

# The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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## Calendar

**Jan. 21** – Georgetown County offices and facilities are closed in observance of MLK Day.

**Jan. 22** – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven St.

**Jan. 31** – Coffee with a Cop, 8-10 a.m., at McDonald's in Pawleys Island.

**Feb. 2** – Children's book signing at Carvers Bay Library, noon. See page 8.

**Feb. 12** – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven St.

**Feb. 18** – Georgetown County offices and are closed in observance of Presidents Day.

**Feb. 21** – Georgetown County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven St.

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## Goodbye and Hello

As longtime Council Chairman retires, brother takes oath of office



**Left:** Johnny Morant, pictured with his wife and grandson, stands next to a plaque unveiled in his honor last month at the Choppee Recreation Center. **Right:** Louis Morant, pictured with his wife and daughter, takes the Oath of Office at the first County Council meeting of the year, Jan. 8. The oath was administered by Johnny Morant.

**W**ith the close of 2018 and his retirement from Georgetown County Council, Johnny Morant ended a 25-year career in public service.

He announced early last year that he would not seek re-election to a seventh term, citing health concerns and a desire to slow down and spend more time with his family, including two growing grandchildren, Simone and Johnny III.

Residents of District 7 elected Morant's younger brother and partner at Morant and Morant Law Firm, Louis, to fill the vacant seat left in District 7.

Johnny Morant's last meeting as a Council Member was Dec. 11 and Louis was sworn in at the first meeting of 2019 on Jan. 8. In between, about 200 members of the community came together at the Choppee Recreation Center to give Johnny a proper sendoff.

Georgetown County hosted a drop-in retirement party in Johnny's honor at the Recreation Center on Dec. 30 to give friends and constituents a chance to offer their thanks to Morant for his service and dedication to Georgetown County and residents, not just in District 7, but across the county. The event also fea-

tured the unveiling of a plaque in Morant's honor at the Choppee Recreation Center, one of the facilities constructed under his watch, as well as reading of resolutions from the state legislature honoring Morant.

Johnny Morant was first elected to Georgetown County Council in 1993, and served as its chairman for the last decade. In his time on Council he has offered quiet, yet thoughtful leadership which has helped Georgetown County navigate periods of intense growth and rapid change.

"There have been moments, I think, when people have considered quietness to be a weakness," County Council Member Austin Beard said during the drop-in party. "But Johnny, in his quiet way, will let you know in no uncertain terms the route that we should take."

He added that Morant's leadership has been invaluable to the county and improving the quality of life for its residents in the last decades.

"It's a true testament to his leadership to have been able to accomplish the kind of significant projects he has," said County Administrator Sel Hemingway. To name just a few, he mentioned the Choppee Recrea-

*"It isn't about me  
or the council.  
We're trying to do  
things that unite  
all of us.  
It's about the  
community."*

— Johnny Morant

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## Public hearing to focus on residency claims

The Georgetown County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will have a public hearing on Friday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m. to review a complaint issued against County Council Member Austin Beard concerning his residency.

The complaint was issued by groups including the local branch of the NAACP and the West End Citizens Council. Representatives from these groups addressed County Council and the board this month with claims that Beard does not reside in the district he represents — Council District 5.

The meeting will take place in Council Chambers, located in the historic county courthouse at 129 Screven St., Georgetown. The board is expected to hear from Beard regarding the allegations, as well as the complainants.

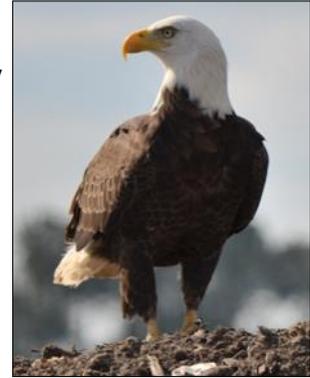
### Public Hearing

**When:** Jan. 18, 10 a.m.  
**Where:** County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St., Georgetown.

## Bald Eagle sighting tours offered at Georgetown Landfill in 2019

After Georgetown County posted photos of some of the bald eagles regularly seen at its landfill on Highway 51 last year, staff started receiving numerous requests from bird-watchers and photographers requesting access to the site.

As a result, the county's Environmental Services Division started scheduling monthly one-hour bird-watching tours at the landfill, which were quite popular throughout last year. Tours will continue in 2019, said Alex Litz, who organizes and leads the tours. Though tours for January are full, members of the public are advised to watch the county's facebook page for future dates and sign up early once those dates are announced. Private tours can also be arranged for large groups. For more information, contact Georgetown County Environmental Services at (843) 545-3443, or email [alitz@gtcounty.org](mailto:alitz@gtcounty.org).



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 April 13, 6-9 p.m.  
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And **Collin Raye**  
 April 12, 6-9 p.m.  
 at Francis Marion Park

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 Georgetown, South Carolina

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## Emergency Manager offers winter weather safety advice

Georgetown County residents aren't likely to forget anytime soon how they started off last year. An early January storm brought six inches or more of snowfall to many areas of the county, iced over roads for days and caused numerous traffic accidents.

For this winter, forecasters at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center are calling for wetter than normal conditions for the Southeast. And while most of the country is expecting warmer than usual temperatures, the southeast is excluded from those predictions with NOAA calling for an equal chance of colder or warmer temperatures.

Residents are advised to be prepared for whatever winter 2019 might bring. Annually, there are dozens of Americans who die due to exposure to cold, according to NOAA. When you include vehicle accident fatalities and fires due to use of heaters and other winter weather deaths, winter weather is a serious threat, even in the South, said officials with Georgetown County Emergency Management. Walking on slippery pavement can lead to injuries and death. Exposure to cold can cause frostbite or hypothermia, which can be life-threatening.

In the South, near freezing temperatures are considered extreme cold. Pipes can become frozen and burst. Snow and ice can paralyze a city by stranding motorists, stopping flow of supplies and disrupting emergency and medical services. Roofs can collapse and trees and power lines can be knocked down.

Most injuries due to snow and ice happen to males over 40 years



Falling snow along Front Street in January 2018 made for a picturesque scene.

of age. Seventy percent result from vehicle accidents, and 25 percent occur in people who get caught in a storm.

Now is the time to prepare yourself and your family for colder weather and all the hazards it can create, said Sam Hodge, Georgetown County Emergency Manager. He advises the following actions to help families be ready:

- Stay informed by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio and TV newscasts for winter storm warnings, watches and advisories.

- Create an emergency kit for yourself, your family and your pets to include a flashlight and extra batteries, extra food and water, extra medications and baby items, first-aid supplies, heating fuel, a fire extinguisher, a charger/battery for your cellphone, blankets/sleeping bags, windshield scraper and brush, battery booster cables for your vehicle, and food, water and shelter for your pets.

- Dress for the season by wearing loose, light-weight, warm clothes in layers to include a hat and mittens.

- Avoid overexertion since the strain from the cold and hard labor can cause a heart attack. Sweating can also lead to a chill and hypothermia.

- If you do get caught outside during a winter storm, find shelter to stay dry, and cover all exposed body parts. If there is no shelter available, build a lean-to to protect yourself from the wind; build a fire for heat; and if applicable, melt snow for drinking water.

- If you get caught in your vehicle during a winter storm, stay in your vehicle running the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat, and open the window for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Be visible to rescuers by turning on the dome light at night when the engine is running, tying a colored cloth to your antenna or

*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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## Sheriffs' Deputy Mandy Glover named county Employee Volunteer of the Year

Amanda "Mandy" Glover, a Georgetown County Sheriff's Deputy and School Resource Officer at Rosemary Middle School in Andrews, was selected last month as the County's 2018 Employee Volunteer of the Year.

She will be officially recognized before Georgetown County Council at the group's next meeting on Jan. 22. The presentation is open to the public.

The Employee Volunteer of the Year award is given at the end of each year to recognize one county employee who also volunteers their time and service to one of the county's many departments and divisions outside the course of their regular job. Glover was selected as this year's winner for outstanding service rendered to residents throughout the community.

Deputy Glover has been employed with the Sheriff's Department for 23 years and "stands out as an asset, serving her county with dedication to her job, her students and her community," said Sheriff Lane Cribb in his nomination of Glover. As a deputy sheriff and SRO, she exceeds the call, he said, describing her as "unselfish and ready to protect what she loves — the residents of Georgetown County."

Many students and teachers know Glover for her "service heart, as she pays for field trips and clothing for those in need from what they call "Mandy's Closet." She continues to help students as they leave her care, graduating to high school.

"To her students she is more than a badge or a uniform," the Sheriff said. "She is 'Mama Mandy.' We are proud of the attributes



Georgetown County Sheriff's Deputy Mandy Glover is pictured at work in 2018. She will be officially recognized by Georgetown County Council on Jan. 22 as the county Employee Volunteer of the Year.

she exhibits on a daily basis."

She also organizes a toy drive for underprivileged children in her community during the holiday season.

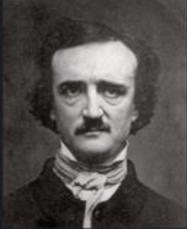
The county is lucky to have employees like Glover, who go above and beyond the call of duty on a day-to-day basis, said County Administrator Sel Hemingway.

Join the Waccamaw Library for

# A Poe Party

Celebrating the 214th birthday of Edgar Allan Poe

Come toast Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) on the occasion of the 214th anniversary of his birth. The guest of honor will be... Poe himself, in the form of actor Vincent Triana, who will portray the gothic master, intoning passages from some of his most suspenseful works. The famed "Poe Toaster" is also expected to make an appearance.



19 | SAT  
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2:30 PM AT THE LIBRARY

Admission is free and all are welcome. The library is located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. Call (843) 545-3363 for information

## Winter Weather

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door, and raising the hood to show you need assistance. From time to time, move your arms, legs, fingers, and toes to keep the blood circulating and to keep warm.

- If you get caught inside during a winter storm, stay inside using fire safeguards and proper ventilation. Close off unneeded rooms. Cover windows at night. Eat and drink to produce heat and provide your body energy. Wear layers of clothes that can be removed to avoid overheating, perspiration, and chill.

As residents try to stay warm, county firefighters also ask they follow all operating directions for electric, gas, kerosene, wood-burning and other types of heaters.

Residents should also check all smoke alarms to make sure they work, and replace any smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old. Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in homes that have a fireplace and/or gas appliances. All heaters need space, so keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, including furnaces fireplaces, wood stoves or portable space heaters.

## Parks and Rec.'s Loren Wallace is Manager of the Year for 2018

Loren Wallace, an employee of Georgetown County for just two years, has been selected as Georgetown County's Manager of the Year for 2018. He is employed as Recreation Manager, assisting department director Beth Goodale, and will be officially recognized before County Council on Jan. 22.

In a relatively short time with Georgetown County, Wallace has interacted with staff from most departments in some capacity, Goodale said in her nomination letter. He is always willing to help in any way possible, and is a very hands-on and detail oriented manager. In addition to handling all day-to-day Recreation Department program and facility issues and staff, Wallace also coordinates all risk management and vehicle-related responsibilities for recreation, park maintenance and aging services. These tasks include all required training, investigations and reporting required throughout the year.

When it became difficult to ensure staff CPR and first aid training could be provided as required due to ongoing issues obtaining instructors, Wallace volunteered to become a certified instructor. As a result, he and the department director will now be able to handle training for county staff, as well as teaching community-based classes at recreation centers around the county.

During tournaments and events, Wallace assumes a major role in producing and staffing events. He is always the first to



**Loren Wallace, right, reviews flood maps in the Georgetown County Emergency Operations Center with Parks and Recreation Director Beth Goodale during the activation for Hurricane Florence last September.**

arrive and the last to leave. Given the nature of Parks and Recreation requirements and events, this often means multiple 16-plus-hour days in a row.

During emergencies, such as hurricanes and other weather events, Mr. Wallace is always available to fill any role requested of him. During Hurricane Florence last fall, Wallace moved to the Emergency Operations Center, where he served as Deputy Logistics Section Chief.

He was also responsible for county staffing required for assistance at emergency evacuation shelters. He coordinated with nonprofit organizations and partners responsible for feeding those in shelters, as well as emergency workers. He also coordi-

nated the donated goods warehouse set up, and trained volunteers to staff the Emergency Support Function designated for incoming donations.

Wallace also physically performed various duties as needed when there was an urgent need for quick action and no one to fulfill the role. One example occurred when a National Guardsman was injured working on the Highway 17 Aquadam project one night due to low light conditions on the roadway. Wallace assisted in locating county lighting assets and, along with one other county staff member, went to the location to install the lighting at midnight in order to keep the project moving safely.

Goals he completed this fiscal year include the overhaul of the sports officiating program, which will decrease costs and improve quality of sports programs. He also successfully wrote a grant which brought in \$850,000 to enable the addition of four generators at recreation facilities used for various emergency sheltering and response operations.

As part of his daily duties, Wallace supervises 10 full-time employees and more than 20 seasonal part-time employees. He is responsible for monitoring costs and budgets required for various recreation programming. Additionally, he serves on the Central Safety Committee, the County's Vehicle User Group and is chairman of VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) for the county.

## New tennis courts open at East Bay Park

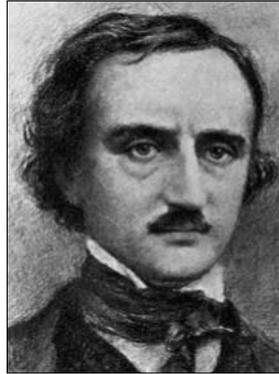


Georgetown County officials and members of the community celebrated the opening of six new public tennis courts at East Bay Park on Nov. 17. Above, County Council members cut the ribbon on the new courts. At right, Council Member Everett Carolina takes advantage of a tennis lesson from the county's tennis pro David Bromberg on one of the new courts. East Bay Park previously had three courts on the site, which were demolished to make way for the new courts. The additional capacity is needed as interest in tennis and pickleball are growing countywide. Bromberg wants to encourage that by having programs to introduce more people to those sports. The new courts have lines for pickleball as well as tennis.



# Library celebrates Gothic master Edgar Allan Poe in grand style

Wintertime got you feeling “dark and dreary?” Here’s a fix: Come toast Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) with the Friends of the Waccamaw Library on the occasion of the 214th anniversary of his birth. The Library will celebrate the occasion on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 2:30 p.m. in the Library’s DeBordieu Auditorium, located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island.



**Edgar Allan Poe**

The guest of honor will be Poe himself, in the form of professional actor Vincent Triana. In the role of Poe, Triana will intone passages from the gothic master’s most suspenseful works for the entertainment of all. Triana, who obtained his bachelor’s in theater from Francis Marion University, has previously played Poe with The Palmetto Players. A veteran of area stage productions who has also logged some film work, he is a skilled performer who has a penchant for enacting the melancholy scribe. He has even considered putting together a solo show just on Poe, he said.

In addition to his dramatic renditions of some of Poe’s most dynamic and well-known works, Triana and a small cast will cap off the celebration with a one-act play version of the writer’s dark and fanciful story, “The Cask of Amontillado.”

Also expected on the scene is the “Poe Toaster,” an elusive,

darkly clad figure who, from at least 1949 and onward for 70 years, appeared at Poe’s grave on his birthdate carrying three roses and a bottle of cognac, which he would pour and drink in toast to the memory of the renowned Poe.

The fame of Poe’s work has made him a household name in modern culture. The famous—and famously gothic—writer was obsessed with repetitions in his stories and poems, including “Annabel Lee,” “The Fall of the House of Usher,” “Lenore,” and “The Raven.” As the victim of numerous personal tragedies in his tortured life, he endured many unhappy returns; truly, poor Poe suffered from “Mournful and Never-ending Remembrance.” He died in Baltimore on Oct. 7, 1849, at age 40 under still-disputed circumstances: some suspect Poe may have undergone a series of strokes, while others believe he may have been suffering from rabies. At his funeral, there were only seven people present. He was buried in an unmarked grave on his grandfather’s plot in Westminster Burying Grounds, Baltimore. It wasn’t until 26 years after his death that teachers and students raised money to pay for a proper monument, and Poe’s remains were moved next to the cemetery gate.

The event on Jan. 19 offers local fans a chance to remember and celebrate Poe’s brilliant contributions as an originator of both the horror and detective fiction genres, a memorable poet, and a pop culture icon. Come join “Mr. Poe” and hear him perform some of his greatest works, while raising a draught of cognac in his honor.

The celebration is free and open to the public.



**ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE**  
SPRING 2019

**SATURDAY MORNINGS**

**FEB. 16 THRU APR. 13, 2019**

**STABLES PARK PAWLEYS ISLAND**

**FEE: \$260/TEAM (\$100 DEPOSIT DUE FEB. 8, 2019)**  
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SPRING 2019

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## New Rocky Point boat landing and kayak launch now open

Rain clouds hung heavy over Rocky Point on the morning of Dec. 1, but the celebratory spirit of those gathered around couldn't be dampened. It was a day many in the community had been waiting on for years — they day they regained access to what was once a hot spot for nature lovers.

Officials from Georgetown County government and its Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Winyah Rivers Foundation, The Nature Conservancy and the Open Space Institute gathered with onlookers to cut a ribbon, officially reopening the property — accessible off Choppee Road — which is now home to a new boat ramp and kayak launch.

Though owned privately, the property was made available to the public for nearly 70 years before changing hands in 2007. The new owner cut off that access and recreational opportunities provided through the property. Then, just under three years ago, a unique partnership allowed the land to be reclaimed for public use. Delays from weather and the spawning of a federally protected fish species held up reopening plans for months more. But all the waiting was worth it. The property is now the state's first public use community forest, and the amenities currently available are just the beginning of what's to come for the 462-acre property.

Future plans for Rocky Point include the eventual addition of hiking, biking and equine trails, as well as camping grounds.

"We are excited that the reality is finally here and the facility is open and is usable. We invite you to use it as often as possible," said County Administrator Sel Hemingway, as he opened the ceremony. "We look forward to many, many years of enjoyment and expanding the offerings we have here in our community forest."

Rocky Point was brought back into public hands when it was purchased through a partnership between The Winyah Rivers Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, the Open Space Institute and Georgetown County, which will manage recreational amenities on the property.

"We're thrilled to be resurrecting such a valued community asset and grateful to The Nature Conservancy, Georgetown County and Open Space Institute for welcoming us into this landmark partnership," said Emma Boyer of Winyah Rivers Foundation. "This



**Local officials and members of the community line up on the new kayak launch at Rocky Point Community Forest to officially re-open the property for public use. In addition to the new kayak launch, a new boat ramp was also constructed on the property. More recreational amenities are planned for the property in the future, including camping and walking, biking and equine trails.**

gives us the opportunity to take a new approach in pursuing our mission in the Winyah Bay watershed. We're looking forward to a new generation of fond memories made on the river at Rocky Point."

Beth Goodale, director of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, said she is delighted at the cooperation from so many different groups that has made reopening this property for the public a possibility.

"It really just makes me happy to see it. I think it really speaks to the importance of this property to the surrounding community, the county and beyond. This piece of land has immense value and potential for our area. It's really a gem and something all these groups and our community as a whole should be proud of," she said.

The new canoe and kayak launch was supported through a grant to the Open Space Institute through the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund which is made possible with funding from the Duke Energy Foundation. The Duke Energy Foundation is investing \$10 million to fund programs benefiting waterways in the Carolinas or immediately downstream of operational facilities in Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia. The fund supports science-based, research supported projects and programs that

provide direct benefits in water quality, fish and wildlife habitats, public use and access to waterways and public awareness about individuals' roles in protecting water resources.

The \$50,000 kayak launch is located adjacent to the new \$150,000 boat landing, which was funded by the county. The new launch ramp has convenient access and a courtesy dock. While the parking area was improved for trailering, launch and traffic, it remains in a natural state with no paving, which is in keeping with the vision for the property.

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## Waccamaw Library to host film series on the ‘Cinematic South’

Georgetown County residents are invited to enjoy various movie visions of Southern life, from classics to contemporary favorites this winter and spring — with accompanying cultural activities, including music, cooking and dancing!

Beginning in February and continuing through May, the Waccamaw Library will host a brand new film series on “The Cinematic South.” The series will take place on Fridays at 2:30 p.m. in DeBordieu Auditorium at the library, located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. All programs are free and open to the public.

What makes the South, *the South*? The Cinematic South Series will provide diverse representations of Southern culture and history, balancing Hollywood versions with independent films, comedies and dramas, and “outsider” views with images created within the region.

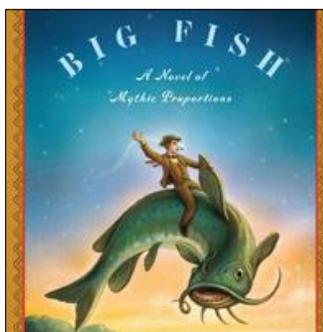
Each film screened in the series will be accompanied by an activity—equal parts educational and entertaining—and the series will also connect with related programs at the Library. For instance, at the screening of the classic “To Kill a Mockingbird,” attendees will sample food items depicted in the film and discuss how these foods, from Lane cake to cracklin’ bread and collards, symbolize Southern racial and class divisions.

In terms of interrelated programs, in February, the screening of Tim Burton’s expressionistic film “Big Fish” will connect with a visit by New York Times bestselling writer Daniel Wallace, author of the novel “Big Fish,” as well as a performance of songs from the Broadway musical, and a storytime featuring a children’s book written and illustrated by Wallace.

In March, a screening of “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” will overlap with a presentation on the history of bluegrass music and a concert by the band Palmetto Blue. Additionally, the library will show “Daughters of the Dust” in connection with a performance of traditional spirituals by The Plantation Singers and a session on learning how to coil a sweetgrass wreath, all as part of the Library’s celebration of Lowcountry Gullah heritage.

The schedule for the Cinematic South Series is as follows:

- Feb. 15, “Big Fish”: To accompany *Big Fish* author Daniel Wallace’s visit on Feb. 21 at 10 a.m., the library will show director Tim Burton’s Oscar-nominated film adaptation.
- March 15, “Daughters of the Dust”: As part of the Waccamaw Library’s celebration of Gullah heritage, which includes the performance of the Plantation Singers on March 14 at 5:30 p.m., as well as David Soliday’s FOWL 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday presentation on his aerial photographs of buried rice plantations on March 7 at 10:00 a.m., the Library will screen director Julie Dash’s brilliant vision of Gullah Sea Islands culture.
- March 29, “O’ Brother, Where Art Thou”: In connection with the live concert by South Carolina’s best bluegrass band Palmetto Blue on Saturday, March 30 at 4 p.m., the Library will screen the Cohen Brothers’ iconic throwback comedy.
- April 12: “Fried Green Tomatoes”: Come laugh, cry, and bond — with some delicious fried green tomatoes on the side!
- April 26, “To Kill a Mockingbird”: Bring your favorite food depicted in the film — Lane cake, dewberry tarts, collards, cracklin’ bread, even “HAM”! What do these foods say about race and class divisions down South?



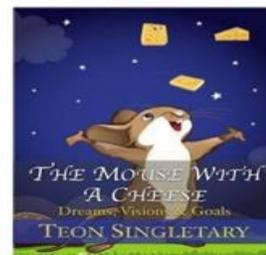
At top: a scene from the movie “Big Fish,” which will be shown on Feb. 15 at the library. The movie is based on the book by Daniel Wallace, pictured above. Wallace will appear at the library on Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. That evening at 5:30 p.m., the library will also host a free concert featuring songs from the Broadway musical adaptation of “Big Fish.”

- May 10, “Forrest Gump”: It’s Trivia Night! Do you know your American history? Your Southern history? Your movie history? Come join the fun, as we look for the history behind Forrest’s stories.

### CHILDREN’S BOOK SIGNING Author, Poet, & Military Veteran Teon Singletary

February 2, 2019  
12:00PM to 1:00PM

Carvers Bay Branch Public Library  
13048 Choppee Road, Hemingway, SC 29554



## Coffee with a Cop headed to Ball & Que

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office will bring its Coffee with a Cop program to the newly remodeled McDonald's restaurant in Pawleys Island on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 31.

The event will take place from 8-10 a.m.

Coffee with a Cop provides time for law enforcement officers and community members to have relaxed one-on-one conversations and discuss community issues, said Jason Lesley, Public Information Officer for the Sheriff's Office. Coffee with a Cop programs are scheduled regularly throughout the year at locations across Georgetown County to bring residents and law enforcement together.



A scene from a previous Coffee with a Cop event.

## Sheriff honors employees, retirees

Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb honored seven employees and two retiring supporters of law enforcement during the department's annual awards presentation program Jan. 15.

Three were named Employees of the Year. They were: Sgt. Deasia Linen, Correctional Officer of the Year; Heather Lippert, Telecommunicator of the Year; Robert Tucker, Deputy of the Year.

The annual award winners were presented the unique Sheriff's Office 3D Badge-Hat plaques and sheriff's office challenge coins for their accomplishments.

Sheriff Cribb also honored two supporters of law enforcement who are retiring from positions: The Rev. Charles Williams, chaplain at the Georgetown County Detention Center for 21 years; and Johnny Morant, chairman of Georgetown County Council. Williams has provided balance and hope to employees and



The Rev. Charles Williams, right, receives a plaque from Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb.

inmates alike at the detention center during his tenure as chaplain. Morant has supported law enforcement as both a Georgetown County Council member and as chairman.

Four were named Employees of the Quarter. They were: Cpl. Keona Brunson, Correctional Officer of the Quarter; Shawn Robinette, Telecommunicator of the Quarter; and Deputies Patrick Holt and Joseph Harris, Deputies of the Quarter.

The quarterly award winners received plaques and challenge coins.

Read more about these outstanding employees and retirees at <https://tinyurl.com/yard8jum>.

## Highway 701 bridges nearing completion

A project to replace bridges in the Yauhannah area of Highway 701, near the Georgetown/Horry county border, is very near completion, according to an update released Jan. 16 by the S.C. Department of Transportation.

Bridge deck construction is now complete at the Yauhannah Lake bridge. Crews can now turn their attention to constructing the bridge's barrier walls. Once the concrete barrier walls are complete, grinding and grooving will be performed on the bridge deck. An

important step before opening the new bridge, grinding and grooving improves bridge deck imperfections, provides a smoother ride and offers better traction.

The roadway work is progressing at the south end of the project near the entrance to the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. Fine-grading work is complete and stone base and asphalt paving are underway.

The Department also asks residents to be very cautious due to high water levels. The Great Pee Dee River levels have been significantly above normal this winter. As a result, the Yauhannah Landing boat ramp and parking area are closed until waters recede below the level of the parking lot. Motorists are reminded to never move or drive around road barricades. The Port Harrelson Landing near Bucksport serves as an alternative landing for accessing the Great Pee Dee River.



Top: the boat ramp at Yauhannah Landing is closed due to flooding. Above: The completed bridge deck on the new Yauhannah Lake bridge.

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At left, Johnny Morant is recognized with a resolution at his final Council meeting. Above is his official Council portrait.

## Morant

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tion Center and development of the Choppee Health Complex next door.

Hemingway, who was County Council Chairman prior to having been hired as county administrator in 2008, called Morant one of his best friends.

"I came to know Johnny in the decade of the '80s, when we served on the Economic Development Commission together," Hemingway recalled. "Back in those days, technology wasn't here and the routine for handling prospective industrial projects was a much more involved one, so we got to know each other pretty well. Then he served on council 3 or 4 years before I joined. Coming on board and serving with him beginning in '97, it's been a close relationship. We had a lot of interaction on a lot of issues throughout the county, but on a personal level, I consider him one of my best friends and respect him immensely. I've admired his leadership and ability to remain calm in heated circumstances, even to the degree of calming me in some cases. His retirement is a loss to the county."

Morant said his greatest accomplishments as part of council have been those that improved the quality of life for communities – particularly the county's rural communities. Among the pro-

jects he is most proud of, he lists those that brought sewer access to communities in Browns Ferry, Choppee, Annie Village and Plantersville; as well as those that brought much needed parks and recreational opportunities to communities across the county, from the Waccamaw Neck to Choppee and Andrews.

He regrets that the county has not made more significant gains in the area of economic development, but acknowledges the county faces significant hurdles in that area, including lack of Interstate access, that won't be overcome quickly or easily. The county has made some headway in recent years, he said, and he is comfortable leaving the job in the hands of Louis, as his successor, and the rest of council and county staff.

While the community thanked Morant for his service, Morant turned the focus back on the community. "The community has done a lot for me, has helped me throughout," he told the crowd gathered to celebrate him. "It isn't about me or the council. We're trying to do things that unite all of us. It's about the community."

Louis Morant has served on a number of local boards and commissions, including the Planning Commission and Water and Sewer District board.

"I believe public service should be part of us all and my service on County Council will allow me to play a vital role in the county's economic development," he said. "We need to bring jobs and continue our county's growth."



At left is Louis Morant during his first Council meeting. Above is his official council portrait.