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Aug. 27 – Cemetery stories at the Georgetown Library, 5-6 p.m. See page 3.

Aug. 27 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven St. (Council only meets once per month in June, July and August).

Sept. 2 – Georgetown County offices and facilities are closed in observance of Labor Day.

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Free, fresh foods initiative comes to Georgetown County

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation will team up with Food Lion stores to host eight "Random Acts of Freshness" events at county facilities in August and September.

These events provide fresh produce, healthy snacks and other items to community members free of charge.

"We are very excited to be able to host these events as healthy eating is certainly a big part of our mission aimed at improving the quality of life for our residents," said Beth Goodale, director of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation.

The first event took place in Andrews on Aug. 8, and was a hit with all items being given away in just over an hour.

Andrews residents took home fresh apples and bananas, crackers, granola bars and a \$5 coupon, in addition to some other items.

The event brings pop-up food stands to communities that have Food Lion stores nearby. The county provides space, while Food Lion provides fresh food as a



Area residents collect food at a recent "Random Acts of Freshness" event in Andrews. The next is set for Aug. 22 in Georgetown.

way of promoting healthy eating and celebrating the recent remodeling of its stores. There are no requirements to receive food at the events; all are eligible.

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Longtime Emergency Manager to retire at end of August

After a dozen years in charge of the county's disaster preparedness efforts, Sam Hodge's name has become synonymous with Georgetown County Emergency Management. When he steps down at the end of August, his legacy will be a lot for a successor to aspire to.

Hodge announced his retirement plans last month. "The time has come for me to close this chapter," he said.

Hodge has spent more than 30 years taking care of Georgetown County residents. The last 28 of those have been as a Georgetown County employee. He started his career as a firefighter and emergency medical technician with Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire Department in 1986. He joined the Georgetown County family in 1990 when he was hired at Midway Fire and Rescue, where



Sam Hodge

he served as a paramedic and battalion chief. He advanced to his current position as head of Georgetown County Emergency Management in 2007. He has guided the county through five federally declared disasters since 2014.

"Sam will be greatly missed. He has been an invaluable asset for Georgetown County," said County Administrator Sel Hemingway. "The experience he has brought to the county and the institutional knowledge he has will be extremely difficult to replace. While I selfishly wish that he was remaining with the county, I certainly understand his position in life and wish him well in retirement and any future endeavors."

Hodge was named S.C. Emergency Manager of the Year in 2011 and 2013, and Georgetown County Emergency Management was named Agency of the Year in 2015. Hodge was also the county's Manager of the Year in 2013. He has served on the S.C. Emergency Manage-

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County advancing in search for new Administrator

Georgetown County Council Members are expected to receive their first look sometime this month at applications submitted in the search for a new County Administrator.

The county's Human Resources Department started advertising the position at the beginning of July, after Sel Hemingway, who has served as Administrator since 2008, announced his plans to retire at the end of this year.

The job is posted on local, state and national sites typically utilized by government agencies. These sites include those belonging to the International County Managers Association, the SC Association of Counties and SC Works to name a few. The advertisement was also directly mailed to all members of the S.C. City/County Managers Association.

The job posting lists the salary as negotiable. Minimum training and experience required include a master's degree in public administration and eight years of experience, or a bachelor's degree plus 10 years of experience in public administration, management or related field. Proven skills in a wide range of fields the Administrator deals with on a daily basis are also required. The full job listing can be viewed on the county's website at www.gtcounty.org.

All applications must be sent to the county's Human Resources office, where they will be delivered to the Human Resources Director for review. The director will eliminate any applicants who do not meet the qualifications standards. All remaining applications will be sent to County Council members for review.

Human Resources Director Walt Ackerman said he hopes to have applications to Council members by the end of August. Applications that were removed due to lack of qualifications will also be available to Council upon request. Once Council is in receipt of all qualified applications, they will determine the process for reducing the number of applicants for interviews and public presentation.

crafty GET CRAFTY! Summer Crafternoons

with Mallary Allen

Get the 411 on how the library book crafts are created!

Tuesday, August 20 at 3:00-4:00 pm:

*Repurpose old used books into fresh home décor
(banners, flower pots, & critters).*

*All ages are welcome, though we ask that children under ten be accompanied by an adult.



Waccamaw Library • 41 St. Paul Place • Pawleys Island

Meteorologist Frank Johnson talks Hurricane Hugo's 30th anniversary

This September marks the 30th anniversary of Hurricane Hugo, one of the most devastating storms to hit the South Carolina coast.

Hugo was a Category 4 storm when it made landfall near Charleston in 1989. It caused severe damage all along the Waccamaw Neck.



This photo from the Georgetown County Digital Library shows damage on Pawleys Island after Hurricane Hugo.

WBTW Chief Meteorologist Frank Johnson will help us mark the anniversary of Hugo with a special, free presentation at the Waccamaw Library on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. Johnson will explore the origins of the storm and follow its path toward South Carolina. In his talk, "Hurricane Hugo: Looking Back 30 Years," Johnson will examine Hugo's impacts on the Waccamaw Neck and compare Hugo to other big hurricanes that have impacted this area.

The Waccamaw Library is located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. This event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.

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 in 2012. 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

Parks and Rec. Dept. receives national youth sports certification

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation staff recently completed a rigorous certification process in order to provide a better quality of service to program participants and their parents. Department staff is now certified by the National Alliance for Youth Sports, an organization that “educates, equips and empowers youth sports leaders, volunteers and parents, so all children can enjoy the lifelong benefits of sports.”



Alliance staff came to Georgetown County this spring to conduct an all-day seminar to prepare staff members for the Certified Youth Sports Administrator Academy. Upon conclusion of this seminar, just under a dozen Parks and Recreation staff members completed the academy and earned their Certified Youth Sports Administrator certification.

The Alliance’s mission of educating and empowering is why Parks and Recreation Director Beth Goodale said she felt it was important for her staff to undergo this training.

“NAYS’ emphasis on education for volunteers, players, parents, coaches and Recreation professionals was a big part of why we chose to have our staff undertake this venture,” Goodale said. “It is our hope to take the standards that NAYS has developed and implement them here to improve the services we provide to Georgetown County’s residents, as well as improve consistency in the programs we offer.”

In addition to training for staff, the department plans to eventually offer NAYS training for parents, coaches, officials and volunteers. Since NAYS began offering training programs, more than four million coaches have been certified by NAYS Coach Training and Membership; more than 65,000 families have gone through the NAYS Parent Orientation program; and more than 3,000 administrators have earned their Certified Youth Sports Administrator credential through the Academy for Youth Sports Administrators.

“We are so excited about what NAYS can do for our programs, and can’t wait to get the community involved in this process,” Goodale said.

Adult sports leagues gearing up for summer championship games

As the summer season draws to a close, Georgetown County Parks and Recreation’s summer adult sports leagues are close to crowning their respective champions.

The County’s adult soccer and co-ed softball leagues are each finishing up their postseason tournaments in the first two weeks of August.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, the adult soccer league championship game will take place at 9 a.m. at Stables Park in Pawleys Island, as perennial contenders Prestige Worldwide challenge newcomers and No. 1 seed MB International – a team made up mostly of former Myrtle Beach Mutiny players — for the league championship.

Then on Thursday, Aug. 15, the softball league championship game will be played at 6:30 p.m. (with an “if necessary” second game immediately following) at Retreat Park in Litchfield, between two teams yet to be determined.

Randy Akers, the Community Specialist in charge of adult sports for Parks and Recreation, said the games are sure to be entertaining.

“Our summer adult sports leagues are always our best and most competitive leagues,” Akers said. “Each of these teams have put a lot of hard work into getting to this point over the past two months, and I know they would love to have some folks from the community come out to cheer them on to a championship.”

While pick-up players are not allowed during tournament play, registration will be opening soon for the County’s fall adult sports leagues. Players who are not part of a team are encouraged to add their name to the “Free Agent” roster, in case a team needs pick-up players over the course of the fall season. Season dates and registration fees will be announced soon.

For more information regarding registering a team for our fall adult sports leagues, please contact Randy Akers at (843) 359-6419 or via email at bakers@gtcounty.org.

Stories Cemeteries tell us

Genealogist Patti Burns will show the surprising things about local history and genealogy that you can learn from the burial markers honoring our dead.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 5:00—6:00 PM GEORGETOWN LIBRARY 405 CLELAND STREET

Free coding lessons offered at library

A walk-in session at the Georgetown Library from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 31, will help residents of all ages find out how to learn or improve their skills in computer coding for free.

The program is made possible by S.C. Codes, which offers free programming courses for all South Carolinians at all skill levels, whether they have never touched code or want to skill up.

There will also be an information session from 1-3 p.m. at the Library, where residents can get more information, and discuss mentorship opportunities and career opportunities for those interested in programming.

For more information, call the library at (843) 545-3300.

Find more great, free library programs at your local branch by visiting www.georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov. There’s always something happening at the library.



Food

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The schedule for upcoming "Random Acts of Freshness" events is as follows. All events may end early if supplies are exhausted before the scheduled stop time.

- Aug. 22, 3-6 p.m. at Beck Recreation Center, 2030 Church St., Georgetown.
- Aug. 27, 9 a.m. to noon at Murrells Inlet Community Center, 4462 Murrells Inlet Rd.
- Aug. 28, 3-6 p.m. at Andrews Pavilion, 105 N. Morgan Ave.
- Sept. 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Howard Community Center, 1610 Hazard St., Georgetown.
- Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Choppee Recreation Center, 8259 Choppee Rd., Georgetown.
- Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Georgetown Senior Center, 2104 Lincoln St., Georgetown.
- Sept. 19, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center, 83 Duncan Lane, Pawleys Island.

County Dispatchers complete NCIC class



Georgetown County Sheriff's Office employees from Central (911) Dispatch recently completed a three-day National Crime Information Center class under instructor Kim Baxley. They are, from left, dispatchers Nadiyah Starling, Ashauna Cromedy, Shelia Felder, Dani Alfaro, Dani Hennessey, Alyssa Taylor, Maggie Naas and, from Mt. Pleasant Dispatch, Alondrya Davis. This was a Full Function Certification Class. The National Crime Information Center is an electronic clearinghouse of crime data that can be tapped into by virtually every criminal justice agency nationwide, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It helps criminal justice professionals apprehend fugitives, locate missing persons, recover stolen property and identify terrorists.

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.



For the protection
of our sea turtles &
other wildlife please

LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS
ON GEORGETOWN COUNTY BEACHES!



All items must be picked up off the beach at the day's end, including chairs, tents, toys and, of course, any food packaging or other litter. Litter laws are strictly enforced. Any items left on the beach at the end of the day are considered abandoned and may be removed.



LIGHTS OUT!

SEA TURTLES DIG THE DARK

- Turn out beachfront lights after dusk
- Close blinds, curtains in beachfront homes
- Do not disturb nesting females or hatchlings by using flashlights, flash photography or lanterns at night
- Fill in any holes in the sand at day's end



See more local beach regulations at www.gtcparks.org



Pelham wins national service award

Heather Pelham, a Georgetown County Public Services Librarian, recently received the 2019 Exceptional Service Award at the American Library Association Conference in Washington, D.C. She was chosen for her advocacy and work reestablishing a library for the general population at the Georgetown County Detention Center.

The award is from the Association of Specialized, Government and Cooperative Library Agencies. Pelham managed the Amazing Journey grant, which re-established a library at the Georgetown County Detention Center, serving the 212 inmates incarcerated there with new fiction, nonfiction and educational, and self-help books. The project also provided laptops and training materials for 49 detention center officers.

Pelham also worked with the Sheriff's Re-entry Program, giving participants 32 life and job skills classes. The program was provided with books, laptops, smart TVs and special software to aid in journeyman certification classes. When the inmates leave the program at the end of their incarceration, they will have certification in their skill area, and are often hired while still serving time. Over 300 inmates have graduated, and the program has a 0 percent recidivism rate.

The Exceptional Service Award is given to recognize exceptional service to patients, the home-bound, people of all ages who live in group homes or residences, and to inmates, as well as to recognize professional leadership, effective interpretation of programs, pioneering activity, and significant research of experimental projects.



Pelham

Sheriff's Office accepting applications for Citizens Academy

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for this year's Citizens' Academy until Sept. 3.

The eight-week program is designed to inform members of the community about the responsibilities and operations of local law enforcement. The classes will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 17-Nov. 5, at the Sheriff's Office, 430 N. Fraser St., Georgetown, SC.

Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb said the academy furthers his agency's goal of community outreach to identify problems, develop solutions and reduce crime.

"The Citizen's Academy is not designed to turn a person into a law enforcement officer," Cribb said. "However, it will educate them on the day-to-day operations of a law enforcement agency. The academy will give them an appreciation of what officers do and the decisions they must make."

Applicants must be Georgetown County residents, at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license, and undergo a background and criminal history check.

Applications for this year's academy are available online at www.gcsheriff.org/citizensacademy.html. Once completed, send printed applications to the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, 430 N Fraser St., Georgetown, SC, 29440. For questions, please contact Capt. Tyler Monroe (843) 436-6032.

Georgetown County FARMERS MARKET



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Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**at 122 Screven St., Georgetown
across from the historic courthouse**

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

GET FREE ANSWERS CONCERNING...

September 5

FAMILY LAW ISSUES

Divorce, Custody, Visitation, Support, Etc.
Led by Elise F. Crosby, Esq.

September 19

REAL ESTATE LAW ISSUES

Led by Elise F. Crosby, Esq.
& Sheri L. McAllister, JD., LLM

September 26

CRIMINAL LAW ISSUES

Miranda Rights, Search & Seizure, Etc.
Led by Erin E. Bailey, Esq.

October 3

WILLS, ESTATES, & PROBATE LAW

Led by Ian A. Taylor, Esq.

October 10

S.C. WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

Led by Harry A. Oxner, Esq.

October 17

ELDER LAW

Medicare, Medicaid, Long Term Care, Insurance, Guardianship & Conservatorship, Power of Attorney, Etc.
Led by Jacqueline Ann F. Richardson, Esq.

TIME: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Andrews Branch Library

101 N. Morgan Ave., Andrews, S.C. 29510

The clinic will consist of a 30-40 minute lecture followed by an open question and answer session. Clinics are designed to provide general legal information, not to provide guidance on your specific situation. If you need legal advice on a specific situation, you will need to consult with an attorney separately. For more information, call the SC Bar Public Services Division at (877) 797-2227, ext. 158.



Midway Chief named president of association

Doug Eggiman, chief of Midway Fire Rescue was sworn in last month as the new President of the Southeastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. The Division is made up of 10 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and has about 2,000 members. It advocates at all levels of government for the Fire Service and firefighters. As president, Eggiman has already formed a safety and health committee to study issues commonly affecting firefighters including PTSD and job-related cancer.



Council talks possibilities for future budget sustainability

When he announced his retirement plans this summer, County Administrator Sel Hemingway told County Council members he would make it a priority to create a model for a sustainable budget before his last day on Dec. 31.

Hemingway made strides in that direction on July 30 during a County Council workshop when he presented several options for adding additional revenue to the budget. Among possibilities discussed were business licenses and a switch to funding future capital projects through Capital Project Sales Tax Revenue.

Businesses in unincorporated areas of the county do not currently have to register for business licenses, though some incorporated areas require business licenses. Hemingway told council business licenses would bring in an estimated minimum of \$1 million annually.

Increasing marriage license fees for non-residents was also discussed.

For a Capital Project Sales Tax to go into effect, it would have to be approved by the public through a referendum. The referendum would also have to dictate the length of time the tax would be in place for, as well as the projects that would be funded with the tax. A Capital Project Sales tax approved in 2014 expired April 30 and raised nearly \$60 million for projects including dredging at Murrells Inlet, beach renourishment, road improvements and construction of new fire stations.

If council opts to pitch another Capital Project Sales Tax, it would likely appear on ballots in the Nov. 2020 election.

Hemingway has also spoken with county directors about evaluating efficiency and effectiveness within their departments to cut costs.



OZZIE SMITH'S SPORTS ACADEMY 29th Annual Baseball & Softball Camps



About Ozzie Smith's Sports Academy:

David Randolph, owner/founder of Ozzie Smith's, and his staff pride themselves on reaching different athletes on their level and helping them improve, therefore giving them more confidence to be successful in "pressure" situations. Baseball is a game of skill, focus, and determination...and athletes need to be able to stay relaxed and produce in clutch situations.

Ozzie's instructors are motivating and energetic. All instructors have played at the collegiate and/or the professional level and enjoy teaching athletes. We strive to teach, not babysit. Our goal is to reach every camper at their level and build confidence and skill levels.

We love
to see our campers
improve
and have fun!

Our Mission...No Limits Training

Our mission is to maximize the talents of every athlete. We believe that sports are a great training tool for life. Through hard work, dedication, proper mechanics and a lot of practice, every athlete can physically and mentally elevate to the next level.

For the first time **EVER** Ozzie Smith's Sports Academy is coming to South Carolina!!!

GEORGETOWN COUNTY PARK & RECREATION

Open to boys and girls ages 7-14 and Mini-hitters ages 4-6

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CAMP

August 13th-16th

Location: 8 Oaks Sports Complex
6610 Highmarket Street
Georgetown, SC 29440

Time: 8:30-12:30pm (until 10am for mini-hitters)

Early Bird Prices (through 7/31): \$69 (mini-hitters); \$149 (7 and up)

Regular prices: \$79 (mini-hitters); \$179 (7 and up)

Camp consists of:

- 16 hours of technique training in baseball/softball
- Kids are grouped by age level.
- An approximate camper/instructor ratio of 10:1.

Every camper will receive:

- A written evaluation
- A certificate of completion.
- A camp t-shirt.
- 'Tips from the Pros'

To register, call 636-532-0288 or visit
ozziesmithssportsacademy.com

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You can also find us on Facebook,
Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.
Just search for GtCountySC.



Save the date for these popular fall events!

The peak of the summer beach season is nearing its end, but the good times in Georgetown County are far from over. Idyllic weather attracts festivalgoers to the area's array of fall events, including the 28th annual Pawleys Island Festival of Music & Art, the 30th annual Georgetown Wooden Boat Show, the Atalaya Arts & Crafts Festival, and the Historic Georgetown Bridge2Bridge Run.

The **Atalaya Arts & Crafts Festival**, featuring nearly 100 artisans, will be Sept. 27-29 at Huntington Beach State Park. The 44th annual event provides aesthetic beauty while attendees enjoy fine art, quality crafts and local food, along with the musical offerings of several of the area's finest musicians. Go to www.AtalayaFestival.com for a complete event run down.

The **Pawleys Island Festival of Music & Art** runs from Oct. 3-19 and will feature weekly live music acts, highlighted by performances from Pablo Cruise; Blood, Sweat and Tears; and the Marshall Tucker Band. The festival will also spotlight symphony performances, art shows and garden parties, among other events. The complete event lineup is available at www.PawleysMusic.com.

Celebrating its pearl anniversary, the **Georgetown Wooden Boat Show**, which will take place Oct. 19 and 20, is one of the premier events in the Southeast. This year's festivities will feature wooden boat exhibits with more than 140 classic wooden boats displayed on land and water, a wooden boatbuilding competition, children's model boatbuilding, knot tying, maritime art and crafts, food and music. A special attraction will be Saturday's Wooden Boat Challenge when teams of two race to build a rowing skiff within a four-hour time limit and then test their boats for seaworthiness in a rowing relay on the Sampit River. Visit www.WoodenBoatShow.com for details.

Those looking for exercise heading into the holiday season will enjoy the **Bridge2Bridge Run**, which features three races (a half marathon, 12k and 5k). The Nov. 2 race takes runners through historic Georgetown, allowing them to enjoy the unique charms of one of America's premier coastal small towns. For more information, go to www.Bridge2BridgeRun.com.

FIGHT the BITE



To request
mosquito control
service in your area,
leave a message
at (843) 545-3615.

Protect yourself:

- Wear light-colored clothing. Mosquitos are attracted to darker colors.
- Spray yourself and children with repellent.
- Wear long sleeves and pants if possible.

Reduce breeding sites:

- Drain or eliminate sites that have standing water.
- Reduce and eliminate garbage in drain areas.
- Be sure to repair window and door screens.



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AGENCY



Hodge

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ment Association Executive Committee, where he started the Association's annual workshop in 2011; the Pee Dee Healthcare Coalition Executive Committee; and the Homeland Security Advisory Committee.

"Georgetown County has allowed me to grow professionally and work with some of the best people I have ever known. It afforded me the opportunity to take over an Emergency Management program and rebuild it – with the support of the County Administrator and County Council – to one of the best programs in the state. I will always be grateful for the trust and support that was given to me, and for the privilege of helping my community and its residents when it matters most," Hodge said.

Hodge over the years has been a trusted voice for residents across Georgetown County. He

advocates for preparedness 365 days a year, but particularly when potential disasters are looming, such as recent hurricanes and flood events, many residents have depended on his advice in making decisions to keep their families safe.

"After serving the residents and visitors of Georgetown County for nearly three decades, I just hope and pray that I have made a difference in someone's life and made Georgetown County a safer place and better prepared," Hodge said.

Though retirement is on the horizon, he said his work isn't quite done yet. He and his family will remain in Murrells Inlet, and Hodge said he will remain involved and active in the community.

"I see several opportunities that would allow me to continue to serve in a volunteer role during times of need and assist in community trainings to help our residents be better prepared," Hodge said.

FOWL MUSICIANS SERIES

presents



THE GIBBONS

"The vocals are soulful and hypnotic."
~ Cody Starr, *Galleywinter*



Thursday, August 22 at 5:30 p.m.
Free & open to all!

Dallas-based Americana duo **THE GIBBONS** put on a must-see live show. Their instrumentation and rich harmonies reflect the sound of a much larger band, while the happy banter and loving smiles between the husband-and-wife pair create a true connection with their audience.



WACCAMAW LIBRARY / 41 ST. PAUL PLACE / PAWLEYS ISLAND, SC

Council looks at aquatic recreation options


Georgetown County Council members traveled to Hartsville on Aug. 9 to get a tour of the city-run Neptune Island Water Park. The purpose was to allow them to see the facility in operation during the busy summer months, talk with the staff who created and run the park, and to consider if such a feature — or components of it — might be a good fit here.



Neptune Island features a splash pad, lazy river, wave pool and multiple water slides.

Swimming pools have been part of the county's long-range Capital Improvement plan for more than a decade, but the high cost of operations and maintenance have been a deterrent and led to exploration of other options, such as splash pads. The waterpark in Hartsville started as a splash pad, but the community quickly outgrew it and the waterpark opened in the summer of 2018. The original splash pad remains a component, but the park also now features a lazy river, wave pool and multiple water slides. It doesn't turn a profit, but revenue from admission and sales does cover the cost of operations and half the debt service. It serves residents, but is also a tourist attraction and will serve a projected 80,000 visitors this season.


"This is just one end of the spectrum in terms of what we're looking at," said County Administrator Sel Hemingway. "On the other end is something like what is currently being built in North Charleston, which is an enclosed facility with nothing but swimming pools with lanes for competition swimming. There are a lot of options and combinations in between those two examples for us to consider. We're just exposing ourselves to different possibilities right now."




Attention All Beekeepers

**Are you a Beekeeper
in Georgetown County?
Please Call (843) 545-3615**

In an effort to protect the local bee population,
Georgetown County Mosquito Control keeps a list of
local beekeepers. Please register so we may provide you
with advanced notice of aerial adulticiding sprays.



Georgetown County Department of Public Services
Division of Stormwater, Mosquito Control
(843) 545-3615
www.gtcounty.org/mosquito_control



Tickets available for fall luncheon and auction at Waccamaw Library

Tickets for this year's Friends of the Waccamaw Library Fall Luncheon are now available for purchase at the library's Friends Center. The luncheon is set for Sept. 24 at Pawleys Plantation, and tickets are \$35 each, \$20 of which is tax-deductible.

All of the funds raised at this event benefit the Waccamaw Neck Library, where the Friends group provides children's and adult programming, books, movies, computers, and more. Each year, this popular event is the group's largest fundraising effort for the Library.

This year's luncheon has some new twists, including a pre-lunch social hour from 11 a.m. to noon, complete with a complimentary mimosa, and a new specialty luncheon menu. The Friends group is also pleased to welcome Emma of C & C Auctions, who will present an outstanding selection of highly-desirable auction items. As always, there will be an abundant variety of door prizes from local artists and merchants.

The festivities will wind up at 1:30 p.m.

Donations of auction items including trendy accessories for the home and stylish woman are still needed. These may include jewelry, scarves, purses, etc., and home décor, including for the holidays. Donations may be dropped off at the Friends Center before Sept. 5, or call Diane Stern at (908) 310-2953. Volunteers and table captains are also still needed. For information, email Phylis Cecola at pcecola.pc@gmail.com.

Stop the Presses!

Newspapers in Hollywood's Golden Era

Special Series of 1930s & 1940s Films
selected & introduced by:

Charles Swenson, Coastal Observer Editor

Screenings Fridays at 2:30

Friday, September 6, 2019

Citizen Kane (1941)

Friday, September 13, 2019

Libeled Lady (1936)

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. Deeds Goes to Town (1936)

Friday, September 27, 2019

Five Star Final (1931)

Friday, October 4, 2019

Nothing Sacred (1937)

Friday, October 11, 2019

Ace in the Hole (1951)

Friday, October 18, 2019

Keeper of the Flame (1942)

Friday, October 25, 2019

His Girl Friday (1940)



Free & open to all!

Waccamaw Library . 41 St Paul Place . Pawleys Island



News from our Veterans Affairs Officer

By David Murphy

Hello Veterans! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. The **Coast Guard** celebrated its 229th birthday on Aug. 4. Let's give them a Happy Birthday salute and thank them for their service.

VFW Post 6444, Georgetown will have a BBQ sandwich sale on Aug. 16. Sandwiches are \$8 and include chips and a brownie

Congressman Tom Rice will present a special program, "**Honoring Vietnam Era Veterans**" in recognition of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War. Keynote speaker for this event will be First Lt. Patrick C. "Clebe" McClary III, USMC, Retired. This event will be on Aug. 20 at 9 a.m., at HGTC Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium, 2050 Hwy 501 E., Conway. Please RSVP by email to brittany.ferrigno@mail.house.gov or call (843) 445-6459.

The **Low Country Veterans Group** will have its 8th annual **anniversary picnic** at Choppee Recreation Center, 8259 Choppee Rd., on Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members and their families are welcome. The group will also host a special **Veterans Day event** on Monday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. at the Georgetown Housing Authority grounds on Lincoln Street. The event is free to the public and will feature family fun entertainment, including music, giveaways and more. For information, call (843) 421-6013 or (843) 546-9621.



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Veterans who are considered 100 percent Permanent and Total (P&T) are eligible to receive a **tax exemption** on their home, land and vehicle. If you meet this criteria and have not filed a form PT-401 for an exemption, please come see me at the Georgetown Veterans Affairs office between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., or call (843) 545-3330 to schedule an appointment. You will need the following.

For Property: A copy of your land deed, copy of your legal residence application from the Georgetown County Assessor's Office, and a copy of your mobile home title or bill of sale if your primary residence is a manufactured home.

For a vehicle: A copy of your vehicle registration, bill of sale or title. The document you use must include the name of the veteran requesting the exemption. You are only allowed to exempt two vehicles. A copy of your marriage license is needed if you are applying for a spouse's vehicle.

If you're the spouse of a deceased veteran who was 100 percent P&T you also can apply for these benefits except all deeds and vehicle registration must be in your name and you are only allowed to have exemption on one vehicle. If you have any questions about this, I am always happy to help.

If you are a veteran and have questions or want more information about services that may be available to you, please contact my office at (843) 545-3330.

Proud to serve!

David Murphy is manager of the Georgetown County Office of Veterans Affairs.

BEING RAY BRADBURY



A Talk & Dramatic Reading by

Bill Oberst, Jr.

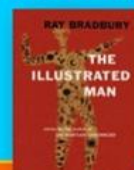
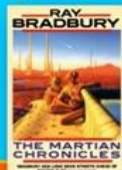
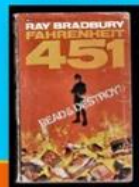
Thursday, August 22 at 10am



Join us for a wonder-filled celebration of the life and work of great sci-fi and fantasy author **RAY BRADBURY** on what would be his 99TH BIRTHDAY!

BILL OBERST will deliver dramatic readings from Bradbury's works and discuss what inspired him to create an acclaimed stage show centered on this major American writer, whose classics include Fahrenheit 451, The Martian Chronicles, & The Illustrated Man.

Emmy-winner Oberst is a celebrated stage, film, and television actor who splits time between his native Georgetown County and Hollywood. Q&A with Oberst to follow!



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Young Eagle flights, aerobatic displays to be part of National Aviation Week Celebration



The Georgetown County Airport will celebrate National Aviation Week in a big way this month. On Saturday, Aug. 24, the airport will host a day of free, family-friendly events intended to expose people of all ages to both the airport and all the wonders of aviation.

One of the biggest things happening that day is what could be a record-breaking number of kids experiencing their first flights and the awe of a birds' eye view through the Young Eagles program.

"Our trusted team of airport volunteers will be attempting to fly as many children ages 8-17 as possible," said Jim Taylor, manager of the Georgetown County Airport. "This is both awesome for the children and an incredible giving gesture from our local pilots who donate their aircraft and time. We are trying to get as many of our local youth excited as we are about general aviation."

Applications to fly in the Young Eagle program are available at the airport and must be turned in before the flight.

The day's festivities will also feature two aerobatic performances by Robert Dickson Jr. in his North American P-51 Mustang, The Swamp Fox, which was featured at the airport last year during a static display in honor Aviation Week. Dickson will showcase how graceful and maneuverable the P-51 truly is, Taylor said.

"He is currently flying the airshow circuit and we are fortunate that he fit us into his busy schedule," Taylor added.



Top: Robert Dickson Jr. talks to members of the public about his P-51 Mustang at last year's Aviation Week celebration. Above, families get an up-close look at planes in a static display.

The aerobatic displays are tentatively set for noon and 2 p.m.

A static aircraft display at the airport will feature the little brother to the North American P-51, three North American AT-6s. The T6s were the training aircraft for all pilots before flying the P-51s.

Much like last year's festivities, Taylor said this year's Aviation Week Celebration will be all about getting kids and their families to the airport to see and learn. It's a mission that falls in line with a large component of the airport's long-range plan, which calls for increased public outreach and education about careers in aviation. There is a huge pilot shortage right now, Taylor said. Kids need to know there are ample opportunities right here for good paying jobs in the aviation field – many that don't require a four-year college degree.

For more information about Aviation Week festivities and programs at the Georgetown Airport, call (843) 545-3638.