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Pineland Welcomes Cogentes to the Family

Pineland is proud to announce the recent merger of Cogentes, an IT solutions provider offering expert support and down home service, and Pineland Computer Services. Since 2007, Tom Glover and the team of computer technicians at Cogentes have worked diligently to provide IT support and technology solutions to business clients throughout the southeast and abroad, managing more than 2,000 machines with employees stationed throughout the state of Georgia. Cogentes, headquartered in Milledgeville, Georgia, significantly expands the Pineland service territory.

In mid-year 2018, Cogentes began discussions with Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and its subsidiary Pineland Computer Services. Pineland purchased Cogentes in late 2018, forming Pineland-Cogentes. With this merger, Pineland-Cogentes will be able to serve the needs of businesses across Georgia and the southeastern United States offering managed technology solutions, support, and maintenance including hardware, software, and networking sales; network design and maintenance; managed, cloud, and hybrid backup solutions, data recovery and transfer; cyber security analysis and repair. As a premier Microsoft Office 365 partner, the new team can perform installations and migration to all Microsoft Office 365 products.

The Pineland family of companies now includes Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Southeast Fire & Burglar Alarm Company, and the newly formed Pineland-Cogentes. Commercial offices are located in Metter, Swainsboro, and Milledgeville, with an additional work center in Vidalia.

***Pineland** serves over 1,300 square miles with its traditional Phone and Internet services in all or parts of nine-counties in Southeast Georgia. In its 67th year, 100% of Pineland's Phone and Internet customers receive their services via a dedicated Fiber-to-the-Home network offering Gigabit enabled Broadband connections. Southeast Fire & Burglar Alarm Company and Pineland-Cogentes can provide technology and security solutions across the entire southeastern United States.*

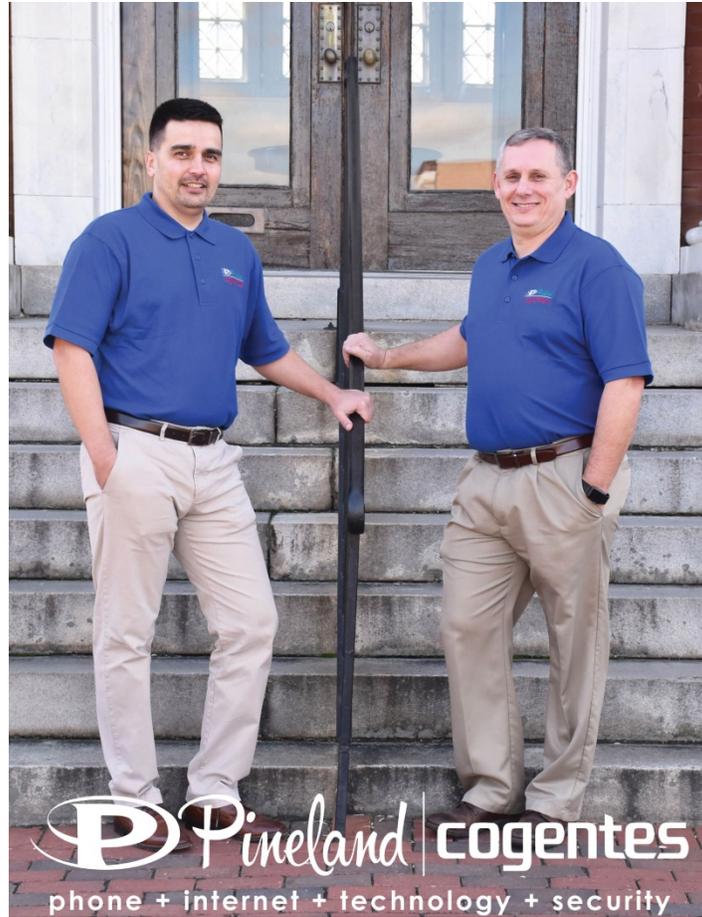
Pineland's mission is to offer an outstanding customer experience through the efficient delivery of progressive technology solutions in the markets served. We will achieve this mission by applying our Core Values of Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, and a Servant's Heart in everything we do.

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Pictured L to R: Alex Muzafarov and Tom Glover, CEOs of Pineland-Cogentes

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