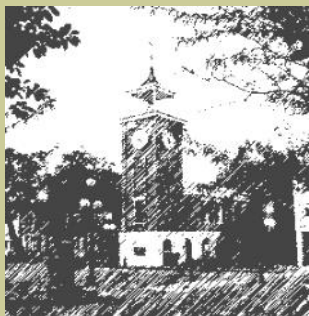




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April 18 — Georgetown County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven St.

April 19 – Georgetown County offices and facilities are closed in observance of Good Friday.

April 23 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven St.

April 26 & 27 – IFA Redfish Tour and Kayak Tour at Campbell Marine Complex. Visit www.ifatours.com to register.

May 3 – Friends of the Georgetown Library Spring Book Sale. See page 5.

May 11 – Bicycle Rodeo at Stables Park, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. See page 6.

May 14 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven St.

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Busy weekend planned as Bassmaster Elite, Heritage Festival return



From dog demos to duck calling and big fish to big music stars, there will be plenty happening to keep people busy in Georgetown next week.

The Bassmaster Elite Series will return to Georgetown April 11-14, bringing with it some of the nation's best anglers. Capping it off will be the return of the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival and free concerts on Front Street that weekend.

"This is something local residents have been clamoring for since the County first hosted the Bassmaster Elite in 2016," said County Administrator Sel Hemingway. "We had one of the largest crowds in Bassmaster history that year, and with all the requests we've had to bring that event back, I think we'll see even more people attending the tourna-

ment weigh-ins and other activities this time."

The Elite Series will include 75 top anglers, including some familiar faces and some rising stars. Boat launch will take place daily at 7 a.m. at the Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex, 101 Riverwalk Drive, Georgetown.

Weigh-in begins at 3:15 p.m. each day at the Bassmaster main stage on the festival grounds at the Marine Complex. Both events are free and open to the public. Residents are welcome to bring chairs and blankets to weigh-in.

Winyah Bay Heritage Festival

The Winyah Bay Heritage Festival opens at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14. The event is

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Country music stars to perform on Front Street

Spring in Georgetown County brings a lot to look forward to. The weather gets warmer, the flowers are in bloom and – in recent years – country music star Jason Michael Carroll comes back to Front Street to perform for fans.

What started out as a one-time gig to celebrate Georgetown County's hosting of its first Bassmaster Elite series in 2016 has now become an annual tradition both Carroll and county residents look forward to.

"I just fell in love with the community there," Carroll said in March from his home in Youngsville, N.C. "Georgetown has one of those senses of community that a lot of places don't have anymore. It has that sense that everybody knows everybody, and even the people they don't know, they're happy to see them. That's part of the reason my wife and I always look forward to coming back and have had conversations about possibly moving there one day. We can't wait to get back to Georgetown."

Carroll and his family will return to Georgetown in April, when Carroll is scheduled to give his fourth annual live performance on Front Street. The show, organized and funded by the Georgetown Business Association, is set for Saturday, April 13, from 6-9 p.m. at Francis Marion Park. Young talent Presley Barker will open, with Carroll taking the stage at

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Sheriff encourages residents to join Association

Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb recently announced the 2019 Spring Membership Drive for the S.C. Sheriffs' Association and is encouraging residents to join the group and show their support as honorary members.

Cribb is an active member of the S.C. Sheriffs' Association. Individuals wishing to show their support can join the voluntary program as honorary members for as little as \$25, while businesses can show their support for a \$50 contribution. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training and legislative support on criminal justice issues, Cribb said. Contributions are tax deductible.

"I realize that everyone does not have the ability or desire to become an honorary member of the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association," Cribb said. "Rest assured that your ability to join this reputable organization will not impact the level of service you receive from my office. I would simply ask you to consider joining the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association as an honorary member if you have the means and are so inclined."

Individuals who would like more information may contact the S.C. Sheriffs' Association by phone at (803) 772-1101 or online at www.sheriffsc.com. The Association does not solicit via telemarketing. If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be calling on behalf of the S.C. Sheriffs' Association, know that it is fraudulent and hang up, the Sheriff's Office advised.

Sheriff hopes to shut down night club where fatal shootings occurred

Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb will begin the legal steps necessary to close an establishment at 915 Petigru Drive in the Pawleys Island area, he announced on April 3. Three people have been shot to death at that location in the past eight months.



Sheriff Cribb

"This behavior is not representative of the Pawleys Island community," Cribb said. "They deserve better, and I will do everything in my power to make sure this location and every other one like it will cease to exist. We will use any legal authority we deem appropriate to make this happen."

Two people died and a third was seriously wounded by gunfire at the Petigru Drive nightclub, also known as TC's Lounge, early Friday, March 29. Another man was shot to death at the club July 24, 2018.

Matthew Cobb, Jr., 28, and Tevin Washington, 28, died in the shooting last month. Lamar Easterling, 24, was killed in the July 2018 shooting.

"Enough is enough," Cribb said.

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

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County participates in emergency training event at 8 Oaks Park



Those who work for emergency response agencies have to be prepared to handle the worst on any given day. From hurricanes to wildfires to vehicle wrecks, they have to be ready for it all. That's why Georgetown County Emergency management hosts regular exercises for emergency workers and supporting agencies throughout the county. Such an exercise took place on March 20 at 8 Oaks Park. With student actors, the exercise simulated a collision between a train and a school bus carrying students to a field trip. Firefighters and other emergency workers responded as they would in a real event. Student actors were then transported to area hospitals, where medical staff also took advantage of the training opportunity. "We've had a lot of real world practice with hurricanes and flooding recently, but there are a lot of other disasters that could occur in our area," said Sam Hodge, Georgetown County Emergency Manager. "This is a way for us to test our emergency responders and health care workers, as well as our plans, resources and communications between agencies"

IN MEMORIAM

Midway Fire Rescue mourns fallen Firefighter Daniel Roy, 29

Daniel Mark Roy, a firefighter and EMT with Midway Fire Rescue, died March 22 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident several days earlier. He was 29.

A beloved member of Midway's C-Shift, Daniel had worked at Midway for two years. He had previously worked for the Henry County (Ga.) Fire Department. A memorial service took place March 23 at Holy



Daniel Roy
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Cross Faith Memorial Church. The service was conducted by Midway's Chaplain, the Rev. Wil Keith.

The son of Mark and Susan Roy, Daniel was born on Jan. 18, 1990, in Atlanta. He lived in Myrtle Beach and is remembered as a "firefighter's firefighter."

"Daniel's motivation, enthusiasm and dedication to Midway and the community will be missed every day," said Midway Chief Doug Eggiman. "Daniel was a driven firefighter, always working to improve himself. He will be missed by his fellow shift members and the entire department."

Daniel had been studying to become a paramedic at the time of his death. He is survived by his parents, Mark and Susan (Piper) Roy of Griffin, Ga.; a sister, Samantha Roy (Andrew Leung) of Philadelphia; and his girlfriend, Ashley Gerhardt.

The family, as well as Midway, extend their sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Grand Strand Medical Center for their compassionate and professional care. They appreciate the outpouring of support from the members and staffs of Midway Fire Rescue, Horry County Fire Rescue, Myrtle Beach Fire Department, North Myrtle Beach Fire Rescue, Conway Fire Department, Surfside Beach Fire Department, Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District, Georgetown County Fire/EMS, Georgetown City Fire Department, and the countless others who supported the family and covered calls to allow Daniel's colleagues to attend his memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Daniel's honor to Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, 113 Baskerville Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

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.

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Bassmaster

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dedicated to Georgetown County's outdoor heritage and will include more than 30 vendors, as well as outdoors- and nature-themed educational areas, a kids' zone and some exciting activities. On the schedule for this year are:

- Retriever demonstrations from Palmetto Gun Dogs
- Magic shows by Gerry the Great
- Show and tell events with Snakes of the Lowcountry and Creatures of the Night owls
- Sheep and duck herding demonstrations from Bill Coburn
- A youth duck calling clinic
- The Backwoods Quail Club Archery Range
- A boat driving simulator from the S.C. Department of Natural Resources
- A cast net demonstration with Richard Camlin
- Rescue lectures and demonstrations from Carolina Waterfowl
- The S.C. State Duck Calling Championship, and much more.

A complete festival schedule is available at www.gtcounty.org.

Bassmaster Expo

Saturday and Sunday will also bring the Bassmaster Expo, with demo boat rides and exhibits from Toyota, Berkley, Huk, Carhartt, Yamaha, Power-Pole and more.

From 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Bassmaster will offer a chance to "Meet the Elites" and talk one-on-one with the pros, as well as get autographs and photos taken. The pros will also share tips and techniques on the main stage.

Bassmaster also still has positions available for tournament marshals. Marshals get to ride along with anglers as they compete in the tournament. For more information, visit www.bassmaster.com/tournaments.

Music in the Park

After the weigh-ins on April 12 and 13, folks can head over to Downtown Georgetown for free concerts. Country music star Collin Raye will perform Friday, April 12, from 6-9 p.m., with the Josh Brannon Band opening. Jason Michael Carroll will perform on Saturday, April 13, from 6-9 p.m. with Presley Barker.



Top: Children enjoy inflatables in the Kids' Zone at the 2016 festival. The Kids' Zone will be open again at the festival on April 13 and 14. **Above:** Creatures of the Night, a program taking place at 1:30 p.m. on April 14 will teach about owls.

Concerts

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around 7 p.m. General admission is free, but VIP tickets, which include a meet and greet reception with Carroll, are available through the Business Association.

The night prior will bring another free country music show, this one with Collin Raye, also from 6-9 p.m. at Francis Marion Park. Opening act will be the Josh Brannon Band. Again, VIP tickets are available.

As with Carroll's subsequent performances, the concert series has again been scheduled in celebration of a Bassmaster event. The Bassmaster Elite series – the highest level of professional bass fishing tournaments – will take place on Winyah Bay April 11-14. The tournament will bring about 80 anglers to Georgetown, including familiar faces and rising stars, along with fishing fans. Many anglers will come with families in tow. This adds up to a good sales week for local businesses.

"It's a great reason for us to want to celebrate, and these concerts are a fun way to do it," said Michele Overton, owner of Going Coastal Realty and a member of the Business Association who organizes the concerts for the Association every year. "These concerts not only give visitors who are in for the tournament something really unique and exciting to do after the daily weigh-ins are done, but it gets visitors and locals downtown, and really brings in its own set of visitors. We have people who come in every year from as far as New York just to see Jason perform in an intimate setting like the one we offer here."

Carroll rose to fame in 2004 after being discovered at a local talent competition. He is best known for chart toppers including



Jason Michael Carroll



Collin Raye

"Alyssa Lies," "Livin' Our Love Song," "Where I'm From," and "I Can Sleep When I'm Dead." Just last year, the singer and songwriter branched out into acting with the motion picture "Strings."

Collin Ray made a name for himself as "one of the true hit makers of the 1990s," and continues to crank out soulful, heartfelt material. He has 24 Top Ten records and 16 No. 1 hits. He is best known for songs including "Love, Me," "Little Rock," "One Boy, One Girl," and "That's My Story."

For more information on the concerts and how to purchase VIP tickets, visit www.georgetownseaport.com.

Youth Track and Field program under way

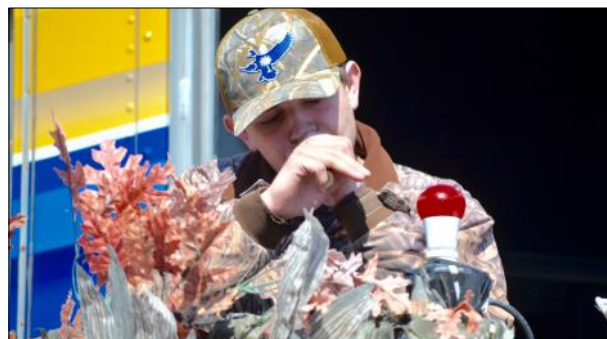


Participants in Georgetown County Parks and Recreation's youth track and field program are shown during a recent competition held at Georgetown High School. Their next meet is at 10 a.m. April 18 at Andrews High School. Events include the 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter dash, 800- and 1,600-meter runs, standing long jump and softball throw. Spectators are welcome to come out and support youth participants.

Scout installs flag retirement boxes



Eagle Scouts are a large part of the Baker family. CJ Baker will join his father Chris, his uncle Art and his cousin Chase when he becomes an Eagle Scout later this year. He has been involved with scouting since he was in the first grade and with Troop 300. "I wanted to do something both for our country and our citizens," said Baker, 17, as he explained his project to American Legion Commander Rodney Ward. He decided to construct five red, white and blue flag disposal boxes and place them in strategic places throughout Georgetown. People can place their worn out and frayed flags in the boxes where they'll be collected by the Winyah Chapter of the United Daughters of the Revolution. "The Boy Scouts and the DAR have been properly disposing American and state flags for over 25 years" said Winyah Chapter DAR regent Pam Snyder. American Legion Commander Rodney Ward asked CJ if he would place one of his boxes at 715 Church Street which is the post home. "People are always dropping off flags for disposal and we now have a respectable container to deposit them" said Ward. Other flag disposal boxes will be placed at the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce office on Front Street, Piggly Wiggly on Highmarket Street, Food Lion in Maryville and Walmart. CJ is the son of Chris and Debbie Baker and is a senior at Georgetown High School. Upon graduation he will attend The Citadel.



S.C. Duck Calling Contest set for April 14, during Heritage Festival

The S.C. Duck Calling Championship is back in Georgetown April 14, on the final day of the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival. The event begins at noon with the Open Junior State Contest, which is open to those age 16 and under. Immediately following will be the S.C. State Contest, which is open to all S.C. residents age 17 and older. The winner will go on to represent South Carolina in World Contest on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in Arkansas. Come enter or watch the contest for free on the festival field at the Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex. A youth duck calling clinic will take place at the festival on the day prior, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the festival tent. There is no cost to participate.



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Kiwanis Club to host Bicycle Rodeo

The Pawleys Island Kiwanis Club will host its inaugural Bicycle Rodeo and Family Safety Day on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event will take place at Stables Park.

Families are invited to bring their bikes for a safety check and a fun time riding the skills course. Additionally, free bike helmets will be given to the first 50 cyclists. The club will also give away two free bikes — one for boys and one for girls.



Friends of the Waccamaw Library to celebrate life of writer Susan Meyers, founder of Litchfield Tea & Poetry series

On Thursday, June 6, at 5:30 p.m., the Waccamaw Library will host a special poetry reading to celebrate the life and work of beloved Lowcountry writer and mentor Susan Laughter Meyers.

Meyers was a generative figure in establishing and enhancing the literary community in the Lowcountry. Before relocating to South Carolina, she had previously served as a notable creator and contributor to the growth of literary arts in her native state of North Carolina.

The author of three poetry books and a chapbook, Meyers earned numerous prizes, awards, and fellowships, and her poems appeared in major journals, including "The Southern Review," "Prairie Schooner," and "Crazyhorse."

Among her many contributions to arts and letters in our region, she co-founded the longstanding Litchfield Tea and Poetry Series, which just concluded its 13th year at the Waccamaw Library, and served as President of the Poetry Society of South Carolina as well as the Poetry Society of North Carolina.

Friends and fellow poets will share selected poems by Meyers during the program, as well as memories of her sustaining love of life and of literature.

Meyers died in June 2017 at the age of 72. She is remembered as a "welcoming presence to all she encountered" and an enthusiastic supporter of other poets, who always had an eye for the small details — line endings, lines, the right sound or the right phrase, not just in poetry but in life.

The program is free and open to all. The Library is located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.



Susan Meyers

Tara Hall celebrates 50 years with 8th annual Paddle Fest, concert

A community tradition is back with Tara Hall's 8th annual Paddle Fest on Saturday, April 27 in Georgetown. This year, the event is part of a two-day celebration for Tara Hall's 50th anniversary.

In addition to Paddle Fest, the celebration will also feature a free event — "Concert for the Community: Jimmy Wayne Live" — the evening before Paddle Fest. The concert in Pawleys Island will be a thank you gift from Tara Hall to the community for 50 years of support. The general public is invited to attend one or both family-friendly events.

Tara Hall's annual Paddle Fest starts with hundreds of paddlers venturing out on Black Mingo Creek on the morning of April 27. They navigate a scenic four-mile route to the shores of Tara Hall Home for Boys and join hundreds of other festival attendees for outdoor activities, live music from local bands, lunch and more. Kids' activities include face painting and afternoon kayak and barrel races.

Jimmy Wayne, award-winning music artist, best-selling author and inspirational speaker, will be paddling with the Tara Hall boys and spending some time at the event.

Wayne is known for hit songs such as "Stay Gone," "Paper Angels," "I Love You This Much," and "Do You Believe Me Now." However, as a former foster child, he is also known for walking halfway across the country to raise awareness for kids aging out of the foster care system and for getting legislation passed in several states extending the age of foster care. His memoir, "Walk Beautiful: The Power of Love and a Homeless Kid Who Found the Way," is a three-time New York Times bestseller.

The general public is invited to begin the celebration on April 26 at the free concert by Wayne. Enjoy a mix of hit songs and personal stories from this renowned recording artist that night at 7 p.m. at Pawleys Island Community Church. Wayne will be on hand to sign copies of his bestselling book, which will be available for purchase at the show. The event is free to attend, but donations will be accepted. All donations will go to Tara Hall Home for Boys.

Tara Hall is a nationally accredited, long-term residential home and school that accepts neglected, troubled and abused boys. Their mission is to help boys develop moral, social, educational and life skills, thus building responsible, contributing adults, while also providing services to their families. It has helped more than 700 boys who have passed through its doors.

For more information, including cost to participate in Paddle Fest, visit www.tarahall.org, call (843) 546-3000, or email tarahall07@yahoo.com.



Singer Jimmy Wayne will give a free performance in Pawleys Island.

Counties Matter: Local govts. provide vital services

Around the nation, a celebration of county governments is taking place this month. April is National County Government month, a time when a spotlight is aimed at the services and programs offered by county governments. The theme for this year's National County Government Month is "Connecting the Unconnected," which highlights the "people-centered" services that counties deliver to their residents.

Counties are one of America's oldest forms of government, dating back to 1634, when the first county governments (then called "shires") were established in Virginia. The organization and structure of today's 3,069 county governments are chartered under state constitutions or laws, and are tailored to fit the needs and characteristics of state and local areas.

Georgetown County was founded in 1769 and thus celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. Georgetown County provides a wide array of services to more than 60,000 residents who live in coastal communities to very rural farm areas. These services include providing community centers where residents can come together



for programs and activities, running organized sports leagues for youth and adults, paving and maintaining county roadways, providing recycling services and maintaining landfills, the court system, economic development, public education through various programs, as well as land zoning and planning. This is not to mention life safety services, such as 911, emergency medical response, fire response, law enforcement and emergency management.

Additionally, the county maintains two airports, which contribute significantly to economic development in the county.

Whether they realize it or not, literally every person in a county benefits from county programs and services every single day, whether it's when they travel to work on a county-maintained road, when they take their child to play at a park or when they learn resume-writing skills at a workshop offered at their local library.

To get a better idea of the many services and opportunities offered by Georgetown County, visit our website at www.gtcounty.org and click the government tab. Additionally, tours of various county facilities are available and the county has an active speakers bureau willing to speak at local meetings. For more information, please contact Jackie Broach-Akers, Georgetown County Public Information Officer, at jbroach@gtcounty.org or (843) 545-3164.

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Capital Project Sales Tax to expire April 30

The 1 percent sales tax that went into effect in 2014 to fund several important capital projects will expire on April 30, bringing the sales tax rate in Georgetown County back to 6 percent — one of the lowest in the state.

The Capital Project Sales Tax is currently projected to generate \$41.3 million by the end of the collections period for projects including roads, emergency services improvements and dredging projects. When implemented, the tax was expected to generate \$28 million. County Council will decide what to do with the surplus funds, in addition to \$6 million that was earmarked for dredging the Georgetown Port, now that that project appears to be unviable. State law will restrict what these funds can be used for. Discussions about how the funds will be used will begin after the collections period ends.

The County has already completed a number of the sales tax projects, including more than 100 road paving projects countywide, dredging of Murrells Inlet, renourishment at Garden City Beach and completion of several fire substations that will lower property taxes for many residents across the county.

Waccamaw Library to host roundtable on Early Childhood Education Center

On Thursday, June 6 at 10 a.m., the Waccamaw Library will host a special roundtable on early childhood education in Georgetown County and how one learning center might serve as a model for improvement.

The roundtable, with an audience question and answer period to follow, will feature Carolyn Ellis, Chair of the Early Learning Council of Georgetown County; Bishop John Smith Jr., Pastor of the Greater Bibleway Church of Georgetown; and Harold Stowe, former chairman of the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. The participants will discuss how individual donors and the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation worked together to create substantial, long-term improvements to the learning environment at the Bibleway Community Learning Center located in the West End community of Georgetown.

The Center had been operating since 1986 and was in need of upgrades to its facilities in 2016. Instead of simply making basic fixes for the building's issues, however, stakeholders collaborated with donors and the Bunnelle Foundation to launch renovations that would enhance the learning atmosphere for the children at the Center.

These changes included Plexiglass partitions and doors to create new "mini-classrooms" where teachers can see what activities are in progress; a wall removed to create open space and cleaner sightlines for larger group learning activities; and several other upgrades to advance the overall environment, such as new vinyl floors to replace cumbersome carpeting, remodeled bathrooms, and newly painted walls. The result is a place much more conducive to educational programs, where children feel welcome, comfortable, and ready to learn.

Ellis, Smith, and Stowe believe the enhancements at the Bibleway Community Learning Center will light a path for similar improvements at other early childhood education centers across Georgetown County.

The Waccamaw Library is located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. The program is free and open to the public.

Portion of Petigru Drive closed

Motorists are advised that the dirt portion of Petigru Drive in Pawleys Island will be closed April 10-12 for paving. As a result, the Stables Park field complex on Petigru Drive will also be closed during this period.

Although the closure will surely be an inconvenience, the paving project will provide greatly improved access to Stables Park once completed.

Library offers Backyard Naturalist kits for kids

The Georgetown County Library system is now offering Backyard Naturalist Backpack kits for children who want to explore nature in their neighborhood. The kits are available for loan and include: a backyard activities book, a kids' insect net, compact binoculars, a magnifying glass and more.

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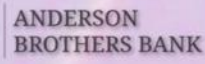
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News from our Veterans Affairs Officer: Events, scholarship opportunities, meetings and more

By David Murphy

Happy Easter to everyone! Many thanks to all for your prayers during my recent time of sickness. I'm happy to be back at work and starting my monthly column back up. Please see below news and events that I believe will be of interest to our local veterans and their families.

Commander Franklin Rutledge of the **Lowcountry Veterans Group**



Murphy

announces that the group will participate in the May 7 Palmetto Giving Day. Individuals, churches, fraternal groups and businesses can go to www.palmettogivingday.org and make a donation. The Lowcountry Veterans Group, working closely with other community resources, assists veterans who are facing homelessness, unemployment and those who are suffering from the physical and mental wounds of war.

The group operates a monthly food pantry and — on a weekly basis — delivers food to compassionate care centers. The group hosts an annual Veterans Day event and luncheon. It also assists veterans with VA disability claims. For information, visit www.lowcountryvets.org.

The group meets on the second Saturday of each month at the Meeting Place, located at 2921 Highmarket St., Georgetown. Meetings start at 10 a.m. All veterans and veterans' support volunteers are welcome.

The **Lowcountry Veterans Group Gospel Choir** will host its inaugural Gospel Explosion on Friday, April 20, at the Winyah Auditorium starting at 4 p.m. The Winyah Auditorium is located at 1200 Highmarket St. The event will benefit the Allen Chapel AME Church. There is no admission charge for the event, but donations are welcome. Gospel singing groups are welcome to participate. For more information about the Gospel Explosion, please contact Larry Brown of the Lowcountry Veterans Group Gospel Choir at (843) 359-6449.

Commander Rutledge also invites members of the public to shop and enjoy fish sandwiches and hotdogs at the **Lowcountry Veterans Group Yard Sale Fundraiser** on Saturday, April 27. The event starts at 8 a.m.

The sale benefits homeless veterans and the veterans assisted rides program. The

yard sale will feature furniture, office supplies, clothes, housewares, medical supplies and more. Vendors are welcome to setup booths. The vendor fee is \$25. The yard sale will be held at the Meeting Place, located at 2921 Highmarket St. Donations may be dropped off prior to the event. For information, please contact Theodore Russell at (843) 421-6013 or Jacqueline Dozier at (843) 222-5002.

March 29 was **National Vietnam Veterans Day**. We extend our best wishes to our brother and sister Vietnam veterans. The day honors all veterans who served during the Vietnam era. Celebrations also included a Ride to the State House, followed by ceremonies featuring Gov. Henry McMaster and Major Gen. Steve Siegfried, a Vietnam Veteran. We have great admiration for the prisoners of war who experienced torture at the hands of their captors in places like the Hanoi Hilton, and also for our combat wounded. We stand shoulder to shoulder with veterans suffering from the effects of Agent Orange and the mental and physical wounds of war. We also extend a job well done to our Women Veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

American Legion Post 69 Commander Ed Jayroe announces that Post 69 has pledged four juniors from Andrews High School to attend the American Legion Boys State Program to be held June 9-15 at Anderson University. At the Palmetto Boys State, boys are called "citizens" and they elect and form their own federal, state and city governments. They learn about the U.S. Constitution and the democratic process. The citizens go to Columbia and meet our elected officials and tour the Capitol. One boy will be elected Governor of Palmetto Boys Station and will travel to Washington, D.C. for the American Legion National Boys State.

Post 69 Auxiliary Unit President Olga Miles announces Auxiliary 69 will be pledging students from Andrews High School for the Palmetto Girls State. Veterans are welcome to join American Legion Post 69, which meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at Post 69, located at 1067 N. Morgan Avenue in Andrews. For information contact Commander Ed Jayroe at (843) 325-7740. Spouses and family members of veterans or active military members are welcome to join Auxiliary Unit 69.

Commander Jayroe also encourages seniors at Andrews High School to apply for the

American Legion **Post 69 Ransom Hinnant Scholarship**. The \$500 scholarship is awarded to a senior who has a parent or grandparent who is a military veteran, or has someone in their extended family who was killed in action, is missing in action or was a prisoner of war. Scholarship applications are available at the guidance department. Ransom Hinnant is a Legionnaire who served with honor during World War II and the Korean War.

American Legion Post 69 and the **Andrews Veterans Association** have partnered to erect the **Andrews Veterans Memorial Park** on property owned by American Legion Post 69 on Route 41 in Andrews. Donations can be mailed to the AVMP, P.O. Box 584, Andrews, SC 29510. The AVMP thank the businesses and individuals who made donations and participated in the inaugural Andrews Veterans Memorial Park Golf Tournament, held at the Wedgefield Country Club. Special thanks to **Archie Hanna** of the Andrews Veterans Association who completed most of the work on the tournament.

Veterans are welcome to join the Andrews Veterans Association. Meetings are held at American Legion Post 69 on the second Monday of each month, and begin at 6 p.m. For information contact AVA Chairman Thomas G. Alford at (843) 833-3267.

For updates and more information about events happening locally and around the state for veterans, please follow the Georgetown County Veterans Affairs Office on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gtcVeterans. 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.

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Library breaks ground on new Southern branch

Residents of the Sampit, North Santee and neighboring communities, along with library supporters from across the county came together on March 21 to celebrate a milestone. It was a day when a dream more than a decade in the making became reality with the turn of a shovel.

Georgetown County broke ground that evening on the new Southern Georgetown Community Branch Library. It will be the county's fifth branch, serving the rural area south of the City of Georgetown.

"This library should be described as an investment in the future of our children," said County Council Member Everett Carolina. "It is more than bricks and mortar, books and shelves. It's a gathering place for ideas."

He recognized residents of the community who dreamed and fought for the new branch, but sadly passed away before the dream came to fruition. He specifically named the late Daniel Bratcher, Reuben Davis, Edna Wright and Emma Strafford, for whom rooms within the new branch will be named. Loved ones of those individuals spoke on their behalf about what a blessing this facility will be for the community.

Jean Cross, chairwoman of the Georgetown County Library, agreed and said that is why the board has done all it can to support the residents who wanted a community library so badly.

"I know that with the beginning of this, you will grow by leaps and bounds, and you will be delighted to have a community learning center. Libraries are no longer just libraries," she said. "They truly are community learning centers where people of all ages can go to improve their knowledge and work with each other to improve their communities."

When the new library opens, it will have a full collection of books thanks to one of its sister branches. The Friends of the Waccamaw Library raised money last year to name an area of their



Students Kiera Lee of Lambertown, Aundera Simpson of Sampit and Aryanna Curtain of North Santee read poems during the event and talked about how much students value the Bookmobile that currently provides books for youth in their communities.

branch after the Chandler and Peterkin families of Murrells Inlet. When it had funds left over, it decided to use them to help a new library get started and to help another community see the same benefits from a local library as the Waccamaw Neck has. The group donated \$15,000 for books for the Southern Georgetown Branch, with the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation agreeing to match the funds.

"I know this library is going to be as big a heart in your community as all your churches and as the library on the Waccamaw Neck is in that community, said Linda Ketron of the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.

The new library will be located at 4187 Powell Road and will be approximately 9,000 square feet.

Library Director Dwight McInvaill, described at the groundbreaking as "the guy who never gives up," said he isn't sure exactly what the new library will be like. Its' character is more than blueprints and will be determined by the communities that will use it.

"Your dreams are going to infuse it with spirit and make it what it will become," he said. "It's going to be splendid."

