September!

The breeze is cooler, the day's a little shorter, and change is in the air. As we transition into a new season, it's a perfect time to refocus, set fresh goals, and build on the momentum of the year so far. We're excited to share what's new and what's next—read on for the latest updates and inspiration!

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Marking a Milestone



Wishing Jessie McKenzie a Fond Farewell and a Happy Retirement

This month, we celebrate a bittersweet milestone- Jessie McKenzie's retirement after 5 years with Pilkey, Hopping & Ekberg. Since joining PHE, Jessie has been a vital part of our Commercial Lines department, known not only for her deep knowledge of insurance, but also for her caring spirit and unwavering commitment. Whether she was producing new business or simply brightening our office with her personality, Jessie made a lasting impact on everyone around her. Her contributions have helped shape the company we are today, and her legacy will continue to inspire us. While we're sad to see her go, we are excited for her as she begins this next chapter- filled with relaxation, new adventures, and well-deserved time with loved ones. Please join us in wishing Jessie all the best in her retirement.

Thank you, Jessie. You will be deeply missed!





Back to School

New Beginnings for PHE Families

As a new school year kicks off, the children and grandchildren of PHE employees stepped out in style for their first day back in the classroom! We're celebrating the young learners who are starting a brand-new chapter, from kindergarten to college, and everything in between. This season brings early mornings, late-night homework help, and more than a few proud parent moments. Behind every back-to-school photo is a story of growth and support- and we're thrilled to spotlight a few of them here.

BACK to SCHOOL

PHE
Since 1896

Grey's 1st day of 5th grade Aug 26, 2025

Mac's 1st day of 8th grade Aug 26, 2025

87th Kindergarten (Laci Moyer)

Melanie Rice's children- University of Idaho & 3rd Grade

Jamie Williams' granddaughters- 1st & 4th grade



Bosses BBQ

Annual PHE Bosses BBQ

The annual Bosses' BBQ made its return this month, giving everyone a great excuse to step away from their desks, enjoy some good food, and show a little love to our management team. After lunch, the fun really kicked off with a paper airplane contest, a puzzle challenge, paper clip throwing, and rubber band archery- all with prizes! Thanks to Shawn McClain and Jamie Williams for putting it together. Big shoutout to our awesome bosses- Reid Ekberg, Laci Moyer, and Carissa Milligan- for everything they do. Events like this are a great reminder that a supportive, fun workplace makes all the difference.





Non-Profit of the
Quarter



A Step Ahead in Pierce County

Vision: A community that embraces and integrates children of all abilities and treasures the unique gifts each child possesses.

Mission: To enhance early childhood development and strengthen family relationships, ensuring that every child receives the care and resources they need to thrive.

Providing a Supportive Environment for Families:

A Step Ahead provides home-based therapy and education services for children from birth to age three. They offer specialized support in speech, physical, and occupational therapy, as well as special education.

Beyond therapy, A Step Ahead fosters a supportive environment for families, helping parents and providing guidance through any challenges they may face. Their commitment to inclusivity and accessibility ensures that no child is left behind, regardless of financial barriers.

Programs and Offerings:

A Step Ahead provides home-based services, by providing activities that focus on natural learning opportunities. The philosophy behind these home visits is that children learn best in the context of secure and loving relationships. Some of the services provided are as follows:

- ***Speech/Language Pathology:*** Helps with communication skills to include sign language, vocabulary development, speech production and augmentative communication devices. Also assists in feeding skills.
- ***Physical Therapy:*** Provides exercises and equipment to help children improve their gross motor skills.
- ***Special Instruction:*** Specially designed teaching strategies to assist children in developing across all areas of development.
- ***Occupational Therapy:*** Assists children in developing daily living skills including feeding, dressing, gross and fine motor development. Also evaluates and treats sensory processing disorders.

- **Infant Mental Health:** Infant Mental Health Specialists are available to provide relationship-based services for caregivers and their child who is exhibiting social/emotional challenges.
- **Vision Services:** Consultations with Teachers of the Visually Impaired are available for children who have low vision or blindness.



Photos courtesy of asapc.org



You can explore more about the A Step Ahead in Pierce County by visiting their website below:

[Visit our Website](#)



Coverage Corner

Has Your Roof Been Replaced? Let Us Know!

Did you know that the age of your roof plays an important role in your homeowners insurance? A newer roof can make your home safer, reduce the risk of damage, and may even lower your insurance costs.

If you've replaced your roof recently, it's important to share that update with us. Having accurate information ensures your policy reflects the true condition of your home and helps us explore possible savings or coverage improvements for you.



Reid Ekberg
President

What to do next:

- If your roof has been replaced within the last few years, give us a call or send us an email.
- Share the year it was installed and any details about the type of roof.
- We'll update your policy and review whether you're eligible for any discounts.

Keeping us in the loop helps protect your home-
and your wallet!



Events in the
Community



Washington State Fair

Now open until September 21, 2025

The State Fair will be open until September 21, with the fairgrounds closed on Tuesdays. The fair features more than 75 rides, endless food options, a rodeo, and plenty of live entertainment. This year marks the 125th anniversary of



Tacoma Farmers Markets

Saturdays 9-2 and Thursdays 10-2

Come out and enjoy all that Tacoma's Farmers Markets have to offer! The Proctor Market, at N 27th and Proctor, runs through the season on Saturdays from 9 am to 2 pm. The Broadway Market, at 9th and Broadway, will be open on Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm, until

the fair, so it's sure to be an especially fun one! Tickets and more information are available on the website below.

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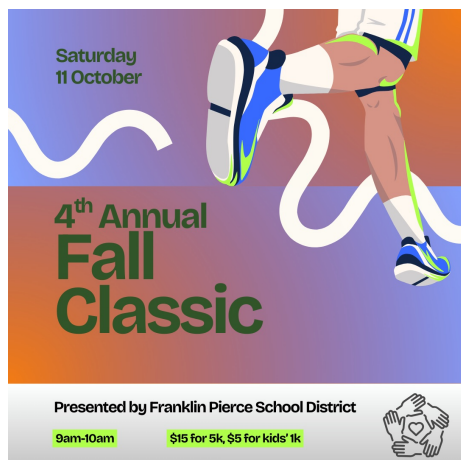


Tacoma HONK! Fest

September 20, 2025

Tacoma Honk Fest is an accessible community music festival held in the McKinley Hill neighborhood. Bands and music groups perform in the streets and alleyways, with plenty of space for dancing and moving around. Audience members are welcome to join in! The event will take place on Saturday, September 20.

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September 25. Stop by for fresh produce, delicious food, and local vendors.

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Tacoma Film Festival

October 9-12, 2025

The Tacoma Film Festival returns October 9–12 at The Grand Cinema, showcasing a diverse lineup of independent films with a focus on voices and stories from the Pacific Northwest. This is a great way to support local filmmakers and cinema. With something for everyone, this year's festival is sure to be an unforgettable experience.

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Fall Classic

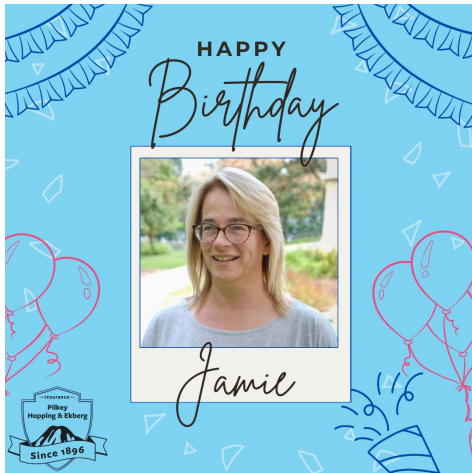
October 11, 2025

The 4th Annual Fall Classic is hosted by the Franklin Pierce School District to raise funds for shoes and clothing for youth runners, as well as for a college scholarship. Day-of registration begins at 7:30 am on October 11th, with the first race starting at 9 am.

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PHE Birthdays & Anniversaries



Jamie Williams

Personal Lines Account Manager

Happy birthday, Jamie! We hope that today brings you as much joy as you bring to the team all year long. We're so lucky to have you with us. Here is to another year of happiness, fun and success. Have a fantastic day, Jamie!



Aman Kaur

Commercial Lines Account Manager

Happy PHE-Aversary, Aman! A big shoutout to you for an amazing second year with Pilkey, Hopping & Ekberg. We are so grateful to have you apart of our team and look forward to many great things to come. Thank you for your continuous hard work, Aman!



John Baird

Medicare, Health, Life

Happy PHE-Aversary to you, John! September marks 5 years of hardwork, dedication, and strong contributions to PHE. We are lucky to have you apart of the team and



Laci Moyer and Shawn McClain

VP/ Benefits Department Manager and New Business Producer

Happy PHE-Aversary to Laci and Shawn! This month we celebrate two incredible people that bring so much to our team. Their commitment and

we thank you for all that you do here.
Here is to another great year ahead!

energy uplift those around them, and their impact is felt across the team every single day. Both Laci and Shawn have been with PHE for 21 years and we're beyond grateful to have them in the PHE family. Thank you for everything you do!

REFERRAL PROGRAM

Our referral program is one way we say thank you for trusting us enough to recommend PHE to your family and friends.

For every qualifying referral we receive, which consists of a new customer requesting a quote, we will mail you a \$10 Starbucks gift card. We also match this with a gift to our non profit of the quarter!

Click [here](#) to request a quote!

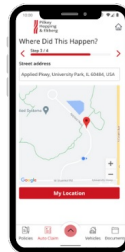


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