



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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March 16 – County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St.

March 28 – County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St.

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Fire Dept. to have ‘Smoke Detector Blitz’

Firefighters with Georgetown County Fire and EMS will go door-to-door in the Lamberttown community on Feb. 25 to help make sure residents have working smoke detectors.

The “smoke detector blitz” is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Firefighters will speak with residents at home about the importance of having working smoke detectors, and for those who need some help, they’ll not only check existing smoke detectors, but install new ones free of charge where needed.

“We really just want to make sure everybody is safe,” said Michael

What: Firefighters will go door to door to check and install smoke detectors

Where: Lamberttown Community

When: Feb. 25, 10 a.m. - 2p.m.

Morris, fire inspector for the department. “A working smoke detector can make all the difference in a fire when it comes to making sure you and your family get out safely.”

The department scheduled the event in response to a tragic house

fire in December that claimed a life. It also hosted a smoke detector blitz in 2021 following a fatal fire. At that time, it installed nearly 100 smoke detectors in 24 homes. “When you have a fatality or a bad fire in your neighborhood, people are a little more apt to be receptive of public safety messaging and take things more seriously,” said Lt. Dale Hewitt, who headed up the 2021 blitz. “We had a lot of people say, ‘yeah, come on in,’ and who were really glad of the help.”

Firefighters hope residents will be similarly receptive this time around and that the blitz might help prevent future tragedies.

Laser cutter will take center stage during ShushCon event

Educators and librarians from across the region will be invited to the Waccamaw Library March 10 to learn about the library’s success incorporating a laser cutter into programming. Participants will also have a chance to practice using the library’s new laser cutter and create their own laser engraved ornaments.

The event will be part of ShushCon, the library’s annual convention dedicated to “gaming and geekery.” ShushCon will take place March 10-12, is family-friendly and all activities are free.

In addition to tea dueling, Deluxe Catan and the roleplaying game Fiasco, opening day will feature the laser cutter workshop for professionals who may be interested in incorporating a laser cutter into their own programming or lesson plans. The workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“It’s part of Trade Day, which is when we teach the tricks of our trade — cool stuff we do at the library,” said Donald Dennis, ShushCon organizer and games, technology and teen services librarian for the Georgetown County Library system.

The library has talked about its laser cutter more briefly at previous events. “They were so excited by



Gamers at a past ShushCon at the Waccamaw Library.

it,” Dennis said. “And since we got a new laser cutter over the past year, we decided we’d make laser cutting the focus of Trade Day this year.”

Trade Day is usually attended by anywhere from 15-40 professionals from across the state.

Dennis said the library’s first laser cutter “breathed new life into the kinds of projects we could offer our patrons, especially during the pandemic. It also facilitated quite a bit of team building with the library staff.”

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IN MEMORIAM:

Michael Schwartz worked for Sheriff's Office for 25 years

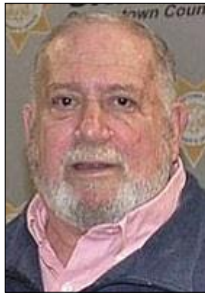
Michael Schwartz of Georgetown, who spent 25 years with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, died at his home on Feb. 5. He was 74.

Schwartz retired as Chief Deputy and director of the Georgetown County Detention Center on Oct. 13, 2017. He began his career with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office in 1992 as a deputy sheriff. He was promoted through the ranks to Master Deputy and Lieutenant, then Assistant Sheriff and finally chief deputy at the Detention Center.

Schwartz improved the operation of county government in a variety of ways, including the implementation of live scan fingerprinting, engaging legal research associates to provide inmates access to legal services and court information, obtaining grants through the housing of federal prisoners, and installing a video conferencing system for magistrates and court hearings.

"Mike will be remembered for his love of family, community and this Office," said Sheriff Carter Weaver. "We need more Michaels in the arena of law enforcement today. He will be greatly missed."

Schwartz was born in Wilmington on July 12, 1948. He graduated from Winyah High School in 1966 and obtained a Bachelor of Sci-



Schwartz

ence degree from The Citadel in 1970. Upon graduation, he began his long career in law enforcement at the North Charleston Police Department. In 1977, he moved to Shelby, N.C., to serve as the administrator of the alternative educational program for Shelby City Schools. His passion for law enforcement continued as he led the Criminal Justice Department at Cleveland Community College (now Cleveland Technical College). While teaching criminal justice and Basic Law Enforcement Training, he was honored as the Instructor of the Year at CCC. In Shelby, he was an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. Michael returned to his hometown in 1992 and began his 25-year career with Georgetown County Sheriff's Office. He was a member of Duncan United Methodist Church.

Schwartz was preceded in death by his parents, Irving and Barbara Scherr Schwartz, as well as his first wife, Florence Glover Schwartz. He is survived by his wife, Veronica Smith Schwartz; three children, Jenny Schwartz Oxendine of Raleigh, Andrew Morrison Schwartz (Maria) of Matthews, N.C., and Joseph Michael Schwartz (Jesse) of Morganton, N.C.; nine grandchildren, Eric Hutson Oxendine (Emili Alexandria), Alex Anderson Oxendine, Teresa Sara Schwartz, Ava Florence Schwartz, Andrew Jacob Schwartz, Andrew Bryson Oxendine, Elijah Joseph Schwartz, Landon Edward Keller, and Isabella Rose Schwartz; and his sisters, Rhonda Schwartz McLaughlin (Alan) and Ilene Jeanette Schwartz. The list of his extended family, friends, fellow law enforcement officers is extensive.

Schwartz will be remembered for his fun-loving demeanor and generous spirit. He was happiest when serving his community, his friends and his family.



GRANT WRITING 101

with Library Director Dwight McInvaill

March 30, 2023 @2:00pm

Finding the right funding source and writing a competitive proposal can be a daunting task. However, with the right guidance and resources, it can be an achievable and rewarding endeavor.

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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.

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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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ShushCon

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That's some of what Dennis and others will talk about on Trade Day as they also teach the basics of using laser cutters/engravers. Activities will focus on CO2 lasers, such as the Thunder Laser and Glowforge, but will also cover the values of fiber lasers and the potential dangers of diode lasers.

The general public will also be able to get in on the laser cutting fun with an event on the last day of ShushCon that will allow them to make their own laser cut dice boxes.

Other highlights of this year's ShushCon will include a local history escape room; Super Smash Bros., Mario Kart and Dune Imperium tournaments; a swap meet; meeples painting; and a Savage Worlds roleplaying session. There will also be several play-to-win opportunities, in which participants can try out a game and if they like it, register for a chance to take the game home.

Whether you're an experienced gamer or a new one, ShushCon is a great opportunity to try games, find games you like and find other gamers to game with, Dennis said.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit Shushcon.com.



Palmetto Pride grant will allow county to continue cleanup initiative

Georgetown County is once again the proud recipient of a \$25,000 Palmetto Pride grant. The grant will help Georgetown County's Environmental Services Division in its efforts to remove litter from roads and other public areas by employing a part-time litter crew.

The county's litter crew initiative began in 2021 with the aid of a \$15,000 local accommodations tax grant. A \$25,000 Palmetto Pride grant the following year allowed the plan to be fully implemented, and this latest award will allow it to continue throughout this year with matching accommodations tax funds.

The county's part-time litter crew is dedicated to roadside cleanups, as well as increasing public awareness about the growing litter problem in Georgetown County. In 2022, the litter crew removed more than 33 tons of litter from more than 660 miles of roadway throughout the county. The hope is the crew will collect less over time as anti-littering and awareness campaigns hopefully result in fewer people littering.

Watch Georgetown County Council meetings online!

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Sheriff Carter Weaver



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Financial Workshop

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- *Budgeting for YOUR Family

Saturday, March 4
11am
Southern Georgetown Library
4187 Powell Road, Georgetown



Guest Speaker:
Nikki Ewing
GKCU Vice President of Marketing



www.gkcu.org
Georgetown Andrews Kingtree Pawleys Island

Winglts cuts ribbon on new facility at Andrews Business Center

Winglts, a specialty designer and manufacturer of bathroom accessories, fastening systems and Americans with Disabilities (ADA)-compliant products, held its ribbon cutting ceremony Feb. 15 at a brand new facility in the Georgetown County Business Center.

The company started its hiring efforts after investing \$7.4 million to its operations in Georgetown County. The initial hiring is for 40 jobs, 13% of which have been filled.

Being in operations for more than 20 years, Winglts has designed and manufactured bathroom accessories, fastening systems and ADA-compliant products that are made with 100% recyclable stainless steel designed for lifetime durability. These products are used for major hospital brands, healthcare, multi-family, senior living, government, and other commercial markets. The facility at 259 Technology Drive in Andrews serves as the company's primary distribution and fulfillment center for North America.

"Confucius once said, 'wherever you go, go with all your heart.' Well, Winglts operates that way. We're bringing our heart to Andrews. We're bringing our heart to Georgetown County," said Tom Murphy, President and CEO of Winglts. "We operate on a very basic principle and it's that we're all one team... You all are now part of our family. That's how we are. We like to make everyone in our community part of the Winglts family."



The ribbon cutting event served as the official welcoming of Winglts to Georgetown County. Speakers at the event included: Georgetown County Council, SC Dept. of Commerce, and Murphy. Attendees were also able to tour the facility and have lunch.

"With the investment in the growth of our workforce, this industrial facility provides 40 new jobs with meaningful opportunities for our community. This shows the continuous commitment to sustainability in our local economy and support for our workforce," said Georgetown County Council Chairman Louis Morant.

Operations at the facility have officially started. Individuals interested in joining Winglts team should email their resumes to hr@winglts.com. For those who are interested in industries in Georgetown County, please contact the Georgetown County Economic Development Department at (843) 545-3161 or visit seegeorgetown.com.



At top: Officials cut the ribbon in front of the new facility on Feb. 15. Above: Exterior and interior views of the new facility, located inside the County's Andrews Business Center.



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For questions, contact ssullivan@gtcounty.org



County adds first electric vehicles to fleet

Georgetown County recently added two electric vehicles to its fleet — a first for the county. It’s a long-awaited move expected to generate savings in coming years.

“We started trying to find battery-operated vehicles to buy about three years ago,” said Donny Cummings, manager of the county’s Facilities Services division. “We were on a wait list and didn’t know how long it was going to take to get to the top.”

With increasing demand for electric vehicles, battery suppliers have been unable to keep up, making new electric vehicles hard to come by. Facilities Services, had planned to buy two high-top vans. It ended up instead with one high-top van (a Ford Transit-350) and a Volkswagen ID.4.

The Division was able to get the van only because they happened to see it sitting on a car lot in Conway. It had been ordered by a plumbing contractor, but by the time the vehicle was ready, the contractor had unfortunately gone out of business. Cummings snapped it up. He said the division hopes to purchase more electric vehicles in the future, eventually replacing all of the Facility Services fleet.

“This is a test right now, but so far it’s going great,” he added.

The van was assigned to Pat Sanders, an HVAC technician with the division, who said it has helped him work faster. He was previously assigned a Ford F-250.

“In the van, I can actually see where all my stuff is. The parts are more accessible,” he said. The county installed shelves in the van to make it a mobile shop for Sanders. He said he’s also achieving significant savings



on fuel and maintenance. He used to spend at least \$100 every time he had to fuel up the truck. Additionally, he said the van needs very little maintenance. The electric vehicle batteries are warranted for eight to 10 years, depending on the vehicle. The biggest maintenance expenses will be tires and brakes.

The county paid \$43,000 for the Volkswagen and about \$60,000 for the van. It also had three Level 2 chargers installed, which allows a vehicle to be completely charged in just 6-8 hours.

“He drives it all day, comes in and charges it overnight, then it’s ready to go when he comes in the next morning,” Cummings said.

Each charger cost \$260. The standard chargers that come with the vehicles for home use can take up to 72 hours to fully charge a vehicle. Cummings is working with the County’s Purchasing Office to look into installing Level 3 chargers, which can fully charge an electric vehicle in 30 minutes to an hour.

Cummings will be evaluating the costs of operating the electric vehicles this year to see how much savings could be achieved by replacing more vehicles in the fleet with electric models.

County will no longer issue Island building permits

As of Feb. 1, the Georgetown County Building Department is no longer handling permits for the Town of Pawleys Island.

For anyone with an active permit that was already issued by the county, the county will continue to administer the permit through project completion and the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, but no new permits will be issued.

For all new Town of Pawleys Island building permits, please contact the Town. Permit information and applications can be obtained on the Town’s website at town-of-pawleysisland.com/building-department/.

Public meeting in Andrews will focus on flooding

Residents of Georgetown and Williamsburg counties are invited to a public input meeting on drainage and flooding issues this month. The meeting, hosted by the S.C. Office of Resilience and contractor McCormick Taylor, will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 at the Andrews Regional Recreation Center. The center is located at 220 S. Cedar Ave.

A brief presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Attendees will be asked to share their knowledge and experiences with local flooding and drainage issues. The goal is to identify and propose alternatives to mitigate drainage and flooding problems.

This meeting should be attended by anyone who has experienced flooding or drainage problems, as well as anyone interested in learning more about this study and the Office of Resilience.

Mother Goose Story Time

- Located at Georgetown Main Library
- Every Wednesday @ 10 AM
- In The Auditorium
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New bridge at Stables Park will honor late Scoutmaster Bill Shehan

A new pedestrian bridge was built at Stables Park on Jan. 21 thanks to an Eagle Scout Project by Liam Perry. The 16-year-old constructed the bridge in memory of Bill Shehan, who was a dedicated Scoutmaster for many years. Shehan died in 2021 after a battle with brain cancer. At the time of his death, he was an Assistant Scoutmaster for Perry's troop, Troop 396 at Belin United Methodist Church.

The Shehan Memorial Bridge was constructed on the running trail used for Waccamaw High School cross-country practices at Stables Park – just behind the Warrior Run Disc Golf Course. Perry is a junior at Waccamaw High and manages the pole vaulting team. He said he was encouraged to build the bridge by the pole vaulting coach, who is also an Eagle Scout. A new bridge was needed by the cross country team, as an existing bridge at the site allowed the team to cross single-file only, Perry said.

Perry wanted to build the bridge in memory of Shehan because he'd made such an impact on the lives of so many Scouts over the years, including Perry himself.

"He was just always there for us," Perry said. "He was a veteran and always told us cool stories and stuff. And he was good at wood working and taught us that."

One of Shehan's favorite things was mentoring individual Scouts in skills and leadership and encouraging them to become Eagle Scouts, said his widow Lee Brockington.

Perry plans to have a memorial plaque installed near the bridge to tell people about Shehan's contributions.




At top, Perry works on the bridge during construction day. Above, Shehan is pictured with his son, Brock. He not only supported Brock on his path to Eagle Scout, but encouraged many Scouts to stay in the program and see it through to the level of Eagle Scout.

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Georgetown Library Auditorium

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

A meeting to discuss drainage and flooding in Georgetown and Williamsburg counties will take place this month in Andrews.

February 21
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Andrews Recreation Center
220 S. Cedar Ave.

Holt promoted to County Assessor

Longtime Georgetown County Assessor Susan Edwards stepped down from her role this year, promoting Deputy Assessor Tim Holt into the position.

Holt took over leadership of the Assessor's Office on Jan. 1. Edwards, who has worked for the county for more than 50 years and served as Assessor since 2003, will move into the role of Deputy Assessor. Though she isn't intending to retire anytime soon, the move is part of her succession plan, she said, helping to ensure the office will run smoothly without her someday. She handpicked Holt as her deputy back in 2013 and the two have worked closely together over the last decade.



Tim Holt

"It has gone very smoothly. I'm not making a lot of changes," Holt said. "Susan has a very good working relationship with everybody in our office and she had a system that was already working. I'm looking to do things a little different, but I'm not making change for the sake of change. I'll make changes if I see areas where we can really improve, and those will come as we need them, not all at once."

He's mainly looking to streamline operations and improve efficiency. That's a process Edwards got started last year by signing a \$123,400 contract with Advanced Imaging Systems to digitize the department's records. The records are now all cloud-based. "We're trying to get away from so much paperwork and do a lot more electronically," Holt said. "It lightens the load on the staff and just makes everything work more efficiently."

More than 65,000 paper files were eliminated through scanning, freeing up enough physical space to add another office. That will allow the Assessor to look at expanding staffing at some point in the future. Being able to access files from anywhere will also help the county if there's ever another incident like the COVID-19 pandemic that requires staff to work from home.

Holt joined the Georgetown County Assessor's Office in 2011 as a field appraiser and was promoted in 2013 to Deputy Assessor. He previously worked as a fee appraisal agent for banks. He is a graduate of Conway High School and studied at Horry-Georgetown Technical College and the Fortune Academy of Real Estate.

Elections Board applicants sought

The Georgetown County Legislative Delegation is seeking individuals interested in serving on the Georgetown County Board of Voter Registration and Elections. A position on the board was left open by the recent retirement of longtime member Billy Altman. The deadline for applications is at 5 p.m. March 31. Applications are available on the [Delegation page](#) at gtcounty.org or by sending an email to the delegation clerk, Sabrina Todd, at stodd@gtcounty.org.


To be considered, applications must be legible and contain the applicant's: physical address (no PO boxes will be accepted), last four digits of social security number, email address, date of birth, voting precinct, SC House District and SC Senate District. For more information, call Todd at 843-545-3029.

A successful Youth Basketball season



Georgetown County Parks and Recreation is finishing another great youth basketball season this month, as it enters the playoff rounds next week. The photo above is from a recent game at the Andrews Regional Recreation Center (photo contributed by Jenny Hunt). Find the playoff schedule and more programs for people of all ages at gtcparks.org under "Current Programs." Next up is youth baseball and softball season!

Author **STEVE WILLIAMS**



Mr. Williams will be here to discuss his new book, *The Overcomers*, and we couldn't be more excited to hear what he has to share.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to hear from a great author and learn more about his inspiring work!

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- **24 Extraordinary People who made a Difference**
- **As I travel Along**

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

2:00pm

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Cox named Volunteer of the Year

Georgetown County Council recognized Zonda Cox as Georgetown County's Volunteer of the year for 2022 for the work she has done for Georgetown County Parks & Recreation and the Georgetown Baseball/Softball Booster Club. Cox was honored at council's Jan. 24 meeting, with others from the Booster Club on hand to support her and offer thanks for her seven years of service.



Zonda Cox, left, is pictured with County Council Chairman Louis Morant.

Cox is wife to Robert Cox, mother to two, "Nay-Nay" to three, and "Mrs. Zonda" to all. During her years of service, she wore many hats when it came to the program. She not only proficiently took care of her duties as secretary, she also picked up many more, never batting an eye, and always topped it with a smile on her face.

The main thing she is known for when it comes to the Booster Club is her beloved concession stand. She put her whole heart into it going above and beyond, and making sure it was stocked with everyone's favorites, even if that meant multiple supply trips a week. As she would say, some of her babies ate dinner out of that concession stand. When she says "babies," she refers to every child that ever stepped foot into 8 Oaks Park. Whether you know her for 5 minutes or 10 years, she treats everyone as her own from the beginning. As her time with the Booster Club has come to an end she, will always be apart of the Georgetown Baseball/Softball family and we hope this recognition will be a small token of the gratitude of so many for all she has done for the program, our community, and most importantly our youth.

Floyd, Lewis recognized by council

Theresa Floyd and Ollie Lewis were selected as Georgetown County's Employees of the Quarter for the last quarter of 2022.

Floyd is the Clerk to County Council and has been with Georgetown County for 25 years. Lewis is administrative assistant to the County Administrator and has worked for the county for 28 years. They were recognized by County Council earlier this month.



Theresa Floyd



Ollie Lewis

"Together, this dynamic duo is the heart and soul of County Administration and County Council," said County Administrator Angela Christian. "Through their coordination and contiguity, projects get planned, organized and implemented."

That is all in addition to their regular duties. Twice a month, Theresa puts together a council agenda and packet that averages between 300 -500 pages. Ollie is in charge of the administrator's schedule and incoming communications.

"No matter what idea is suggested or event scheduled, they patiently work out the details," Christian said. "They are the 'make it happen' unsung heroines behind the scene. They reinforce the glue that holds Team Georgetown together, because they know the who, what, where and how."

NEED A WILL?

The Center for Heirs' Property Preservation is sponsoring a FREE Wills Clinic in GEORGETOWN

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023
Time: Starting at 10:00 AM/Last appt. at 2:30 PM
Location: The Murrells Inlet Community Center
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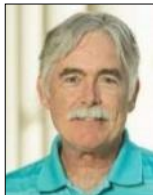
'Talking History' series to debut at library in March

This March the Waccamaw Library will host the first two presentations as part of a new "Talking History" series, which will feature faculty members from the Coastal Carolina University Department of History. On Friday, March 24 at 10 a.m., Dr. Kevin Kokomoor will discuss the crucial role of Spanish exploration in the settlement of South Carolina in his talk, "South Carolina, or La Florida?: The South-east's Spanish Beginnings."



Kokomoor

The following week, on Friday, March 31 at 10 a.m., Dr. John J. Navin will provide additional perspective on South Carolina's settlement in his presentation, "The Grim Years: Settling South Carolina, 1670-1720." This segment will explore pressing difficulties colonists faced in their daily lives during the colony's first decades. The Talking History Series is sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library, and all programs are free and open to the public. The series will resume in the Fall with additional presentations by CCU History faculty.



Navin

A Florida native, Kokomoor earned his Ph.D. from Florida State University and has taught at CCU since 2012. His recent publications deal primarily with the colonial and early American Southeast. His presentation for the Talking History series is based on research for his upcoming book, "La Florida: Catholics, Conquistadores, and Other American Origin Stories" (Pineapple Press, forthcoming 2023), which will provide a popular look at the earliest years and legacies of Spanish colonialism in the American Southeast, known for hundreds of years as "La Florida." His first book, "Of One Mind and Of One Government: The Rise and Fall of the Creek Nation in the Early Republic" (University of Nebraska Press, 2019), represents a political history of the Creek people of modern-day Georgia, Alabama and Florida. His current book project explores Native-settler violence in the Southeast. Kokomoor enjoys fishing, the beach and golf here in the Lowcountry.

Originally from Boston, Navin joined the CCU Department of History in 1999 after teaching at Pfeiffer University and Brandeis University, where he earned his doctorate in 1997. He specializes in early American history and his publications focus on race, warfare, gender and the impact of colonizing ventures on groups and individuals. His talk is drawn from his recent book, "The Grim Years: Settling South Carolina, 1670-1720" (University of South Carolina Press, 2019), which captures the continual turmoil endured by colonial South Carolinians. Using primary sources, the book describes challenges colonists faced, setbacks they experienced and effects of policies and practices initiated by elites and proprietors. Navin has appeared on SC Public Radio to discuss "The Grim Years" on Walter Edgar's "Journal." Before completing his doctorate, he managed the communications departments for several Massachusetts firms and he holds two U.S. patents for four-way chess.

Combs retires from Public Services Dept.



Janet Combs, pictured with Public Services Director Ray Funnye, retired from the department at the end of January. She was Administrative Assistant for the department for five years. We wish her well in all future endeavors!

ANDREWS BRANCH LIBRARY



THREADS CLUB

March 14

10:30AM - 12PM

WE ARE TRYING TO CREATE A PLACE WHERE ANYONE CAN MINGLE AND SHARE THEIR CRAFTS AMONG EACH OTHER.

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Georgetown County, South Carolina

County Government

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Assessor, 545-3014

Auditor, 545-3021

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Polar Plunge exceeds fundraising goal

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office raised \$80,000 for the Special Olympics with its third annual Polar Plunge on Feb. 3.

The event drew hundreds to the Litchfield Inn for a cold morning of dancing, hot cocoa, doughnuts and fun prior to an icy dip in the Atlantic. The temperature was just 40 degrees when the fundraisers ran into surf.

Sheriff Carter Weaver was delighted at the total. "There is no way we could do this without everyone here and the people that care about the thousands of athletes in South Carolina that compete in the Special Olympics locally, at the state level and nationally," Weaver said. "With

your support, you're creating more opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities to experience the life-changing benefits of participating in Special Olympics – all at no cost to themselves or their families."

Special Olympics serves more than 30,000 athletes in South Carolina. The Georgetown Polar Plunge is part of the S.C. Law Enforcement Torch Run campaign and 100 percent of the funds raised directly benefit Special Olympics programs around our state.

If you missed the Plunge, it's still not too late to donate. Go to <https://give.classy.org/GeorgetownPlunge>.

