

The Georgetown County Chronicle



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County will embark on Visions 3 process in 2017

As Georgetown County prepares to get to work on the final projects included in its long-range Capital Improvement Plan, County Council is ready to begin looking to the future and what needs the next decade may bring.

During a two-day retreat and workshop in February, Council agreed to revive Visions, the county-wide community planning process that ultimately resulted in the current Capital Improvement Plan and recent projects including tournament-level parks and facilities, the new Waccamaw Library, Murrells Inlet Community Center and construction of a new Judicial Center on Cleland Street to name a few.

While plans don't call for the committee to get to

work until the summer of 2017, Council Members agreed they want to begin laying preliminary groundwork this year. That means they'll be looking for volunteer leaders to head various aspects of the committee's work. They'll also begin spreading the word that Visions 3 is going to take place and asking members of the public to be ready and get involved once neighborhood planning and decision making meetings begin.

"I think we need a plan for the plan," said Council Member Steve Goggans. "We need to start planning now for exactly what the process is going to be."

Then the County and Visions leaders can hit the

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Andrews Rotary helps put AEDs in county facilities

An effort to install life saving equipment in public facilities throughout Georgetown County took a big leap forward this month when the Andrews Rotary Club installed AEDs in four county-run facilities. Automated external defibrillators are now available in Andrews area facilities including the county's recreation complex at Olive Park, the Andrews Branch Library, the Andrews Regional Recreation Center and the Andrews Senior Citizens Center.

The initiative is one that was born about a year ago and will involve Rotary Clubs throughout the County, which will raise funds to make the installation of these devices possible. At about \$1,300 per unit, the devices aren't cheap, but having one nearby can be the difference between life and death in a cardiac emergency.

"Our emergency responders can tell you, when a person's heart stops suddenly, every second counts and



Members of the Andrews Rotary Club are pictured at the Andrews Library, one of the locations where AEDs were recently installed.

even a very small delay in efforts to get the heart beating again can be detrimental," said Georgetown County Administrator Sel Hemingway, who is also a member of the Andrews Rotary Club. "Recognizing that, we felt it was important to have these devices available in public facilities, and the effort is one all five Rotary Clubs in the county enthusiastically agreed to take on."

According to the American Heart

Association, a victim's chances of survival drop by 7 to 10 percent for every minute that passes without the restoration of a normal heartbeat. AEDs make it possible for those without any medical training to respond to a medical emergency where defibrillation is needed, filling the gap between when the heart stops and when emergency responders arrive. The devices provide step-

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Spring is coming and often brings severe weather. Is your family ready?

It's hard not to look forward to spring every year after what often seems like an interminable winter. But while most folks look forward to blooming flowers and mild temperatures, spring also has a reputation for some wild and dangerous weather.

From tornadoes, lightning, floods, rip currents and early season heat, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration warns that spring can bring great danger and imperil the unprepared.

To help families get ready and stay safe, March 6-12 has been declared Severe Weather and Lightning Safety Awareness Week, with Flood Safety Week set for March 13-19. NOAA and Georgetown County Emergency Management will be working those weeks to put out safety information and help encourage families to come up with a plan for any severe weather incidents that may arise.

"The severe weather period for us really starts around mid-April. That's when we usually start seeing the afternoon thunderstorms, along the coast especially, and those bring the potential for tornadoes, lightning strikes and hail," said Sam Hodge, Georgetown County's Emergency Manager. That makes March the perfect time to start brushing up on safety and preparedness protocols, he added.

Officials say the first thing residents can do to prepare is to know their risk by checking weather reports each morning. Residents should also make it a priority this month to assemble an emergency supplies kit with 72 hours worth of food and water. In an emergency such as a tornado, residents may be stuck at home without elec-



tricity for three days or more, Hodge warns. He also suggests that residents have an emergency communication plan to help ensure that all the important people in their lives know how to stay in touch in an emergency. This plan should list meeting places and alternate ways of communicating if traditional means, such as phone lines and Internet, are down. Check Georgetown County Emergency Management's Facebook page for safety tips March 6-19. But in the meantime, here's some basic advice for

two of the biggest spring weather dangers:

Tornadoes

Since 2005, 49 states have come under a tornado warning. That goes to show tornadoes can strike almost anywhere. While a tornado watch is issued when conditions are favorable for tornadoes, a tornado warning means severe weather is imminent. Once a warning is issued, you may have only minutes to find shelter before a tornado strikes. You should practice family tornado drills at least once a year and make sure all family members know where to go and what to do.

Lightning

In 2015, there were 26 lightning fatalities. Lightning strikes the U.S. about 25 millions times a year. When thunder roars, go indoors. No place outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area.

Join us for Eggs in the Park

Four free Easter egg hunts for kids ages 5-12

*Presented by Georgetown County
Parks and Recreation*

March 21 – Andrews Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.

March 22 – Choppee Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.

March 23 – Beck Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.

March 24 – Morse Park, 5:30 p.m.

*Easter eggs will be filled with toys and candy.
The Easter Bunny will be present to meet with kids.*

For information, call 545-3275



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

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‘Games and Geekery:’ Library to host inaugural ShushCon

The Georgetown County Library system will embrace and celebrate all things “geek” this month, with its first ever gaming convention, ShushCon.

Set for March 11-13 at the Waccamaw Library, ShushCon is a free “gaming and geekery” convention that will celebrate gaming in all its forms, said organizer Donald Dennis. Dennis is in charge of technology and programs for teens for the library.

“ShushCon was crafted to expose the Grand Strand to the modern gaming renaissance,” Dennis said. “This is something that will allow people to celebrate the things they’re excited about, and it will also highlight the library as a community center where people come together over shared interests as well as a place you can go get information.”

Georgetown County Library branches have long had video game programs in place for youth, and also have a collection of board games, card games and other activities that young adults and families can enjoy. However, that aspect of service at the library still seems to come as a surprise to many.

“The thing I’m most excited about as we get ready for and promote this event is that I’ve had so many people say, ‘Oh, I didn’t know the library did that,’” Dennis said. “It’s helping to reveal more of the services we offer for the community.”

ShushCon is promised to showcase activities including board games, roleplaying games, collectible card games, video games, Anime and cosplay. Just a few of the events on the schedule include a steampunk tea party, Guild Ball, Artemis bridge simulator, Star Wars: X-Wing and Star Wars: Armada, game tournaments and



Organizers hope ShushCon will grow the gaming contingent at Georgetown County library branches.

swap meets, tea dueling and a Dungeons and Dragons adventurer’s leagues. ShushCon will also feature a day of activities for librarians with sessions dedicated to helping them develop their own geek- and game-related programs at libraries across the Southeast.

Dennis said ShushCon has already had significant support from game makers who have donated games to the library for its collection and to be used during the convention. The library is still looking for convention sponsors and would like to see more local businesses step up. Businesses can get involved by donating games or items such as gift certificates to be given away during the convention.

For more information about ShushCon, including daily schedules, visit www.shushcon.com.



Introducing Junior Book Club

Calling all preteen reading fans!
The Georgetown Library has a new book club just for you.
Stop by on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to share
your favorite books with fellow readers.

For information, call (843) 545-3310

Making Proud Choices

Teen Pregnancy and STD
Prevention Workshop

Wednesday, March 30
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
at the Andrews Library

Registration and parental permission required.
Each participant will receive a \$20 gift card.
Lunch and snack will be provided.

Topics include teen pregnancy,
STD prevention, self-esteem
and decision making.

Presented by:
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and the S.C. Campaign to Prevent
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Water quality monitoring volunteers needed

Community volunteers are needed to join water quality monitoring initiatives in Murrells Inlet and on the Waccamaw River. These programs are supported with funding from Georgetown and Horry counties to help fulfill Stormwater goals that include engaging citizens in protecting our waterways and raising environmental awareness in the community.

Programs are administered through Coastal Carolina University's Waccamaw Watershed Academy and its Environmental Quality Laboratory. Murrells Inlet 2020 and the Waccamaw River-keeper provide program support.

The support of community volunteers is critical to these programs' success, said Tracy Jones, Georgetown County's Stormwater Division manager.

Following training to use handheld environmental testing equipment, volunteers work as part of a team to sample selected sites twice monthly. Water quality data is used to determine trends over time, to supplement state monitoring whose frequency has been considerably reduced and to identify "hot spots" for improvement. Data generated by volunteers is available in an online database accessible to the public at <http://bccmws.coastal.edu/volunteermonitoring/>.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Dr. Susan Libes, Coastal Carolina University program director, at susan@coastal.edu or (843) 349-4028.



Area water quality monitoring volunteers at work.

Sheriff encourages public to support state Association

Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb recently announced his support for the S.C. Sheriffs Association's spring membership drive and encouraged county residents to join the Association as honorary members.

The Association provides aggressive advocacy using the strong unified voice of South Carolina's 46 elected Sheriffs, and is a key player in shaping state policy on public safety and crime prevention, as well as providing critical training to Sheriffs' teams.

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the membership drive has taken on greater importance than it ever has before," Cribb said. "The funding is vital to help us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play."

Membership appeals will be sent out through a direct mail piece in coming days. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$25, while businesses can show their support for a \$50 contribution. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal justice issues. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Individuals that do not receive a membership appeal and who would like more information should contact the Association at (803) 772-1101 or online at www.sheriffsc.com. Contributions may also be sent to 112 Westpark Blvd., Columbia, SC 29210.

Cribb would like to remind the public that **the Association does not solicit via telemarketing**. If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be calling on behalf of the SC Sheriffs' Association, know that it is fraudulent and hang up.

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Visit our website at www.gtcounty.org. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. Just search for GtCountySC.



Georgetown County Parks and Recreation
presents

SPRING BREAK Day CAMP

Spring Break Week — March 28 through April 1
at Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center
Ages 5-12; Fee is \$60 per camper

Also featuring:

Black Light Party Night
April 1, from 7-11 p.m.
Ages 13-18; \$5 per person
Games, food, music & more!

Canoe Camp
March 28-31
Ages 10-15; \$35 per person



For information,
call (843) 545-3202
or (843) 545-3275

Peter Fletcher returns for Library performance

Renowned classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will return to Georgetown County this month for a free performance in the Waccamaw Library auditorium. The concert will take place Saturday, March 19, from 7-8:30 p.m., and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Light hors d'oeuvres, tea and water will be served.



"It's an evening of beautiful music, in our newest library. We're honored that Mr. Fletcher will share his talent with us, and grateful that the Friends of the Library are making it possible," said Dwight McInvaill, library director.

Fletcher is an accomplished guitarist with an international fan base. He has been featured at cultural venues of the highest caliber, including the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. His recordings earn both critical acclaim and brisk sales.

Fletcher is no stranger to Georgetown County. He has played here several times to large and enthusiastic audiences. His program will feature some of his favorite composers, among them Michael Praetorius, Rowland Prichard, J.S. Bach and Edward Grieg. He carries on the Segovia tradition of expanding the comparatively small classical guitar repertoire by transcribing from other instruments and even by commissioning new music. For more information, call (843) 545-3363 or email sbremner@gtcounty.org.

Library to host series for Veterans

Veterans and their loved ones are invited to the Georgetown Library for a series of presentations designed especially for veterans, their families and friends.

The series features an informative meeting each month this spring, led by Bernard McLeroy, peer support specialist from the Myrtle Beach Veterans Affairs Medical Clinic.

"Our goal is to increase access to care for veterans," McLeroy said. "We also want to encourage self-advocacy among veterans, and give them and their families education and support."

The first meeting in the series will be **March 21 from 1-3 p.m.** in the library auditorium at 405 Cleland Street. Each meeting will have a topic, but will also allow plenty of time for attendees to ask questions and get information specific to their needs. Among the topics that will be covered are counseling, re-entry, housing, mental health, education, compensation and employment.

The meetings are free and open to all. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated. Please call Heather Pelham at (843) 545-3327 for more information, or send an email to hpelham@gtcounty.org.



BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, April 6

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Beck Recreation Center,
2030 Church St., Georgetown

Donors are encouraged to schedule
an appointment online at redcrossblood.org.

Use the sponsor lookup code **GeoCounty**.

This event is co-sponsored by Georgetown County government.




Coming to the Waccamaw Library!

The Aristocats

Swing and Jazz



Joseph Moyer Lloyd Kaplan Nat Diccrilli

and Claire Fancher on the bass

Saturday, March 5th

7 pm

41 St. Paul Place

FREE!

Reservations/information: sbremner@gtcounty.org

Gullah and Gospel Festival shows celebrated film at Georgetown Library

The Georgetown Library is proud to host a free film showing as part of the multifaceted Gospel and Gullah in Georgetown 2016 festival. "Rejoice and Shout" will play on March 11 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the library auditorium on Cleland Street.

Packed with evocative photos, rare audio recordings, stirring film appearances and TV performances,

"Rejoice and Shout" covers the 200-year musical history of African-American Christianity. Culled from hundreds of hours of music, the film features the crème de la crème of Gospel music.

"Rejoice and Shout" traces the evolution of Gospel through its many musical styles – spirituals and early hymns, four-part harmony-based quartets, the integration of blues and swing into Gospel, the emergence of Soul, and the blending of Rap and Hip Hop elements.

Gospel music also walked in step with the story of African-American culture – from slavery, hardscrabble rural existence and plantation work, the exodus to major cities, the Depression and World War II, to the civil rights movement and empowerment.

The film showing is just part of the annual **Gospel and Gullah in Georgetown** festival. For more information, visit www.gospelgeorgetown.com.



A clip from "Rejoice and Shout."

More upcoming events at the library:

Library Board Retreat, March 5

The Georgetown County Library Board will have its annual retreat on March 5 at 9:45 a.m. at the Belle Isle Marina Bar and Grill. The retreat is open to the public. Topics to be discussed include the budget, legislative matters, a new Southern Georgetown County Library branch, and more.

Author's Table, March 17

Sharon Roberts will share her latest book at the Waccamaw Library "Author's Table" event at 7 p.m. on March 17. She will explore the inspiration behind "My Journey, His Plan," share writing tips and answer questions.

Author's Table is a monthly program at the Waccamaw Library that features local writers and their newest offerings. For more information, call Steele Bremner at (843) 545-3363 or email sbremner@gtcounty.org.

Andrews Community Yard Sale, April 2

A community yard sale at the Andrews Library on Saturday, April 2, will be a fundraiser for children's programs at the library.

The sale is set for 8–11 a.m. at the library, located at 105 N. Morgan Ave. Rent a space to sell your items for just \$10. Call (843) 545-3621 for information. The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Andrews Library.

Tea and Poetry Series concludes, April 7

The Litchfield Tea and Poetry Series at the Waccamaw Library will wrap up April 7 with readings by contributors to "Brookgreen Gardens: Through the Seasons in Images and Words." Join photographer Anne Swift Malarich and editor Linda Ketrone along with others for this special program from 3-4 p.m.

Memoir Writing Workshop

March 15th, 6:30—8 pm
Waccamaw Library Auditorium
41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island

Workshop presenter Donna Hutter, author of several well-received memoirs, will help you find your voice, organize the memories and anecdotes you want to share, and begin preserving the past in writing.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST FIFTEEN PEOPLE WHO REGISTER:
843-545-3303 or tbazemore@tccounty.org

Made possible by the Georgetown County Library System, the South Carolina New Writers Partnership, the South Carolina State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

DIGITAL SHOEBOX

Preserving Your Family E-Treasures

Archivist Julie Warren will help you preserve electronic memories, from digital photos to monumental emails.

Tuesday, March 29th at 5:30
Georgetown Library, 405 Cleland Street

More Information: (843) 545-3316

Georgetown County Council recognizes Volunteers of the Year

One longtime and one new volunteer with Georgetown County were recognized by County Council recently as Volunteers of the Year. The volunteers were Mack Reed, chief at Georgetown County Fire/EMS, who is a dedicated volunteer coach with Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, and Wil Keith, volunteer chaplain for Midway Fire Rescue.

Georgetown County recognizes one volunteer and one employee volunteer each year for their service. Volunteers are imperative to the operation of a number of county programs and functions, including recreational sports and the fire service. County Council members were pleased to be able to thank these two volunteers in person for giving of their time and talents.

Reed has volunteered with Georgetown County Parks and Recreation as a coach and youth mentor for more than 27 years. He was already volunteering with the department when he joined the county staff in January 1989.

As a volunteer, he coaches youth football, serves as a youth mentor and is also founder of the Browns Ferry Booster Club. Parents and Recreation Department staff say he "always goes the extra mile" for youth in his community. As an example, the Browns Ferry Booster Club was founded because he wanted to make sure youth in his community who wanted to play ball could do so even if their families couldn't afford the registration fee and other associated costs. Reed also transports players who do not have another ride to and from games and practices. This effort has picked up the name "Mack's carpool." Additionally, he organizes and hosts social events for team building.

In 2015, Reed was head coach of the County's All Stars team for 9-10-year-olds and brought his team to victory. Under his leadership, several youth have gone on to play college and even professional ball.

What makes Reed's efforts stand out above others, according to colleagues, is not his passion for the sport of football as much as his love for helping people. He has made a lifelong commitment to mentoring youth in Georgetown County.

Staff in the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as Emergency Services say Reed is a "true humanitarian," who is always working to make people's lives better — on and off the clock.



Georgetown County Fire/EMS Chief Mack Reed, center, is pictured with County Council Chairman Johnny Morant, right, and Greg Troutman, director of human resources.



Midway Chaplain Wil Keith, center, is pictured with County Council Chairman Johnny Morant, right, and Greg Troutman, director of human resources.

Keith joined the Midway Fire Rescue staff just over a year and a half ago as its volunteer chaplain. Though he is a relatively new volunteer with Midway, staff there say his service has already proven invaluable.

"He has gone above and beyond all that we could have ever hoped for," said Midway Chief Doug Eggiman. "He maintains a positive presence in our fire stations and the firefighters love having him around."

Keith makes every effort to meet with anyone seeking his advice or needing someone to talk to. He arrives on fire/emergency scenes when requested and has proven himself instrumental in helping to calm victims. He goes the extra mile by leaving his card, so victims can contact him again

later if they need to. He makes sure they know that help is still available, even after the fire trucks and ambulances are gone, Eggiman said.

Keith also provides counsel and emotional support to first responders, making himself available anytime a crew member needs to talk. If crews answer a call that sounds like it might take more of an emotional toll than usual on responders, Keith can usually be found standing in the firehouse bay when they return if he was unable to get to the scene.

"He never pushes anyone to talk, but has a special gift of just being present in case they want to," Eggiman said. "He has gained the trust of the firefighters."

Visions

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ground running in 2017, Goggans added.

Part of the beauty of Visions, which was first introduced in 1998, is that it incorporates as many people in the county as possible to gauge what community needs and priorities are. The first iteration of Visions involved more than 250 volunteers from around the county. Visions II was initiated in 2004 with more than 350 residents committed to working together.

"The CIP has been a very good thing," said Council Member Austin Beard. It's taken some heat along the way, but the end result has shown we knew what we were doing. I think we had good public input and this plan has produced some projects we can be very proud of. But we can't rest on our laurels now. We need to keep this momentum going."

Council Member Leona Miller expressed concerns that some were left out of the process in the past, which led to issues down the road when projects in their communities were ready for construction. "Once we started moving forward, they didn't know what was going on," she said. "We need to reach out to as many of the residents as possible, because sometimes [others in that area] don't pass the word along."

County Administrator Sel Hemingway said the County has always tried to reach out to all areas of the county and as many people as possible to get the public involved in every version of the Visions



Georgetown County Council Members and staff listen to a presentation during the planning workshop in February.

process. One of the disappointments officials saw with Visions I and II was low turn out at community meetings called to discuss plans. "Certainly a goal for this process should be how to involve more people and make sure more people are aware of it," he said.

Though the Visions III process won't begin in earnest until next year, residents who would like to be involved or receive email updates on the process — including community meetings — as it evolves, can sign up now by contacting Jackie Broach, the county's public information officer, at jbroach@gtcounty.org or (843) 545-3164. Residents are also encouraged to help spread the word about Visions III and encourage friends, neighbors, church members and others to sign up for updates and be involved in the process when the time comes. Council members note that the people on the Visions committee and at upcoming community meetings will decide what projects are completed in their neighborhoods over the next decade or more.

AEDs

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by-step verbal instructions that allow a user to deliver a shock to the heart if the device determines such action is needed. If the action is not needed, the devices have a safety feature preventing a shock from being delivered.

Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death among adults over the age of 40, affecting 424,000 people of all ages annually in the U.S. Nine out of 10 victims die. In 2013, there were 9,500 cases of sudden cardiac arrest in children and teens, according to the American Heart Association.

"Every six days, a child somewhere dies playing sports. That's a pretty high statistic," said Claire Grant, a mother of three who lives in Andrews. Two of her children participate in sports through the county's recreation department. Her middle child, Wilson, 8, has a heart condition called ventricular tachycardia that was diagnosed during a general wellness exam when he was 5.

She considers her family lucky to have gotten an early diagnosis, so her son can receive treatment, but points out that isn't always the case. Some parents don't know their children have heart conditions until they find themselves in an emergency situation.

Grant not only encouraged the County to implement a plan for installing AEDs in public facilities, she helped recruit the county's Rotary Clubs to get involved in funding the project, Hemingway said.

"She and her family were really a driving force behind this initiative," he said. "This is something the county had already been looking at, but she really convinced us this needed to be a priority. The end goal here is to not only have an AED in every county facility, but to also to encourage other facilities, like banks and churches for example, follow suit and install these devices."

To date, there haven't been any instances where an AED was needed at a county facility, said Beth Goodale, Georgetown County's director of parks and recreation. But such a situation is always a possibility and it could happen anywhere.

"With so many facilities and so many people using them, we didn't feel like we could pick and choose which locations get them," Goodale said. "This is something we really needed to do countywide. We're very lucky the Rotary Clubs were willing to step in and help us get it done faster by funding the project."

The Andrews Rotary Club spent \$5,200 to purchase four devices. They received \$2,600 from a Rotary District grant and had fundrais-

ers to pay the balance. Club members participated in installation of the devices this month in Andrews.

"Even without a heart condition, a child's heart can stop during a sporting event," said Midway Fire Rescue Chief Doug Eggiman. "They could take some type of hit to the chest and that could throw anyone into a lethal arrhythmia."

Midway advised Rotary in what kind of AEDs it should install.

With the first devices installed, a public awareness campaign — a joint effort between Rotary and the County — will begin. Participants will work to make sure community members know what facilities house AEDs. When the project is complete, residents will be able to find an AED in any county-owned community facility. The locations of these devices will also be entered in to a mobile app that people can use to locate the nearest AED in an emergency.

"We hope eventually it will be common knowledge that you can find an AED in a county facility or, say, in any bank if banks in the area decided to get together and take this on as a project," Hemingway said.

Rotary Club members said a component of this initiative will also be to promote heart healthy activities and have the County recognized as a heart smart community.

Georgetown County, South Carolina

County Government

Numbers to know

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Auditor, 545-3021

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County Council, 545-3058

Coroner, 546-3056

Elections, 545-3339

Finance, 545-3002

Planning and Zoning, 545-3116

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MI Community Theater brings free show to library

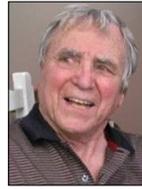
The Murrells Inlet Community Theater's traveling troupe Second Stage Repertory will grace the Waccamaw Library with three riveting variety shows this spring.

The shows, grouped under the moniker "Mike's Meanderings," will run on March 6, April 3 and April 17 at 3 p.m. in the library auditorium.

"Mike's Meanderings" will feature mesmerizing monologues, instrumental interludes, poetry readings and more, by performers Mike Bivona, Kathy Kenney, Pat Dunning, Heidi McCarty and Beverly Kennedy.

Bivona, who will emcee the multi-faceted show, has been with the Murrells Inlet Community Theatre since it formed in 1998. In addition to acting in numerous productions at the theatre itself, he formed Second Stage and serves as its director.

Kenney will perform a monologue entitled "Melanie." She has been involved in several productions over the years in amateur theater as



Mike Bivona

both an actress and director, and has a BA in theatre performance.

Dunning has made theatre a lifetime activity. She made her theatre debut in South Carolina at Murrells Inlet Community Theatre's "The Last Romance" in 2014. For her Second Stage performances this spring, she'll perform the monologue of drama queen Camille.

McCarty performs with Second Stage both as an actor and musician. Last year, she was part of the cast of "Love Always." As a cellist, she has performed with many orchestras, opera companies and chamber music ensembles. She also teaches music at the Montessori School of Pawleys Island, is the string teacher at Waccamaw Elementary and Intermediate schools, and gives private violin and cello lessons.

Beverly Kennedy, co-executive director of the Family Justice Center, will round out the entertainment as a guest poetry reader.

The show is free of charge. Reservations are not required, but are encouraged. Please email sbremner@gtcounty.org.

Seniors participate in 'wrap-around' event in Georgetown



Senior citizens from throughout Georgetown County came together on March 1 to participate in the Senior Wrap Around held at the Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown. Hosted by the county's Bureau of Aging Services, the event provided those who receive services through the Bureau with a chance to get together for lunch and enjoy a fun day of games with Parks and Recreation staff. The Georgetown County Bureau of Aging Services operates senior citizens centers throughout the county, provides transportation to the centers for seniors, and offers a range of other services, including meal delivery for home-bound seniors. These services are free. For more information, call (843) 545-3185.

Quilt show opens March 22

The inaugural Lowcountry Quilt Show is coming to the Georgetown County Museum at 120 Broad Street this month.

Open March 22 to April 2, the show will promote the history of quilts, one of the oldest forms of art dating back to the 1600s. Featured will be 15 antique quilts, 50-plus other quilted items and a Quilt of Valor display.

Hours for the show are Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show is a fundraiser for the museum. Admission is \$5. In conjunction with the quilt show, Quilts of Valor will honor four local veterans March 28 at 6 p.m. at the VFW on Church Street. They are: Charles Fischer, Richard J."Bubba" Ferndon, Francis B."Jeepy" Ford and Danny Arnold.