Trey Anderson begins service as AGC President

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 Assurance 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, Baton-Cook Company in Atlanta as vice president; Scott Clark, R. W. Allen, LLC in Augusta as secretary; and Kevin Kunzt, McCarthy Building Companies, 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 5000 member firms across the country.

Randolph BOE changes graduation credits

By DENISE ETHERIDGE

The Randolph County Board of Education approved amending graduation requirements from 23 credit units to 25, 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 $3.3 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 mill rate increase be deemed necessary.


Our nation celebrates its birthday this weekend - July 4th. What does Independence Day mean to you? What does it mean to you as a community? Over the years, the meaning of Independence Day may or may not have become lost in the barbecues, fireworks, and festivities 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. First, the 4th of July and my Daddy’s birthday. We always had a sheet cake with red, white, and blue flag decorations, hamburgers and potato chips. Since most of us lived away from home, we enjoyed the holiday with telephone calls and mail that arrived 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 (painting) that flew the flag proudly on this important day.

Throughout the years, the communities have celebrated Independence Day in many ways. Parades have not been common because it is usually hot on July 4th, but concerts in the park and the Iris Garden were popular at that time. Barbecues were still a favorite way to pass the day. Many families set up the 4th as their community. Today our southwest Georgia communities often see a concert of fireworks by locals who are coming to the area to set up for the small town celebration. Events change over the years, and these changes are noted in our types of celebrations.

Today the 4th of July is a holiday that we remember for many reasons. We have to remember the reason for our independence by our forefathers for our being here. The 4th of July provides us with an opportunity to recommit to the reason for our nation. Independence is a memory of well as the war and the reasons it was set up.

In whatever celebration you choose the 4th of July, it is important to remember to honor our heroes of past and present. Plant them on the 5th, 6th & 7th. Now is a happy time for children and adults to love to eat out of your garden. Corn, tomatoes, okra, squash, cucumbers and green beans are very good.

Homemade Doughnuts

For those who love hot weather... rejoice! Actually, we had some very nice hot weather in June. That’s Georgia for you. It will continue through September if we are so lucky. Please be careful in this hot weather and keep your pets cool with plenty of water. We had a doormat in the cold water often. If you fish, go real early, or very late.

Have you ever heard of the phrase “blue cats and little fish”? Fish lures and you’ll catch more! Catfish, nudges 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, 20 ft lipped baits and also use lipped baits on the humps above the 10 foot areas. This Column is kindly sponsored by Dawson Outdoors.

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, texts, kind words, help, and support that have been given, with the illing and loss of our loved one. Family, friends, and neighbors helped and continue to help in more ways than we can express. A special heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Eunice Donn.

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

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The county commission also discussed the possibility of 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.

CLARIFICATION

In the story titled “Cly Gomes was born in 1945” in the Aug. 23 issue of the Southern Tribune, the story should have read, “The commission also approved funding for the Fort Gaines Lions Club for July 4th fireworks.”