

# The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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## SafeRack announces expansion, will create 100 jobs



SafeRack, LLC, located in the Georgetown County Business Center in Andrews, is expanding its existing operations. The expansion will include a \$20 million investment in Georgetown County and creation of 100 new jobs over the next five years, in addition to temporary construction jobs.

The announcement was made this week, following an agreement with Georgetown County that provided incentives to the company to assist with the expansion.

SafeRack plans to add more than 100,000 square feet to its facility at 219 Safety Ave. With SafeRack's customer base growing, expansion is necessary to meet demand, said Rob Honeycutt, SafeRack CEO.

"Many companies opt for customer service and manufacturing facilities overseas," Honeycutt said. SafeRack has always been committed to maintaining its base in Andrews. Having all customer service rep-

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## Popular country music artists to perform on Front St.

Two chart-topping country music artists will perform in downtown Georgetown in April. The concerts are sponsored by the Georgetown Business Association and were scheduled to coincide with the Winayah Bay Heritage Festival and other festivities surrounding a Bassmaster Elite Series tournament the county will play host to.

Josh Thompson is set to perform on April 7, while Jason Michael Carroll will perform the following night. Both concerts will take place on Front Street, in front of Francis Marion Park. Opening acts start at 6 p.m., with featured artists taking the stage at 7:30 p.m.

General admission for both shows is free. A VIP area with waitress ser-



**Jason Michael Carroll**

vice will be available to event sponsors, and silver- and above-level sponsors will be invited to an artist meet and greet party.

Known for hits including "Alyssa Lies," "Livin' Our Love Song," and "I



**Josh Thompson**

Can Sleep When I'm Dead," Carroll developed a following with his 2006 debut album "Waitin' in the Country," which hit No. 1 on the country music charts. He has toured with

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## Firefighters awarded for meritorious action during Oct. flood

Four firefighters with Midway Fire Rescue were presented with awards for meritorious action and extraordinary acts of bravery last month. The awards were for their actions during a swift water rescue they participated in during a major flooding event in October.

Award recipients were Daniel Weihert and Adam Maag, both of whom were hired in 2012, and Luke Vogler and James Costanza, who joined the department in April 2015. These men were members of the team dispatched during Hurricane Joaquin to the area of Pennyroyal and Saints Delight roads, where a vehicle was reported swept off the roadway by floodwaters into a large swamp area on Oct. 4. The driver was still inside the vehicle at the time responders were dispatched.

Crews on the scene came up with a plan and went into action, launching a watercraft with rescue swimmers into the fast-moving water. After a search of the outlying area, the crews quickly located the driver clinging to a tree and suffering from hypothermia. The boat crew affected a rapid removal and rescue of the victim, treating him and returning him to the launch point for transportation to the emergency room.



At top, award winners are pictured with County Administrator Sel Hemingway, far left. Above is an aerial shot of the rescue in October. Firefighters are seen traveling by boat over flooded roadways.

Without the rescue team's rapid response and assessment during this situation, the victim would have been lost to the rapidly moving flood waters, said James Payne, Midway division chief of training and special operations.

## Charity Chili Cookoff

The Moose Lodge of Georgetown will have a charity chili cookoff on Sunday, Jan. 10.

Anyone interested in entering the cookoff is asked to call Linda at (843) 995-0968. There is no fee to enter. All-you-can-eat tickets are \$5 per person and tastings begin at 3p.m. The public is welcome.

Ticketholders will vote on their favorite chili and trophies will be handed out in the following categories: Best named chili, hottest chili, best overall chili, and best tasting chili.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to a local charity, organizers said. A recipient had not been announced by the end of December.

The Lodge is located at 2018 South Island Rd., Georgetown.

For more information, directions or notification of future programs at the Lodge, contact Linda, (843) 995-0968.

# Free Classic Movie Nights

Showings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Waccamaw Library

**January 15: "Gigi"**  
*This fabulous romantic comedy won nine Oscars. Weary of the conventions of Parisian society, a rich playboy and a youthful courtesan-in-training enjoy a platonic friendship, but it may not stay platonic for long.*

**January 22: "The Maltese Falcon"**  
*Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor shine in this acclaimed 1941 film noir. A private detective takes on a case that involves him with three eccentric criminals, a gorgeous liar and their quest for a priceless statue.*

**January 29: "Singin' in the Rain"**  
*This 1952 musical comedy film starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds offers a lighthearted depiction of Hollywood in the late 1920s, with the stars portraying performers caught up in the transition from silent films to "talkies."*

## 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](http://www.gtcounty.org) or through our Facebook page. If you'd rather have it delivered to your inbox, e-mail [jbroadch@gtcounty.org](mailto:jbroadch@gtcounty.org) with the subject line "send me the Chronicle."

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

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## Inlet oyster roast fundraiser to support Chandler/Peterkin room at new Waccamaw library branch

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library will sponsor an oyster roast at the Sunnyside home of Bill and Anne Chandler on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016. The event will take place from 3-5 p.m. and will raise funds to name one of the meeting rooms at the new Waccamaw Library in honor of the Chandler and Peterkin families, who have played an important role in the cultural, literary, civil rights and environmental heritage of the Waccamaw Neck, organizers said.



**The late Genevieve “Sister” Chandler Peterkin was a Murrells Inlet resident, author and the Georgetown County Library’s very first librarian. She died in 2011.**

The literary legacy of the Chandler/Peterkin family began with Julia Peterkin, who won the 1929 Pulitzer Prize for her groundbreaking work "Scarlet Sister Mary." Peterkin was one of a very few white authors who specialized in the African-American experience, and her subject matter and use of Gullah dialect was highly controversial at the time.

Julia’s daughter-in-law, Genevieve “Sister” Chandler Peterkin, authored a number of books, including "Heaven is a Beautiful Place," a memoir of growing up at Wachesaw Plantation with her siblings, June, Tommy, Joe and Bill. During her childhood while recovering from rheumatic fever, Sister traveled with her mother, the artist and writer Genevieve Willcox Chandler, as she interviewed locals – blacks and whites – for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Depression. Later, after World War II, Sister served as the first librarian of the new Georgetown County Library.

The gentle legacy of the entire Peterkin and Chandler families will be honored in the dedication of a meeting room to their memory and contributions.

A longstanding tradition in the Chandler family is the oyster roast. In addition to oysters harvested and roasted by the locally famous “Snakeman,” there will be clam chowder, cole slaw, hush puppies, coffee, beer and wine. With space limited, the tax-deductible donation for the event is \$60 per person. All proceeds will be dedicated to the Chandler/Peterkin meeting room.

Tickets are available through the Friends Center at the library, or by emailing [linda@classatpawleys.com](mailto:linda@classatpawleys.com).

Rain date for the event is Feb. 27. Anyone who is unable to attend, but wants to contribute to this campaign may send donations to the Friends of the Waccamaw Library, P.O. Box 1152, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

## Piotrowski to kick off Waccamaw library’s ‘First Thursday’ program schedule for 2016

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library’s “First Thursday” series will return this year, but with one major change. The series, which brings an exciting speaker to share experiences, information and talents during a free program on the first Thursday of every month at the library, is leaving behind its evening time slot.

First Thursday programs throughout 2016 will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. A late morning time slot has worked well throughout the years for the Georgetown Library’s similar Scholars Program and organizers hope it will be similarly successful at the Waccamaw Library.

The series will kick off for 2016 on Jan. 7 with Ed Piotrowski, chief meteorologist at WPDE, who will share stories from his 25-year career, as well as some of his extensive knowledge of his field.

The series continues in February with “Sierra Leone: A Mother’s Journey,” featuring Tanya Ackerman. Ackerman, an award-winning photographer, will share photographs and candid personal experiences from a recent trip to West Africa to visit her daughter.



**Piotrowski**



**Ackerman**

### Adult Co-ed and Men’s Softball Leagues!

A program of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation

#### Men’s League

League Fee: \$400 (subject to change)

Games on: Monday and Wednesday nights at Retreat Park



**Deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Feb. 5!**

#### Co-ed League

League Fee: \$350 (subject to change)

Games on: Tuesday and Thursday nights at Retreat Park

**(843) 545-3319 or [jblomdahl@gtcounty.org](mailto:jblomdahl@gtcounty.org)**

### Adult Soccer League



**Ages: 16 and up**

**Opening Day: Jan. 16**

**Registration Deadline: Jan. 8**

**Where: Stables Park, Pawleys Island**

**League Fee: \$250 per team (subject to change)**



**Call (843) 520-9621 for information**

## Island Jazz Quartet to play at Waccamaw Library



It will be a lively evening at the Waccamaw Library when the Island Jazz Quartet takes the floor for a free concert on Jan. 16 from 7-8:30 p.m. The floor will be open for dancing and the show will include a reception for attendees.

The event is sponsored by the library and its Friends group. Registration is encouraged.

The quartet is comprised of musicians who started playing when they were just kids, and loved it so much they never stopped.

Clair Fancher is on bass, but also had plenty of bookings as a cornet virtuoso. "I played gigs almost continuously for 35 years in groups ranging from duos to 16-piece big bands," he said. "For a while, I even backed a 5-piece banjo band."

Guitarist Ben Clark is originally from North Carolina, but moved here in 1995.

"I've been playing stringed instruments since I was 12 years old," he said. "All attempts to stop me have been futile."

Jack Seibert played drums in high school and college, and continued playing through his teaching career of 40 years in New York State.

Saxophone player Barry Lieberman began playing instruments at 8 and could play all wind instruments by the time he arrived at Ithaca College. He taught for 32 years as a band director and performed every chance he could get.

For information or to register, contact [sbremner@gtcounty.org](mailto:sbremner@gtcounty.org) or visit the library.

## Donations sought to put special needs items in library

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library are accepting donations to purchase "Terrific Tactile Trunks" in memory of Kathy Gramet, the Friends group's past president. Tragically, Gramet died last summer, before ever seeing the new library, which she worked so hard to make possible.

With gentle grace, Gramet led the Friends through the construction phase of the library, and her work was key to the project's completion.

In honor of Gramet's dedication and hard work, the Friends plan to purchase Terrific Tactile Trunks to



**Gramet**

be added to the library's collection. These boxes of shapes and textures will be available to be checked out by parents of special needs children to aid in the children's development and vocabulary.

The wife of Alan Gramet, Kathy was a retired educator, having started as a teacher and advanced to superintendent of schools for the North Syracuse (N.Y.) Central School District. As such, Friends members see the addition of the trunks at the library as a fitting way to honor her memory. Donations in honor of Gramet may be made to: Friends of the Waccamaw Library, P.O. Box 1152, Pawleys Island, S.C. 29585. Donations may also be dropped off at the library's front desk.

## French film series returns for 12th year

Five award-winning French films — all with English subtitles — will be shown in the Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu Auditorium over two weekends in February.

Longtime fans of the series, back for its 12th year, will be excited to see the films shown on a larger screen this year with the move into a new facility.

The festival is co-sponsored by Coastal Carolina University, the Waccamaw Library, the Friends of the Library and Institut Francais.

A limited number of festival passes (see all five films for \$5) are available now at the library. Otherwise, tickets are \$3 per film at the door. Anyone interested in attending the festival is advised to call ahead, (843) 545-3363, to ensure availability.

The schedule for this year's festival is as follows:

- **Friday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.** — "**Elle L'adore**" ("Number One Fan"), 2014, 104 minutes. Comedy-thriller about Muriel, a divorced beautician who won't let truth get in the way of a good story and is the No. 1 fan of French singer Vincent Lacroix. That irrational devotion comes into play when he turns up on her doorstep asking for her unconditional help, turning her life upside down.

- **Feb. 6, 7 p.m.** — "**Loin des Hommes**" ("Far From Men"), 2014, 101 minutes. Former French Army soldier Daru is living a quiet life as a schoolteacher in a small mountain town at the onset of the Algerian war of independence. Born in Algeria but of Spanish descent, he is perceived as Arab by the French colonizers and French by the local Arabs. Reluctantly, he agrees to escort a dissident to the regional police to face trial for murder.

- **Feb. 7, 2:30 p.m.** — "**Berthe Morisot**," 2012, 100 minutes. At 25, Berthe Morisot has already exhibited her work in the prestigious state-run art show, the Salon in 1864. She dreams of devoting her life to painting. In 1868 she meets Edouard Manet who will paint several portraits of her. The two form a lasting friendship and greatly influence one another's work.

- **Saturday, Feb. 13, 2:30 p.m.** — "**La Famille Bélier**" ("The Belier Family"), 2014, 106 minutes. In the Bélier family, everyone is deaf except teen Paula. She is an essential interpreter, particularly in the running of the family dairy farming business. Urged by her music teacher, Paula decides to prepare for the Radio France Choir audition in Paris, which would secure her a good career and college degree. But how can she explain to her close-knit family her need for independence?

- **Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m.** — "**Belle et Sébastien**," 2013, 104 minutes. In 1943, 6-year-old Sébastien lives with his grizzled grandfather César in a vertiginous mountain village in the French Alps and crosses paths with a giant, filthy Pyrenean Mountain dog that locals have dubbed "the beast" for allegedly killing sheep. Sébastien befriends the animal, naming her Belle. Their friendship is tested when Nazi occupiers march into town looking for members of the Resistance who are guarding Jewish refugees.



## Emergency officials offer tips to get families, homes ready for winter

It was shorts and flip-flops weather for Christmas in Georgetown County last month, but that doesn't mean we'll escape the cold bite of winter this season. Weather conditions can change rapidly in South Carolina and January and February typically bring the worst of our winter weather.

Anyone who was here in 2014 will remember the February ice storm that caused widespread power outages, turned roads and bridges into hazards, and brought down so many tree limbs that many compared the damage to that of Hurricane Hugo. Cleanup lasted months and cost millions of dollars.

We certainly hope not to have a repeat of that situation this year, but it's best to be prepared, emergency services officials warn.

Winter storms can cause flooding, storm surge, closed highways, blocked roads, downed electrical lines and trees, and hypothermia among other issues. Even areas that normally experience mild winters can be hit with a major winter storm or extreme cold.

Georgetown County Emergency Services officials offer the following tips to keep yourself, your family and your home safe this winter:

### Before a winter storm

- Have sufficient heating fuel in your home in case regular fuel sources are cut off.



**A winter storm in 2014 left the county under a layer of ice, and caused thousands of power outages and damages countywide.**

- Insulate pipes and allow faucets to drip on very cold nights to prevent freezing.

- Know how to turn off water valves in case a pipe bursts.

- Have your car serviced to make sure it is ready for winter weather.

- Place a winter weather emergency kit in each of your vehicles that includes (at minimum) the following: a windshield scraper and small broom, flashlight with extra batteries, battery-powered radio with extra batteries, water, snacks, matches, a first aid kit, any needed medications, blankets, a tow chain or rope, road salt with sand, booster cables, emergency flares, a fluorescent distress flag, and extra clothing appropriate for cold weather. Extra clothing should include hats, socks and gloves.

### During a winter storm

- If at all possible, stay indoors. If you have to go out, dress in layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothes. Wear a hat to cover your ears, scarf to cover your mouth, gloves to cover your hands, and

waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry.

- Keep dry by changing wet clothes frequently to prevent loss of body heat.

- Drive only if absolutely necessary. If you have to drive, do so during the day and keep others informed of your schedule.

- Decrease your speed and leave plenty of room to stop your car on icy roads.

- Exercise to maintain body heat, but avoid overexertion.

- Drink fluids to avoid dehydration.

- Avoid downed power lines. Treat all utility lines that have fallen on the ground as energized and dangerous.

### After a winter storm

- Listen to your local TV and radio stations for updated weather and traffic reports.

- If your home loses power or heat during extreme cold, consider going to a designated shelter or warming center.

- Bring your pets inside. If they must remain outdoors, make sure they have access to food,

unfrozen water and shelter from wind and precipitation.

- Be wary of carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire if using alternative sources for electricity, heating, and cooking.

### Other tips

- If you lose electricity, know how to report the outage to your service provider.

- Use extra care when using open flames such as fireplaces and candles.

- Never use a portable generator indoors or without reading the instructions first.

- Never burn charcoal indoors.

- Do not use gas-powered cooking stoves for warmth.

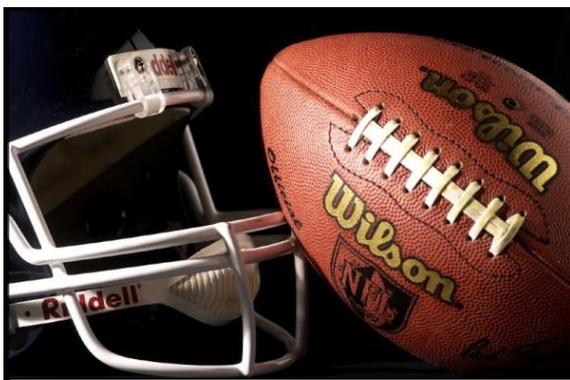
- People with mobility issues and/or hearing, learning or seeing disabilities may require extra help during a winter storm. Take this into consideration when making your preparations.

- Check on your family, friends and neighbors to make sure they are okay in the event of a winter storm.

- When stocking up on supplies for your home, remember to include enough non-perishable food and bottled water (two gallons per person per day) to last at least three days, along with a manual (hand-operated) can opener.

- Don't forget food and supplies for pets!

- If severe weather approaches, visit [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org) for local advisories and safety information.



Georgetown County Parks and Rec. Announces registration for

## Adult 7v7 Flag Football League

**Where:** Stables Park, Pawleys Island

**When:** Games on Saturday mornings,

**Registration:** Ends Jan. 8

**Fee:** \$250 per team

**Call Justin, (843) 545-3319 for information**

# Senior centers crown kings and queens at holiday luncheon



Lewis Dempson and Priscilla Cromely, left, and Mable Smith and James Funny in their crowns.

Senior citizens who participate in programs through the Georgetown County Bureau of Aging Services were invited to a holiday party at Beck Recreation Center last month. Seniors from senior centers throughout the county were invited to don their holiday finest and come for lunch, dancing and a pageant. Two kings and two queens were crowned based on votes from attendees. Crowns were given to the best dressed and best dancers. Each senior also received a gift. For more information about the free services and programs the county offers for senior citizens, call (843) 545-3185.



## ANDREWS REGION FREE TENNIS DAY OF PLAY

at the Andrews Regional Rec. Center

**January 23, 2016:**

Ages 3-5, 10 a.m.

Ages 6-9, 11 a.m.

Ages 8-11, noon

Ages 11-17, 1 p.m.

Adult Round Robin, 3 p.m.

No experience required  
Equipment will be provided  
Pre-registration appreciated.  
Email [dbromberg@gtcounty.org](mailto:dbromberg@gtcounty.org)

Georgetown County Parks & Rec. presents

## Hershey's Track & Field

Registration now open!  
Don't miss out!

The program is open to boys and girls ages 5-14. Contact the Recreation Dept. for further details.



Call (843) 545-3275  
for information, or visit  
[gtcounty.org/parks\\_recreation](http://gtcounty.org/parks_recreation)



*The Waccamaw Library and the Poetry Society of SC  
are pleased to announce the*



2016  
Litchfield  
Tea and Poetry  
Series

**Waccamaw Neck Library, 41 St. Paul Place**

**One Thursday each month, 3—4 pm**



Four convivial meetings (Jan-April), each featuring thought-provoking poets



Homemade confections and tea provided by Deloris Roberts



All events include "Poet-to-Poet": writing advice, brief Q&A and recommendations



Co-founded by Linda Ketrin and Susan Laughter Meyers

### January 7



**Laurel Blossom** is the Poet Laureate of Edgefield, S.C. Her new book, "Longevity," a narrative prose poem, is available from Four Way Books or your local independent book store. Her earlier works include "Degrees of Latitude," "Wednesday: New and Selected Poems," "The Papers Said," "What's Wrong" and "Any Minute."



**John Lane's** latest book of poetry is "Abandoned Quarry: New & Selected Poems" (Mercer University Press, 2012), winner of the SIBA Book Award for Poetry. His latest prose book, "Coyote Settles the South," will be published in 2016 by University of Georgia Press. He teaches environmental studies at Wofford College.

### February 4



**Jason Mott** is the author of two poetry collections — "We Call This Thing Between Us Love" and "...hide behind me..." — and two novels — "The Returned" (adapted for the screen and aired on ABC network as "Resurrection") and "The Wonder of All Things." He has an MFA in poetry from the University of North Carolina — Wilmington and lives in Southeastern North Carolina.



**Michael White** has taught at the University of North Carolina—Wilmington since 1994 and currently chairs the university's Creative Writing Department. His four prize-winning poetry collections are "The Island," "Palma Cathedral," "Re-entry," and "Vermeer in Hell." His memoir, "Travels in Vermeer," was longlisted for the 2015 National Book Award.

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*Visit the Litchfield Tea & Poetry Series page on Facebook.*

## SafeRack

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representatives based in South Carolina is one component of meeting the company's commitment to providing its customers the best buying experience. Established in 2003, SafeRack manufactures industrial safety products and provides turnkey services that improve worker safety and productivity in truck, rail-car and industrial loading applications.

"In every respect, SafeRack is the model corporate citizen and we're very excited to have this company choose to expand in Georgetown County," said Brian Tucker, director of the Georgetown County Economic Development Department. "We fully understand that Georgetown County will have no success recruiting new companies if we do not support and encourage our existing industries. Safe Rack provides tremendous career opportunities to existing residents and we are happy to see them growing and hiring more Georgetown County residents."

Not only does nurturing existing businesses promote job growth and development of the local economy, it's an example of the kind of support new businesses can expect if they choose to locate in the county.

"We were delighted when SafeRack chose to locate in Georgetown County and we're equally pleased to see it not only succeeding, but thriving and growing here," said Georgetown County Council Chairman Johnny Morant. "This company and its contributions to our economy have already proven extremely valuable and we look forward to seeing them have an even greater impact for our community and its residents, particularly in the Andrews area. We are committed to supporting the county's existing businesses and helping them be successful. We consider SafeRack's decision to expand its facility here a sign that we're succeeding in that effort."

Council Member Austin Beard, who represents the Andrews area, agreed. "I appreciate the interest SafeRack has taken in Georgetown County and its residents. We're glad to have SafeRack here and I look forward to seeing this company continue to thrive. It's terrific to ride by and see dirt being moved around out there as they grow."

With more than a decade of stewardship and integrity in leading a successful enterprise, SafeRack has proven to be a valuable member of the region's business community, as well as the county's said Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., president pro tempore of the S.C. Senate and Chairman of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance Executive Committee. "We look forward to continuing to support businesses such as SafeRack that are showing how successful businesses in our region can be," Leatherman said.

SafeRack's facility in Andrews houses manufacturing operations, warehousing and sales. The new space is anticipated to be operational in 2017. The company also has facilities in Sumter and overseas in Broadstairs, England.

"SafeRack is a great example of how homegrown companies can grow and thrive in our state," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "This [expansion] is a huge step for this remarkable company and is a real reason to celebrate. We look forward to watching SafeRack continue to succeed in South Carolina and around the world in years to come."

A groundbreaking ceremony for the SafeRack addition will be scheduled in early 2016.

## County monitoring flooding on the Santee River

Georgetown County Emergency Services will continue to monitor flooding in the area of Crow Hill Drive throughout the first week of January. Emergency responders were alerted to flooding at Crow Hill, on the Santee River, on Jan. 3. There have been no evacuations, but preparations have been made to open an emergency shelter should the need arise.

Responders spoke face-to-face with residents in all 13 homes in that area Jan. 3, offering assistance if anyone wanted to evacuate. All residents said they wished to stay put and were advised that assistance would be available if at any time they decided they felt threatened by floodwaters and wanted to leave.

Georgetown County Emergency Management will continue to monitor flooding carefully in that area, as well as other flood prone areas of the county throughout this week. The river is estimated to have reached 22.3 feet in the Crow Hill Drive area. It is expected to reach about 23 feet, with cresting occurring around Jan. 9. The National Weather Service in Wilmington on Jan. 4 forecast minimal rain impact on flooding.

Anyone who believes they may be in danger due to flooding and who wishes to be evacuated to a safer location should dial 911 for assistance. Georgetown County Emergency Management also has a limited number of sandbags available to residents in flooded areas. Sandbags can be obtained by calling (843) 545-3273.

Emergency management officials will also be studying flood maps to determine which, if any, other areas of the county may be in danger of flooding this week as water flows from inland areas of the state.

Georgetown County Emergency Management offers the following flood safety tips for residents and motorists in flooded areas:

- Motorists should not attempt to cross flowing water on roadways. As little as six inches of water may cause drivers to lose control of their vehicle. Two feet of water will carry most cars away. If you come to a flooded roadway, "turn around, don't drown."
- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
- Never move or drive around road barricades. They are in place for your safety, even if danger is not immediately visible.

## Manners Club begins Jan. 9 at Waccamaw Library

The Waccamaw Library's Manners Club for children ages 4-10 will return this month. The club will have its first meeting Jan. 9 and meet on the first Saturday of each month after that.

The club is designed to teach children basic etiquette and manners in a fun, exciting environment. For information, contact "Ms. Manners" (Connie Graham) at PawleysIslandMannersClub@gmail.com.

The following activities for children are also offered this month at the Waccamaw Library:

- **Game On:** Children, teens and their families are invited to come play a wide variety of family-friendly board and card games at every library branch, and always have a great time. Game night at the Waccamaw branch is every Tuesday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For details about game nights, contact ddennis@gtcounty.org. Participation is free.
- **LEGO Leagues:** Join the official Jr. FIRST LEGO League or Big Kids' FIRST LEGO League. Ages 6-9 meet on Mondays at 3 p.m. Ages 9-14 meet on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. Call (843) 545-3623 or stop by the library to register.
- **Art with the Myrtle Beach Art Museum:** On the first Wednesday of each month, children ages 7 and up can explore their creative side with the Museum from 3-4 p.m.
- **Canine Angels:** Reading has gone to the dogs! Children can read to attentive pooches on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 3-4 p.m. Open to all ages.
- **LEGO Free Build:** Open to kids of all ages on Fridays after school.
- **Minecraft Club:** Come share the worlds you've created! All ages, Fridays after school.

*Is getting in shape part of your new year's resolution?*



**Georgetown County Parks and Rec. has plenty of programs to help!**

- *Weight and cardio rooms • League sports • Zumba*
- *Barre Fit • Line dancing • New programs added regularly*

**Call (843) 545-3275 for information**

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## Sheriff, deputies help kids 'shop with Santa'



Sheriff Lane Cribb and staff helped kids shop for the program.

For the 15th year, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office helped make Christmas dreams come true for local children.

The Sheriff's Office participated in the Shop with Santa program on Dec. 12. Thirty-three children in need were chosen from nine elementary schools in the county by guidance counselors based on social need, good behavior and academic improvement. Kids were paired with deputies and 911 dispatchers, and started the day with breakfast and entertainment provided by WalMart of Georgetown. Kids were then given \$100 gift cards to do their Christmas shopping. The children returned to the Sheriff's Office, where their presents were wrapped and lunch was provided by Chick-fil-A of Murrells Inlet.

The "Shop with Santa" program's primary sponsor, without whom this event would not be possible, is the Campbell family, owners of the Dead Dog Saloon. Volunteers from Aflac Insurance, the Georgetown Career Center Cosmetology Class and Service Over Self assisted, wrapping all the gifts for the children.

## Concerts

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superstars including Brooks & Dunn, Alan Jackson, Carrie Underwood and Martina McBride.

Thompson's debut album "Way Out Here" offered two Top 20 singles, including the title song and "Beer On The Table." His latest album, a "passion project" called "Change: The Lost Record, Volume One," was released on iTunes in October.

"We're excited to have these two great artists performing in Georgetown and I think this is going to be a great way to kick off an amazing outdoors-themed weekend," said Michele Overton of the Georgetown Business Association. "Between these two concerts right on Front Street, the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival and more than 100 professional anglers in town competing in the Bassmaster Elite Series, I think this is going to be a great week for the people who live, work and play in Georgetown. We're looking forward to having a lot of visitors come in for these events, but we're also excited we can bring these activities here for the people who call Georgetown County home."

The Bassmaster Elite series, sponsored by Huk, will stop in Georgetown April 7-10, with boat launches and weigh-ins open to the public daily at the Carroll Ashmore Campbell Marine Complex on the Sampit River. The Elite Series is known as the premier fishing tournament series in the world and is the fishing equivalent to the PGA Tour. Playing host to the event will mean a national spotlight on Georgetown County and all it has to offer.

Making the week even more exciting for outdoors enthusiasts, the 2016 Winyah Bay Heritage Festival has been scheduled to coincide with the tournament, serving up a wide range of outdoors-themed activities and events for locals and visitors.

The festival is set for April 9-10 and will also take place at the Campbell Marine Complex. Attractions will again include the highly popular Palmetto Dock Dogs diving competition and the S.C. State Duck Calling Championship.

For more information about the concert and other events taking place during the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival, visit

[www.fishgeorgetown.com](http://www.fishgeorgetown.com) or

[www.seaportgeorgetown.com](http://www.seaportgeorgetown.com) in early 2016.

A promotional banner for the Bassmaster Elite Series fishing tournament. On the left, a large bass is shown in profile, its mouth open as if about to swallow a lure. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. Text at the top left reads "APRIL 7-10 GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SC". On the right is the Bassmaster Elite Series logo, which includes a fish icon and the text "BASSMASTER ELITE SERIES". Below that is the Huk logo with the tagline "THE HUK ELITE PERFORMANCE FISHING". At the bottom, the website "FISHGEORGETOWN.COM" is displayed in large, bold letters. A dark blue banner at the very bottom contains the text: "Featuring the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival, Palmetto Dock Dogs, live music, food, children's activities, vendors and much more!"

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## Sheriff's Office receives donations for youth



Staff at the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office was excited to accept a donation of stuffed animals and toys last month from the DeBordieu Colony Ladies Birthday Lunch group. The toys will be used by deputies and victim advocates who encounter small children in traumatic situations. Pictured from left are Lt. Neil Johnson, Lt. Denise King, Deputy Barney McCray, Paula Ford of DeBordieu Colony, Deputy Wendy Powers and Sgt. James Heyward.

## Museum seeks quilting enthusiasts in advance of show

The Georgetown County Historical Society and Museum will host its first quilt show this spring and organizers are looking for local quilting enthusiasts to help offer advice on how to make the event a success.

A meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. at the museum, located at 120 Broad St., Georgetown. Anyone interested in being involved with the quilt show is invited to attend.

The Lowcountry Quilt show is scheduled to take place at the museum March 22 through April 2.

"It's our first attempt at putting on a show of this type and we're trying to reach all quilters here in Georgetown and surrounding areas," said

Jan McGinty, museum director. "Not only will we attract a multitude of visitors to the Georgetown area, but this event also gives us an opportunity to promote the history of quilt making by displaying many types of quilts during our exhibit."

The show will also include raffle of a special "Georgetown Stitched in History" quilt. The quilt is a great example of events that occurred in Georgetown over the last 300 years and was put together by local quilters June Ross, Jill Moore, Maxi Ladiere and Paula Getty.

For more information about the show and how to get involved, contact the museum, (843) 545-7020, or email [janm@georgetowncountymuseum.com](mailto:janm@georgetowncountymuseum.com).

# Mah Jongg

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