

COMPANY SPOTLIGHT

This month we are proud to shine our Pioneer spotlight on Ashley, who has been a part of the Pioneer team since 2021. Ashley enjoys hands-on work, especially involving projects such as commercial dishwasher pumps, riveting, and rotary cutter chain guards.



A movie lover, and an avid PlayStation gamer, Ashley's perfect day includes a stop at GameStop, a Whopper from Burger King or spicy wings from Wings and Rings, and a night at the movies – preferably *Jurassic Park*.

His all-time favorite movie is *Forrest Gump*, and he never says no to lasagna or pecan pie. If given the chance, Ashley would visit Ft. Myers, Florida, to honor his father's memory. He leaves us with this thoughtful message: "Live your dreams and always pray for your family and friends".

Ashley is a dedicated team member and works outside of Pioneer at local horse farms and in landscaping.



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Empowering Growth Through Life Skills

Pioneer continues to build a foundation of independence and confidence through our expanding Life Skills Program. Participants are given the opportunity to grow in meaningful ways, learning valuable skills that help them become the best, most independent versions of themselves.

This summer, participants engaged in a variety of enriching activities, including **Safety Awareness**, where they learned how to stay safe in the community, at home, and in the workplace. In **Cooking and Healthy Lifestyles**, they practiced meal preparation, explored healthy food choices, and exercised, all through hands-on learning experiences. Our **Creative Minds** sessions encouraged self-expression and supported mental and physical wellness through arts and crafts.

In **Teamwork Through Music**, participants used fine motor skills, followed directions, and collaborated to create music together, building both coordination and camaraderie. Through **American Sign Language** instruction, they're breaking communication barriers and embracing the challenge of learning a new language with enthusiasm.

One standout experience was a **First Aid and CPR** training session at Holland Farm, where participants learned vital lifesaving skills directly from their executive director. And in May, with the help of the Boyle County Extension Office, we launched our **Love Grows Here** gardening initiative. Participants planted raised garden beds—generously donated by Brad and Ginny Logan—and now, in August, they're enjoying fresh produce like cucumbers and homemade pico de gallo as a healthy reward for their hard work.

These impactful programs wouldn't be possible

without the unwavering support of our incredible community partners. A heartfelt thank you goes out to:

- **Scotty Harris** – Boyle County Detention Center
- **Milly Ledford, Cynara Perez-Switzer, and Kaitlen Farlee** – Boyle County Extension Office
- **Susan Lackney** – Music Instruction
- **Barb Snapp** – ASL Instructor
- **Helen Overstreet** – Holland Farm

Together, we're not just teaching skills—we're shaping futures.

Fundraiser

Due to inclement weather, our fundraiser has been rescheduled – but the excitement is just beginning! Join us for the 2025 Stuart Powell Cruise-In at the Showroom this September.

Your participation directly supports Pioneer Services' Life Skills Program and empowering employees with disabilities and enriching their lives through meaningful opportunities.

Let's come together for a cause that drives change!

2025 ANNUAL CRUISE IN

Classic Cars! **STUART POWELL** *Fellowship!* 2025

Cruise In

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Supporting Pioneer Vocational Services

SATURDAY Door Prizes, Dash Plaques, Food & DJ John Tyler

SEPTEMBER 20

11am – 2pm

2405 Lebanon Road
Danville KY 40422

Stuart Powell

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Questions? Contact Janice Albright at 859-236-8917

Pioneer Supports God's Pantry Through Food Deliveries

Each week, volunteers from the program offer their services to make a routine food delivery from Wal-Mart to God's Pantry Food Bank. Pioneer is proud to be a local partner and play a small role in the community food distribution network.



Above: Frank offloads boxes of donated food into the pantry storage facility. Members like Frank have been providing this service once or twice a week since June 2024.

Octoberfest

Pioneer will host its 2nd Annual Octoberfest this fall, serving as a networking event for professionals in case management, residential services, behavior support, family home providers, and our valued industry partners and customers. Guests can enjoy festive fall foods, games, and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Admission is free.

Stewardship in Action: 'Making Ends Meet' Course Offered by First Southern National Bank



For the past eight weeks, Chris Davis, VP of Community Outreach, and Tim Hopper, Community President of First Southern National Bank's Monticello Branch, have been mentoring members of the Pioneer team through the *Making Ends Meet* program—an engaging, Compass-financial video series rooted in biblical principles. This impactful course is divided into nine segments, covering essential topics such as wise counsel, saving, investing, giving, family dynamics, credit scores, long-term planning, identifying scams, managing debt, and more. Through their guidance, participants are learning how to approach financial stewardship from a godly perspective, equipping them with both practical tools and spiritual insight to manage their resources faithfully.

Pioneer SERVICES

OCTOBER FEST

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

FOOD - GAMES - MUSIC

24 OCT 2025
10:30am-1pm

150 Corporate DR., Danville KY

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From Office to Ogre: Pioneer Team Member Shines in *Shrek the Musical*



Above: The entire cast returns to stage during the performance finale.

In July, part-time Pioneer employee Bruce made his theater debut as Shrek's father in a sold-out production of *Shrek the Musical* at West T. Hill Community Theatre. Supported by staff and friends in the audience, Bruce impressed with his remarkable singing and acting talents.

His on-stage excellence mirrors the dedication he brings to his role at Pioneer, where he plays a vital part as a key team member and primary assembler on projects like air trap and booster tank assemblies, as well as spreader operator manual packaging. Bruce's passion and performance shine both on and off the stage.



Kroger Community Rewards Program

Did you know you can give without giving? Simply log in to your Kroger digital account and link your Shopper's Card to Pioneer. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on rewards through everyday spending.

Exploring the Community

What an unforgettable summer it has been! Our local communities truly came alive with exciting activities and opportunities to connect. We kicked off the season in June and continued the fun through July, taking full advantage of the free weekly movies at Danville Cinema 8. From *The Bad Guys* to *Harold & the Purple Crayon*, participants enjoyed a fresh cinematic experience each week. Tuesdays were all about fun in the sun at the Anderson-Dean pool and waterpark, offering the perfect way to cool off. We even made a special stop at La Fonda's Mexican Restaurant to enjoy a delicious lunch together. Another highlight was our first monthly bowling event, hosted by Pioneer at Bowlarama, where agencies from Danville and surrounding areas came together for a little friendly competition. Lincoln County hosted a fantastic Free Fair Day. The day was filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy time with friends. From thrilling rides to tasty fair snacks, there was something for everyone. Participants explored the fairgrounds, visited with animals. It was a wonderful day of community connection and summer fun that left everyone with smiles and great memories!

Pioneer Welcomes New Partners and Job Opportunities

This quarter, we're excited to welcome three new industry partners: Kentucky Soaps & Such, Tailor Made Compounding (TMC), and Whitetail Mash. Each organization has chosen Pioneer to provide packaging and labeling services for their finished products—an opportunity we're proud to have earned. Though their markets differ, all three share a commitment to corporate social responsibility.

Kentucky Soaps & Such, based in Stanford, has entrusted Pioneer with labeling their all-natural, handmade lip balms—each one carefully hand-labeled by our team.

Tailor Made Compounding, a prescription manufacturer, partnered with Pioneer to help meet growing demand for their mail-order Noom GLP-1 products. We're now building and pre-packaging 3,000 units per week to support their needs.

Lastly, Whitetail Mash, a startup focused on deer nutrition and supplements, collaborates with Burkmann Nutrition for blending and Bluegrass Bottling Company for label application. Pioneer is proud to package their two flagship products for the hunting industry: *Shots Fired*, a feed supplement, and *Ignite*, a proprietary mineral and attractant designed to promote wild deer growth. Currently, these products are sold exclusively at Curtsinger's Sunrise Outfitters in the Danville area. We look forward to a continued relationship with these wonderful companies.



Above: Whitetail Mash product staged before being packaged and palletized.

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your needs!**