

The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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May 12 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse

May 16 – Community yard sale at the Georgetown Library, 8 a.m. to noon

May 21 – Backhoe Rodeo at the Georgetown County Landfill, 11 a.m. All are welcome

May 21 – Georgetown County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse

May 25 – Georgetown County offices and facilities are closed for Memorial Day

May 26 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse

June 4 – Ribbon cutting for latest section of Waccamaw Bikeway, 1:30 p.m. at Waccamaw Elementary School. Look for details later this month at gtcounty.org.

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Fishing tournament has big economic impact

Anglers from seven states converge in Georgetown County

A fishing tournament hosted by Georgetown County from April 22-24 had a total economic impact of nearly half a million dollars, based on conservative preliminary estimates. That's a significant boon for the local economy.

The B.A.S.S. Nation Southern Divisional Championship, held at the Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex on the Sampit River, brought anglers from seven states to Georgetown County. Factoring in hotel stays, meals, fuel purchases and other spending by participants, direct spending resulting from the tournament amounted to an estimated \$244,671. Add in a conservative multiplier of 1.66 to account for indirect spending and the number jumps to \$406,153.

"The actual numbers would probably be a good bit higher. We were very conservative in all our calculations," said Beth Goodale, Georgetown County's director of parks and recreation.

Though the tournament lasted for three days, with registration and team meetings stretching it out to four days, most tournament participants arrived anywhere from two to six days prior for practice fishing. That meant a good week for Georgetown hotels. The Quality Inn in Georgetown was completely booked for the tournament and other hotels were at or close to capacity. Some anglers booked beach houses for their visit, so rental agencies saw benefits from the tournament as well.



John Proctor of Conway not only caught the biggest fish in the B.A.S.S. Nation Southern Divisional Championship hosted by Georgetown County last month, he also won first place in the tournament and secured a spot in the national competition.

Anglers also made the rounds of local restaurants, and had rave reviews for the variety of food and the hospitality they experienced. Additionally, they spent their fair share of time at local stores buying snacks, souvenirs, fuel for boats and vehicles and other items. Kim Neal of Easley estimated he bought at least 250 gallons of fuel for his boat during his tournament visit, which lasted from April 16-25.

This is all good news for Georgetown County, its businesses and its residents, said County Administrator Sel

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Comments on Litchfield traffic issue accepted through May 7



About 100 people attended a public meeting to gather ideas about possible solutions to traffic issues at Willbrook Blvd. and Wildcat Way.

Written comments on potential solutions to traffic congestion at and around the intersection of Willbrook Boulevard and Wildcat Way in Litchfield will be accepted through May 7. Send comments to Mike Illes, project manager, at P.O. Box 421270, Georgetown, S.C. 29442, or via email at milles@gtcounty.org.

All comments will be considered as Georgetown County government moves forward in the process for recommending a solution. A public hearing on possible proposals, including a roundabout at the intersection, took place at the Waccamaw Library on April 30 and was

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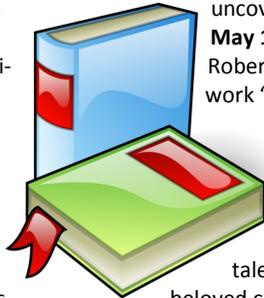
Author's Table returns to Waccamaw Library

Author discussions return to the Waccamaw Library this month, with two authors scheduled to discuss their works with readers. Known as the Author's Table, this series is free and takes place at the library auditorium. The library is located at 41 St. Paul Place.

The current schedule for this month is as follows:

May 12, 5-7 p.m.

Bob O'Brien discusses his novel, "The Toppled Pawn," which was inspired by real-life events. It is the story of an endangered family that reaches out to a



small town police chief with an impressive FBI background. As the drama unfolds, a horrifying conspiracy of corporate malfeasance is uncovered.

May 14, 5-7 p.m.

Robert Insley discusses his work "The Legacy of Renty Tucker," the story of a real life former slave of Plowden C.J. Weston. Born in 1831, Tucker was a talented craftsman and beloved civic leader in Georgetown County. The Pelican Inn is among buildings in the county that Tucker is known for having created.

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attended by about 100 people.

No one solution has been selected at this time. County officials are considering alternatives and are asking residents to submit their suggestions and opinions on how

traffic congestion in the area around Waccamaw Middle and Intermediate schools can be alleviated. Again, options are still being considered. Once ongoing traffic studies have been completed, comments have been reviewed and a proposal is ready, another public meeting will be scheduled.

LEGO team nabs award at World Expo



Not only did the Georgetown County Library's Jr. LEGO and Robotics Team win a spot at the 2015 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) World Expo, they captured the Synergy Award while there. The Super Master Builders won the award because their model, poster and presentation went together so well. The expo was April 23-25 in St. Louis. The six-member team consists of Patrick Gallagher, App Hutto, Ellie Keesee, Colby Fretz, Dane MacMillian and Nate Campbell. Coaches are Shelia Sullivan and Amy King.

New



Georgetown County Parks & Recreation
Georgetown County Diabetes CORE

Arthritis Exercise Program

FREE Intro Sessions

Mon 5/4 & Wed 5/6 at 6pm

Eight week program begins Mon 5/11 at 6pm

\$10 program cost

This basic eight-week program is a safe, low impact workout suitable for adults of all ages and fitness levels

Modeled on Arthritis Foundation principles, participants will learn exercises designed specifically to alleviate arthritis symptoms

Classes will be held at
Diabetes CORE Group @ Choppee

545-8723 x 114

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 or through our Facebook page. If you'd rather have it delivered to your inbox, e-mail jbroach@gtcounty.org with the subject line "send me the Chronicle."

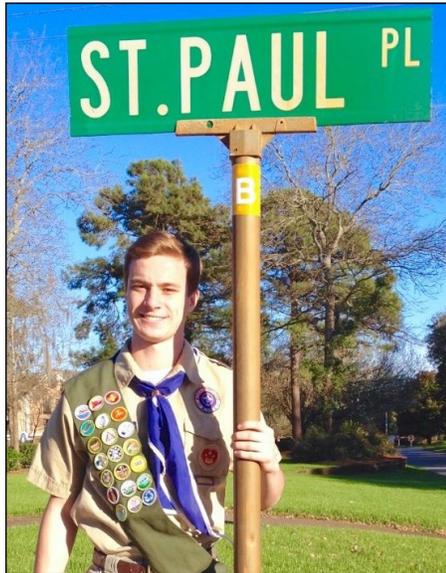
That's also the place to send questions and comments about this newsletter and its content. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

www.gtcounty.org

Hurricane zones now easier to identify thanks to Eagle Scout project

Georgetown County residents trying to figure out which hurricane evacuation zone they're in won't have to look any further than the nearest street sign, thanks to a recently completed project by Bobby Walters, a member of Boy Scout Troop 360 of Pawleys Island.

A 17-year-old Waccamaw High School student, Walters spent the last three years putting color-coded bands on street signs throughout the county for his Eagle Scout project. He started the project in 2012 at about the same time the Georgetown County Emergency Management Division rolled out a new Know Your Zone campaign. The color-coded bands match up with the colors on the county's evacuation zone map and indicate the level of risk from storm surge. Red bands indicate Zone A, the area likely to be most impacted by a hurricane. Orange bands indicate Zone B and yellow bands indicate Zone C.



Bobby Walters is pictured with one of the 861 street signs he marked to help residents and visitors identify hurricane evacuation zones.

The evacuation zone map was redrawn in 2012 based on a study by the U.S. Army Corps of engineers. New evacuation zones were based on a hurricane's storm surge potential rather than wind speed, as flooding is actually what does the most damage and causes the most deaths in a hurricane, said Sam Hodge, Georgetown County's emergency manager.

"This completely redefined evacuation zones for Georgetown County and we were looking for a visible, straightforward way for people to quickly be able to identify their evacuation zone," Hodge said. "Bobby came in and offered to take on this project for us and he's done a stellar job. Wherever you are in the county, you're not far from one of these colored bands."

The son of Alan and Susan Walters, Bobby said he was looking for something big for his Eagle Scout project. Yet he hadn't realized exactly how big this project would end up being. After raising \$1,400

to purchase the needed materials, he had to put bands on 861 street signs throughout the county. Most of the county is in a designated red, orange or yellow zone. He enlisted help from his family, Emergency Management Division staff and other members of his Boy Scout Troop. The total time that went into the project was 138 hours, with 96 of those hours belonging to Bobby.

"It was a little overwhelming, but I'm really glad I did it. I think the county is a lot safer now that it's done, because all you have to do is walk outside and look at the closest street sign and you know what zone you're in," Bobby said.

Essentially, it eliminates the guesswork and could save lives, Hodge said. In addition to residents, the color-coded bands will aid visitors to the area who might not be familiar with evacuation zones and procedures. Hodge said he also hopes that seeing the bands on a daily basis will keep hurricane safety at the forefront of residents' minds.

"Hopefully it will make them think about other things involved in hurricane preparedness, like whether they have a family emergency kit, where the shelters are and what they'll do with their pets if they have to evacuate," Hodge said.

Having the project finally complete is a weight off Bobby's shoulders, the teen said, but it's also something he can be proud of.

"The fact that this was a really big, overwhelming project made it a lot better," Bobby said. "I'm glad I took this one on."

For more information about Know Your Zone, visit www.gtcounty.org/emergency_management or call (843) 545-3273.

Georgetown County government welcomes opportunities for partnerships with individuals, civic groups and other organizations on endeavors that benefit the community.

Pickleball

Join us for open court games
at Waccamaw Regional
Recreation Center in Pawleys Island!

Monday through Friday
10 a.m.—noon

Call (843) 545-3202 for information

21st Annual Backhoe Rodeo

Georgetown County
Department of Public Services
May 21, 2015 11:00 a.m.
Georgetown County Landfill

AGENDA:

- Welcome and Introductions
- National Public Works Week Resolution
- Remarks
- Employee Recognition
- Lunch and Door Prize Drawings
- Backhoe Rodeo Competition

All members of the public are welcome!
Please RSVP to jdirks@gtcounty.org.

Capital Project Sales Tax in effect as of May 1

The sales tax in Georgetown County rose from the state 6 percent to 7 percent as of May 1. That was the start day for a 1 percent Capital Project Sales Tax that voters approved last November to fund projects including dredging, road improvements and enhancements to fire and rescue service. Collection of the tax will continue for exactly four years, with the tax expiring on April 30, 2019.

All Georgetown County businesses should have already received information from the S.C. Department of Revenue regarding implementation of the tax. The tax will not apply to unprepared food, prescription medicine and any other items that are exempt from the state sales tax.

Businesses seeking information on implementing the tax should contact the Department of Revenue. For information about projects to be funded with the tax, visit gtcounty.org.

Georgetown, Pawleys Island farmers markets to begin season in new locations

When Georgetown County's two farmers markets open for the season this month, it will be on two new sites, both selected to increase visibility and foot traffic, and boost business for vendors.

The Pawleys Island farmers market, which will continue to operate on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will move to a lot on Highway 17 adjacent to the Waverly Place shopping center. That market will open May 13. The new site is located at 10593 Ocean Highway. The market previously took place at the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center.

The Georgetown market, which will continue to operate on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will move from East Bay Park to a county-owned parking lot downtown on Screven Street, directly across from the historic courthouse. This offers a better opportunity for



visitors on Front Street to see and access the market. The Georgetown farmers market will begin on May 16.

Georgetown County has entered into a partnership with Clemson Extension Service to join its Waccamaw Market Cooperative and benefit from the cooperative's collaborative advertising and the Clemson Extension's relationship with farmers throughout the region, as well as the services of a full-time market manager.

**We've
Gone to
the
Dogs!**



Georgetown County Library Friends Community Sale

Proceeds benefit the Georgetown County Library and the Saint Frances Animal Center.

Saturday, May 16th, 2015

Rain date: May 23rd, 2015

8:00AM-12:00PM

Vendor Set-up: 7:00 AM
\$10.00 per space

Georgetown County Library
405 Cleland Street



For more information:
843-545-3300



Georgetown
County Parks
and Rec.
hosts

SUMMER 2015 BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

July 20-24
at Stables Park Field Complex,
2400 Petigru Rd., Pawleys Island

Contact Greig Munro,
1-800-739-9441 or sign up at
www.challengersports.com

Financial help available for caregivers in Georgetown County

Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments, a partner agency to Georgetown County government, has funds available to assist unpaid caregivers within the agency's tri-county region. Those funds may be available to children caring for elderly parents, people caring for spouses with disabilities, or virtually any person in Georgetown, Horry or Williamsburg counties who devotes their time and energy to caring for a loved one.

Many of those who qualify would never think of themselves as "caregivers," staff with the program said. Those individuals may feel taking care of their loved one is their duty due to blood ties, marriage vows or affection for the person being cared for, and that they shouldn't be compensated for it. However, these individuals are eligible caregivers and shouldn't be afraid to ask for help, which Waccamaw Regional is able to provide, staff said.

Caregivers for individuals with disabilities, the elderly, or those with Alzheimer's disease, may qualify for a grant of \$500 or more, depending on need and available funding. Grants may be used for respite care or reimbursement for items such as incontinence products or home modifications to accommodate individuals who have disabilities. Funds are also available to help seniors 55 and older who serve as the primary caregiver for a child — such as a grandchild — with respite care and expenses related to the child's care.

"Being a caregiver is a tough job. Typically, caregivers are juggling work and other family obligations with their responsibilities as a caregiver and it can be overwhelming," said Valerie Gonzalez, a family caregiver advocate for Waccamaw Regional's office of Aging and Disability. The office has a range of resources available for caregivers, including training, support groups and financial assistance.

Gonzalez regularly deals with caregivers who might never get a break if not for the respite care funds made available through Waccamaw Regional. Respite care is paid care — in or out of the home — that enables a primary unpaid caregiver to be temporarily relieved of responsibilities. Many people don't understand how important respite care is until they have been a caregiver.

"Caregivers need a little 'me time' sometimes and respite care gives them that," Gonzalez said.

"Maybe they just want to go to church on Sunday or to the beach one day. Other people use it for appointments or errands. Maybe they even just need a chance to get some sleep."

Seniors who are age 55 and older may qualify for assistance if they are the primary guardian or caregiver of a child or adult (age 19-59) who is disabled. The child or disabled adult can be a relative, including a grandchild. However, caregivers do not qualify for this type of assistance if they are the biological parent of the person they are caring for.

Assistance available may include reimbursement for expenses related to care of the individual. Some form of proof that the applicant is the child's caregiver (such as guardianship documents or school records) must be provided in order for applications to be considered.

Those interested in receiving grants for caregivers must contact Waccamaw Regional's family caregiver program staff. For more information, call Valerie Gonzalez or Mary Ann Dybzinski, Waccamaw Regional family caregiver advocates, at (843) 546-8502.



Georgetown County PHOTO CONTEST



Georgetown County is seeking photo contest entries.

The theme is:

"Rural Life in Georgetown County"

Deadline for entries is May 31, 2015.

Entries should be sent to jbroach@gtcounty.org.

This contest is open to all ages.

Visit www.gtcounty.org for details.

Introducing Club Volleyball In Pawleys Island & Georgetown



**AGES 7-17 GIRLS & BOYS
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME**

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CENTER
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Pre-Registration

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 Player Age: _____ Player Gender: M / F Shirt Size: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____
 Skills'N'Drills __ Summer Camp __ Preferred Facility: _____

Skills & Drills

2 Day Clinic:

\$20 Per-Register
 Waccamaw Recreational
 Center-
 June 22 – 23, 5-7pm
 Georgetown Beck Center-
 June 24 – 25, 5-7pm

Summer Volleyball Camp:

6 Sessions, once a week
 Georgetown-
 July 7 - Aug 11
 Pawleys Island-
 July 8 – Aug 12

See website for pricing and
 Details

Pre-Register on our site
ClubCoastalVolleyball.com or
Gtcounty.org

also you can Mail to:
 Club Coastal Volleyball
 P.O. Box 543
 Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Collins named County Ambassador for Economic Development

Perry Collins, owner of Winyah Properties and Chairman of the Board for the Georgetown Economic Development Alliance, has been named 2015 Ambassador for Economic Development for Georgetown County. The title was bestowed by the S.C. Department of Commerce last month as part of the annual Industry Appreciation Week. Ambassadors were selected for each South Carolina county based on efforts to bolster community and economic development activities in the state, and were honored in a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion Complex.

Collins was nominated for the award by Brian Tucker, Georgetown County Director of Economic Development.

"Perry has been a tremendous asset to many of our existing industries through his work with Liberty Terminals and now with Winyah Properties," Tucker said. "Perry has a long history as a stevedore and logistical problem solver. With his experience in the stevedore industry, he has a great appreciation for the Port of Georgetown, and has been one of its biggest advocates. He understands that our port offers our community a competitive edge and he has fought hard over the years to secure funding for our port."

Collins has also served as a sounding board for local industries as they explore various transportation issues, Tucker said. Additionally, in his role as Chairman of the Georgetown Economic Development Alliance, Collins led the effort to reorganize the group to more closely align with county government's economic development efforts.



Perry Collins, center, is pictured with Gov. Nikki Haley and S.C. Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

"For the first time in many years, the Alliance and the county are operating as a real partnership," Tucker said.

S.C. Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt said the ambassadors "truly reflect the enthusiasm and commitment that makes Team South Carolina so successful, and we're thrilled to recognize them for all they've done to advance their respective companies and communities."

Fun in the Sun Coed Kickball

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation

Food

When: Saturday June 13th

Where: Retreat Park

Team: 5 guys 5 girls

Fee: \$12 per person ~ Ages: 18+

Music

Registration: Ends May 29th

Individual Registration:
http://www.georgetowncountysc.org/parks_recreation/

Team Registration:
Contact Justin Blomdahl

Tournament T-Shirt included

Justin Blomdahl:
Adult Sports
Office: 843-545-3319
Cell: 843-520-9621
Email: jblomdahl@gtcounty.org

Sign up now
for the Georgetown County Parks and Recreation

2015 Summer Camp

at Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown
(All spaces in the Waccamaw camp are already full)

For boys and girls ages 5-11

Cost: \$60 per child per week
Plus a one-time \$10 registration fee

Camp Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Summer Camp starts June 8 and ends July 31

Georgetown County provides daily snacks,
but please send a non-perishable lunch
with your child each day.

**Call (843) 545-3275 to register
or visit www.gtcounty.org**

B.A.S.S. Tournament

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Hemingway. The better news is that this is just the beginning.

“All week long, I heard repeatedly that we were doing things right and that they loved it here. They were finding great southern hospitality everywhere they went, the entire community made them feel welcome, and they loved our rivers and the beautiful scenery they got to enjoy while they were out on the water. Everyone I talked to had complimentary things to say and they said they want to come back.”

That includes the director of B.A.S.S. Nation, Jon Stewart, who was already talking with Hemingway about plans to bring a bigger tournament to Georgetown — one that would bring twice as many people for a longer stay. It was exactly what Hemingway hoped for.

“We courted this tournament,” Hemingway said. “We worked hard to encourage them to come here and let us prove to them that we could host an event the size and caliber of the Southern Divisional with such success that they would want to bring more and bigger events to Georgetown. I believe we did that and we’re on the way to having B.A.S.S. become a regular visitor to Georgetown County.”

While Stewart said he’s always reluctant to say any tournament is “the best,” he was extremely impressed with the lengths Georgetown County and its residents went to in order to make tournament participants feel welcome and wanted in the area. He and anglers sang the community’s praises on a national stage during daily tournament weigh-ins, which are broadcast live and archived for later viewing at bassmaster.com.

“All that’s going on this week for this event is just amazing. I’ve been with B.A.S.S. for 11 years and I’ve never seen so much detail go into an event, from the flags from each participant’s state, to the welcome cards in all the hotel rooms and the drink specials at some of the restaurants,” Stewart said. “This is a beautiful place and everybody here has been phenomenal. I just can’t say enough about the community and how much they’ve reached out to us.”

Hemingway and other county staff members offered sincere thanks to the S.C. Bass Federation and Conway Bassmasters for helping county officials get a better idea of what anglers would be looking for from a



At top: South Carolina team members show off their trophies after winning the tournament. Above: A large crowd gathered at the Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex for tournament weigh-in. See more tournament photos at facebook.com/gtcountysc.

successful host site and how to ensure they’d want to come back. Special thanks are extended to Lin Fore and Henry McFadden for taking tournament officials out on the water for some recreational red fishing.

“For many of those who visited for the tournament, this was their first exposure to Georgetown County, and we’re glad that with help from local businesses and the community, they had a great experience with us and are looking forward to coming back,” Hemingway said. “We hope they’ll be back for future tournaments, of course, but a lot of them may come back for family vacations, non-tournament fishing trips, or perhaps even as new residents someday.”

States that visited for the tournament included Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. And, of course, there were anglers from throughout South Carolina including one from Georgetown County who landed a spot on the Palmetto State’s Southern Divisional team, Mark Johnson of Plantersville.

The cherry on top of all of this for Georgetown County was that South Carolina swept the tournament with not only the top team, but also the top angler and the top

high school team for the event — a rare accomplishment for a host state. The 14-member South Carolina team won the event with a total catch of 288 pounds and nine ounces. The tournament’s individual winner was John Proctor of Conway, with a total weight of 34 pounds and 11 ounces, including the tournament’s biggest fish, which weighed in at 7 pounds and nine ounces. Proctor is the son of Georgetown County’s finance director, Scott Proctor. State championship high school teams competed alongside the adults in the competition to hone their skills. The cumulative weight caught was added to the overall score of the state team. Carter McNeil and Tucker Smith of Abbeville High School won that title with an overall weight of 17 pounds, 11 ounces. For more tournament results, visit www.bassresource.com/bass_fishing_123/bass-pee-dee-42415.html.

Just a week after the B.A.S.S. event, Georgetown County welcomed the Inshore Fishing Association Redfish and Kayak tours for the second year in a row. The IFA had a very successful visit here May 1-3 and will also return Aug. 28-30 this year. See page 8 for more information on that event.

IFA Redfish Tour makes for another tournament success

For the second year in a row, an Inshore Fishing Association tournament in Georgetown County had the highest turnout of any location in the Atlantic Division. That's one of a number of reasons IFA officials say they want to continue bringing events — and the economic impact these events have for host communities — back to Georgetown in the future.

"We had a great time again and we're looking forward to coming back," said Eric Shelby, IFA tournament director. "The hospitality is great and I'm really impressed with the organization of the Parks and Rec. department. They've had people out here helping us; they had everything we need and a lot of times they've thought about things we haven't even thought about. You can tell their goal is to get better every time and that's impressive for us to see and to work with. We couldn't ask for better than what we've experienced in Georgetown County."

Shelby and the IFA made their first of two scheduled 2015 visits to Georgetown County last week when the county was host to the group's Redfish and Kayak tours. Adding in a day for team meetings and registration, the stop spanned three days, lasting from May 1-3. The group's next visit is set for Aug. 28-30.

At total of 73 boats, each holding two anglers, were registered for the Redfish Tour this time around. That was up from 60 when the tour stopped here last August and was a milestone for the IFA.

"Last year's number was the highest we'd had in this division in a long time and I think this year's was the highest we've had in this division since we've been operating it," Shelby said.

The division stretches from Florida to Virginia, and Shelby said he believes the county's appeal as a vacation destination adds to anglers' interest in tournaments here.

"We have a lot who come here from Florida. They fish a lot of gin clear water, so this is a different type of fishing for them, and it's tidal fishing, which a lot of them on the East side of Florida are used to. But the fish aren't as spooky and they're easier to catch for them. It's also just a good vacation opportunity for them. For a lot of the guys in this, this is how they spend their vacation time. This is what they save for from one year to the next. We probably just had 10 different guys walk across the stage with their kids, because they brought their families with them for this trip."



At top: Winners of the IFA Redfish Tour. Right: Boats ready to launch on May 2 at the Campbell Marine Complex. See more photos at [facebook.com/gtcountysc](https://www.facebook.com/gtcountysc).

The team taking first prize in the Redfish Tour on May 2 were some of the visitors from Florida to which Shelby referred. J.D. Nobles of St. Johns, Fla., and Kyle Craven of Jacksonville won the tournament with a two-fish limit weighing 9.24 pounds. Their prizes totaled nearly \$30,000 — not a bad return on their investment. Like many of the anglers visiting, they estimate they spent a minimum of \$1,000 during their stay in Georgetown County.

"It was sort of a mini vacation," Nobles said. "We got here Wednesday afternoon and stayed three nights. We ate dinner at a couple of places and walked up and down the Harborwalk, looking in at the storefronts. We looked at the Maritime Museum and next time we come I want to go in there. We will be back."

They're already planning their next visit to compete in the Redfish Tour in August and said they will bring their wives this time, increasing their spending.

"This is a great place and [the tournament] was a great-run event," Nobles said. "It's good to see the [county] get involved in it. That's something we don't see at home. Our City and our Chamber of Commerce don't have anything to do with the sport, so it's good to see somebody recognizes the value there."

John Hislop of Swansboro, N.C., estimated he spent between \$2,500 and \$3,000 during his visit.

"We've been here for a week and put a lot of money into Georgetown. We ate downtown and cooked a couple of nights. We've had a great time and are very pleased with the whole experience," he said of himself and



his fishing partner, Rick Patterson. They've been fishing in this area since 2010, the year the Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex opened. The complex is key to the county's ability to attract tournaments and Hislop and Patterson can see why.

"Of all the venues we've fished, from here to Louisiana, this is the best one as far as the facility," Patterson said.

Hislop agrees. In other places they've fished it's "awkward to get where you need to go; it's tough to get in and out with your boat, and frankly I don't think they really cared whether we came or not," he said. "That's definitely not the case here. The people here receive you well and there's plenty of places to park with your boat and it's easy to maneuver in and out."

Everyone who crossed the stage during the tournament seemed to have good things to say about the county and how anglers were received. That includes the locals who participated — and there were quite a few of those as well. In fact, two of Georgetown's own, Bub Mitchell and Tim Ward, won second place in the Redfish Tournament, coming in just one point behind the winning team. Their two-fish limit weight lost to the winning catch by just a .01-pound difference. Henry McFadden of Georgetown came in fifth place on a team with Chuck Fonvielle of North Myrtle Beach.

The winner of the Kayak Tour on May 3 was Dave Jaskiewicz of Wando. For full tournament results, visit www.ifatours.com.

Intellectual property seminars scheduled

Georgetown County residents interested in learning more about copyrights, patents and trademarks will have two great opportunities to do so on May 12.

The Georgetown and Waccamaw libraries will each host a seminar on intellectual property that day. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Waccamaw Library in Litchfield and from 1-3 p.m. at the Georgetown Library.

Douglas Lineberry, special counsel with the McNair Law Firm, will discuss the types of intellectual property, how to protect intellectual property, and business documentation.

The seminars are free, but registration is required. Register at www.coastal.edu/sbdc/seminars. HtmL.

Volunteers needed for reef building initiative

The Coastal Oyster Recycling and Restoration Initiative (CORRI) will build oyster reefs in Georgetown County this month and is seeking help from volunteers. The initiative uses oyster shells from local restaurants that would otherwise be thrown away to restore estuarine reef habitats.



Volunteers will bag oyster shells for the project at Coastal Carolina University's Center for Marine and Wetland Study from 9 a.m. until around noon on May 16. That same day, reef building will take place at Pawleys Creek beginning at 1 p.m. Volunteers can take part in either or both activities. Reef building is also tentatively scheduled for May 17 at 2 p.m. and May 23 at 7 a.m. if there is sufficient need and volunteer interest.

Volunteers should be prepared to get muddy and dress appropriately in waders or old shoes and old clothes, organizers advise. Gloves and water will be provided.

For more information about the project, visit the CORRI website: <http://corri0101.businesscatalyst.com/>. For questions, contact Maddy Gillis at msgillis@g.coastal.edu.

Friday night movie series wraps up this month

There are two more movies left in the Friends of the Waccamaw Library's Friday Night at the Movies series with David Zinman. On May 8 and May 15, the library will host free classic movie nights at the new Library, located off Willbrook Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and movies start at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available for a small donation to the Friends group. Zinman, author of "50 Classic Motion Pictures" and four other film books, will lead an audience discussion after each showing.

Upcoming movies include:

May 8

"Love Affair" — Charles Boyer plays a suave French playboy who, on an ocean voyage, falls in love with an American singer (Irene Dunne). There is a slight problem. Both are engaged to others. They vow to meet in six months at the top of the Empire State Building. Remade as "An Affair to Remember" (1957) with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr and as "Love Affair" (1994) with Warren Beatty and Annette Bening. Nominated for six Oscars. 87 minutes.

May 15

"42nd Street" — This colorful backstage movie from Hollywood's golden age is filled with nostalgia. It follows a musical from its casting to opening night and features Busby Berkeley's spectacular production numbers. The story focuses on a chorus girl (Ruby Keeler), who must step in when the leading lady (Bebe Daniels) breaks her ankle. Songs include "Shuffle Off to Buffalo." With Dick Powell and Ginger Rogers. 89 minutes.

For more programs at our library branches, visit georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov.

Sign up now for Adult Co-ed and Men's Summer Softball Leagues!

A program of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation

Men's League

Registration ends:
May 22, 5 p.m.

Cost: \$400 per team
(covers umpires, balls,
maintenance, awards, etc.)

Opening Day: June 1

Games on: Monday
and Wednesday nights,

Location: Retreat Park



Co-ed League

Registration ends:
May 22, 5 p.m.

Cost: \$350 per team
(covers umpires, balls,
maintenance, awards, etc.)

Opening Day: June 2

Games on: Tuesday
and Thursday nights,

Location: Retreat Park

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Judicial, law enforcement offices open at Exchange

While renovations continue at the Litchfield Exchange, Georgetown County had a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony on April 28 for magistrates offices and a Sheriff's Office substation housed in the building.

These offices are located in the area of the former mall that once housed an Italian restaurant. That part of the building was completely remodeled for its new purpose and the offices were unveiled to the public during the ceremony. Much praise is deserved by the county's Public Services staff, which did the work in-house, resulting in significant savings for the county.

The facility houses operations for the Murrells Inlet and Pawleys Island magistrates and the Waccamaw Neck Precinct of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office.

The ceremony featured remarks by Georgetown County Council Chairman Johnny Morant, Chief Magistrate Isaac Pyatt, Sheriff Lane Cribb and County Administrator Sel Hemingway.

As renovations continue, the exterior of the building will be repainted and new awnings will be installed. The county can then turn its focus to locating new business tenants for the facility.



At top: Officials cut the ribbon. Above right: Public Services staff was responsible for renovations at the facility. Above left: Attendees at the ceremony gather in the corridor. See more photos at www.Facebook.com/gtcountysc

Simulator training helps Sheriff's deputies prepare

Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb hosted a Firearms Training Simulator for all law enforcement officers in the county April 13-19. The simulator provided about 60 different scenarios of real life situations officers may encounter on a daily basis.

The equipment requires officers to interact using voice commands, as well as lethal and non-lethal weapons which would be available in real law enforcement situations. Cribb hopes the experience with the simulator will better prepare law enforcement officers to achieve positive resolutions in the field, he said.

"The training simulator places our officers in real life situations facing law enforcement today and provides them with the opportunity of using techniques in controlling compliant and non-compliant suspects," he said. "We use the simulator to evaluate our deputies' skills and the choices they make during the intense sessions to ensure a proper response."

New sculpture at Morse Park



Earth Day (April 22) brought the dedication of a new environmental sculpture at Morse Park in Murrells Inlet. The Coastal Carolinas Association of Realtors Community Outreach Committee partnered with Palmetto Pride to install the 6x3-foot sculpture at the park, with the blessings of Georgetown County Council and Georgetown County Parks and Recreation. The sculpture — a pelican containing recycled plastic and glass materials — was made by artist Jim Swaim and is intended to serve as a reminder of the growing problem of litter in our environment and waterways.