

The Georgetown County Chronicle



A monthly e-newsletter produced by Georgetown County, S.C., for its residents and visitors.

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New kayak launch added to plan for Rocky Point Forest

Georgetown County's Rocky Point Community Forest will be a beneficiary of a grant received by the Open Space Institute, the group announced last month.

Using a portion of a grant received from Duke Energy, the group will work with Georgetown County Parks and Recreation to create a public kayak launch near the Rocky Point Boat Landing, which is being restored this spring.

The Open Space Institute received an \$86,000 Water Resources Fund grant from Duke Energy to improve and protect the Black River. It plans to partner with Georgetown and Williamsburg counties to complete transformative projects that will safeguard water quality and improve access, while protecting sensitive habitats.

"We're absolutely thrilled to have



Kayaks on the Black River near Rocky Point Community Forest.

Rocky Point and Georgetown County Parks and Recreation be part of this project, which will enhance the quality of life for Georgetown County residents for generations to come," said Beth Goodale, the county's director of Parks and Recreation. "We thank the Open Space

contributions to our community."

The 662-acre property known as Rocky point is in the process of being redeveloped into coastal S.C.'s first public-use community forest through a partnership between the county, The Nature Conservancy, Winyah Rivers Founda-

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GCEMD encourages severe weather preparedness

With the onset of spring weather comes an increased likelihood of severe weather events. These events can include dangerous thunderstorms, flash flooding, large hail, strong winds and tornados.

Having a plan and being to act when threatening weather approaches can be the difference between life and death. Georgetown County Emergency Management offers the following information to help residents and their families prepare for severe weather hazards.

Before severe weather approaches

Residents and groups should develop and practice a plan for their families at home, work, school and when outdoors. They should also have an emergency supply kit. Find information for creating a plan and a kit at www.redcross.org or at www.ready.gov.

Lightning

• **Have a lightning safety plan.** If you're caught outside during a storm, know where you'll go for safety and how much time it will take to get there. Make



sure your plan allows enough time to reach safety.

- **Postpone activities.** Check the forecast for thunderstorms. Consider postponing outdoor activities to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation.
- **Get to a safe place.** If you hear thunder — even a distant rumble — immediately move to a safe place. *When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!* Fully enclosed buildings with wiring and plumbing provide the best protection. Sheds, picnic shelters, tents or covered porches do not protect you from lightning. Avoid open areas and stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility

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Free workshop to focus on grant writing

Georgetown County's Library Director Dwight McInvaill has many talents. But one of the things he is best known for is excellence when it comes to writing and receiving grants, which has allowed the Library to tackle many projects that would never have been possible otherwise.

McInvaill will share his expertise at a free workshop on Tuesday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Library on Cleland Street.

The workshop will last one hour and cover topics including where to find available grants, how to write a great grant, how to organize for success and how to track your progress.

"Writing a successful grant request takes time and a real game plan," McInvaill said. "But the more prepared you are in your grant write-up, the more likely you'll receive the funding. Then, thanks to that organization, you're ready to get that project rolling!"

In his 22 years at the helm of the Georgetown Library, McInvaill has received dozens of grants from state, federal and independent agencies, totaling millions of dollars. The grants helped improve and enhance library facilities and services, and also launched new initiatives, like the Georgetown County Digital Library, teen digital technology classes, and library-produced videos of historical interest.

Registration is not required, but call (843) 545-3300 with any questions.



McInvaill

Library to screen documentary "The Islands and the Whales"

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library will show "The Islands and the Whales," a documentary from the popular PBS series "POV," on Sunday, March 18 at 2:30 pm. "POV," a cinema term for "point of view," is television's longest-running showcase for independent non-fiction films. This program is facilitated by Coastal Carolina University professor Dr. Daniel C. Abel.

Scottish filmmaker Mike Day turns his lens on the isolated North Atlantic archipelago of the Faroe Islands with "The Islands and the Whales." The longtime hunting practices of the Faroese are threatened by dangerously high mercury levels in whales, decimated seabird populations and anti-whaling activists. Day explores the undeniably timely tensions between the environment, health, tradition and culture.

Abel is a professor of marine science, whose research focuses on the physiology and ecology of sharks and rays. He is Senior Fellow of the U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development.

The Islands and the Whales will be shown in the Waccamaw Library's Debordieu Auditorium, 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. For more information, email sbremner@gtcounty.org or call (843) 545-3363.

Georgetown County Parks and Rec. Announces

Spring Break Camp 2018



Spring Break Week — April 2-6
at Howard Recreation Center
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Featuring sports, outdoor activities, movies and more!
Lunch is not provided.

Fee is just \$15 per child. Ages 5-12 only.
** Must register by March 23 **

Call (843) 545-3275 for information
or visit www.gtcparks.org

Get the Chronicle

At Georgetown County, we want our residents and property owners kept abreast of what's going on inside their local government. That's why we created the Georgetown County Chronicle. It's a vehicle for information about county services and events, important messages from county officials and behind-the-scenes glimpses at how government works.

You can find the Chronicle on our website at www.gtcounty.org or through our Facebook page. If you'd rather have it delivered to your inbox, e-mail jbroach@gtcounty.org with the subject line "send me the Chronicle."

That's also the place to send questions and comments about this newsletter and its content. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

www.gtcounty.org

Try our rock climbing walls for free in March!

Did you know Georgetown County Parks and Recreation offers rock climbing in several of its facilities?

Rock climbing walls are installed at Georgetown's Beck Recreation Center, Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center in Pawleys Island and the new Choppee Regional Recreation Center. Even better, we're waiving the fees for rock climbing for the month of March. Just visit the front desk and the staff will help get you set up with a climbing harness. Climbing harnesses are required to use the walls. For more information, call Beck Recreation Center at (843) 545-3275.



Severe Weather

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poles. Do not be the tallest object in the area. Lightning tends to strike the tallest objects in an area. If a sturdy building is not nearby, get into a hard-topped metal vehicle and close all the windows. Stay inside until 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.

- **If you hear thunder, don't use a corded phone.**

Cordless phones, cell phones, and other wireless handheld devices are safe to use.

- **Keep away from electrical equipment, wiring, and water pipes.** Sensitive electronics should be unplugged well in advance of thunderstorms. Don't take a bath, shower or use other plumbing during a thunderstorm.

- **Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences.** Metal does not attract lightning, but lightning can travel long distances through it.

Tornado safety

- The safest place to be is in an underground shelter, basement or safe room. If none of those is available, a small windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy building is the safest alternative.

- Mobile homes are not safe during a tornado. Abandon mobile homes and go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter immediately.

- If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter or sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter, immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seatbelt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. As a last resort, stay in the vehicle with your seatbelt on and put your head down below the windows, covering with your hands and a blanket if possible. If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your car and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands.

Flash flooding

- Avoid driving, walking or swimming in flood waters.
- Stay away from high water, storm drains, ditches, ravines or culverts. Even moving water only six inches deep can knock you down. Move to higher ground.

- Do not let children play near storm drains.
- If you come upon a flooded roadway, never drive through it. *Turn around, don't drown!*

Listen for warnings and watches in your area and act immediately. Remember, a tornado watch means meteorologists have determined tornados are possible in your area. Remain alert. A tornado warning means a tornado is already occurring or is likely to occur within minutes in the specified area. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property. Take action immediately!

For more information, visit www.gtcounty.org/emergency_management/ or www.ready.gov.



**Be a hero.
Save a life.**



County-Sponsored Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Beck Recreation Center,
2030 Church St., Georgetown

Donors are encouraged to schedule
an appointment online at redcrossblood.org.
Use the sponsor lookup code **GeoCounty**.



Tour de Plantersville 'discovery ride' set for April 21

People of all ages will come together on the morning of April 21 for a unique event that offers a chance to explore the beauty of Plantersville's rural scenic byway while supporting educational programs for the community's youth.

The event is known as the Tour de Plantersville, a fundraiser for The Village Group, and is touted as a "discovery ride," mingling health with history. Participants can sign up for a 10- or 25-mile cycling route, or choose a two-mile hiking option. All routes run along the Plantersville Scenic Byway with stops at designated historic sites. The Byway includes 10 plantations and several pre-Civil War landmarks such as mansions, slave cabins, churches, rice chimneys and more. Designated stops encourage exploration of these sites.

The event is also designed to encourage physical activity for all participants, in the hopes of combatting sedentary lifestyles and childhood obesity. Group participation that includes children is strongly encouraged.

The ride begins at 7:30 a.m. on April 21 and will culminate in a post-ride celebration featuring lunch, live music, inflatables, games and raffles. The cost for registration is \$15 for children and \$35 for adults. Registration includes lunch, a T-shirt and 1 raffle ticket. For more information, visit www.thevillagegroup.org.



The Village Flyers Bike Club in front of the Old Gunn Church relic along the Plantersville Scenic Byway.

Paddle Fest set for May 5

Tara Hall Home for Boys will host its seventh annual Paddle Fest on Saturday, May 5 in Georgetown County — rain or shine. The fundraiser for the boys home sees hundreds take to the water every year, venturing out on Black Mingo Creek in kayaks, canoes and even on paddleboards.



They navigate a scenic two-mile route to the shores of Tara Hall Home for Boys, where they and others enjoy outdoor activities, live music from local bands, food and more. Activities for children include waterslides, face painting and afternoon races — kayaks for the older kids and barrel races for the younger.

All proceeds from Paddle Fest benefit Tara Hall, a nationally accredited long-term residential home and school that accepts neglected, troubled and abused boys.

Cost for the event is \$40 for paddlers (\$25 for youth 8-16 and free for those 7 and under with an adult); or \$10 for non-paddlers (\$5 for youth 8-16 and free for kids 7 and under).

For more information, contact Patsy Morris, Tara Hall assistant director, (843) 546-3000 or visit www.tarahall.org. Sponsorships.

Join us for Eggs in the Park

Four free Easter egg hunts for kids ages 5-12

Presented by Georgetown County
Parks and Recreation

March 24 — Beck Recreation Center, 3 p.m.

(following the Melting Pot March)

March 27 — Andrews Recreation Center, 6 p.m.

March 28 — Morse Park in Murrells Inlet, 6 p.m.

March 29 — Choppee Recreation Center, 6 p.m.

*Easter eggs will be filled with toys and candy.
The Easter Bunny will be present to meet and take photos with kids.*



Georgetown County Parks & Rec. presents

Senior Citizen Spin Cast Classes

March 21 & 28

1:30 p.m. at Waccamaw

Regional Rec. Center

83 Duncan Ave.,

Pawleys Island

FREE



Adults ages 50 and over are invited to participate in these free classes, which are practice events for the Waccamaw Sports Classic, a locally sanctioned qualifying event for the S.C. Senior Games.

Classes will be instructed by Englis Glover, host of TV's Reelin' Up the Coast and the Southern

Anglers Radio Show.

To register for the Classic, call (843) 546-8502
or visit www.waccamawsportsclassic.com

Lecture series focuses on mysteries of space

Those interested in learning more about the mysteries of our universe have an excellent opportunity with an upcoming lecture series at the Waccamaw Library.

The Library will welcome “Solar System Ambassador” Ron Revere next month for a four-week lecture series titled “The Solar System and Beyond.”

Revere is a 34-year veteran teacher of astronomy and physics, who most recently has been sharing his knowledge through classes at Litchfield’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). He is also a teaching associate at Coastal Carolina University, where he works diligently to bring the wonders of astronomy 101 to non-science majors.



Ron Revere

In this upcoming lecture series, Revere will explore the planets, their moons, how they move through our sky, and the newly discovered planets outside our own solar system.

The lectures will take place on Fridays in April at 2 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. The schedule is as follows:

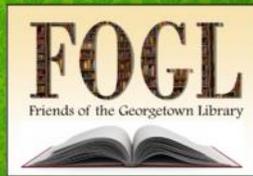
- **April 6:** *How the Night Sky Works*
- **April 13:** *Our Solar System*
- **April 20:** *Our Moon and Others*
- **April 27:** *Exoplanets*

The library is located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. For more information, email sbremner@gtcounty.org or call (843) 545-3363.

County recognizes milestone anniversaries



Every February, Georgetown County recognizes employees who celebrated milestone anniversaries the previous year. Sheriff Lane Cribb was the longest standing employee recognized at this year’s ceremony with 35 years under his belt. At top, Cribb gives a fist bump to County Administrator Sel Hemingway as County Council Members Lillie Jean Johnson and Austin Beard look on. Above is the group recognized for 20 years, which included Hemingway, Council Member Ron Charlton and Coroner Kenny Johnson among others. See more photos on our Facebook page.



Tuesdays With...

Debbie Barr

“From Inmate to Workmate:
The Georgetown County
Sheriff’s Reentry Program”

March 20th at 10:00 am

Georgetown Library Auditorium, 405 Cleland Street

Library meeting room named in honor of Chandler-Peterkin family



One of the Waccamaw Library's meeting rooms is now known as the Chandler-Peterkin room, thanks to generous donations, the Friends of the Waccamaw Library announced this month.

"The Chandlers and the Peterkins have contributed greatly to the cultural, literary, civil rights and environmental heritage of the Waccamaw Neck for generations," said Deborah Thomas of the Friends group.

The families' literary legacy began with Julia Peterkin (1880-1961), who won the 1929 Pulitzer Prize for the novel for her groundbreaking work, "Scarlet Sister Mary." Julia's daughter-in-law, Genevieve "Sister" Chandler Peterkin (1928-2011), authored a number of books including "Heaven is a Beautiful Place," a memoir of growing up at Wachesaw Plantation with her siblings June, Tommy, Joe and Bill.

During her childhood while recovering from rheumatic fever, Sister traveled with her mother, the artist and writer Genevieve Willcox Chandler, as she interviewed locals — blacks and whites — for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression. These interviews were chronicled in "Coming Through: Voices of a South Carolina Gullah Community" from the WPA Oral Histories.

Sister also has the distinction of having served as the first librarian of the new Georgetown County Library just after World War II. She appeared on S.C. ETV in such documentaries as "Legacy of Conflict," "Grand Strand," "A Myrtle Beach Story," "Saving Sandy Island" and "Cheating the Stillness: The World of Julia Peterkin." These earned her statewide recognition as what the poet Thomas L. Johnson called "a vitally engaged and engaging historian and environmental activist." She also served on the boards of the Coastal Conservation League and the Free-woods Foundation.

The gentle legacy of the entire Peterkin and Chandler families is honored in the dedication of this meeting room in their memory. The Friends of the Waccamaw Library sincerely appreciate all of the generous donations that helped make this tribute possible, Thomas said. The funds that were remaining after the room was renamed will be put toward a "starter set" of books for the soon-to-be-built Southern Georgetown County Library.

Schwartz honored for career in law enforcement



Michael Schwartz, center, was recently honored by Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb for a 25-year career in law enforcement. Schwartz retired as chief deputy and director of the Georgetown County Detention Center last fall. He began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 1992 as a deputy. Georgetown County Council approved a proclamation honoring Schwartz for his contributions to quality public service. Schwartz improved the operation of county government in a variety of ways, including the implementation of live scan fingerprinting, engaging legal research associates to provide inmates access to legal services and court information, obtaining grants through the housing of federal prisoners, and installing a video conferencing system for magistrates and court hearings. He also worked with Cribb in implementing and structuring a Re-entry Program to help inmates prosper and avoid recidivism once they are released. Schwartz is pictured with his wife, Veronica, as well as Cribb. Please join us in thanking him for his service.

Spring 2018 35 & Over Adult Basketball

**Mondays &
Wednesdays
at the Choppee
Recreation Center,
March 26 through
May 2**

**Registration Fee:
\$330 per team
\$100 deposit due
by March 21
Captain's Meeting
on March 21**

**To Register, Call (843) 359-6419
Or Email bakers@gtcounty.org**

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation
2030 Church St. Georgetown, SC 29440
(843) 545-3275
www.GTCParks.org



News from our Georgetown County Veterans Affairs Officer

By David Murphy

Hi everyone! This month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. May the Luck of the Irish be with you and don't forget your four leaf clover!

Below are some local events coming up that I think may be of interest to our veterans and their families.

The Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Committee has been busy planning the 2018



Murphy

Military Appreciation Days events, which take place during the month of May. You can find more information at militaryappreciationdays.com. Based on plans and response thus far, 2018 will be another banner year (even bigger and better than previous years). Direct any questions regarding the event to Jerry Terwilliger at gerald.terwilliger@gmail.com or (843) 903-4047.

American Legion Post 197 will conduct Boys State interviews this month. The group's next monthly meeting is March 22. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. and

the meeting starts at 6 p.m.

The **Low Country Veterans Group** had its monthly meeting Saturday, March 10, at the Meeting Place in Georgetown.

Andrews American Legion Post 69 meets on the first Monday of each month at 1067 N.Morgan Avenue, Andrews, at 7 pm. For more information, contact Commander Ed Jayroe at (843)325-7740. The **Andrews Veterans Association** meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the same location at 6 p.m. For information about that group, contact AVA president Thomas Alford at (843)833-

3267.

Job Boot Camps are coming up at two locations:

- March 22 — Goodwill Job Link Center, 1520 Highmarket St., Georgetown
- May 3 — Andrews Helping Hands, 37 E. Main St., Andrews.

For more updates, please be sure to follow Georgetown County Veterans Affairs on Facebook.

Proud to Serve!

David Murphy,
Manager,
Georgetown County
Office of Veterans Affairs

Sheriff's Office honors Employees of the Year

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office recently recognized three outstanding employees for their contributions to law enforcement during the department's annual awards presentation program.

Employees honored were: Cpl. Tiffany Washington, Correctional Officer of the Year; Morgan Casselman, Telecommunicator of the Year; and Amanda Glover, Deputy of the Year. The award winners were presented the unique Sheriff's Office 3-D Badge-Hat plaques.

Major Neil Johnson, director of the Georgetown County Detention Center, quoted Washington's peers in saying she "doesn't give up, adapts and overcomes, and refuses to accept failure as an option."

Johnson said Washington takes pride in herself and others by striving every day to achieve positive goals, even recognizing failures as opportunities.

"Her commitment and compassion exemplify what it means to be a true public servant," he said. "When Tiffany began with the Detention Center in August of 2016, it was immediately recognized she was here for a career, not a job. She has exhibited compassion for inmates by offering positive recommendations for all by sharing her prior experience at the Georgetown Marine Institute, AMI Kids. It is clear she is on board with making the Detention Center a better place."

Major T.L. Staub, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office director of communications, said Casselman, an employee at Central Dispatch for 10 years, stepped out of her com-



Casselman



Glover

fort zone in the last year to become an instructor. "She is a very valuable member of the team," he said. "She is compassionate in assisting callers until help can arrive. She goes way beyond the call of duty. She is a very dedicated dispatcher, and I'm glad to have her."

Assistant Sheriff Carter Weaver said Deputy Glover has been with the Sheriff's Office for 23 years. She is a school resource officer at Rosemary Middle School.

"She stands out as an asset, serving her county with dedication to her job, her students and her community," he said. "As a deputy sheriff and SRO, she exceeds the call. She is unselfish and ready to protect what she loves — the citizens of this county."

Weaver said many students and teachers know Glover for her "service heart" as she pays for field trips and clothes for those in need from what they call Mandy's Closet. "She continues to help kids as they leave her care and graduate to high school," he said.



Washington, pictured with Sheriff Lane Cribb and Major Neil Johnson is pictured with her award.

"To her students she is more than a badge or a uniform, she is Mama Mandy. We are proud of the attributes she exhibits on a daily basis."

Find us online!

Whether you're looking for jobs, the latest news or to contact a specific department, online is a great way to stay updated or get in touch with us.

Visit our website at www.gtcounty.org. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. Just search for GtCountySC.



Local anglers sought to participate in April redfish tournaments

It's anybody's game when the IFA Redfish Tour and Kayak Tour come to town. With no qualifying event required to enter, even anglers who have never fished competitively before could take home a \$26,000 boat package to go along with their bragging rights.

The Inshore Fishing Association will return to Georgetown County next month, with its Redfish Tour set for April 28 at Georgetown County's Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex, and the Kayak tour taking place on April 29. The kayak event is open to individuals, while the Redfish tour is open to two-man boating teams.

A \$30 membership to the Inshore Fishing Association is needed to sign up for the Redfish Tour and can be purchased at registration. Entry fee is \$250. Get a registration form at www.ifatours.com. Registration and a dinner for participants will be from 5-7 p.m. April 27.

The Kayak Tour requires a \$10 membership fee and \$50 entry fee. Sign up at www.ifatours.com.



Gaming convention returns to library



The third annual ShushCon, a free celebration of modern gaming in all its forms, will return to the Waccamaw Library March 23-25.

The three-day convention showcases a wide array of non-electronic game activities, including board games, roleplaying games, collectible card games, miniatures games and escape rooms.

The library will host escape rooms, crowning the 2018 Pawleys Island Tea Dueling champion, and a variety of other big games. Not only will it feature Catan the Big Game, but also never before seen gems like a life-sized Coconuts game, in which players try to capture buckets by throwing their own coconuts, and giant-sized King of Tokyo. There will also be lots of Play-to-Win events, in which players can try out games donated by publishers and have a chance to win them, and organized play, such as Pathfinder Society and D&D Adventurers League. Additionally, on Friday evening, Myrtle Beach Games will host a Magic Draft. The Grand Strand Gamers will offer a wide selection of board games, in addition to the library's substantial collection.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, the convention will feature a round of the RPG Pharaoh's Challenge, South Carolina's most prestigious RPG Game Mastering contest. The RPG Pharaoh and SwarmCast Podcast host Jon Maness will be bringing the RPGs Pharaoh's Challenge ShushCon Edition. In the Pharaoh's Challenge, GMs will be given a gaming system from the Era line of games by Shades of Vengeance and a few random plot and NPC elements to work into a game.

There will also be a Library Trade Day on March 23. For more information, visit shushcon.com or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shushcon/>.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY and Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, April 14
9 a.m. to noon

Waccamaw Intermediate School
320 Wildcat Way, Pawleys Island



HELP US KEEP POLLUTANTS OUT OF OUR WATERWAYS!

The following materials will be accepted:

Paint, oil, batteries (alkaline and rechargeable), incandescent bulbs, household cleaners, non-commercial pesticides, fertilizers and anything labeled "warning," "poisonous" or "toxic."

Any paper documents with staples, rubber bands or clips, but no 3-ring binders.

For details or to volunteer, call (843) 545-3524 or (843) 545-3452



This event is sponsored by the Georgetown County Dept. of Public Services and Midway Fire Rescue



The Georgetown County Landfill on Highway 51 accepts hazardous waste items during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

CLEAN LAND = CLEAN WATER

Music IN THE Park

georgetownseaport.com

JASON MICHAEL CARROLL
JMC

Josh Brannon Band

Shaggin on the Sampit
Free Concert featuring Jason Michael Carroll with Josh Brannon Band opening Downtown Georgetown Thursday, June 21st 6 - 9 pm Francis Marion Park Welcome Bassmaster June 20 - 22

Academy of Bass
BASSMASTER
B.A.S.S. NATION
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SC

City of Georgetown



Georgetown County Employee Spotlight:

Langley always brings her 'A game'

Lateshia Langley joined the Georgetown County staff in June 2014 as a part-time cashier in the Treasurer's Office while pursuing her degree in criminal justice. From the start, she developed a reputation as a competent, hard worker.

"Lateshia is a go-getter," said Treasurer Allison Peteet. "You only have to tell her to do something once and she puts everything she has into the task."

That's a large part of the reason Langley was recently promoted to field review officer for the Tax Collector's Office. She already has experience in this field, as she regularly helped out with delinquent tax collection while working as a cashier.

"I'm confident she will bring her 'A game' to her new position and be a great asset to the Tax Collector's Department," Peteet said. "I look forward to seeing her achieve."

An Andrews resident, Langley said she loves basketball. She is a volunteer coach for the county Boys All Star Team. She said she believes giving back to the community is important, and she enjoys sharing her love for basketball with youth. She also tutors children in her community on Saturdays and volunteers as a youth mentor. When she is not volunteering or working, she enjoys playing piano. She is a daughter of Henrietta Langley of Andrews and Tony Langley of Carvers Bay.



Lateshia Langley

Rocky Point

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tion, and of course, the Open Space Institute.

Once a heavily used and valued amenity, the Rocky Point boat landing has been closed for a number of years now. Plans for renovations were announced after Rocky Point came back into public hands in 2016.

"This boat landing has been used by generations of people, and getting that open again is probably the most vital part of the vision for this property from a community perspective," Goodale said.

Plans are to break ground on the project to restore the boat landing in April. The Kayak launch will be constructed at the same time. Both projects will be open this summer. A groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for April 5 at 5 p.m.

Redevelopment of the Rocky Point property is a long range plan, which will also include creation of trails for cycling, walking and horseback riding, and eventually camping areas.

The Duke Energy grant will also support acquisition of a forested wetland property in Williamsburg County along a scenic stretch of the Black river designated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as a "State Scenic River" segment; and strategic mapping to prioritize continued conservation and recreation goals along the river. Both of these projects will enhance the forested wetlands along the Black River, which help protect drinking water quality for Georgetown County and played a vital role in mitigating flood damage during 2015 and 2016 historic flooding in South Carolina.

"These enhancements to the Black River are an exciting step forward in protecting an irreplaceable asset in the community," said Kim Elliman, the Open Space Institute's president and CEO. "These projects truly demonstrate the value of protecting land that matters. We thank Duke Energy, and our partners Ducks Unlimited, Georgetown County, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Program, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the Winyah Rivers Foundation for their commitment to the Black River."

With a high diversity of species, the tide-driven forested wetlands along the Black River are one of the most popular canoe and kayak destinations in the state, if not in the country. Bird enthusiasts travel to this destination to see Prothonotary Warblers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Wood Storks, Red-cockaded Woodpecker and the state-endangered Swallow-tailed Kite.



The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office invites members of the public to join deputies for



**March 29, 8-10 a.m.
14361 Ocean Hwy,
Pawleys Island**

No agenda or speeches. Just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know your local law enforcement officers.



Sign up for emergency alerts!

Don't miss out on important information that could keep you and your family safe. Sign up to receive emergency alerts specific to your address from Georgetown County Emergency Management Division via email or phone. Sign up for this free service at www.gtcounty.org (look for the link near the top of our home page) or call (843) 545-3213.

Georgetown County, South Carolina

County Government

Numbers to know

Animal Control, 546-5101

Assessor, 545-3014

Auditor, 545-3021

Clerk of Court, 545-3004

County Council, 545-3058

Coroner, 546-3056

Elections, 545-3339

Finance, 545-3002

Planning and Zoning, 545-3116

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Midway honors fallen firefighter Josh Carney

Midway Fire Rescue honored a fallen hero on March 3, when it retired the number worn by Josh Carney, a Midway battalion chief, who died last fall after a brief, terrible battle with an aggressive form of melanoma. It was the first time Midway has ever retired a number.

Carney died last Oct. 19, just four months after his diagnosis. His death was categorized as a line of duty death.

The ceremony also included reading of a joint resolution passed by the State House and Senate honoring Carney. S.C. Sen. Stephen Goldfinch and S.C. Rep. Lee Hewitt were present to present the resolution to Carney's widow, Lillian, and daughter, Shayla.

Midway Chief Doug Eggiman said Carney's passing has motivated the department to begin conversations about the increased risks of cancer that come with the work firefighters do, as well as cancer prevention.

Carney will be missed and remembered by many.



S.C. Rep. Lee Hewitt with Carney's widow, Lillian, and daughter.



Left: Audience members at the ceremony. Above: Carney's No. 46.



Left: Chief Eggiman hugs Carney's daughter. Right: the honor guard.

County Fire/EMS relocates Andrews EMS station



March 5 was moving day for a Georgetown County Fire/EMS station in Andrews. The department relocated its Andrews area EMS station at Town Hall to a recently remodeled building at 470 Cottonwood St.

Department officials say the station is one that receives a lot of walk-in traffic, so personnel is trying to make



sure the community is aware of the move and knows where to find the EMS station now. The new building is directly behind the multi-purpose fields at the Andrews Recreation Center, which will be convenient for any issues that may arise there, especially with construction of a new Andrews Recreation Center beginning this year. The new station location is still within the town limits, less than a mile from the former location.

Fire dept. officials give a tour of the new building to County Administrator Sel Hemingway and County Council Member Austin Beard.