

# The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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## Calendar

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

**March 21**– Groundbreaking Ceremony for new Southern Georgetown Library branch. See page 11.

**March 26** – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven St.

**March 28** – Coffee with a Cop, 8 -10 a.m. at Prosser's Restaurant. See page 5.

**March 30** – Last day to register for youth flag football. See page 8.

**April 6** – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 a.m. to noon. See page 10.

**April 9** – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse on Screven St.

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## County to have full scale emergency preparedness exercise on March 20

Area residents may notice some unusual activity at and around 8 Oaks Park on Highmarket Street next week.

That will be the site of a full scale emergency preparedness exercise being put on by Georgetown County Emergency Management on Wednesday, March 20. Georgetown County tries to host a major training exercise annually to ensure emergency responders, health care workers and other involved agencies are prepared for any type of emergency that may arise.

"We've had a lot of real world practice with hurricanes and flooding recently, but there are a lot of other disasters that could occur in our area," said Sam Hodge, Georgetown County Emergency Manager.

The scenario for this year's training exercise is a mass casualty incident involving a school bus that collides with a train while on a field



Georgetown County Emergency Manager Sam Hodge talks with members of his team during a past emergency preparedness training exercise.

trip. The exercise will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until around noon for emergency responders. Health care workers will continue the exercise in their facilities in the afternoon, once role players have been transported to emergency rooms. In the exercise

scenario, hospital emergency departments will already be operating at or above capacity and dealing with staffing shortages due to a flu outbreak.

"This is a way for us to test our  
**See "Training," Page 10**

## Free gaming convention returns to Waccamaw Library

ShushCon, the Georgetown County Library System's annual celebration of "gaming and geekery" will return to the Waccamaw Library for its fourth year March 22-24.

The free three-day event features gaming in all its modern forms, from role playing games to video games and much more. The convention annually features a wide array of board games, collectible card games, miniatures games and escape rooms, to name a few.

There are also plenty of opportunities for play-to-win games and trying out new games donated by publishers, as well as organized play with groups such as the



Pathfinder Society and D&D Adventures League. This year's event will open with a Story Game Workshop for teachers, librarians and other educational professionals. Made possible through a partnership between the Library and Games in Schools and Libraries, the workshop will offer a day of sessions dedicated to the use of games in story-based programs for curriculums and community outreach activities. Workshop activities begin at 9 a.m. Friday, March 22.

For more information and a complete schedule of ShushCon activities, visit [www.shushcon.com](http://www.shushcon.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shushcon/>.

## Public hearing on residency claims set for March 15

A public hearing to investigate accusations against County Council Member Austin Beard concerning his residency will take place March 15. It was delayed in January as a result of a medical emergency experienced by Beard's attorney on the morning of Jan. 18, when the hearing was originally scheduled. Due to the circumstances, the board and the complainant's attorney were agreeable to the postponement.

The public hearing will be conducted by the Georgetown County Board of Voter Registration and Elections. It was scheduled following a complaint issued against Beard 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 in January with claims that Beard does not reside in the district he represents — Council District 5. They have asked that Beard resign.

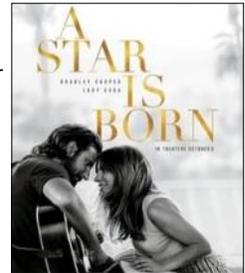
The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. in Council Chambers, located in the historic county courthouse at 129 Screven St., Georgetown. A copy of the rules of procedure for the hearing is available at [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org).

### Public Hearing

**When:** March 15, 10 a.m.  
**Where:** County Council Chambers, 129 Screven St., Georgetown.

## 'A Star is Born' among spring showings at Strand Cinema

The Strand Cinema at 710 Front Street in Georgetown will include critically acclaimed musical "A Star is Born" in its spring lineup of weekend showings.



The film, starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper, will premier at the Strand on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. A second showing is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the box office, which opens 30 minutes prior to each film.

Other films in the Strand's spring lineup include: "Anhadhun," "Mary Queen of Scots," "The Guilty," "First Man," "Maria by Callas," "The Square," "Green Book," "Shoplifters," "If Beale Street Could Talk," "The World at Your Feet," "The Samuel Project," "Capernaum," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Can You Ever Forgive Me," and "The Favorite."

Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, including a complete schedule, visit [www.swampfoxplayers.com/strand-cinema](http://www.swampfoxplayers.com/strand-cinema) or call (843) 527-2924, ext. 3.

## Coming to Georgetown, S.C. April 11-14, 2019



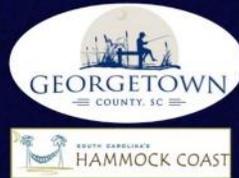
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## Get the Chronicle

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 in 2012. It's a vehicle for information about county services and events, important messages from county officials and behind-the-scenes glimpses at how government works.

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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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# County, DNR team up to host youth fishing rodeo at 8 Oaks Park

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, will host a Kids' Freshwater Fishing Rodeo next month.

The event is free and is set for 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 6, at the pond at 8 Oaks Park, 6610 Highmarket St., Georgetown. The County hosted several similar events last year at 8 Oaks and Choppee Recreation Center that were extremely successful, and residents said they wanted to see more kids' fishing events in the future.

Participants in the fishing rodeo are encouraged to bring their own fishing pole, as well as live bait and tackle if possible, but DNR will have a limited supply available for use if needed.

No adult fishing and no pets will be allowed. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is preferred and may be completed online at <http://bit.ly/takeakidfishing> or via phone at (803) 737-8483. Online pre-registration closes at noon on April 5. Onsite registration will also be available.



For many children at the county's last fishing rodeo, the event offered their first opportunity to go fishing, and learn skills from parents, grandparents and others.

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**THE FURRIEST**

A golden retriever is running happily across a grassy field. In the background, a person is running, partially obscured by the dog. The scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a park or outdoor setting.

## County offers tennis lessons at new East Bay Park tennis courts

With new tennis courts now open at East Bay Park, Georgetown County Parks and Recreation is expanding opportunities for children, teens and adults to learn the sport and/or improve their skills.

Beginning March 20, the county will begin offering lessons for youth ages 6-17 on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Cost is \$40 for a four-week program. Lessons for ages 6-8 will be available from 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays or 12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturdays; lessons for ages 9-12 will be available from 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays or 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Saturdays; and lessons for ages 13-17 will be available from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesdays or 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays.



A child practices tennis skills at Stables Park.

For adults, Skills and Drills drop-in clinics will take place on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 (for six or more players) or \$15 (for five players or less). Players will participate in point situational drills in a fun and competitive environment. Adults must be USTA rated 2.5 or higher in order to participate in the clinics.

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation hopes to continue to add new programs at East Bay Park as interest in the sport grows.

For more information, or to reserve a spot in one of these programs, call Stables Park Tennis Center at (843) 545-3450. Be sure to specify you are signing up for the East Bay Park programs. Classes are limited to eight players.



### All-Star Girls place 2nd in Eastern District

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation is proud to announce that its 12U Girls All-Star Basketball team placed runner-up in the Eastern District Tournament this month in Latta. The team posted impressive wins against Marion and Myrtle Beach, but fell short to Latta in the championship game. The County is very proud of their hard work and accomplishments this season, as well as the consistent dedication and commitment of their volunteer coaches. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer coach for youth athletics is encouraged to contact Georgetown County Parks and Recreation at (843) 545-3275.

### Library offers Backyard Naturalist kits for kids

The Georgetown County Library system is now offering Backyard Naturalist Backpack kits for children who want to explore nature in their neighborhood.

The kits are available for loan and include: a backyard book with nature activities, a kids' insect net, compact binoculars, a magnifying glass, plastic collection bags, a nature notebook, colored pencils, instructions, and a sturdy backpack to hold it all.

For more information, call (843) 545-3300 or visit your library branch.

## Cheerleading classes available at Beck

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation has partnered with Champions in Motion to offer recreational to competitive level cheerleading classes at Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown.

Classes are offered Monday nights for ages 4-18. Class times are 6-6:45 p.m. for ages 4-6, 6:45-7:30 p.m. for ages 7-9, and 7:30-8:15 p.m. for ages 10 and up. Cost is \$8 per week with no contract, plus a \$10 registration fee.

Registration is available 15 minutes prior to each class, or online at [cimnc.org](http://cimnc.org). For more information, call (843) 802-4540. Coaches are also needed. Anyone interested in becoming a coach is asked to call (919) 535-8304.



## Library readies for spring book sale

The Georgetown Branch Library is accepting books for its huge spring book sale, which raises funds for library programs. The sale will run from Thursday, May 2, through Saturday, May 4.

The library is collecting all types of books in good condition, including mysteries, histories, coffee table books, children's books and books of local interest. Donations are accepted at the library on Cleland Street.

The sale is a project of the Friends of the Waccamaw Library, which is always accepting new members and looking for volunteers to help with events, including the book sale. For more information, send an e-mail to Bob Willey at [rwilley1019@gmail.com](mailto:rwilley1019@gmail.com)



The Friends of the Georgetown Library invite you to hear the internationally celebrated music of Peter Fletcher!

## Peter Fletcher Classical Guitar Concert

Tuesday, March 26th  
7:00—8:30 pm  
Winyah Auditorium  
Corner of Cleland and Highmarket  
Georgetown, SC

Tickets are just \$10 and are available at the Georgetown Library or at the door. Call (843) 545-3303 for details.

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# County's new Rec. Zone program keeps kids engaged after school

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation has a new program that's bringing smiles to young faces at recreation facilities across the county. It's called Rec. Zone and it's a drop-in, after school program that offers a wide variety of less structured, supervised recreational activities. The program is getting kids in touch with old and new activities to keep them healthy and keep them engaged.

"It's not so much about teaching as it is about getting to know them personally," said Joey Manigault, Parks and Recreation community specialist for the Georgetown region. "It's about interacting with the kids; watching them play and reinforcing things they might be learning in other programs."

It's also about exposing Georgetown County's younger residents to new activities, such as rock climbing. The department's rock climbing walls at the Beck, Choppee, and Waccamaw Regional Recreation Centers have never been more popular than since the Rec. Zone program began.

Beth Goodale, the director of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, has been thrilled to see the response to the program.

"We are definitely seeing an increase in numbers of youth taking advantage of what was previously an unguided, 'free play' timeslot in our recreation centers," Goodale said. "Recreation isn't just about sports anymore; this program is also helping us find out what kids want to do for recreation, and provide those opportunities to them."

Manigault said that his favorite part about the program is that it gets him more face time with kids that he might never have previously interacted with.

"The Rec. Zone program helps me live up to my title of 'community specialist,'" he said. "Kids are more involved when we're in the gym with them. It's a great way to stay in touch with the community."

Rec. Zone is available at the Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown, the Choppee Recreation Center on Choppee Road, and the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center in Pawleys Island from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

For a full calendar of Rec. Zone events, visit the department's website at [www.GTCParks.org](http://www.GTCParks.org).



Above: Joey Manigault, a community specialist with Georgetown County Parks and recreation, supervises basketball play during Rec. Zone at Beck Recreation Center. At right: T.J. Myers helps youth participating in Rec. Zone programs try out the rock climbing wall at one of the county's recreation facilities recently.

## Bee Informed

Georgetown County beekeepers, please call (843) 545-3619.

In an effort to protect the local bee population, Georgetown County's Mosquito Control Division maintains a list of contact information for local beekeepers, so they may receive advance notice of aerial sprays in their areas and cover their hives.

Thursday March 28, 2019 8 a.m.--10 a.m.

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## Crew works to keep up with litterbugs



It takes a lot of time and effort for the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office's litter crew to try to keep county roads clean. The crew is pictured picking up litter on Choppee Road on March 12. Motorists are asked to help us keep Georgetown County beautiful by not littering and by making sure trash is secured in trucks so it doesn't blow away. Anyone who witnesses a person littering from an automobile in South Carolina can report it through the Palmetto Pride program in one of three ways: 1) Call 1-877-7LITTER (754-8837) to report the location, time and the litterbug's license plate number. 2) Report online at [www.palmettopride.org](http://www.palmettopride.org). 3) Download the Litter Buster app.

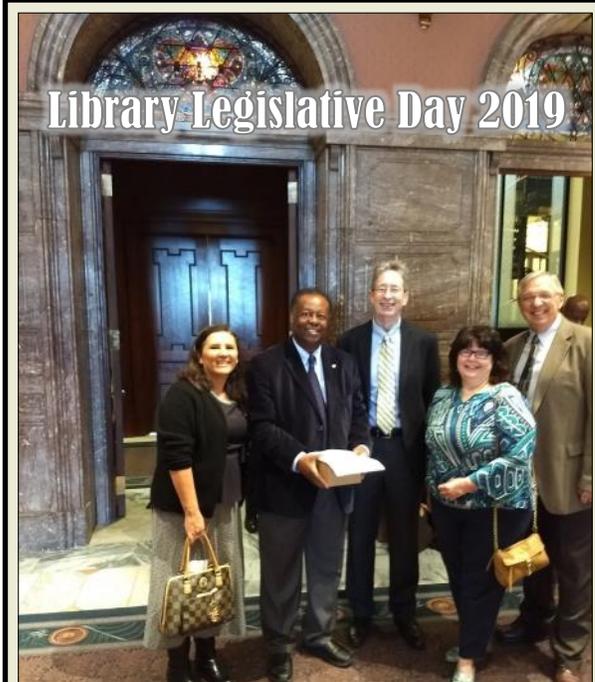
## Sheriff's Office warns of jury duty phone scam

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about a scam that has started occurring in the area. In this scam, the caller tells the victim he or she has missed jury duty and asks for personal information, including e-mail addresses, and payment of a fine.

The scammers claim to be with local law enforcement.

Residents are reminded that law enforcement agencies will never ask for money if you miss jury duty. Anyone receiving a call like this should report it to the Sheriff's Office at (843) 545-5102.

With the proliferation of phone and e-mail scams going around, residents should always be cautious of giving personal information or money to someone if they are not 100 percent certain the person is who they claim to be. Instead of clicking on links in e-mails, it is wise to use a trusted search engine to make sure you are navigating to a legitimate link. If you are unsure of a caller's identity, hang up, look up the published number for the company or agency they represent and call back at that number to verify the call. Find more information at [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov).



On Feb. 27, library advocates from Georgetown County made their annual trip to the State House in Columbia to talk with state legislators about the need for increases in state aid to help fund books and technology. This aid currently lags considerably behind 2008 levels, and library advocates urged members of the Georgetown County delegation to support a \$2 per capita increase, with a \$100,000 per county minimum. Pictured from left are Librarian Silvana Collins, State Rep. Carl Anderson, Georgetown County Library Director Dwight McInvaill, Assistant Library Director Trudy Bazemore, and Bob Willey, who is president of the Friends of the Georgetown Library. The group also visited Sens. Stephen Goldfinch and Ronnie Sabb, and Rep. Lee Hewitt.

### Learn how to get your yard ready for spring

A free program at the Georgetown Library on March 19 will help residents prepare their lawn and gardens for the spring season. Gary Forrester, senior horticulturist with the Clemson Cooperative Extension will speak on the topic at the Library's free monthly "Tuesdays With..." program.

The program starts at 10 a.m. in the Library auditorium. All are welcome to attend.



Georgetown County Parks and Rec. Presents

## Barre Fitness

Thursdays at the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center  
8:15-9:15 a.m. with instructor Gina Clapham  
\$10 per class per participant

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or email [ginaclapham@yahoo.com](mailto:ginaclapham@yahoo.com)

## County staff talks jobs with 5,000+ 8th-graders at P2P Career Expo



Georgetown County government was delighted to participate in the Pathways 2 Possibilities Career Expo Feb. 20-21 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. More than 5,800 students from Georgetown, Horry, Williamsburg, Florence, Dillon, Marion and Marlboro counties attended the expo to get information on various careers available in the area and talk to professionals about their jobs and how to get started on different career paths. At top, Michelle LaRocco, manager of the county's Environmental Services Division uses a model to teach kids about her work. At right, Mark Nugent, fire marshal at Midway Fire Rescue, helps a student try on firefighter gear. About a dozen county divisions were represented.



## Public Works participates in Career Day



Georgetown County Public Works was a hit at Plantersville Elementary School's Career Day on March 14. Kids had a great time getting an up-close look at the heavy machinery the department uses. Georgetown County welcomes opportunities to teach local youth (and adults!) about their local government and what various departments do.

## Construction of new Yauhannah bridge complete, expect temporary lane closures

Construction of a new bridge over Yauhannah Lake, near the Georgetown/ Horry County line on Highway 701 is now complete, officials with the S.C. Department of Transportation announced on March 14.

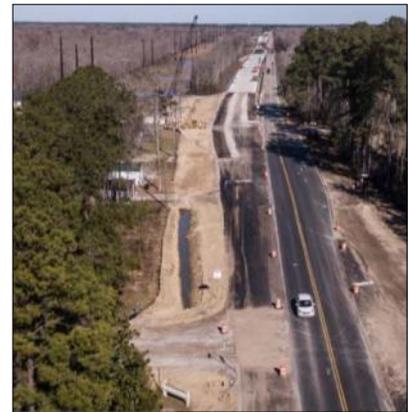
The new bridge is being prepared to be opened to traffic. Over the past two months, crews have constructed barrier walls on both sides of the bridge and removed all overhang form work. Grinding and grooving on the

bridge deck has also been completed, which helps improve "rideability" and traction, according to the Department.

In the coming weeks, crews will begin shifting traffic onto the final alignment of the roadway. This shift will require existing asphalt milling, new asphalt paving, and line striping at both ends where the new alignment ties into the existing alignment.

Due to the sequence of work, there will be several consecutive days of single-lane closures. Motorists should expect to encounter flaggers directing traffic during these lane closures, and are asked to be patient and alert when driving through the jobsite.

Replacement of the Yauhannah, Great Pee Dee River and Great Pee Dee Overflow bridges obviously will also necessitate demolition of the old bridges on Highway 701. Nighttime single-lane closures will be required for demotion activities. Demolition of the Great Pee Dee Overflow bridge is already under way.



**Top:** An aerial view of the project from its southern approach. **Above:** Demolition of the Pee Dee Overflow bridge is under way. **Below:** The new Yauhannah Lake Bridge.



## County recognizes longtime employees for years of service



Every year, Georgetown County has a ceremony to recognize employees celebrating milestone anniversaries. Employees are honored with a luncheon and recognized by the County Administrator and County Council members for their service. Pictured counter-clockwise from top right: This year's longest serving employee to be recognized was Betty A. Bowens of the Georgetown County Library system, who celebrated 40 years of service. Matthew Grayson of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office was recognized for 35 years of service. David A. Geney of Georgetown County Fire/EMS was recognized for 30 years of service. Kimberly S. Tuck of Central Dispatch also celebrated 30 years, but was unable to attend the ceremony. Niceau M. Fulmore of the Clerk of Court's Office and Ernest A. Hampton of the Sheriff's Office were recognized for 25 years of service. Also recognized, but not present, were former County Council Chairman Johnny Morant, and James Gilmore of Midway Fire Rescue. Karis Langston of the Finance Dept., left, and Marilynn Lance Robb of the Library were recognized for 20 years of service. Also recognized for 20 years, but not present, were James Falkenhagen of Georgetown County Fire/EMS, and Martin Harper and Eddie Parsons of Public Works.

### Portion of Petigru Drive to close

Motorists are advised that the dirt portion of Petigru Drive in Pawleys Island will be closed April 10-12 for paving. As a result, the Stables Park field complex on Petigru Drive will be closed during this period.

Although the closure will surely be an inconvenience, the paving project will provide greatly improved access to Stables Park once completed.

### Sign up for emergency alerts!

Don't miss out on important information that could keep you and your family safe. Sign up to receive emergency alerts specific to your address from Georgetown County Emergency Management Division via email or phone. Sign up for this free service at [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org) (look for the link near the top of our home page) or call (843) 545-3213.

Sign up now for  
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## Youth Flag Football

Open to youth ages 4-12.

Last day to register is March 30

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Fee: \$25 per child  
Games & practices on  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.

## Library to celebrate April as National Poetry Month with events

"April is the cruellest month," wrote famed poet T. S. Eliot at the start of his landmark modernist poem "The Waste Land" in 1922. The Waccamaw Library begs to differ.

With three events scheduled that show off a dazzling array of poetic voices, April is the *brightest* month, said Library Director Dwight McInvaill. The Library, located at 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island, has arranged these poetry-centered programs as part of its celebration of April as National Poetry Month. All events are free and open to the public, and are supported by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.

On Thursday, **April 4 at 3 p.m.**, two returning South Carolina-born poets, accomplished husband-and-wife writing duo Ashley Mace Havird and David Havird, will bring the 2019 edition of the Litchfield Tea and Poetry Series to a fine conclusion. Ashley grew up on a tobacco farm outside Marion, and her first novel "Lightningstruck," — which won the 2015 Ferrol Sams Award and was named an Editor's Choice by the Historical Novel Society — explores this locale as its setting. The current Poet Laureate of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, Ashley has published three collections of poems. Her poems and short stories have appeared widely in anthologies and in highly respected journals.

Professor of English at Centenary College of Louisiana, David studied with James Dickey at the University of South Carolina before earning his doctorate at the University of Virginia. His work has been published in prominent journals such as "The New Yorker," "Yale Review," and "Poetry," and he has new poems in recent issues of "The American Journal of Poetry," "The Hopkins Review," and "Literary Imagination." His poetry collections include "Penelope's Design" (2010), which won the Robert Phillips Poetry Chapbook Prize.

Of their return to their native state to read their work at the Waccamaw Library, David commented, "Growing up, we imbibed the atmosphere of the Lowcountry and the place took root in our being. Reading at Waccamaw will be a homecoming, yes, but in a way, we're always there."

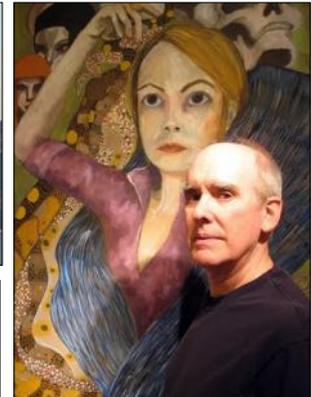
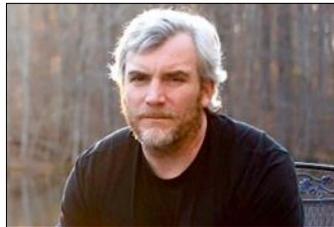
The Havirds' reading will set the table for a reading by a major emerging voice in contemporary poetry, Adam Vines, on Monday, **April 8 at 10 a.m.** Vines has published four poetry books to date, including "Out of Speech" (LSU, 2018).

Vines worked as a landscaper for 20 years in his home state of Alabama; then he discovered his love of writing when he enrolled—by accident—in a creative writing workshop in night school. He is currently Associate Professor of English at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he is editor of "Birmingham Poetry Review." During summers, he is on staff at the prestigious Sewanee Writers' Conference in the Tennessee mountains.

Vines will read from his most recent book, which explores connections between painting and poetry.

"Before I had ever written a poem, I sketched and painted. Writing won over. However, I always seemed to go back to visual art in poems, sketching the art I admired with language."

The Waccamaw Library will round out its month-long celebration of all things poetry with the Friends of the Waccamaw Library Student Poetry Contest Celebration on Thursday, **April 11 at 7 p.m.** For the past eleven years, the group has sponsored a student poetry competition. The contest is open to area students ages 12-18 who



Pictured clockwise from top left are poets Ashley Mace Havird, David Havird and Adam Vines.

attend Waccamaw Middle School, Waccamaw High School, Montessori Charter School and Lowcountry Preparatory School, as well as to home-school students eligible to attend one of those schools. Cathy Filiatreau, the competition organizer, noted, "Everyone has a poem in them somewhere. This is an opportunity to work with FOWL and the Library to inspire young people to try something they maybe haven't tried before, to see if they have a gift for words that they can cultivate."

The contest celebration will feature readings by winning poets, who will receive cash prizes at the event. Filiatreau added, "We are open to all kinds of poems, whatever energizes our young poets' imaginations." The contest fits with the overall aims of the Friends group to enhance the Library as a crucial platform for public education and literacy.

## HGTC gives update on Training Center



Marilyn Murphy Fore, president of Horry-Georgetown Technical College, addressed Georgetown County Council last month to thank them for their support of a new advanced

Artist rendering



manufacturing training facility being constructed at the Georgetown campus. Georgetown County will fund a portion of the 30,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, which is under construction on the campus' south side, bordering the Georgetown Airport. Construction is currently on schedule and the facility is expected to be open this August. It will offer training needed to provide a skilled workforce for existing and future businesses. In addition to traditional college-age students, 11th- and 12th- grade students may also be eligible.

## Training

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emergency responders and health care workers, as well as our plans, resources and communications between agencies," Hodge said.

Local coroners will also continue the exercise in the afternoon, as they train in fatality management.

The exercise is sponsored by the Pee Dee Health Care Coalition, and will involve:

- Georgetown County Emergency Management
- Georgetown County Fire/EMS
- Georgetown City Fire
- Georgetown County Public Information
- Georgetown County Coroner's Office
- Georgetown County Sheriff's Office
- Georgetown County Parks and Recreation
- Georgetown County School District
- Medicare Air
- Midway Fire Rescue
- Pee Dee Health Care Coalition
- Salvation Army
- SC Emergency Management Division
- Tidelands Health Georgetown
- Tidelands Health Waccamaw



## "Shuckin' on the Creek"

Oyster Roast & Chicken Bog

Sat, March 23, 2019 4-7pm

King's Krest 4215 Hwy 17 Bus

Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Parking at Belin United Methodist Church

For tickets, Call 843-546-3926

\$35 Adults, \$20 6-17, Free 5 & under

All proceeds benefit The Family Justice Center, a non-profit organization providing collaborative services for victims of domestic violence.

For further information including on-line tickets visit [www.fjcgtohorny.org](http://www.fjcgtohorny.org)



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY and Paper Shredding Event

Safely dispose of your paper documents. Staples, rubber bands or clips are fine, but no 3-ring binders, please.

The following materials will be accepted: Paint, oil, batteries (alkaline & rechargeable), incandescent bulbs, household cleaners, non-commercial pesticides, fertilizers and anything labeled "warning," "poisonous" or "toxic."

HELP KEEP POLLUTANTS OUT OF OUR WATERWAYS

For more information or to volunteer call (843) 545-3542 or (843) 545-3463

Saturday, April 6

9 a.m. to noon at Waccamaw Intermediate School, 320 Wildcat Way, Pawleys Island.



# Georgetown County, South

## County Government

### Numbers to know

Animal Control, 546-5101

Assessor, 545-3014

Auditor, 545-3021

Clerk of Court, 545-3004

County Council, 545-3058

Coroner, 546-3056

Elections, 545-3339

Finance, 545-3002

Planning and Zoning, 545-3116

Probate Judge, 545-3077

Register of Deeds, 545-3088

Sheriff, 546-5102

Treasurer, 545-3098

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## Month-long celebration featuring tours, exhibits and lectures marks bicentennial of Presidential visit

The Georgetown Library, Friends of the Georgetown Library and the Belle W. Baruch Foundation are excited to announce a month of events celebrating the anniversary of President James Monroe's visit to Georgetown in 1819.

Throughout the month of April, a series of speakers and programs will highlight the President's tour and what our young country looked like during the early 19th century.

The centerpiece of the April celebrations will be a gigantic, 10-panel exhibit entitled: "Your Obedient Servant: James Monroe's 1819 Presidential Tour of the Southern States." The colorful, artwork-filled exhibit was created by the James Monroe Museum and students from the University of Mary Washington, both located in Fredericksburg, Va.

When President Monroe headed south in 1819, his tour took him through South Carolina, and on April 21-22, he spent time in Georgetown County. He was entertained at Prospect Hill (now Arcadia Plantation) by Benjamin Huger and then traveled to Georgetown, where he feasted with local residents and was toasted 22 times.

Other events scheduled to commemorate the presidential visit include:

**April 2** — An opening reception at the Georgetown County Library will take place from 4-6 p.m. Members of the public are invited to come see the 10-panel exhibit and learn about President James Monroe's Southern Tour. Free. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Georgetown Library.

**April 3** — Take a walking tour of Arcadia Plantation with historical interpreter Lee Brockington of Hobcaw Barony from 2-4 p.m. Meet at the Hobcaw Discovery Center for an orientation by staff and then travel in a car caravan to Arcadia



Official White House portrait of President James Monroe.

for an exclusive tour of the grounds, gardens and outbuildings with present owner and grandson of George Vanderbilt. Cost is \$50 per person. For reservations, please call (843) 546-4623 or visit

[www.hobcawbarony.org](http://www.hobcawbarony.org). Limited to 60 people. Program sponsored by the Belle W. Baruch Foundation and Hobcaw Barony.

**April 9** — A presentation by Scott Harris will take place in Council Chambers at the historic Georgetown County Courthouse, located at 129 Screven Street. Harris is executive

director of the University of Mary Washington Museum and director of the James Monroe Museum in Fredericksburg, Va. The event is free and will begin at 10 a.m. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Georgetown Library.

**April 11** — Take a walking tour of historic Georgetown with Paige Sawyer. The tour will include many of the 18th and 19th century homes that would have been standing in Georgetown at the time of the President's 1819 visit. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the front desk of the Georgetown Library, 405 Cleland Street. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Georgetown Library.

**April 25** — A lecture titled "Slavery, Abolition and Repatriation: Discussions in the Village with Joe McGill" will take place from 1-3 p.m. at Hobcaw Barony. Cost is \$20 per person. Participants will meet at the Hobcaw Discovery Center for a brief orientation, then drive their own cars two miles to a former slave village, park and take a walking tour with staff and docents. Remarks by McGill will follow. Dress for the weather and bring a chair. Limited to 60 people. To make reservations, please call (843) 546-4623 or visit [www.hobcawbarony.org](http://www.hobcawbarony.org). Program sponsored by the Belle W. Baruch Foundation and Hobcaw Barony.



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*Please Join Us...*

**Groundbreaking Ceremony**  
for the  
**Southern Georgetown  
Community Branch Library**

**Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m.**  
4187 Powell Rd., Georgetown