



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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March 19 – Friends of the Georgetown Library Spring Community Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to noon. Rain date is April 2. See page 6.

March 22 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St., Georgetown.

March 29 – Special election to fill vacant school board seat. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

March 30 – Last day to file for partisan seats in the 2022 general election.

March 31 – Public hearing on community needs, 6 p.m. at Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments. See page 2.

April 12 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St., Georgetown.

April 15 – County offices and facilities are closed for Good Friday.

View more events at gtcounty.org

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Absentee voting open for March 29 special election

Absentee voting (including in-person absentee) is now open for the March 29 special election that will fill a vacant seat on the Georgetown County School Board.

The vacant seat is “at large,” which means any registered voter in the county is eligible to vote in the special election. Additionally, school board seats are non-partisan.

Absentee voting will be open until 5 p.m. the day before the election. Any voter who is unavailable to vote in person on the actual day of the election is eligible to vote absentee. In-person absentee votes may be cast from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Georgetown County Office of Elections and Voter Registration, located at 303 N. Hazard St., Georgetown.

The special election will fill the seat vacated by Jim Dumm, who resigned in December after 27 years on the school board. Three candidates appear on the ballot for the vacant seat: Kathy Ferdon-Anderson, a former teacher who resides in Georgetown; Jon Tester, a retired school administrator who resides in the Pawleys Island area; and Scott DuBose, a retired VP of a management consulting firm who resides in the Pawleys Island area. View a sample ballot at gtcounty.org.

The seat will be up for election again in November, this time for a full term.

Filing period open for candidate seats

Filing for partisan seats on the ballot for the 2022 General Election in Georgetown County opened on

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Manigault to be inducted to S.C. Officials Hall of Fame

Joey Manigault is a community favorite in Georgetown County. He has been with the County’s Parks and Recreation department since November of 1989, and people of all ages – from “Old Timers,” to kids taking part in their first youth leagues – love to see him on the court, the field, or anywhere else.

But Manigault’s reputation in the S.C. sports world extends far past the county’s borders, and it’s about to get bigger as he joins a rather elite club.

The S.C. Basketball Officials Association recently announced that Manigault will be inducted into its Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Columbia on May 7. It’s the Association’s highest honor, “reserved for those individuals who have significantly influenced high school basketball,” set



Joey Manigault, a community specialist with Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, will be inducted into the S.C. Basketball Officials Hall of Fame this spring.

themselves above the ordinary and who represent their fellow officials and the S.C. High School League in an exemplary manner, said Richie Jeffcoat, Hall of Fame Chairman.

Just to be considered, an official must have a minimum of 20 years officiating, have officiated at least

two state basketball finals games and an All-Star game, and serve in a leadership role in their area of the state.

Additionally, Manigault received the Bryan Fink Basketball Official of the Year Award this season for the district encompassing Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg counties.

A man who enjoys serving his community, but prefers staying out of the spotlight, Manigault isn’t looking forward to all the attention or the three-minute induction speech he will be expected

to deliver.

“I don’t even know what I’m going to say,” he said. “If it was up to me, I’d just have a little ceremony right here on the field at Beck (Recreation Center).”

All he really wants from the day,

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Register of Deeds Office introduces e-recording option

On March 14, the Georgetown County Register of Deeds office accepted its first electronically-recorded document for the public record. The county has signed a Memorandum of Understanding that allows a company called Simplifile to accept digital deeds, mortgages and other documents for electronic recording within the county's system.

Allowing these types of important official documents to be submitted electronically for recording will both reduce costs for the county and increase productivity for staff in the Register of Deeds office, said Marlene McConnell, who heads the office.

"It's also much faster," she said. "We're not having to mail documents back anymore. Items are recorded within minutes and people don't have to wait for us to receive them or to get them back. It's a huge improvement."

The service comes at no cost to the county. The office had been looking at adding e-recording for some time, but the pandemic highlighted the urgency of the need.

"When COVID-19 hit, I really wished we had done it sooner," McConnell said. "It's just more convenient in a lot of ways. It's a huge improvement."

On the first day it was offered, 11% of records submitted that day were submitted electronically. McConnell said she anticipates that as more people learn e-filing is an option, as much as 70% of documents will be submitted that way.

"It takes some time for people to get used to it," she said. Documents may be submitted electronically at simplifile.com. Simplifile is one of four companies offering e-recording. The other two are CSC Corporation Service, E-Recording Partners and Synrgo Inc. Georgetown County will add these vendors later this year as another option for residents to use.

Public hearing to focus on community needs

A public hearing to solicit input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities and economic development will take place at 6 p.m. March 31. The meeting will be in the conference room at Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments, located at 1230 Highmarket St., Georgetown.

At this public hearing, officials will provide the results of its needs assessment and the activities which might be undertaken to meet identified needs, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income. This public hearing and the matters to be discussed are subject to the provisions of the Georgetown County Citizen Participation Plan, developed in anticipation of participation in the state's of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, providing for the participation of the residents of Georgetown County in the planning and implementation of community and economic development projects which will involve CDBG funds.

The Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at gtcounty.org on the [Public Notices page](#). Persons with questions or comments concerning the public hearing or the Citizen Participation Plan may contact Marsha Smith, grant services director at Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments by phone at (843) 546-8502.

Council puts restrictions on beach digging after requests from public



Giant holes left on the beach have long been a concern for many coastal residents. They say they've seen some big enough to fit a small car. Beachgoers have been known to spend an entire day digging, then leave the holes unfilled — a dangerous trap for unwary walkers and wildlife.

At its March 8 meeting, Georgetown County Council took action to help alleviate the issue, passing an ordinance that restricts holes dug on the beach to two feet in depth. The new law also requires people who dig holes to fill them in before they leave. The fine for violations is \$20, but county officials hope it will be enough to encourage beachgoers to follow the rules and keep the beach safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Many residents said the most important thing to them was not the fine, but just having a rule on the books to help encourage people not to dig and leave holes. Last summer, a man on Pawleys Island reported being assaulted when a vacationer spotted him trying to fill in a large hole the vacationer left on the beach.

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 social media accounts. If you'd rather have it delivered to your inbox, sign up at gtcounty.org by clicking the "News & Alerts" icon on the home page.

If you have questions or comments about this newsletter, please contact Jackie Broach at (843) 545-3164 or jbroach@gtcounty.org. We welcome your feedback.

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Elections

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March 16. These include three seats on County Council, two State House of Representatives seats, one U.S. House of Representatives seat and the office of 15th Circuit Solicitor. Potential candidates will have until noon on March 30 to file in person at the Georgetown County Office of Elections and Voter Registration, located at 303 N. Hazard St., Georgetown.

County Council seats up for election are in Districts 1, 6 and 7. While Council Chairman Louis Morant of District 7 has said he plans to seek re-election, there will be no incumbent in races for the other two districts. District 1 representative John Thomas and District 6 representative Steve Goggans announced last year that they would not seek re-election. Council seats have four-year terms. The filing fee is \$607.12.

The office of Solicitor also has a four-year term. The current seat holder is Jimmie Richardson. Cost to file is \$5,654.16.

The U.S. House of Representatives seat held by Tom Rice, as well as the two state House seats (District 108, held by Lee Hewitt, and District 103, held by Carl Anderson) all have two-year terms. Filing fee for the federal seat is \$3,480. Filing fee for the state seats is \$208.

Filing for nonpartisan seats, including four school board seats, will open Aug. 1. For more information, view the [Filing to Run for Office page](#) at [gtcounty.org](#).

Did you know you can watch Georgetown County Council meetings online?
 We livestream every council meeting to make it easier for you to stay up to date with what's happening. Watch at [YouTube.com/GtCountySC](#).

Take a Kid Fishing Day

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation will host another great family fishing day this spring at 8 Oaks Park!

Save the Date
May 14

Free to Participate | Sponsors welcome
 Fun Prizes for Kids

More information coming soon. Call (843) 545-3550 or visit [gtcparks.org](#).

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR Track & Field

ALL SPORTS OPEN TO AGES 5-12

Register from February 22, 2022 – March 21, 2022
 FEE: \$15 per Child
 Meets will be held on Saturdays at the Beck Recreation Center

- April 2, 2022 1pm
- April 9, 2022 10am
- April 16, 2022 10am
- April 23, 2022 10am (Fun-Day)
- April 30, 2022 10am

Register @ [gtcparks.org](#)

PRACTICE DAYS & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF VOLUNTEER COACHES

Practices Days & Times TBD
 For More Information Call 843-545-3320

Georgetown County Main Library

405 Cleland Street, Georgetown

April Happenings 2022

Mother Goose Story Time
 stories, fingerplays & movement
Wednesdays 10:00am
 toddlers - age 5

Kindermusik Music & Stories
 with Ms Kathy
Wednesdays
April 6th & 20th
10:00am
 Ages 2 - 5

"Lego"Free Build"
 Drop-In
Fridays
4:00pm - 5:30pm
 All ages

Myrtle Beach Art Museum
Art Classes
Tuesday, April 19th
at the Library
"Rock-a-bye" Painting
4:00pm - 5:00pm
Ages 6-12
 (every 3rd Tuesday Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr)

Family Night at your Library
Friday, April 15th
 Crafts, Legos, Board/Card Games, VR fun! Snacks too!
4:00pm - 5:30pm

"Plants of the Salt Marsh"
 with Hayley Fournier
 North Inlet Winyah Bay
 National Estuarine Research Reserve
Wednesday, April 6th
4:00pm - 5:00pm
 ages 6 and older

Questions please call
 843-545-3311 or 3310

Economic Development Dept. to connect job seekers with top employers at job fair

Georgetown County Economic Development is looking to connect potential employees with its top employers. In partnership with Horry-Georgetown Technical College, SC Works-Waccamaw, and the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments, this job fair will be on April 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Horry-Georgetown Tech's Advanced Manufacturing Center, located on the Georgetown campus.

Whether job seekers are looking for a fresh start, a better opportunity, or a new career direction, they will be able to connect and apply on the spot with some of the county's largest and most successful employers. Participating employers include SafeRack, Interfor, ScreenTight, MPW Services, and many more. Government employers including Georgetown County, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and Georgetown County Emergency Services will also be on site with opportunities.

"Georgetown County has a tremendous opportunity to grow. With our industries offering solid and sustainable wages, it is definitely a time to make sure the residents of Georgetown County know what's available," said Tiffany Harrison, director of Georgetown County Economic Development.

There is no registration required for potential employees. Employers looking to participate should contact Maya Morant Maya Morant at mmorant@gtcounty.org.

County to name park in honor of Ladson

Georgetown County will name a park in the Plantersville community in honor of the late Abie Roger Ladson Sr. Council approved the honor on March 8 at the request of a group of area residents.

The park is located at 180 Jackson Village Road.

Ladson, who passed away in February of last year at the age of 81, is remembered as a pillar of the Plantersville community. He was a strong advocate for the area's youth and led the effort to implement the first Plantersville community athletic program. His service and commitment to organizing football, basketball and baseball teams paved the way for many local youth to become successful athletes, obtain athletic and academic scholarships to various colleges.

Ladson also taught leadership, responsibility, accountability and courage to area youth, helping many of them flourish and become successful adults, community members said.

Ladson was also an Army veteran and a graduate of Choppee High School, the Hampton Institute in Virginia and the University of South Carolina, where he received his master's degree in secondary education.



Abie Ladson Sr.

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation wants you to mark your calendars for something big!

SAVE THE DATE

TRACK & FIELD NAMING CEREMONY

Saturday, April 23, 2022
at Beck Recreation Center

With special guest:
Olympic Gold Medalist & Georgetown native Anthuan Maybank!

LET'S TALK SUCCESS!

WITH ANTHUAN MAYBANK

A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Olympic gold medalist, motivational speaker and Georgetown native Anthuan Maybank will have a special, free program for local youth during his April visit. Families welcome.

- Smart Choices
- Discipline
- Goals
- Success

FRIDAY, APRIL 22
11 A.M. AT HOWARD AUDITORIUM

Email bgoodale@gtcounty.org for information.

Author to present on book about Winyah Gators

The Friends of the Georgetown Library will host a presentation, reception and book signing with Danny Brabham on Wednesday, March 23. The program will begin at 2 p.m. at the Library on Cleland Street.

Brabham recently released "The Gators of Winyah High School," a book focusing on the former Winyah High School's football program. Brabham is a member of Winyah's Class of 1952.

Books are \$25 and sales are being handled through the Friends of the Georgetown Library, as proceeds will benefit the library.

Publishing of the book was a project of a group of Winyah High alumni, which previously partnered with the library to help it digitize a complete collection of Winyah High yearbooks for the County's Digital Library, located at gcdigital.org. The group also donated funds to allow the Library to print the book and use it as a fundraiser. This is the second book the library has produced. The first was a book focusing on general local history.

The Friends of the Library expect sales of "The Gators of Winyah High School" to generate about \$5,000 for library programming, said Library Director Dwight McInvaill.

Courting success



The Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center at Stables Park hosted 99 youth tennis players from across the region earlier this month for the McGill Law Junior Classic. This was a National Level 6 tournament for single and mixed doubles players ages 12-18. Points accumulated during the matches will go toward players' national rankings.

The Waccamaw Library and the Poetry Society of S.C. are pleased to announce



The 2021 Litchfield Tea and Poetry Series



Monthly presentations through April, each featuring thought-provoking poets with S.C. connections.



Programs are free, open to the public and start at 10 a.m. at the Waccamaw Library.

April 21



Award-winning poet **Libby Bernardin** is author of the book-length collection "Stones Ripe for Sowing," as well as two chap books "The Book of Myth" and "Layers of Song." Her new collection, "House in Need of Mooring," is forthcoming this year. She is a Pushcart Prize nominee, a Life Member of the S.C. Academy of Authors Board, and former director of the Litchfield Tea & Poetry Series.



Renowned poet **Glenis Redmond** explores the living histories of her Afro-Carolinian roots. Her work has appeared on NPR and PBS and in "Orion," "Obsidian" and "StorySouth." Her poetry collections include "The Three Harriets and Others," and "The Listening Skin." A Cave Canem poet, Redmond entered the Governor's Award for the Arts in 2020 and will be inducted into the S.C. Academy of Authors in 2022.

CALLING ALL TALENT GROUPS!



GEORGETOWN COUNTY IS LOOKING FOR BANDS, DANCERS, DRUMLINES & MORE TO PERFORM AT THE NAMING CEREMONY OF THE BECK RECREATION CENTER TRACK FIELD!



Come celebrate with special guest Olympic Gold Medalist and Georgetown Native: **Anthuan Maybank**



WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022
WHERE: BECK RECREATION CENTER
CONTACT: BETH GOODALE
(843) 545-3550 OR BGOODALE@GTCOUNTY.ORG

Spring announcements from our Veterans Services Officer

By David Murphy

Georgetown County Veterans Services

Hello Veterans! I am pleased to announce we had so many local veterans sign up to receive Quilts of Valor that we are working to schedule a second ceremony this summer! Georgetown County Veterans Services will have its first ceremony at 11 a.m. on April 8 on the Beck Recreation Center Track. I invite you all to come out and watch this wonderful event.

There are 27 individuals who will be honored with quilts at the ceremony in April. They are: David Rice, Richard Phillips, Vince Weaver, Charles Clark, James Harrelson,



Murphy

Tyler Todd, Samuel Green, Barney McCray, Joseph Williamson, Franklin Rutledge, Charlie Weaver, Robert Patterson, James Edwards, William McWethy, Ambrosio Acosta, Forrest Cronia, Francis Siau III, Paul Cooper, Tracy Childers, Edward Slomkowski, Theodore Russell, Richard Martin, Terea Ford, Joseph Kosydar, Matthew Grayson, Jason Creson and Eric Holtzback.

In other important news for this month, effective March 14, the Department of Revenue will no longer accept applications sent via email or fax. Applicants will have the options of applying via MyDORWAY or mailing in the application.

If the applicant wishes to submit the application electronically, they will need to register for an account with MyDORWAY and submit the application on our web portal at

https://mydorway.dor.sc.gov/_/.

To sign up for MyDORWAY, the applicant will need the following:

- FEIN, SSN, or South Carolina ID (SID)
- File Number – This is the number we use to identify business tax accounts. Examples:

For a Sales account, this is your Retail License number. For a Withholding account, this is your Withholding number.

- One of the following: 1) Last Payment Amount, 2) Last Refund Amount, 3) Line 1 from the Last Return, or 4) Letter ID - Displayed on all SCDOR correspondence.

For All 100% P & T veterans, the military installations will no longer accept our county letters showing your 100% status when applying for an ID card to use the Commissary and Base Exchange. They have to have the letter that your receive from the VA. If you do not have your letter, please give our office a call to try to access your letter, or you can call 800-827-1000 and have them fax or mail you proof of your 100% status.



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- . Need help clearing title to family land?
- . Need help with probate?
- . Learn about Wills and basic estate planning
- . Learn about heirs' property

Join us for a **FREE** educational seminar

- * Free Private Consultations with Attorney following seminar
- * For Private Consultations, bring related deeds, tax bills or probate documents
- * *Must attend seminar to receive free on-site consultation*

Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Howard Auditorium

1610 Hawkins Street

Georgetown, SC 29440

LaShawna Armstrong

843-545-3158

Sponsored by Georgetown County Planning and Code Enforcement and Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation

Refreshments will be served.



Library's community yard sale set for March 19

The Friends of the Georgetown Library will have their Spring Community Yard



Sale on Saturday, March 19, from 8 a.m. to noon behind the library — weather allowing. A rain date has been set for April 2.

More than 15 families and groups have signed up to sell at the event, with a large selection of items up for grabs at great prices. Additionally, the Friends of the Library will have a book sale and a jewelry sale during the event.

"We will be offering a large selection of hardback and paperback fiction books, books on health and wellness, and a selection of beautiful new jewelry donated to the Friends," said Bob Wiley, Friends president.

Hardbacks will be sold for \$1 and paperbacks for 50 cents. Admission to the sale is free. Proceeds from registrations to sell at the event will go toward library programming.

Performance will commemorate 110th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic

In April 1912, the unthinkable happened. The supposedly “unsinkable” marvel of modern technology, the Titanic, struck an iceberg and sank to the cold depths.

More than 1,500 passengers and crew died. One of the survivors was Edith



Debra Conner as Titanic survivor Edith Russell.

Russell, a fashion designer and journalist. To mark the 110th anniversary of this momentous event, the Georgetown Library will welcome Debra Conner, an accomplished living history performer. On Friday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m., Conner will present a spellbinding firsthand account of the Titanic’s fateful voyage from Russell’s vivid perspective. As a first-class passenger on the doomed ship, the flamboyant Russell required a first-class cabin for herself and a first-class cabin for her clothing. The performance will be followed by an audience Q&A session, with Conner answering both as herself and in character as Russell.

The performance is generously sponsored by S.C. Humanities and the Friends of the Georgetown Library, and is free and open to the public. The Georgetown Library is located at 405 Cleland Street.

Conner began working as a living history performer in 1997. She has performed throughout the country, including ten tours with Ohio Chautauqua, and has appeared at the Forbes Gallery in New York, the Baltimore Museum of Art and at the Margaret Mitchell Museum in Atlanta. For many years, Conner worked as an Artist-in-Residence for the Ohio Arts Council, the West Virginia Arts Commission, and as a faculty member at several colleges.

Poet to discuss “gift of blindness”

In celebration of April as National Poetry Month, the Waccamaw Library’s First Thursday program will welcome unsighted poet Ann-Chadwell Humphries on April 7. Humphries will deliver a 10 a.m. presentation entitled “A Poet and the Gift of Blindness,” exploring how the loss of her vision led to the development of her writerly vision.



Humphries

The program will take place in the library auditorium at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. All First Thursday events begin at 10 a.m., and are free and open to the public. If you miss a presentation, videos are made available afterward on the Library’s [YouTube Channel](#).

As an adult, Humphries gradually lost her sight from a genetic disorder. Yet she has used poetry to respond to this transition and to develop other senses — the sense of memory, the sense of concentration, the sense of organization, etc. — so that now she considers blindness a gift.

The winner of poetry contests, awards, and scholarships, Humphries has published work everywhere from literary journals to city buses. Muddy Ford Press selected her poetry collection, “An Eclipse and a Butcher” (2020), for its Laureate series, and she was designated a Notable Woman by the University of South Carolina’s Special Collections Library.

Ann-Chadwell Humphries’ appearance is sponsored by S.C. Humanities and the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.

FREE BICYCLE RODEO

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 2
at Stables Park

For kids in 3rd Grade and Younger.
Featuring a Skills Course, Bike Doctor, Bike Decorating, free helmets and a chance drawing for 1 girls bike and 1 boys bike.

Details at <https://pikwanis.net/childrens-day-at-the-park/>

SHUSHCON'22

March 25-27

At the Waccamaw Neck Branch Library
41 St Paul's Pl in Pawleys Island

RPGs

Board Games

Miniatures

Video Games

TCGs

Virtual Reality

Escape Rooms

Events Begin at 1pm Friday and 8am Saturday and Sunday
Shushcon.com for pre-registration and event submission

For more info: 843-545-3343 or ddennis@gtcounty.org

Sheriff's Office participates in College and Career Fair at Waccamaw



Members of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office enjoyed meeting teens at Waccamaw High School during the school's College and Career Fair on March 16. Pictured (from left): Insp. John Magann from the Detention Center, Lt. Michael Nelson, Sgt. Robert Patterson, 911 Manager Joseph Williamson and Sgt. AJ Kohut.

Rock 'n' Roll meets poetry at the library

What do poetry and rock music have in common? Find out at 4 p.m. March 31, when the Waccamaw Library hosts distinguished scholar and author Ernest Suarez, who will discuss connections between rock music and poetry.

In an engaging multimedia presentation, Suarez will explore how rock influenced poetry-writing, and vice versa, especially during the 1960s, with the emergence of lyrics-driven songs by artists like Bob Dylan, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Marvin Gaye.

Suarez's presentation is the first part of an exciting double feature at the library that evening. At 6 p.m., renowned singer-songwriter David Bankston will deliver a live performance of Americana and Southern roots music, "Acoustic Roots." The double program is free and open to all, and sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.

Suarez is a professor of English at the Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.) and executive director of the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers. A prolific scholar, he has published numerous books and articles on U.S. literature, especially Southern literature and music. His excellence in teaching has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation and the Fulbright Program. With Mike Mattison of the Grammy Award-winning Tedeschi Trucks Band, he coauthored "Poetic Song Verse: Blues-based Popular Music and Poetry," which explores the invention of rock lyrics as a distinct literary genre from the 1960s forward.

Bankston is distinguished professor emeritus of music at Coastal Carolina University. His storied musical career includes fronting a 1970s folk rock band with a major label deal, collaborating with legendary guitarists Sam Broussard and Sonny Landreth, and singing lead roles in opera and musical theater productions around the United States.

D.I.Y Mini Faux

CARROT PATCH

April 8th @ 10 a.m.



Supplies are limited

Registration required



Contact Mallary Allen at mallen@gtcounty.org

or call

843-545-3351

to register



Waccamaw Neck Branch Library
41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island, SC 29585

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Hall of Fame

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he added, is his wife, Ruthenia, by his side and his children and grandchildren around him. He said he also plans to gift the ring that comes with the honor to his wife.

"I can't see wearing it," he said with a shake of his head.

But don't mistake his lack of enthusiasm about all the pomp and circumstance for a lack of excitement about the award itself. He is visibly moved and excited to have been selected for such a rarified honor.

"I went to a meeting and the guys around the table, they started questioning me," he recalled. The next thing he knew, he had been nominated by the district director and shortly after received notice that he would be inducted.

"It's just something I never would have expected," he said, discretely wiping at misty eyes. "Georgetown has a pretty good history with Hall of Famers."

He named Leon Myers and Stacey Franklin as examples.

"It feels pretty good to join their ranks," he said.

Sports have been a huge part of Manigault's life since childhood. In his day job, he is a Community Specialist for Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, working with youth in a variety of leagues and programs, including basketball, football and track and field. In his off hours, he officiates basketball and football. He officiated the Beach Ball Classic for many years and — along with Richie Jeffcoat and Rico Williams — was part of the first all-black officials crew to officiate a game at the Beach Ball Classic. With Manigault's induction, all three men will now be in the Hall of Fame.



Joey Manigault is pictured officiating an S.C. High School League AAA State Championship basketball game in Aiken last year.

"It really doesn't seem like I've been officiating for more than 20 years," he said. "I've enjoyed it and the kids. It's helped me so much. I've been able to keep up with the game and see it change. They're doing things we didn't do when I was playing."

It also helps him better relate to coaches and teach sportsmanship, he said.

"What happens is you see them come up through the system. You see them start here in the gym. I would go to a B-Team game to officiate. You see them there. Then you go to JV, to high school. I've been blessed to be on the floor with a couple who went on to play in college. It's a privilege to watch them advance."

For some, a Hall of Fame entry would be the culmination of a career dedicated to sports and young athletes. But Manigault, 65, said he still has plenty more chapters to write and he isn't planning to slow down any time soon, despite some recent health challenges.

"To me, it's just the beginning," he said. "I tried retirement. I tried it for 15 days and it just didn't work. I'm still going to be out here working with these kids for a long time yet."

VOLUNTEER & HIRING DRIVE

Free Hotdogs!
Stop by and bring the family!

If you've ever thought about being a firefighter or EMT, we want to talk to you! We have a variety of career and volunteer positions available, and we're looking for brave men and women who want to make a real difference in their community and the lives of their neighbors. We'll provide you with all the training you need, so no previous experience is necessary. Stop by and let us answer any questions you have.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
STATION # 24, 4229 POWELL RD.

STOP BY OR CALL (843) 545-3138.

— WE ARE ON —

I N S T A G R A M

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Georgetown County, South Carolina County Government

Numbers to know

(All begin with area code 843)

Animal Control, 546-5101

Assessor, 545-3014

Auditor, 545-3021

Clerk of Court, 545-3004

County Council, 545-3058

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Putting the Georgetown Airport on the map

One of County Administrator Angela Christian's goals is to put the Georgetown County Airport on the map as a destination airport along the coast of South Carolina.

"It's an underappreciated asset," said Christian. "We have an opportunity to bring jobs and revenue to the county by building up this airport. It would be a shame if we didn't utilize such a viable property for development."

Centrally located between Myrtle Beach and Charleston, the Georgetown Airport was built in 1941 as a military airbase during World War II as an auxiliary airfield for Parris Island. It was turned over to the county after the war, and since then has been mainly used as a hobbyist airport for local pilots.

Hobbyist pilots are always welcome at Georgetown County Airport, said Airport Manager Jim Taylor, but he agrees that there is massive business potential for the 645-acre airfield and is excited to bring businesses to the airport to make the airport more financially sustainable.

"One of our major long-term goals is for the airport to be financially self-sufficient. Anything we can do to make our airport more self-sustaining lessens the burden of monies we need from the county and taxpayers," said Taylor.

Located right next door to the airport is the Georgetown campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the airport was in communication with HGTC about creating an access gate between the facilities in order to give mechanics students the opportunity to take aviation mechanics classes, offer student internships in aviation mechanics, and even expand their flight school to be offered to HGTC students.

Those conversations were put on hold when COVID-19 hit, but Taylor said he thinks it would still be a great way to get the community engaged in airport operations, especially since the labor shortage has hit the aviation mechanical industry hard.

"We've had to recruit mechanics from out-of-state to come work for us when we ought to have a surplus of labor given the trade school across the street," Taylor said.

The airport is comprised of three runways: a primary runway that runs 6,000 feet long, a secondary runway that runs about 4,500 feet long, and a tertiary runway that has been decommissioned for several years.



It is along the decommissioned runway that the Georgetown County Office of Economic Development has created multiple limited commercial land parcels to sell to businesses looking to come to the airport.

"Both Myrtle Beach and Charleston's airports are completely built out. They have no available room to grow and are both landlocked at this point," Taylor said. "Here, we have 645 acres that we can develop and are developing."

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been in contact with airport officials about repairing the secondary runway which has had issues with potholes for several years, and they've granted the airport with a 10/90 grant to improve it in the coming years. Taylor said that this grant is a huge help, but they are still looking to fund the rest of the project before breaking ground.

Last summer the Georgetown County Airport announced that Sherpa Air, a charter aviation contracting company, would be opening business at the Georgetown Airport. Sherpa plans to invest nearly \$19 million into the county and build two large aircraft hangars along the decommissioned runway.

Sherpa has set up temporary operations at the airport and are planning to build two 30,000 square foot aircraft hangar facilities later this year, which will be the largest hangars at the Georgetown airport.

Taylor says that he is communicating with other companies to come to Georgetown as well. In the long term, the goal of Georgetown County Airport is to develop along the unused runway so that the airport can become a business park for aviation-related businesses in order to put Georgetown County on the map in the aviation industry.

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