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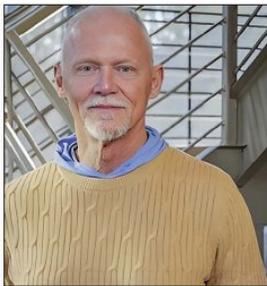
A local man riding a bicycle on West Church Street sustained serious injuries after colliding with a car near Burger King.

The incident occurred at approximately 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 29.

According to Georgia State Patrol Sgt. James Hensley, a Subaru was traveling east on West Church Street

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Public invited to home affordability and growth program



Jay Knight from nationally recognized Build Baby Build podcast will be the featured speaker.

Submitted By Atlantic Coast Conservancy

Join the Atlantic Coast Conservancy for Green Drinks at The Potts Mountain Biological Field Station where we're bringing the community together for an engaging evening centered on one of today's most pressing challenges: home affordability and growth.

This free event invites guests to gather for meaningful conversation, connection, and insight at the field station,

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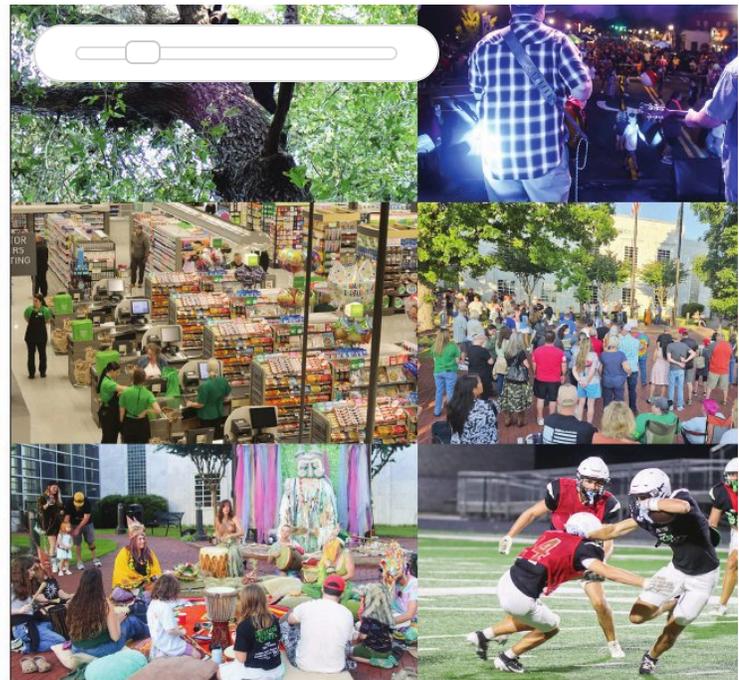
Looking back on 2025, Pickens County saw no shortage of change. The year brought big developments, historic sporting seasons for Pickens High School, heartbreaking crimes, and more than a few changes that sparked strong opinions across the community.

Big projects and new doors opening

The year kicked off with a major addition to local healthcare. **Piedmont Mountainside** opened a 8,760-square-foot radiation oncology center, giving cancer patients in Pickens and surrounding counties access to advanced treatment without having to travel far from home. Hospital leaders said the goal was simply to bring high-level care closer to home for families who need care close by.

In March, Jasper raised a Coke — literally — as Jasper

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Photos from Notable 2025 Happenings (L-R, Top to Bottom) - Bessemer Fest in Years, Oct. 19 edition; JeepFest Hits High Gear, Sept. 4; Hanging Out on Landrum Circle, Sept. 18; Downtown Live Ends on Note, August 14; Publix Opens, April 17; Charlie Kirk Vigil Packs Courthouse Lawn, Sept. 25; ArtWalk Brings Whimsy to Main Street, Sept. 21; Midnight on the Mountain at PHS, July 31.

Owner of “ugly” hangar faces eviction by county

In response to FAA, county calls airport environment a “flawed culture”

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In November, county commissioners voted to terminate the lease on hangar H-11 used by an airplane mechanic and airplane inspector at the Pickens airport.

In a letter to Garrett Cobb, owner of Joe Aircraft, Commission Chair Kris Stancil wrote that since the county took direct control of the airport from the airport authority earlier this year, they had been reviewing its operations. The letter, dated



This Quonset hut hangar's days appear numbered as the county served eviction papers against owner Garrett Cobb.

November 18, 2025, stated, “Based upon the board’s review of the airport’s records and advice of its legal counsel, it has concluded that you do not have an effective written lease governing your

tenancy of the property. And it has further concluded that continuing your tenancy is not in the county’s best interests.”

Cobb was given an “evacuation date” 90 days

later and another to clear his fixtures one of the earliest at the airport.

Cobb has operated the airport since 200

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