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Tega Cay Weathers Helene Rallies for Relief Efforts



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Chris Coffee



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Hurricane Helene swept through Tega Cay, bringing heavy rain, strong winds, and localized flooding. While there was property damage from fallen trees and flooding along the Catawba River, Tega Cay was fortunate compared to many other areas of the Carolinas that were hit harder.

Crews quickly mobilized to clear downed trees. In low-lying areas, such as New Gray Rock Road, minor flooding was reported. A portion of the road near Catawba Park was temporarily closed by police due to rising water levels, though no major structural damage occurred.

In the aftermath, the community came together to support those more severely impacted by the storm. Residents organized donation drives, collecting bottled water, food, and essential supplies for the mountain communities in North Carolina that bore the brunt of Helene's force.

Tega Cay's quick response, along with strong community efforts, helped minimize the storm's impact locally while extending support to those in need beyond the city.

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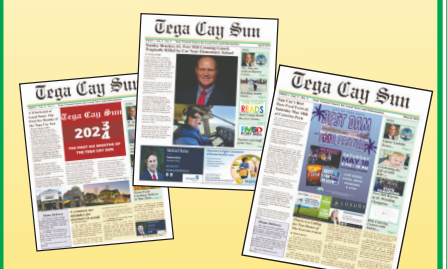


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Pennies for Progress Program Set for Vote on November 5, 2024

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

York County residents will soon head to the polls to vote on whether to authorize the continuation of the Pennies for Progress program, a one-cent sales tax initiative that has been instrumental in funding road improvements across the county since 1997. The upcoming vote on November 5, 2024, will determine the fate of Pennies for Progress number 5, with over \$410 million in capital projects at stake.

What is Pennies for Progress?

Since its inception, the Pennies for Progress program has played a pivotal role in transforming York County's infrastructure. Funded through a one-cent sales tax, the program has raised millions of dollars for road improvements, resurfacing, and intersection upgrades. The sales tax is paid not just by local residents but also by visitors who utilize York County's goods and services, with 40% of the sales tax revenue coming from non-residents.

Pennies for Progress has funded over 100 road projects to date, including significant undertakings like the widening of Highway 160 from I-77 to the state line, the Fort Mill Southern Bypass, and numerous intersection upgrades. The program has been approved by voters every seven years, with successful referendums in 1997, 2003, 2011, and 2017.

The proposed Pennies for Progress number 5 (Pennies 5) program includes a diverse range of projects designed to enhance road safety, connectivity, and quality of life for all York County residents. The total estimated cost of all capital projects is \$410.65 million, with \$225 million dedicated to carryover projects from previous programs that were delayed due to factors like rising costs and workforce shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key projects on the Pennies 5 list include:

- US 21 Widening:** \$44.89 million to expand US 21 to five lanes from Highway 160 to Sutton Road.
- Fort Mill Parkway:** \$9 million for design and right-of-way acquisition to widen 3. Fort Mill Parkway from the railroad bridge to Holbrook Road.
- Neely Road Corridor:** \$12.86 million for corridor improvements in the Rock Hill area.
- Intersection Improvements:** Over \$38 million dedicated to upgrading critical intersections across the county.

Additionally, \$80 million has been allocated for resurfacing 76.60 miles of roads in areas including Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Tega Cay, Clover, Lake Wylie, and Western York County. Roads such as Stonecrest Boulevard in Tega Cay and *Pennies, Page 7*

Tega Cay Honors 9/11 with Ceremony at Fire Station 1

Patrick Byrne, Editor



TEGA CAY, SC — Earlier today, a 9/11 remembrance ceremony took place at Tega Cay Fire Station 1, honoring the nearly 3,000 lives lost on September 11, 2001. The event featured speeches by Tega Cay Fire Chief Glyn Hasty and Mayor Chris Gray, with a prayer led by a local pastor.

At 8:46 a.m., the exact time when the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center, the wail of

a fire engine siren echoed through the station grounds, marking the moment that forever changed the course of American history. Powerful audio of NYPD firefighters responding to the attacks was also played for those in attendance to hear.

Chief Hasty began the ceremony, emphasizing the importance of remembering the tragic day. "Sometimes we allow things to fade away," he said, referencing the 403 flags placed outside the station to represent the first responders who lost their lives. The flags created a powerful visual reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by firefighters, police officers, and paramedics.

Mayor Gray followed with a personal reflection on his experience. "I got the call from my twin sister. She said the towers got hit by planes. I thought she was joking at first," Gray recalled.

Burn Boot Camp Unveils New Branded Food Line at Tega Cay Event Featuring Olympian Missy Franklin

Patrick Byrne, Editor

TEGA CAY, SC — What began as an open-air fitness experience running around parking lots in Charlotte has now grown into a nationwide phenomenon. Burn Boot Camp, started by Devan and Morgan Kline in 2012, has expanded to 400 franchises across 43 states, and the Tega Cay location hosted a special event today to celebrate the brand's continued success.

At the event, Burn Boot Camp unveiled its new line of branded food products, designed to support the fitness and wellness goals of its members. Attendees received samples of the new products and a complimentary copy of *Burn*, a book authored by the founders, Devan and Morgan, who were also onsite. The book helps advance the mission of Burn Boot Camp to "support your goals in every aspect of your life," said Devan.

Adding star power to the event was five-time Olympic medalist Missy Franklin, who has been a Burn Boot Camp brand ambassador since joining in April 2024. Franklin praised the Tega Cay location as being "gracious" for hosting the rollout event.

The Tega Cay location, owned by Bridgett Earnhardt and open since 2016, is one of the original Burn Boot Camp franchises. It offers a wide range of fitness "camps" throughout the day, starting as early as 5:00 AM.

He vividly described the moment he realized the enormity of the attack, when his sister sent him a picture of the Twin Towers being struck. "I remember the feeling that our sovereignty had been lost."

Gray urged the community to teach younger generations about the significance of 9/11. "It's a day we never can forget. Speak with your grandkids and kids today," he encouraged. He also highlighted the importance of standing united, a trait he believes Tega Cay embodies. "If you see someone who needs help, I encourage you to help them. Not just because it's 9/11, but because the sun rose this morning."

Both speakers also touched on Charlotte's role as a backup financial hub to New York City, acknowledging the vulnerability of the region during the attacks.

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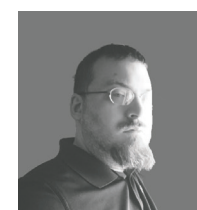
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**In Health with Dr. Brian:
5 Reasons Strength
Training Can Alleviate
Joint Pain**

Dr. Brian Strump

Did you know that the majority of our gym members are between the ages of 40-55 years old? Some are 70+ years old that we train in the gym.

These members are getting amazing results and report feeling much younger, with less joint pain than their friends of similar age who do not strength train.

I want to share five reasons why incorporating strength training into your routine can help alleviate joint discomfort:

1. Strengthens Surrounding Muscles

Strength training helps build the muscles around your joints, providing better support and stability. When these muscles are stronger, they take on more of the load, reducing the stress on your joints. This can lead to decreased pain and improved joint function.

2. Improves Joint Mobility and Flexibility

Regular strength training exercises can enhance joint mobility and flexibility. Through controlled movements, your joints can move through their full range of motion, which helps maintain and improve flexibility. Better joint mobility can reduce stiffness and discomfort.

3. Reduces Inflammation

Engaging in regular strength training can help reduce inflammation in the body. Exercise promotes the release of anti-inflammatory cytokines and helps regulate inflammatory responses. Reduced inflammation can lead to less joint pain and improved overall joint health.

4. Promotes Weight Management

Strength training is effective for building muscle mass, which can boost your metabolism and help with weight management. Maintaining a healthy weight is crucial for joint health, as excess body weight can put additional stress on your joints, leading to increased pain and wear-and-tear.

5. Enhances Bone Density

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**New Specialty Market
“The Speckled Pear” to
Open in Fort Mill This
Fall**

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



The Speckled Pear, a new gourmet market specializing in fresh, locally sourced ingredients and ready-to-eat meals, is set to open this fall at 110 Clebourne Street, Unit 102, in downtown Fort Mill. Promising to be a one-stop shop for healthy, convenient dining, the store aims to offer an elevated culinary experience for the community.

Robyn and Michael Bader, owners of The Speckled Pear, describe their vision: “The Speckled Pear will be a high-quality, whole and prepared foods market with an all-day menu, gift center, and catering services. We also plan to hold pop-up dinners several nights a week, featuring international and seasonal menus paired with NA beverages, beer, and wine.”

The store will feature a variety of prepared meals, including gourmet salads, sandwiches, charcuterie boards, and artisan pizzas, alongside pantry items such as specialty cheeses, cured meats, and gourmet condiments.

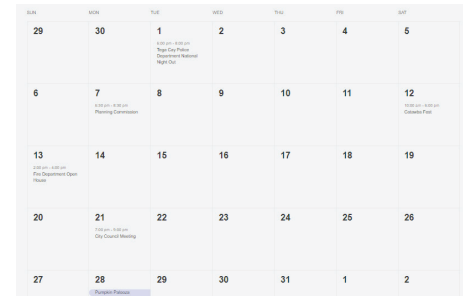
Explaining their decision to open in Fort Mill, Robyn said, “We chose to open in Fort Mill because we live here and love the richness of the evolving community. Increasingly, Fort Millians are looking for high-quality, scratch-made options for themselves and their families without compromising flavor. Downtown is truly becoming an epicenter, bringing the two sides of Fort Mill together.”

In addition to the curated food selection, The Speckled Pear will offer a cozy seating area for customers to enjoy their meals or relax with a cup of coffee. The warm, inviting atmosphere and friendly staff are sure to make it a popular destination for locals and visitors alike.

The Speckled Pear is a gourmet grocery store offering a wide variety of prepared meals, pantry items, and specialty products. They anticipate opening at the end of October

**Tega Cay Sun Launches
New Events Calendar for
the Community**

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



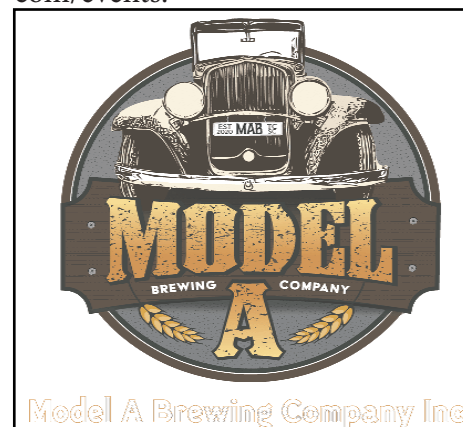
The Tega Cay Sun is excited to announce the launch of its brand-new Events Calendar, designed to keep residents and visitors informed about upcoming happenings in the area. Whether it’s local festivals, community gatherings, concerts, sporting events, or special celebrations, the new feature provides a one-stop destination for everything happening in and around Tega Cay.

The Events Calendar is easily accessible on the Tega Cay Sun website. To explore all the upcoming events, visit www.tegacaysun.com/events or click on the “Events” link from the main menu of the homepage.

Do you have an event to share with the community? We’d love to feature it! Simply send the date, time, location, and any applicable graphic to the Tega Cay Sun at editor@tegacaysun.com, and we’ll add it to the calendar. Whether it’s a charity fundraiser, a school performance, or a family-friendly outdoor event, our goal is to ensure everyone in Tega Cay stays connected to the vibrant local scene.

With this exciting new resource, the Tega Cay Sun aims to make it easier for residents and visitors alike to discover and attend events that matter to them. Don’t miss out—stay up to date with everything happening in our community!

For more information or to submit your event, visit www.tegacaysun.com/events.



Model A Brewing Company Inc

**UPCOMING
EVENTS 2024**

OCT 7TH

Planning Commission- will meet at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

OCT 21ST

City Council Meeting- at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers.

OCT 28TH

Economic Development Commission- will meet at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers.

TUE. Weekly

Dr. Tom’s Trivia - 6:30pm at Model A Brewing..

THUR. Weekly

Bingo with Shane - 6:30pm at Model A Brewing..

WED-SAT. Weekly

Live Music - Live music four nights a week at the SC Shore Club

Saturdays Bi-Weekly

Tega Cay Lions Club - 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, the Tega Cay Lions Club meets in the lower level of the Glennon Center. More information available at <https://tegacaylions.wixsite.com/tegacaylions>

Last WED. Monthly

Tega Cay Good Life Club - Meets the last Wednesday of each month at the Glennon Center. More information available at <https://tccgoodlifeclub.wixsite.com/tcglc>

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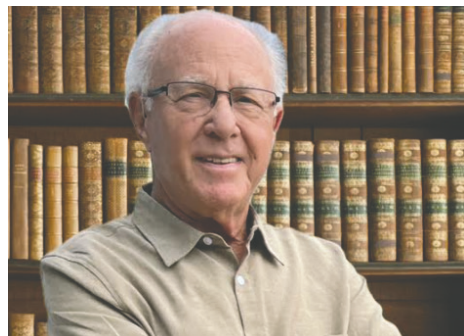
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Local Attorney and Author Alan Offen Reflects on Life and Career in New Book

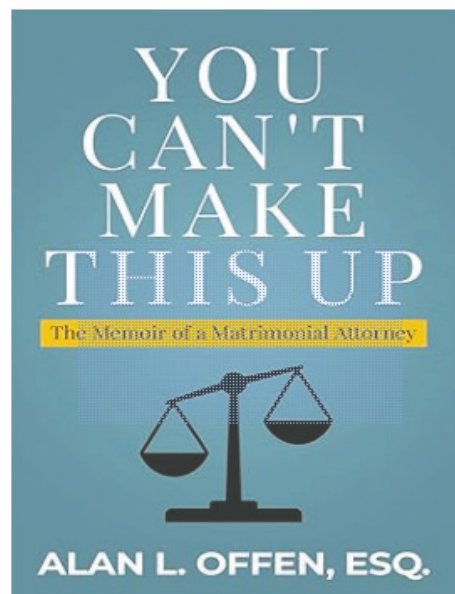


Patrick Byrne, Editor

At 81 years old, Alan Offen has lived a life full of family, love, and a distinguished legal career. Now retired and settled in Tega Cay, Alan is sharing his life's work in a newly released memoir available on Amazon, *You Can't Make This Up: The Memoir of a Matrimonial Attorney*, a 450-page collection of his experiences as a matrimonial lawyer, with stories ranging from the heartbreaking to the uplifting.

Originally from Rochester, New York, Alan's life was defined by his dedication to family and his passion for law. He married his wife, Sue, and together they spent 45 years building a life until Sue passed away from lung cancer in August 2023. She had moved to Tega Cay in 2010, while Alan remained in Rochester, commuting back and forth for six years before retiring and joining her in 2016.

Sue and Alan raised three children, including Alan's stepdaughter Teri, who also lives in Tega Cay with her partner Tom and her two teenage children. Alan's son, Todd, settled



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Buzz around Town

Tega Cay Economic Development Commission Hosts Successful 2nd Business Connect Meeting Featuring Model A Brewing



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

The Tega Cay Economic Development Commission hosted its second Business Connect meeting on Wednesday, September 18th, in the Council Chambers at the Glennon Center. Designed to help local businesses network, share success stories, and foster relationships, the meeting featured Brad O'Connor of Model A Brewing, Tega Cay's only brewery, as the guest speaker.

O'Connor shared the journey of Model A Brewing from its early challenges to its current success. One notable hurdle was purchasing the wrong chiller just before their opening, preventing them from brewing. In a quick response, O'Connor traveled to Greensboro to secure the correct equipment, enabling the brewery to open as planned.

Since its launch in December 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Model A Brewing has grown and now employs 40 people. It has earned 12 national and world awards, competing against over 10,000 entries in various brewing competitions. The brewery began with five beers on tap and now offers twelve.

Model A's brew room underwent modifications with the help of an architect to ensure efficiency. Despite being over budget and opening two months behind schedule, the team managed to build the bar themselves to save money, with an engineer friend assisting in the design. O'Connor highlighted that the cost of the brewing equipment alone reached \$500,000.

One of the highlights of the brewery is its outdoor space, currently under renovation. The installation of a 25x80 pergola with motorized top and sides is underway, and the team hopes to have it ready for this weekend. The pergola, along with large fans that help lower temperatures on hot days, represents a \$250,000 investment in customer comfort.

Ashley Rabon, Chair of Economic Development Commission

The Business Connect meeting saw over 20 local business owners in attendance. Each owner introduced themselves and their business, creating a valuable

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Humane Society of York County Opens 15th Annual Christmas Store and Halloween BOOtique in Fort Mill

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Friday & Saturday 10 am - 7 pm

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Fort Mill, SC – The Humane Society of York County is thrilled to announce the opening of their 15th Annual Christmas Store and Halloween BOOtique, which will take place on Friday, September 27, 2024. The store will remain open through December 28, 2024, providing a festive shopping experience in support of homeless animals.

This year's pop-up shop, located at 232 Main Street, Fort Mill, SC (previously Kimbrell's Furniture Store), spans over 7,000 square feet and is filled with holiday trees, décor, attire, gifts, and more. In addition to Christmas shopping, the Halloween BOOtique will offer spooky seasonal items and will be available from September 27 to October 31, 2024.

Elaine Siegel from the Humane Society of York County explained, "The Christmas Store is a significant fundraiser for our organization, with all proceeds supporting the puppies and kitties at the

Humane Society until they find their 'forever' homes." This initiative is run entirely by dedicated volunteers from the PAWSibilities Thrift Store, which is also located in Fort Mill.

The store hours are as follows:

Sunday – Thursday: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Friday & Saturday: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

The Humane Society of York County relies heavily on community support. To make a donation, volunteer, or learn more, visit their website at <https://humanesocietyofyorkcounty.org> or call 803-5172091.

Yellow Jackets bitten in home loss to Copperheads

Chris Coffee, Sports Reporter



Fort Mill, SC — Catawba Ridge walked away with a 30-0 win over Fort Mill to open up Region 3-5A play for both teams. With Fort Mill winning the toss and deferring to the second half, Catawba Ridge executed an unflappable opening drive for a touchdown. Between penalties and Catawba Ridge's defense, Fort Mill wasn't able to move the ball much on this drive or the rest of the night. Their first three drives of the night all ended with punts or a turn over on downs. Down 10-0 in the second quarter, Fort Mill's defense put up an impressive goal line stand at the one yard line. This forced a Copperhead field goal and the half ended 13-0.

The second half started with Fort Mill on offense. Between penalties and an impressive Catawba Ridge defense, Fort Mill wasn't able to move the ball and had to punt. It was 20-0 midway through the third quarter after an impressive Copperhead drive. Catawba Ridge would tack on another touchdown and field goal before taking a knee as the clock wound down on their final drive of the night.

With the loss Fort Mill falls to 1-3 overall and 0-1 in region play. Catawba Ridge continues their winning streak and find themselves at 4-1 on the season and 1-0 in region play. Both teams continue Region 3-5A play next Friday — the Copperheads host Northwestern and the Yellow Jackets are at Clover.



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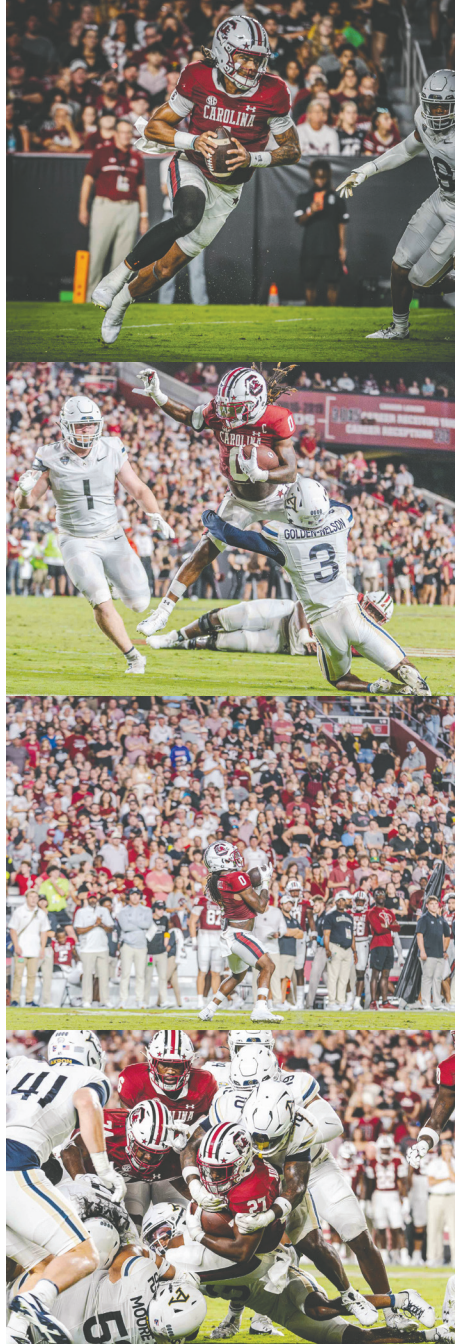
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Gamecocks Photo gallery, defeat Zips 50-7

The Sun's Sports Reporter Chris Coffee was recently granted media credentials for the University of South Carolina football games. Below are pictures from his first game. Watch the Sun for more exciting Gamecock photos and articles.

Photots by Chris Coffee, Sports Reporter



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Athletes of the Week

FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
GARRETT STEIN
VOLLEYBALL | SENIOR
23 ASSISTS, 19 DIGS
TEAM CAPTAIN

FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
LILA HADLEY
SWIM | SOPHOMORE
1ST PLACE IN 200 FREESTYLE, 100 BUTTERFLY, 200 MEDLEY RELAY, 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
ROSS THOMPSON
VOLLEYBALL | SENIOR
36 KILLS, 8 BLOCKS

FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
ANDREW KOWALSKI
FOOTBALL | SOPHOMORE
DEFENSIVE & OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS
FUMBLE RECOVERY

MODEL A BREWING
WEEKLY EVENTS

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in Hilton Head in 1989, starting what Alan calls the “southern migration” of his family. His daughter Nancy remains in Rochester. Together, the family has grown to include five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with a third on the way.

In addition to his career, Alan has been willing to serve in leadership roles in support of the community. At one point, he was on the national board of directors for Michigan State Alumni, his alma mater. He was also on the Monroe County Bar Association and served as President of the Family Law Section.

More recently, he served as president of the Tega Cay Croquet Club (TCCC), which boasts over 100 members and is affiliated with the National Croquet Club. His passion for croquet reflects his love for bringing people together, a trait that also shaped his professional life.

Alan’s career in matrimonial law spanned decades, and his experiences inspired him to write his memoir. “People would hear my stories—some were sad, some happy, others just bizarre—and they would tell me, ‘You ought to write a book,’ so I started,” Alan explained. He was also inspired by his father, who kept a daily diary for over 40 years, and his own diary from a trip to Israel with his daughter Nancy.

The book, which was recently published, dives deep into Alan’s personal life and legal career, offering readers an authentic look at the day-to-day challenges faced by a matrimonial lawyer in Western New York. “I wasn’t in a big fancy firm,” Alan said. “This was the average attorney’s life—some cases went well, some didn’t. But every case had a story.”

One story that still brings Alan to tears involves an adoption case that he calls a “Christmas miracle.” A client’s son, who was terminally ill, and his wife wanted to adopt a child before he passed away. In a matter of six weeks, something that usually takes six months or longer, the adoption was finalized, allowing the child to know he had a father before his passing. “I still get emotional thinking about it,” Alan shared.

The last chapter of Alan’s book is titled, “Was it all Worth It?” This chapter recounts a post-divorce custody case which exemplifies all the emotions inherent in his practice. Ironically, the answer to that question occurred shortly after his retirement.

Alan credits much of his book’s success to a chance meeting at his 60th high school reunion, where he reconnected with a former classmate, Dr. Margie Schiering, who happens to be an English professor. She offered to edit his book, and together, they worked to transform his notes and drafts into a cohesive narrative.

Now, with the book freshly published, Alan is planning a book signing event to celebrate with friends and family. For Alan, the journey of writing his memoir has been about more than just telling his story—it’s about preserving family history for the next generation, just as his father did before him.

Highland Cow Ordeal Brings New Farmers Closer to Community
Patrick Byrne, Editor



TEGA CAY, SC – It’s not every day you see Scottish Highland cows roaming the streets, but that’s exactly what happened three weeks ago when two cows, Connie and Isla, made an unexpected appearance in Tega Cay after a delivery mishap.

purchased a small farm, located in Fort Mill with property lines bordering Tega Cay. Shortly after taking delivery of Connie and Isla, the unfamiliar surroundings spooked the gentle animals, leading to an eventful search around the neighborhood.

Cody Cooper and his wife CiCi

“We had people chasing them all over

ACROSS

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- 6) Cricket sound
- 11) Emulating a fox
- 14) Scottish families
- 15) Vibes from people
- 16) Athletic supporter?
- 17) Entry on a tax form
- 19) Egg cells
- 20) Legendary actress Bette
- 21) Tile setter's time-saver
- 23) Chromosome container
- 26) Listen, old-style
- 27) Worshiper, essentially
- 28) Globetrotter's home?
- 29) PC linkup acronym
- 30) Portly
- 32) Hitches
- 35) Large copiers?
- 37) Throat ailment, for short
- 39) Arduous journey
- 40) Phonograph needles, e.g.
- 42) Some car parts
- 44) Popular pond fish
- 45) Hal of "Barney Miller"
- 47) Withdraw, as from a union
- 49) Man "for hire" in a '80s TV show
- 51) On top of the world
- 52) Crave
- 53) Slangy potato
- 55) Do a summer's work?
- 56) Balance provider, for short
- 61) "Adolescent" lead-in
- 62) Entanglement
- 63) Items on a busy one's list
- 64) "Always" poetically
- 65) Yukon carriers
- 66) SUV part?

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- 1) TV monitor?
- 2) In the fashion of
- 3) Something you stand to lose?
- 4) Baseball Hall-of-Famer Duke
- 5) Subjects of wills
- 6) Colombian city
- 7) "Kisses" partner
- 8) Bank offering
- 9) Aggressive poker player
- 10) Foreign correspondents?
- 11) It has its ups and downs
- 12) Riverside embankment
- 13) Be wistful
- 18) Heads off
- 22) "Looks ___ everything"
- 23) Some grand opening events
- 24) Assimilate
- 25) Pawnbroker, e.g.
- 26) Abominates
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- 34) Did half a triathlon
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- 38) Former Spanish currency
- 41) Web victims?
- 43) Culls
- 46) Lose track?
- 48) Drive-in employee of old
- 49) Good thing to get into
- 50) Man with a mission
- 53) Sound of a fall
- 54) Intensifies (with "up")
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- 58) Ringing endorsement?
- 59) "Neither rain ___ sleet ..."
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By Timothy E. Parker

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Answers at tegacaysun.com/answers

Tega Cay," Cody recounted.

The Coopers moved to the area from Charleston five months ago with their two young children. Cody, who grew up farming, had recently decided to return to his roots. The Coopers had chosen Highland cows for their farm because of their smaller size and gentle nature.

Despite their typically calm demeanor, the cows' unfamiliarity with the area and the stress of the prolonged chase proved overwhelming, leading to Isla's collapse and tragic death from heat exhaustion.

With Connie still roaming the community, Cody spent three exhausting weeks trying to bring her home. He set up trail cameras, tracked her movements, and built corral traps stocked with salt licks, water, grain, and hay. Yet, each time Connie sensed a trap, she would steer clear. "She finally settled in one area, so we arranged for a professional wrangler to assist," Cody explained

Early one morning, they managed to coax Connie out of hiding, rope her, and bring her home safely.

The ordeal has brought the Coopers closer to the community of Tega Cay

and Fort Mill. "The fire department and police were great. They helped calm the situation, and the community really came together," Cody shared. "It's been amazing seeing the support. We're new here, and getting to know more people because of this has been incredible," Cody added.

Although many locals have expressed interest in visiting the farm to meet Connie, the Coopers have decided to wait until the cows are fully settled before allowing public visits. In the meantime, those wanting to follow their farm journey can do so by visiting Carolina Fitness Farm on Instagram and Facebook.

Tega Cay's own Model A Brewing plans to brew a special beer and name it after Connie in the near future. In addition, the brewery has launched a GoFundMe to raise funds for purchasing a new companion for her. Any donations will ensure Connie has the companionship she needs and a happy ending to what has surely been a very stressful time for her and the Cooper family.

For now, the Coopers are just grateful for the community's warmth and support. "We couldn't have done this without everyone's help," Cody said.

Pennies, From Page 2

Banks Road in Fort Mill are slated for improvements.

Why Vote Yes?

Advocates of Pennies 5 emphasize that a “yes” vote will not result in a new tax but will continue the existing one-cent sales tax. The program is seen as essential for keeping up with the demands of York County’s rapid growth and ensuring safe and efficient roads.

Phil Leer, a former Pennies for Progress program leader, and David Bu, a volunteer with Citizens for Better Roads, have been actively promoting the benefits of the program to the community. They stress that failure to pass Pennies 5 would place the burden of road funding solely on property owners, as alternative funding sources would need to be found.

The program also ensures that 40% of the sales tax revenue comes from non-residents, meaning visitors to the county contribute significantly to maintaining and improving the infrastructure they use.

For more information and a full list of the proposed projects, voters can visit the Pennies for Progress website or attend one of the upcoming public meetings.

Pennies 5 Final Project List

- \$225,000,000 for Carryover Projects
- US 21 five lane widening from Springfield Parkway to Carowinds and Hwy. 51
- five lane widening from US 21 to NC state line
- Sutton Road/Spratt Street/Fort Mill Parkway five lane widening from I-77 to railroad overpass
- 557 three lane widening from Kingsburry Road to Hwy. 55
- 49/Hwy. 274/Hwy. 557 intersection improvements
- US 21/Springdale Road intersection improvements
- Sutton Road/Harris Road intersection improvements
- Flint Hill Street Community Drainage improvements
- US 21 five lane widening from Springfield Parkway to 160

\$80,000,000 for 60 miles of road resurfacing with asphalt (The following Pennies 5 resurfacing groupings will be prioritized by the Pennies 5 Program Manager):

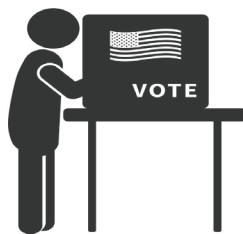
Fort Mill/Tega Cay Area Road

- Academy Street from Main Street to Banks Street
- Banks Road from Fairway Drive to Wolfpack Trail
- Carolina Place Drive from Hwy. 160 to End
- Dam Road from Gardendale Road to Coralbell Way**
- Deerfield Drive from Gold Hill Road to End
- Pikeview Road from Flint Hill Road to Regent Parkway
- Stonecrest Blvd. from Hubert Graham Way to Dam Road**
- Tom Hall Street from Main Street to Banks Street

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In Health, From Page 3

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Connect, From Page 4

networking opportunity. Attendees were also entered into a drawing for a \$40 Tega Cay Coffee Company gift card, adding a fun element to the event.

During the session, O’Connor touched on the importance of community engagement. “We didn’t have a specific strategy,” he explained, but Model A Brewing sponsors local sports teams and events, creating what O’Connor described as “a symbiotic relationship” with Tega Cay.

O’Connor also discussed the challenges of operating under South Carolina’s three-tier distribution laws, which require breweries to sell their products through distributors rather than directly to neighboring businesses. He noted that North Carolina recently amended its laws to allow self-distribution, a change that could benefit South Carolina brewers in the future.

When asked about potential expansions, O’Connor hinted that new locations might be possible but didn’t provide any immediate plans.

Looking to the future, O’Connor hinted at potential innovations, including experimenting with cask beer. While cask beer is less carbonated and served at a slightly warmer 54°F, it could appeal to a niche market. There was also a playful suggestion from the audience about collaborating with Tega Cay’s famous hot pepper grower, Ed Currie, to create a hot beer. Though O’Connor was intrigued by the idea, he noted the logistical challenges of cleaning the beer lines after brewing with capsaicin.

O’Connor’s final takeaway for aspiring business owners was that running a brewery requires flexibility, creativity, and a strong connection to the community.

Despite the difficulties posed by the pandemic, including a shutdown when all staff members contracted COVID-19 shortly after opening, Model A Brewing has become a beloved part of the Tega Cay community. O’Connor’s story is one of perseverance, community support, and innovation—qualities that continue to drive the brewery’s success.

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