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## Trey Anderson begins service as AGC President



Trey Anderson

Atlanta, GA, June 26, 2015 – The Associated General Contractors of Georgia (AGC Georgia) recently elected Gerald V. (Trey) Anderson, III as the 2015-2016 association president. Anderson is President of Anderson Construction Company of Fort Gaines, a diversified commercial contractor with 51-years of experience in the industry, including conventional general contracting, design-build, construction management, and service contracting. The firm has been an active member of AGC Georgia since 1964.

Anderson's personal dedication to the construction industry has resulted in his election to serve in numerous leadership roles over the years with AGC Georgia. He was a founding member of the Chapter's Young Leadership Program, served several terms on the Chapter's board of directors

and recently completed service on the association's workers' compensation program board, CompTrust AGC Mutual Captive Insurance Company. He now serves as a board member of the Southern Construction Group Captive.

A native of Fort Gaines and Georgia Tech graduate, in his community Trey served eight years on the Clay County Board of Commissioners, including six years as Chairman, and volunteers time to numerous local and regional economic development boards.

Other officers joining Anderson in leading the Chapter's board of directors include Randy Hall, Batson-Cook Company in Atlanta as vice president; Scott Clark, R. W. Allen, LLC in Augusta as secretary; and Kevin Kuntz, McCarthy Building Compa-

nies, Inc. in Atlanta as treasurer.

### About AGC Georgia

AGC Georgia is a professional trade association and the statewide Chapter affiliated with The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (AGC of America). Member firms from around the state perform a majority of the public and private commercial construction work in Georgia and include over 500 of the top general contractors, residential/light commercial builders, construction managers, design-builders, municipal-utility contractors, heavy and highway contractors, specialty contractors, service providers, and suppliers. AGC Georgia is one of 94 Chapters representing over

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The Randolph County Board of Education was informed last week of repairs being made to the district's schools, including replacing broken windows. (Tribune file photos)



The school superintendent briefed school board members on school flooring repairs during a regular meeting on June 25.



Professional basketball player and Randolph County native Donnell Harvey helps a student with homework. Harvey's organization, Reconstructing Youth Foundation, offers local schools after-school programs. (Photos/submitted)

## Randolph BOE changes graduation credits

By DENISE ETHERIDGE

### Local BRIEFS RCSO holding spaghetti plate fundraiser this month

The Randolph County Sheriff's Office is selling spaghetti plates for \$5 each as a fundraiser for community activities. The deadline to order is July 17. Pick up will be on July 24 from 11

The Randolph County Board of Education approved amending graduation requirements from 25 credit units to 23, to reflect state requirements, during a regular meeting last Thursday. The change will begin with ninth graders this coming school year, School Superintendent Dr. Marvin Howard said. The board had discussed amending graduation requirements in January but did not vote on the issue. Howard previously explained that reducing the number of units needed to graduate would translate into eliminating some of the extra courses the school system offers, including environmental science, study skills, computer applications and world geography, and would aid in increasing the graduation rate. The board also voted 3-1 to approve a

proposed \$8.3 million budget for the school year 2015-16 budget until the tax digest was readied. Once the final budget was adopted, the BOE could set the millage rate, school officials said.

BOE Chairman Lindbergh Graddy and members Henry Cook and Rodney Burks voted for the spending resolution. BOE member Dymple McDonald opposed it. BOE Vice-chairman Don Smith was absent due to illness.

Tax Commissioner Brooke Hixon confirmed Tuesday, June 30, that he was waiting for the school board to adopt a final budget, so he could calculate the millage rate. Hixon said he would then prepare the school board's five year tax history and legal advertising for the BOE should a millage rate increase be deemed necessary.





entry. When he woke up there were certain essential parts missing and somebody had put a lamp shade around his neck. But all that eventually

junction with pilfered cat food caused a significant increase in his waist line. Now he's on a strict diet of a cup and a half of dog food. No cat food, no table scraps and no late night Nutter Butter peanut butter cookies at all.

I'm out here trying to make 500 miles a day while he sleeps on the couch then sleeps in the chair then goes to his bed in the closet and sleeps some more. So I told him there was no way I could sympathize with his impending diet. He done it to himself.

10 doors would be replaced at the middle school and eight broken windows would be repaired. Eleven windows at the elementary school were replaced, the superintendent said. The damage there was caused during a break-in. Howard suspects the hole in one window was made by a pistol shot from inside the building. The superintendent said the vandals were seen on the roof and were apprehended and he hopes the system will recuperate monetary damages.

Graddy suggested maintaining the surveillance cameras at the elementary school would have helped authorities identify the vandals.

bers Sam Thornton, Lois Spann and Heather Harrell were present. Chairman Dwyllan Glover was absent. Superintendent Johnnie Grimsley told board members the tentative budget was advertised for two consecutive weeks, and that no residents had come forward with complaints. Grimsley said the budget would be submitted to the county tax assessor who will then draft the five-year tax digest.

On Grimsley's recommendation, the school board voted to allow Reconstructing Youth Foundation to facilitate an after-school program this coming school year.

Kinsell asked how the foundation would operate the program, particularly in preparing snacks and supper for students.

Grimsley said the foundation would provide its own teachers, and would

more would be one time enrollment fee for each child, and the program would run at no cost to the school system except for transportation. The district would provide a "late bus" for students attending the program, she said.

The after-school program will begin at 3 and end at 5 p.m., according to Grimsley. "I don't foresee a problem," the superintendent said.

Natischa Harvey, executive director of the Reconstructing Youth Foundation, spoke to the BOE about the program in mid-June. Harvey said Randolph County public schools utilize the program. The organization was founded by professional basketball player and Randolph County native, Donnell Harvey.

The school board entered executive session to discuss personnel.

# Trends

## What does Independence Day mean to you?



Karan Pittman

Our nation celebrates its birthday this weekend - July 4th. What does Independence Day mean to you? What does it mean to us as a community? Over the years, the meaning of Independence Day may or may not have become lost in the barbecues, reunions and fireworks that everyone enjoys on the day. What do you think as an individual, a family, an organization or a community? Has the meaning of Independence changed?

When I was growing up, we celebrated 4th of July for two reasons - the 4th of July and my Daddy's birthday. We always had a sheet cake with flag decorations, hamburgers and potato chips. Since most of my family lived away, we enjoyed the holiday with telephone calls throughout the day rather than after the 7 p.m. deadline at night when the rates were

cheaper! We had a red and white striped flag pole in our front yard (painted by us) that flew the flag proudly on this important day.

Throughout the years, the communities have celebrated in many ways. Parades have not been common because it is usually so hot on July 4th, but concerts in the park and the Iris Garden were popular at one time. Barbecues were and still are a favorite way to pass the day. Many families set up the 4th as their reunions. Fireworks were often provided by the community. Today our southwest Georgia communities often see an influx of deer hunters who are coming into the area to set up for the fall season. Economics change over the years, and these changes are reflected in our types of celebrations.

Today the 4th of July is just as important as in 1776 for many reasons. We have to remember the reason for our independence, the reason for our being here. The 4th of July provides us an opportunity to remember the reason for our nation coming into being as well as the way and the reasons it was set up.

However you celebrate the 4th of July, it is important to remember to honor those who came before us and to keep our liberties and freedoms intact for the next generation.

## Pataula Creek Corner

By Ole Joe

For those who love hot weather... rejoice! Actually, we had some mighty hot weather in June. That's Georgia for you. It will continue through September. Folks, please be careful in this hot weather and keep your pets cool with plenty of fresh water. I use a cool wrap and dip it in cold water often. If you fish, go real early or late, or even at night.

Have you ever heard of the phrase "blue moon"? Well, it's this month. July has two full moons: the 1st and the 31st.

Planting time for gardens is over, except for peas. Plant them on the 5th, 6th & 7th. Now is a happy time for those who love to eat out of your garden. Corn, tomatoes, okra, squash, cucumbers and green beans are very good.

Fishing: Use Big Bite baits and Little Fishie lures and you'll catch more! Catfish, noodles and bottom fishing with worms. Fish in 10 to 30 ft of water. Bass, fish early or late. Use frogs around and through grass beds. Also use lipped baits that run from 8 to 15 ft. deep. Hybrid, troll 20 ft lipped baits and also use shrimp on the humps above the



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power dam. At night might be a good time for the shrimp bait near bottom. Crappie, they've gone deep. Use minnows at night in 15 to 20 ft of water. Bream has been spotty. Fish 5 to 8 ft. in front of grass beds. Follow your nose if you get a strong smell, there's a bed near there. Use crickets and red wigglers.

History: Washington D.C. established as U.S. Capital 1791; firearms inventor Samuel Colt born 1814; first paid admission to baseball game 1859; Henry Ford born 1863; President Garfield shot 1881; FBI organized 1908; bikini swimsuits introduced in Paris 1946; first U.S. jet passenger flight 1954; first test tube baby born 1979.

Independence Day is the 4th. Let us all thank God above for our country and its independence and freedom. May God Bless.

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## BOC

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thorized the purchase of a tag reader from Madden and Associates on June 9 at a cost of \$20,457.57. The county was cut a break on the cost, however, since the local trooper agreed to drive his vehicle to Atlanta for the tag reader to be installed, rather than have a technician travel to Cuthbert, explained Randolph County Manager Frank Etheridge. The tag reader was discounted to \$19,567.50, according to Etheridge.

"This will lower the annual payments to just over \$6,600," he said. "The GSP will pick up the annual subscription and maintenance fees."

The tag reader will be financed over three years through the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) at 1.60 percent interest.

The BOC also updated a building lease agreement with Aspire Behavioral

Health and Developmental Disability Services for \$1 a year. The county-owned building is at 93 Villa Nova Street in Cuthbert. The lease agreement is for July 1 through June 30, 2016.

The commission also approved funding for the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transit Authority. The authority serves Randolph, Quitman and Stewart counties. The county will cover the \$5,286.96 funding to the authority using T-SPOST funds. The authority members' cost shares are population-based, and Randolph's portion is 47 percent, according to the county manager.

The county commission also scheduled three public hearings regarding the county's tentative budget and proposed millage rate increase. Hearings will be held at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, and at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11.

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Thank you, and may God shine his richest blessings on each and every one.

The Perkins Family

## CLARIFICATION

In the story titled "Clay Commission sets budget hearing," in the June 25 issue of the Southern Tribune, the story should have read, "The commission also approved a \$500 contract for services with the Fort Gaines Lions Club for July 4th fireworks."

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