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What may be Alabama's best pecan pie comes ready to eat right out of the box

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The South's love affair with pecan pies didn't start with the 1935 founding of Priester's Pecans at a Fort Deposit, Alabama, gas station. Priester's didn't even start selling pecan pies until decades later. • But over the years, the Alabama family business has carved out its own niche on holiday dessert tables by finding the right formula for the filling. • "One of the biggest things about our pies is when we cook it, the filling stays in place," said Stinson Ellis, part of the latest generation running the business. "A lot of pecan pies, when you cut that filling is more liquid." **See PIE, Page 2A**



ABOVE: Brothers Tyler and Stinson Ellis, owners of Priester's Pecans, speak inside their facility in Fort Deposit on Oct. 28. MAIN: Finishing touches on pecan pies at the Priester's Pecans in Fort Deposit.

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City to see two plant closures next month

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Two Montgomery manufacturing businesses have announced closures that will impact over 100 employees total, according to state records.

The WARN Act, a federal law enacted in 1988, requires employers with 100 or more employees to provide advance written notice of significant layoffs or plant closings. The law generally requires a 60-day notice to help workers prepare for the loss of employment.

According to the WARN notices filed with Alabama Department of Workforce, Acme Brick Co. and The Andersons Inc. will close next month, with Acme shutting down Dec. 2 and Andersons Inc. shutting its doors Dec. 31.

Acme Brick Co.

Acme Brick Co. manufactures face brick, thin brick and clay pavers for residential and commercial projects. The brand supports construction across North America and has several local stores across the country that sell the products they manufacture. Alabama has nine local stores, including one in Montgomery.

The location has been a long-standing titan of business in the Montgomery area since 1903. It was formerly known as Jenkins Brick Co., which had been operating as a huge brick manufacturer and distributer for over 100 years before Acme bought the location in 2011 to gain a foothold in the distribution areas Jenkins had already been operating in.

Long-time owner Mike Jenkins IV, who died in 2021 at the age of 79, also worked to create more racial unity in the city throughout the 1980s by facilitating classes for an annual civic organization cohort that intentionally brought together 40 people of different race and gender demographics to learn in one shared setting.

Acme's website shows that they own 12 manufacturing plants across Texas, Alabama, and Arkansas. The company has only one other plant in the Alabama, located in Leeds. The Montgomery plant is not alone, however, as Acme announced the decision to close another similar plant they operate in Jonesboro, Arkansas at the end of the year as well.

The WARN notice that announced the closure notes that 53 employees will be laid off as a result of the closure.

The company has not responded to a request to comment on the reason for the closure, nor whether or not the company is offering support to affected staff.

The Andersons Inc.

The Andersons, Inc. is an agribusiness company that participates in production that supports the agricultural supply chain. Their manufacturing plants produce plant nutrients and turf care products as well as pest control granules and raw materials for industrial manufacturing.

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