

LOCAL BUSINESS HAS THE RIGHT MIX

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In 1979, when Pickens County had fewer people and houses, a local contractor had five construction jobs going at once. He needed concrete, and the previous plant in Pickens County had been closed for about a year. The contractor could only get two loads from Canton and two loads from Ellijay. This was insufficient to keep pace with his jobs.

This contractor's name was Charles Brooks. Charles knew that if he needed concrete, then others needed it, too. So, in 1979, Charles and his friend, Frank Eubanks, founded Pickens County Concrete. In March, 1982, Charles Brooks bought Frank Eubanks' share of the business. Charles remained in the construction business until 1984. Today, Charles, his wife, Elaine, and son, Greg, can all be found working at the family business. Frank Eubanks is now with the new Community Bank of Pickens County.

Pickens County Concrete, located near Lawson Chevrolet, has a fleet of twelve trucks. They have poured a lot of the concrete on Highway 515. The familiar blue trucks are seen as far away as 20-25 miles in their daily treks to meet the needs of the community.

Septic tanks are manufactured at Pickens County Concrete. These tanks are the only products that are fabricated at the plant.

Did you know that Jasper was named for Sgt William Jasper? Sgt Jasper died in 1779 trying to save his unit's flag during the siege of Savannah.