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# The Georgetown County Chronicle



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## World's best anglers take to Winyah Bay April 7-10

Georgetown County's Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex will gain national exposure this month when the County plays host to B.A.S.S., the world's largest fishing organization, and the Huk Performance Fishing Bassmaster Elite Series tournament.

The tournament will take place April 7-10 and will pit 110 of the top bass anglers in the world against one another right here in Georgetown. Among them are Edwin Evers, the newly crowned champion of the 2016 Bassmaster Classic, and fishing superstar Kevin Van Dam. Six South Carolina anglers are also in the lineup: Casey Ashley of Donalds, Davy Hite of Ninety Six, Andy Montgomery of Blacksburg, Britt Myers of Lake Wylie, Marty Robinson of Lyman and Jason Williamson of Wagener. These pros will battle it out on the water in hopes of taking home the \$100,000 first-place prize.

The tournament marks the first time B.A.S.S. has brought a professional event to Georgetown. As if that's not enough to excite fishing fans, the tournament will also coincide with the Winyah Bay Heritage



Some of the world's best bass anglers will be fishing Georgetown's Winyah Bay during the Bassmaster Elite Series this month.

Festival taking place at the Campbell Marine Complex April 9 and 10.

"This is definitely going to be something the likes of which Georgetown County has never seen before. But if all goes well, we certainly hope it might become a regular sight," said Georgetown County Administrator Sel Hemingway.

Hemingway and other county staff worked hard to recruit tournaments to county facilities over the last several years and to prove the County is capable of

**See "Bassmaster," Page 8**

## 'Sneak peek' of renovated Howard Center set for April 1

Exterior work at the newly renovated Howard Center won't be completed until later in the spring, but the facility will open temporarily this week for members of the public to get their first glimpse of the alterations.

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, which manages the facility, will open the doors for a "sneak peek" tour and ribbon cutting on Friday, April 1, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The county will have a larger grand opening celebration in May or June, once the renovations are fully completed. But with the first program in



The renovated auditorium at the Howard Center will be the site of a presentation by pro angler Clay Dyer on April 5.

Howard's auditorium coming up on April 5, county officials wanted to have an opportunity to first welcome

members of the public who will use the center on a daily or near daily

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## Pro angler Clay Dyer to give free presentation in Georgetown April 5

Georgetown County will kick off an exciting outdoors-themed week on April 5 with a presentation by Clay Dyer, a professional angler who has seen great success in his life despite having been born with no legs, no left arm and only a partial right arm. His motto is "If I can, you can."

Dyer will speak about his experiences and overcoming physical limitations in a free, public presentation sponsored by the Georgetown County Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Conway Bassmasters and Pee Dee Bassmasters. The program begins at 7 p.m. April 5 at Georgetown County's newly renovated Howard Auditorium, 1610 Hawkins St., Georgetown.

Dyer, 37, has lived his life with determination and positive spirit, despite the obstacles he faced since birth. He began fishing at age 5, he said. A natural competitiveness became evident early on and he started competing in fishing tournaments at age 15. He became a professional angler in 1995 and fished in the "major leagues" on the FLW Tour for four years.

Dyer now spends the majority of his time

sharing his life experiences through motivational and leadership presentations to various companies, charities and churches. He is also a volunteer athletic coach at Hamilton High School in Alabama and fishes the Bassmaster Open Series and select charity events.

Dyer's television appearances include ESPN, Fox, CNN Headline News, Versus, the Outdoor Channel, Fox Sports South, the 700 Club and CBS. Published articles about Clay have appeared in USA Today, Newsweek, Bassmaster, FLW Outdoors Magazine, and many more.

Dyer's presentation will kick off a week full of fishing-themed events that includes the Bassmaster Elite Series tournament at Winyah Bay on April 7-10 and the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival on April 9 and



Professional angler and motivational speaker Clay Dyer.

10. The tournament and festival will be based at Georgetown County's Carroll Ashmore Campbell Marine Complex.

## Attention, Beekeepers!

If you are a beekeeper and live in Georgetown County, please call (843) 545-3619.

In an effort to protect the local bee population, the Georgetown County Department of Public Services' Mosquito Control Division keeps a list local beekeepers and their contact information. This allows the Division to give beekeepers advance notice of aerial spraying in their region, which could harm hives. Beekeepers will then be able to cover and protect their hives during the spray. For further information, call the number above.

## Get the Chronicle

At Georgetown County, we want our residents and property owners kept abreast of what's going on inside their local government. That's why we created the Georgetown County Chronicle. It's a vehicle for information about county services and events, important messages from county officials and behind-the-scenes glimpses at how government works.

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

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

[www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org)

# Big name acts to take the stage on Front Street April 7-9

The Georgetown Business Association's Music in the Park Series will be bigger than ever this month as it takes over Front Street for a special trio of shows.

Country music stars Jason Michael Carroll and Josh Thompson will take the stage, as will beach music band The Embers. The shows will all be free to the public, thanks to sponsorships from Going Coastal Realty, Anderson Brothers Bank and Bud Light. The concerts were scheduled to coincide with the county's hosting of a Bassmaster Elite Series Tournament and the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival.

The series kicks off April 7 with Josh Thompson, whose debut album "Way Out Here" offered two Top 20 singles, including the title song and "Beer On The Table." His latest album, a "passion project" called "Change: The Lost Record, Volume One," was released on iTunes in October.

Carroll performs on April 8. He is known for hits including "Alyssa Lies," "Livin' Our Love Song," and "I Can Sleep When I'm Dead." He developed a following with his 2006 debut album Waitin' in the Country, which hit No. 1 on the country music charts. He has toured with superstars including

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

Bruce Tereo will open for Thompson while band Solid Gold Country is the opener for Carroll. Opening acts begin at 6 p.m. while the main artists take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

The Embers, a local favorite, will play April 9. They have performed previously in Georgetown County at events including the Pawleys Pavilion Reunion. They boast numerous albums and single releases that span decades and all crazes, continuing to exhibit top quality showmanship, musicianship and professionalism. Having been inducted into the S.C. Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame and most recently the S.C. Beach Music Hall of Fame, the Embers also carry the title of North Carolina's Official Ambassadors of Music.

Will Ness will open for The Embers at 5:30 p.m. The Embers start at 6:30 p.m.

"We're excited to have these great artists performing in Georgetown and I think this is going to be a great way to kick off an amazing outdoors-themed weekend," said Michele Overton of the Georgetown Business Association.

Rain location for all concerts to be announced. Visit [gtcounty.org](http://gtcounty.org) for details.



Josh Thompson



Jason Michael Carroll



The Embers



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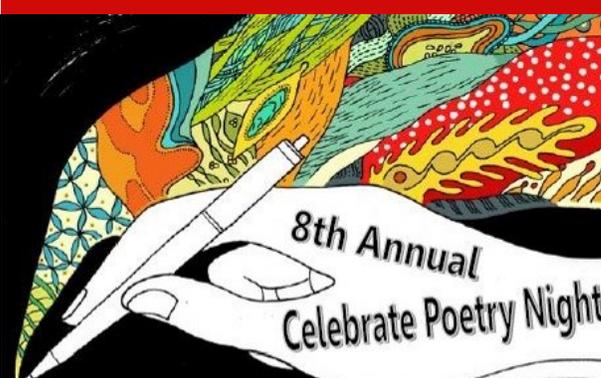
**Wednesday, April 6**  
**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**at the Beck Recreation Center,**  
**2030 Church St., Georgetown**

Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).  
 Use the sponsor lookup code **GeoCounty**.

*This event is co-sponsored by Georgetown County government.*




**Friends of the Waccamaw Library Present:**



**8th Annual Celebrate Poetry Night**

**Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Waccamaw Library**  
**41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island**

*Come hear selections from the best teen poets on the beach. A panel will select five winners on site!*

For more information, contact Cathy Filliatreau, (843) 235-3602.

# Midway 'prom promise' warns Waccamaw teens of deadly consequences of drinking and driving

It was a jarring scene at Waccamaw High School when emergency responders determinedly worked to cut a bloodied car crash victim out of a vehicle on March 21. Peers of the victim, a Waccamaw High student, watched solemnly from the perimeter of the scene.

Though it was only an exercise — a reenactment of what could happen in a serious wreck — it looked all too real. Two crumpled vehicles apparently involved in a head-on collision. Broken glass. One limp body lying facedown on the asphalt. Two teen girls covered in blood and slumped over in the front seats of a white truck. A teenage boy slumped over the wheel of the other vehicle, beer bottles strewn around him.

"It is a little shocking when you see it, even knowing it's staged, but that sense of realism you get from it is what we wanted going into this," said Midway Chief Doug Eggiman. The hope is that makes the message stick better in the minds of the target audience.

The effort was a successful one, many students said. It was clear that had the wreck been a real one, lives would have been destroyed.

As the scene played out, the student on the ground was pronounced dead, having been thrown through the windshield during



Responders with Midway Fire Rescue transport one of the actors in last month's Prom Promise event to a waiting ambulance.

the crash. Firefighters cut the roof off the truck with the two girls inside as a medical helicopter landed nearby. They were alive, but they would need to reach a hospital quickly to stay that way.

Though spattered with blood, the driver who had been drinking and caused the accident was unhurt. Students watched as he was pulled aside by a deputy for a field sobriety test, then handcuffed.

"The point of this whole exercise is to encourage students to drive safely," said Joe Palombi, master firefighter/EMT.

"Too many incidents around the country during the prom and summer seasons involve our children in drinking and driving incidents. We hope this exercise will hit home with students — even more so because we're utilizing their friends, people they've grown up with, as victims."

**The Inshore Fishing  
Association  
Redfish and Kayak Tours**

**Register online  
now!**



**April 30 & May 1  
in Georgetown**

### **Atlantic Qualifying Events**

Registration fee is \$250 per team for the Redfish Tour and \$50 for the Kayak Tour. Events offer 100% payback. Redfish Tour boat launch and weigh-in at the Carroll Ashmore Campbell Marine Complex, 101 River Walk Drive.

**For information and registration,  
visit [www.ifatours.com](http://www.ifatours.com)**

## **Coming Up**

**at Georgetown County Parks & Rec.**

- Tot Tennis — April 11-May 2
- 7v7 Adult Flag Football — April 11-June 2
- 7v7 Youth Flag Football — April 11-June 2
- Teen Ultimate Frisbee — April 12-May 12
  - Disc Golf in the Pines — April 16
  - IFA Redfish tournament — April 30
  - IFA Kayak Tour — May 1
- Mountain Bike Trail Opening — May 28

*For more information, including locations, cost, registration and more, call (843) 545-3275 or (843) 545-3202, or visit the Parks and Recreation page at [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org)*

# County Fire/EMS completes helicopter training, seeks volunteers

In rural fire districts, departments often face challenges that responders in more urban areas either don't have or have to a much lesser extent.

With residences more spread out, it generally takes longer to arrive at call, for example. Likewise, once emergency responders arrive, if they find a victim who needs to be treated immediately for life threatening injuries, it takes longer for an ambulance to get that patient to a trauma center where they can get the level of care they need.

That's why Georgetown County Fire/EMS takes every opportunity to have its staff and volunteers train with flight paramedics like JoJo Turbeville, FP-C, who landed a medical helicopter at a station on Highway 701 one recent evening to provide hands-on and classroom training.

"This machine is a tool in a toolbox," Turbeville said, gesturing to the helicopter as firefighters and paramedics checked out the interior. "If you're out here on 701, the nearest hospital is a long way to go. We can get them there faster. We're not encumbered by roads or stoplights. It's a straight line up to Grand Strand or MUSC. Especially in rural areas, it can make a huge impact."

Turbeville talked with responders about determining when it's necessary to call for a medical helicopter. Those decisions are made based on national standards. A patient with severe burns or penetrating injuries to the torso would be among those who might need to be transported by air.

But of equal importance, Turbeville said, is the role of local staff and volunteers in helping flight paramedics do their job after being called.



Flight paramedic JoJo Turbeville talks to emergency responders with Georgetown County Fire/EMS.

"Everything in this industry is about team work," Turbeville said. "I've been a fireman and paramedic for 20 years and flying for 10 years. No one can do their job alone — you've got to have backup. We rely on department staff and volunteers to get us on the ground safely."

## Volunteers needed!

Another challenge rural fire departments face is a heavier reliance on volunteers. Georgetown County Fire/EMS is currently in need of more volunteers to help meet needs at its stations. For more information, call (843) 545-3271 or send an email to [jcooper@gtcounty.org](mailto:jcooper@gtcounty.org). Find more information at [www.georgetowncountyfireems.com/volunteer.html](http://www.georgetowncountyfireems.com/volunteer.html).

## TWO GREAT COMMUNITY EVENTS, ONE LOCATION

### IT'S TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE

Clean Out Your Household Hazardous Waste



Brought to you by Georgetown County Dept. of Public Services  
**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 23, 2016**  
**9:00 – 12:00**

Bring materials to: 67 Saint Paul Pl. Pawleys Island (across from Midway Fire Station)

#### What to Bring:

- Old Paint
- Used Oils
- Auto Batteries
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Chemicals
- Antifreeze
- Pesticides
- Unwanted products labeled "Poison," "Warning," or "Caution"

#### What NOT to Bring:

- Waste from Businesses
- Containers larger than 5 gallons
- Explosives
- Ammunition
- Radioactive Waste
- Compressed Gas Cylinders



GEORGETOWN COUNTY  
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

## COMMUNITY RESIDENTS SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday April 23, 2016 – 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM  
 67 Saint Paul Pl. Pawleys Island (across from Midway Fire Station)

**Residents:**  
 Bring your old utility bills, bank statements, medical records, cancelled checks, old tax returns or any other document you wish to have permanently destroyed. A representative will be on hand to securely destroy your sensitive materials.

**ACCEPTED ITEMS:**

- Blueprints
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Brochures
- Mail — including window envelopes
- Photographs
- File folders, any color
- \*No need to remove staples, paper clips, rubber bands or small binders

**UNACCEPTED ITEMS:**

- Cardboard
- Telephone books
- Hardcover books
- Plastic bags
- Packing material
- PC discs, CDs, DVDs
- Backup and VCR tapes
- Transparencies
- ID Cards
- Microfiche & Microfilm
- X-rays
- Computer/printer parts
- Photocopier parts
- Trash or Hazardous waste
- Any metal with exception of staples, paperclips or small binders.

## Stables tennis tournament a success



Despite some bad weather, a juniors tennis tournament at Stables Park Tennis Center the week of St. Patrick's Day was a success. The Hightower Junior Classic took place over three days. The kids did a great job and — most importantly — had a good time. Pictured above are winners of the 8s division, Cole, Kaiden and Izzy. Staff at Stables commended them for great matches and “superior sportsmanship.” Contact Stables Park Tennis Center, (843) 545-3450, for more great tennis programs and playing opportunities for youth and adults.

## Senior centers crown pageant king, queen



Senior citizens from throughout the county gathered last month for the Bureau of Aging Services' annual seniors pageant. Contestants showed off casual wear, talent and evening wear for a chance at the crown. Top: Wilhelmenia Deas of the Plantersville Senior Center was crowned Queen and Kenneth Young of the Pawleys Island senior center was crowned king. Above: Sarah Johnson of Georgetown and Herbert Dennison of North Santee were runners-up.



**New!**

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation presents

# Ultimate Frisbee

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.  
April 12 — May 12 in Andrews**

**For ages 13-18. \$10 per person**

*Learn to play as a team, work on communication skills and learn to use strategy to score!*

For information, call Hunter at the Andrews Recreation Center, (843) 520-9664

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# Howard, Rowe among employees recognized for service

Georgetown County officials had the pleasure of recognizing longtime employees, including two with 40 years of service, on March 16. Employees are recognized upon achieving five years of service and every five years thereafter. This year, 66 employees were recognized in all.

Cynthia Howard and Ricky Rowe were the employees with the most years of service in this year's group of honorees. They both achieved 40 years of service to the county in 2015. Howard works in the Clerk of Court's office, while Rowe works in park maintenance.

Three employees were recognized for 35 years of service. They are Carlethia Rudolph of the library; Wanda Prevatte, register

of deeds office; and Robert Medlin of the Sheriff's Office.

Judge Isaac Pyatt Sr. of Summary Court and Chip Bathis of GIS were both recognized for 30 years of Service.

Achieving 25 years of service in 2015 were four employees: Jeanette Alston of the assessor's office, Sam Hodge of emergency management; Sharon Moultrie of public works; and John Reed of solid waste collection.

Other employees recognized were:

**20 years of service**



**Cynthia Howard, left, and Ricky Rowe were recognized for 40 years of service.**



**Top: From left are Carlethia Rudolph, Wanda Prevette and Robert Medlin, 35 years. Above: Chip Bathis, left, and Isaac Pyatt, 30 years.**

Priscilla Johnson, building department; Deborah Johnson, County Fire/EMS; Todd Blomdahl, Midway Fire Rescue; and Mary Hezekiah, solid waste collection.

**15 years of service**

Russell Flack and Michael Young, building; Paulette

Radcliffe, coroner's office; Annie Bowers and Tony Hucks, County Fire/EMS; Lydella Washington, library; Joshua Carney, Midway Fire Rescue; Holley Causey, personnel; Rhonda Stone and Wade Wilder, parks and recreation; and Sheila Gardner and Michael Thacker, Sheriff's Office.

**10 years of service**

Ryan Allen, Adam Porter and Steven Richards, County Fire/EMS; Cindy Lynch, delinquent tax office; Pete Copeland and Henry Hulit, Midway Fire Rescue; Amanda Stirgwolt, mosquito control; Boyd Johnson and Holly Richardson, planning and zoning; Harrison Walker, public works; Mark Cox, recycling; Helen Black, Sheriff's Office communications;

Joanne Clarey, detention center; Angela Carter, Dustin Morris and Stephen Smith, enforcement; Tanya Cumbee, Deborah Huggins and Pamela Pope, summary court; and Samantha Point, treasurer's office.

**5 years of service**

Jennifer Lawrence, Jessica Smith and Susanna Wilson, Clerk of Court's office; Michael Derenzo and Alexander Roman, County Fire/EMS; Rosemarie Lewis, library; James Crawford and Kevin McLaughlin, Midway Fire Rescue; Eric DeLuca and Jeremiah Stafford, mosquito control; Adam Payne, parks and recreation; Adrienne Higgins, Sheriff's Office communications; Henry Betts, John Bryant, Bryan McKay, Alma Sierra and Brandon Stokes, enforcement; Tanisha Stanley, summary court; and Patricia Wynn, treasurer's office.

*See more photos of this year's recognition ceremony on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/gtcountysc](http://www.facebook.com/gtcountysc).*

**THE FAST AND THE FURRIEST 5k Run/Walk**

*Fun for Kids of all ages & Pets*

**All proceeds benefit your local animal shelter, Saint Frances Animal Center**

The run will begin at East Bay Park in Georgetown, SC. Pets & Strollers welcome. Registration includes T-Shirt. Awards for Pets. Awards for top 3 Overall Male/Female & top 3 in Divisions. Festival includes music, food, vendors, and more.

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

Packet Pickup 7:30 to 8:45. 5K will start at 9AM

Registration: 5K Individual \$30  
Teams: \$25 Per Person  
12 & under: \$20  
Race Day registration: \$45

**REGISTER EARLY, Fees WILL Increase**



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843-458-6487

<http://www.active.com/georgetown-sc/running/distance-running-races/the-fast-and-the-furriest-5k-2016>

## Bassmaster

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handling large-scale, national level events. The Bassmaster Elite Series is the culmination of those efforts.

For fishing fans, the tournament will offer several opportunities to watch their favorite anglers up close. Boat launch will take place at the marine complex at 7 a.m. all four days of the tournament and the public is welcome to watch as anglers arrive, put their boats in the water and take off. Weigh-ins are also public and will start between 3 and 3:30 p.m. at the complex.

Additionally, B.A.S.S. officials promise angler autograph and photo sessions, and the opportunity to learn tips and techniques from some of the best bass anglers out there.

An Elite Series Expo will have B.A.S.S. sponsor representatives onsite throughout the weekend with activities, games and prizes for attendees. Companies including Mercury, Nitro, Skeeter, Triton and Yamaha will have booths at the Expo and will offer demo rides. Toyota, Carhartt, Berkley, Huk, Humminbird, Livingston Lures, Lowrance, Power-Pole and Shimano will also exhibit.

### The Winyah Bay Heritage Festival

Also on the Campbell Complex grounds, the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival will offer a wide range of outdoors-themed activities and attractions.

Introduced in 2007, the festival celebrates the area's rich outdoor heritage. While it traditionally brings together wildlife artists, conservationists and all manner of people with a love for the outdoors, many of its activities and displays are geared toward the interests of those with a passion for fishing and hunting.



Edwin Evers, above, and Kevin VanDam, right, are among some of the top-tier bass anglers participating in the tournament at Winyah Bay.



Festival activities including dock diving competitions for dogs, youth duck calling clinics, the S.C. State Duck Calling Championship, duck decoy painting for kids, and much more are on the schedule this year. There will also be a beer and wine tent on the site for festival and tournament-goers.

Most of the activities at the festival and tournament are free, but there will be a charge for some items including the dock diving competitions (\$5 gets admission for two days) and decoy painting (buy a decoy to paint for \$10 at the ticket booth).

The dock diving competitions put on by Palmetto DockDogs are a favorite every year. All sizes and breeds of dogs are welcome to participate. There will be practice session from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, April 8, for dog owners who would like to test their dogs at the sport before registering for the competition.

For more information, visit [www.fishgeorgetown.com](http://www.fishgeorgetown.com).

## Howard

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basis, said Beth Goodale, director of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation.

Formerly Howard High School, the facility at 1610 Hawkins Street, houses a gymnasium and auditorium, and has been converted into a community center that can accommodate a broader array of community activities. The auditorium has new seating, lights and curtains, and is ready to accommodate a free public presentation by professional angler and motivational speaker Clay Dyer on April 5. Dyer, who was born without legs or a left arm, and with only a partial right arm, will take the stage at 7 p.m. to talk about how he has overcome his physical limitations to lead a happy, productive and successful life.

The center also houses a full-size gymnasium. Basketball goals and bleachers are sched-

uled to be installed in mid-April, but residents will be able to gauge the size and quality of that amenity during the sneak peek. A multi-purpose space and catering kitchen were added during the renovation, so the center is now capable of hosting receptions, dinners and other special events it could not accommodate previously.

Plans are also to have a gallery track hanging system to allow for exhibits of local artworks.

"We had a very small group of community members from the West End come through for a tour last week with Councilwoman Lillie Jean Johnson, and they all seemed really excited and very pleased with how it has all come together," Goodale said. "I was very excited to see how happy they were with how it all turned out and that it was something they could be proud of. It really is a beautiful facility."

Johnson is the County Council representative for District 4, which includes the West End.

The renovated facility also includes ample space to pay homage to the building's heritage as a high school. The County is working with the Howard Alumni Association to fill a floor-to-ceiling glass case in the center lobby with Howard High memorabilia. A piece of the original auditorium curtain featuring a large letter H has also been preserved and will be displayed prominently. Johnson asks that any member of the public who has Howard High School memorabilia they would like to contribute to the display contact Georgetown County Parks and Recreation at (843) 545-3275.

Howard renovations are part of the county's long-range capital improvement plan, which can be viewed at [www.gtcounty.org/CapitalImprovement/](http://www.gtcounty.org/CapitalImprovement/).

## Bassmaster Elite Series and Winyah Bay Heritage Festival Event Schedule

### Tuesday, April 5

- **7 p.m.** Professional Angler and Motivational speaker Clay Dyer gives a free presentation at Howard Auditorium, 1610 Hawkins St., Georgetown. Despite having been born with no legs, no left arm and only a partial right arm, Dyer has achieved many great things in his life and lives with great determination and good spirits. His motto is "If I can, you can."

### Thursday, April 7

- **7 a.m.** Boat launch. Open to the public.
- **1:30 p.m.** Beer and wine tent open at Marine Complex until 4:30 p.m.
- **3:15 p.m.** Weigh-in begins at main stage.
- **6 p.m.** Music in the Park begins on Front Street with opening act Bruce Tereo. Main artist Josh Thompson takes the stage from 7:30-9 p.m.

### Friday, April 8

- **7 a.m.** Boat launch. Open to the public.
- **1:30 p.m.** Beer and wine tent open at Marine Complex until 4:30 p.m.
- **3:15 p.m.** Weigh-in begins at main stage.
- **4 p.m.** Palmetto DockDogs site opens. Free trials until 6 p.m. All breeds and sizes of dogs welcome.
- **6 p.m.** Music in the Park begins on Front Street with opening act Solid Gold Country. Main artist Jason Michael Carroll takes the stage from 7:30-9 p.m.

### Saturday, April 9

- **7 a.m.** Boat launch. Open to the public.
- **9 a.m.** Palmetto DockDogs onsite registration/practice begins.
- **10 a.m.** All festival exhibits and sites open until 5 p.m.
- **10 a.m.** Palmetto DockDogs Big Air Wave Competition No. 1 begins.
- **10 a.m.** Children's duck decoy painting site open until 4 p.m. \$10. Purchase decoy at ticket booth.
- **10:30 a.m.** Beer and wine tent open until 4:30 p.m.
- **11 a.m.** Youth Duck Calling Clinic Session 1 at Main Stage. Ducks Unlimited leads and instructs Duck Calling 101 for ages up to 12. Registration at the ticket tent, \$10.
- **11 a.m.** Taxidermist Jimmy Hortman of Hortman's Custom Wildlife Taxidermy displays mounts of species native to our area in



Palmetto DockDogs competitions, left, and youth duck calling clinics, above, are among the activities to be featured during the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival.

the downstairs gallery of the Georgetown County Museum, 120 Broad St., Georgetown, until 3 p.m. (Saturday Only).

- **11:30 a.m.** Palmetto DockDogs Big Air Wave competition No. 2.
- **12 p.m.** Bassmaster Expo opens.
- **12:30 p.m.** Youth Duck Calling Clinic Session 2 at Main Stage. Ducks Unlimited leads and instructs Duck Calling 101 for ages up to 12. Registration at the ticket tent, \$10.
- **1 p.m.** Palmetto DockDogs Big Air Wave competition No. 3.
- **1 p.m.** Birds of Prey Demonstration. Birds may also be viewed before and after demonstration.
- **2 p.m.** Palmetto DockDogs Speed Retrieve All-in-One Finals.
- **2 p.m.** Turkey Calling with John Tanner on the main stage. Through storytelling, John takes us on an imaginary turkey hunt, demonstrating different calling techniques.
- **3 p.m.** Semi-finals tournament weigh-in begins on the main stage.
- **4 p.m.** Palmetto DockDogs Big Air Wave competition No. 4.
- **5:30 p.m.** Music in the Park begins on Front Street with opening act Will Ness. Main artist The Embers take the stage from 6:30-9 p.m.

### Sunday, April 10

- **7 a.m.** Boat launch. Open to the public. Top 12 anglers take off for the final day of competition.
- **9 a.m.** Palmetto DockDogs onsite regis-

tration/practice begins.

- **10 a.m.** All festival exhibits and sites open until 5 p.m.
- **10 a.m.** Palmetto DockDogs Extreme Vertical All-in-One competition begins.
- **10 a.m.** Children's duck decoy painting site open until 4 p.m. \$10. Purchase decoy at ticket booth.
- **10:30 a.m.** Beer and wine tent open until 4:30 p.m.
- **10:30 a.m.** Birds of Prey Demonstration. Birds may also be viewed before and after demonstration.
- **11 a.m.** S.C. State Duck Calling Championship begins on Main Stage. (End scheduled for 2 p.m.)
- **11:30 a.m.** Palmetto DockDogs Big Air Wave competition No. 5 begins.
- **12 p.m.** Bassmaster Expo opens.
- **1 p.m.** Palmetto DockDogs Big Air Wave competition No. 6 begins.
- **2 p.m.** Youth Duck Calling Clinic Session 1 at Main Stage. Ducks Unlimited leads and instructs Duck Calling 101 for ages up to 12. Registration at the ticket tent, \$10.
- **2:30 p.m.** Palmetto DockDogs Big Air Finals (Divisional Finals format).
- **3 p.m.** Final tournament weigh-in begins on the main stage.
- **5 p.m.** All festival exhibits close.

For rain locations, updates and additions, please visit [www.fishgeorgetown.com](http://www.fishgeorgetown.com). This site will contain all fishing event information for all tournaments going forward.

## Range of exhibitors to be featured at Winyah Bay Heritage Festival

There will be no shortage of talent at the 2016 Winyah Bay Heritage Festival as artisans of all types come together to showcase skills and unique, handmade items. Among those signed up to exhibit at this year's festival are:

### Demonstrations:

- **Walter Hill** will demonstrate traditional blacksmithing methods using a coal-fired forge. He has practiced traditional ironwork for more than 20 years, specializing in reproduction colonial iron work, ornamental gates and railings, handmade knives and tools.

- **Gunmaker Bob Hill** will demonstrate his hand engraving methods. He specializes in custom-built muzzle loading rifles and pistols. He will also be displaying handmade powder horns and hunting bags.

### Exhibitors:

- **Frank Bridwell** — Woody's Handmade Knives. A former Greenville-based real estate developer, craftsman Frank Bridwell is now a full-time custom knife maker residing in the small fishing town of McClellanville. He gets his love for making knives from his father who worked with him as a child. More information: [Woody'sHandmadeknives.com](http://Woody'sHandmadeknives.com)

- **Riley A. Bradham**. Riley is from Wadmalaw Island and creates dry intaglio etchings. Each of his signed prints is drawn and printed. As such, each is considered an original. Riley's subject matter is sporting art with an emphasis on waterfowl.

- **Brookgreen Gardens**. Brookgreen is a sculpture garden and wildlife preserve located just south of Murrells Inlet. The 9,100-acre property includes several themed gardens with American figurative sculptures placed throughout, a Lowcountry zoo, trails and much more. For more information: [brookgreen.org](http://brookgreen.org)

- **Will and Judy Danford** — Mountain Man Honey and Goods. Mountain Man Honey is a locally-owned business from Myrtle Beach that produces and sells pure, raw honey as well as offering specialty honey from surrounding states. They deliver the honey straight from the hive to the consumer. For more information: email [Mountainman@mountainmanhoney.com](mailto:Mountainman@mountainmanhoney.com)

- **Lawrence Eaton** — Eaton's Antiques. Lawrence Eaton of Calabash, N.C., has been collecting antique art for many years. He



Handcrafted duck decoys will be among the items displayed and offered for purchase.

specializes in original coast survey charts, maps, maritime art prints and advertising.

- **Jim Goodwin** — Carolina Ships. Jim Goodwin is a native of Charlotte who handcrafts historic and regional ships and lighthouses in glass bottles. These are made using the traditional "insert through the mouth" method. Each piece has the ship or lighthouse's history on the bottle's base and it is signed, dated and numbered.

- **Bart Key** — Tideline Outfitters. Tideline Outfitters, based in Charleston, specializes in rugged apparel. The inspiration for their style came from the oyster beds of the Lowcountry. All their products are locally made.

- **Dave Lake** — Dave Lake Antiques. Dave specializes in the sale of antique decoys, fishing lures, rods and reels. He also offers a collection of vintage boating gear and water fowl art. He resides in Pawleys Island.

- **Mazie's Sweetgrass**. Mazie "Miss Mazie" Brown of Mount Pleasant will bring the time-honored art of sweetgrass basket making to Georgetown, with an extensive collection of handwoven baskets and even flowers. This is an art handed down from generation to generation in the Lowcountry for more than 300 years. It was brought to the area by slaves taken from West Africa. Today, sweetgrass basket making is one of the oldest art forms of African origin in the U.S.

- **Edward McClasserty** — Pawleys Low Country Woodworks. Edward McClasserty of Pawleys Island has been building Adirondack furniture for over 2 years. He offers a variety of Adirondack pieces and all his furniture is built with Western Red Cedar.

- **Kara Merritt** — Thirty-One Gifts. Kara Merritt of Georgetown has worked with Thirty-One Gifts since 2008. Her organization is a faith-based business and the name comes from Proverbs 31. Most items in the catalog can be monogrammed.

- **Kay Morrow**. Kay resides in Pawleys Island and has been collecting antiques for more than 15 years. She and her son will offer an extensive collection of antique decoys, prints, fishing lures and flies. Her vintage hand-carved duck decoys have been appraised by nationally known Guyette Auction Company. Additionally, they offer four large, framed Audubon prints and 20 unframed John J. Audubon prints.

- **Lynn Mushock** — Wick in Wax. Lynn is a local from Pawleys Island. Her handmade soy candles are eco-friendly and all natural. They are scented with 100 percent natural essential oils and phthalate-free fragrances. She uses paper and cotton braided eco wicks that are lead and zinc free, creating a clean, environmentally friendly burn. For more information: [www.wickinwaxsc.com](http://www.wickinwaxsc.com).

- **Ben Onley** — Black River Trading Company. Ben lives in Pawleys Island and has spent more than a decade in his trade. He specializes in making custom rods. He also works on antique rods and reels.

- **Joanne Rogers** — The Pillow Lady. Better known as "the pillow lady," Joanne hails from Andrews and offers a wide array of camouflage beds and pillows for your special pet.

- **Marshall C. Sasser** — Birdfield Decoys. Marshall is a decoy artist from Conway. His

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## Lowcountry Quilt Show in Georgetown



The Georgetown County Museum hosted the inaugural Lowcountry Quilt Show in late March. The show is open through April 2. The show celebrates the history of quilting and showcases more than 50 quilted items.

### Exhibits

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carved wooden decoys include water fowl and shore birds, both decorative and working.

- **Jackie Smith** — Blue Fuse Glassworks. A resident of Pawleys Island, Jackie specializes in hand-made fused glass art, jewelry and recycled glass.

- **John and Elaine Tanner.** John and Elaine are local woodworking and basket weaving artisans from the Indian Town community of Williamsburg County. Through his association with Ancient Cypress LLC, John carves box turkey calls with ancient wood. His wife Elaine will bring handmade themed quilted wall hangings, as well as highly prized woven baskets made from wood and pine straw.

- **John Witzel Walters** — Witzel Art. John is a self-taught artist from South Carolina, who uses acrylic on canvas to evoke thought and emotion through dramatic art that takes colorful risks. His art has been influenced by the eccentric life he has led, surviving both a ship sinking while working as a scuba diver in the Caribbean and the Georgetown Front Street Fire of 2013, where is lost his home, art business and beloved dog in the flames.

- **Lee and Patricia Walters** — Metal Works. Lee and Patricia started their family owned business in 2012. They custom make oyster tables, ornamental handrails, gates and other items from steel, aluminum and other metals using a powder coating process.

- **Colin and Dowanna Whitfield** — South Meets South. Colin and Dowanna of Myrtle Beach use only 100-year old heart pine for many of their items. Colin has been a wood craftsman for over 30 years. They enjoy making toys children can play with, bird houses and art.

- **Thomas Williams.** Most people know Thomas, of McClellanville, as "the cane man." His wood making started as a hobby over 30 years ago when he worked with the forestry service. Now his wooden canes are famous. He mainly works with mahogany, red oak and ponderosa pine. For this show, he has crafted a marlin -- over 6 feet long and made from popular.

- **Drew Winn** — Winn Tuck Waterfowl. Drew Winn of Columbia has been working with Winn Tuck Waterfowl for eight years. They offer cutting-edge waterfowl hunting products, along with everyday casual wear. Some of their products include double reed duck calls, lanyards, men and women's apparel, braided jewelry and much more.