

The Georgetown County Chronicle



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by Georgetown County, S.C.,
for its residents and visitors.

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Eight Days of Hope to aid flood victims

Once a disaster fades from headlines and nightly newscasts, it also begins to fade from the minds of the general public. But nearly a year after the historic flooding that devastated much of South Carolina, there are hundreds of area residents still suffering from the effects.

"There are people right here who are still sleeping on someone else's floor, because their home was damaged by flooding and they haven't had the wherewithal to make repairs," said Kevin Shwedo, leader of the state's long-term recovery operations.

Others, he added, have moved back into damaged or mold-infested homes due to a lack of other options.

Luckily, for these residents, a huge aid effort is on the way.

Eight Days of Hope, a faith-based disaster relief charity, announced last month that it will bring a major rebuilding effort to Georgetown and Williamsburg counties this fall from Oct. 8-15. The group plans to bring thousands of volunteers to the area, making repairs to hundreds of flood-damaged homes.

"Thousands of families in the area are trying to figure out how they can rebuild their homes because of



Stephen Tybor III, president of Eight Days of Hope, addresses media during a press conference in July. Standing with him are officials from Georgetown and Williamsburg counties.

the mass damage," said Stephen Tybor III, the group's president. "Those who are waiting for assistance in the rebuilding process are looking for help, for hope. Eight Days of Hope's goal is to bring a ray of hope to those who are in need and to help them rebuild their homes."

Based on numbers compiled by the Winyah Bay Long Term Recovery Group, and the state disaster case management agency, Hearts and Hands, 472 house-

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Community will have chance to talk with steel mill study panel

An 11-member expert panel will land in Georgetown for six days Sept. 18 to offer advice on the future of the site of the Georgetown steel mill.

The group, all volunteering their time for the Urban Land Institute's Advisory Services Program, is tasked with looking for economic development

possibilities for the site that would benefit not only the City of Georgetown, but the greater Georgetown Region. The program is designed to find strategic, practical and innovative solutions for difficult land use issues.

After getting settled and meeting with county and city officials on Sunday, the panel and two ULI staff



The site of the steel mill in Georgetown.

members will start Monday with a site tour and end the afternoon with a reception that will offer community members their first opportunity to interact with panelists. The reception is scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m., but a location has not been determined.

The panel will spend the next three days conducting interviews and discussing proposals for the facility, before presenting their report on the final day of the trip, Sept. 23 at 8:30 a.m.

"Having an organization with the reputation of the Urban Land Institute choose to come to Georgetown County really underscores the potential of this site,"

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Fundraiser set for deputy fighting cancer

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office will have a fundraiser for one of its own this month. Pileau lunches will be sold on Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$7 each. All proceeds will go toward medical expenses for Lt. Denise King.

An employee of the Sheriff's Office for 25 years, King has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is undergoing treatment. It's a battle she said she's determined to win.

King has not smoked for more than two decades, she said, and the diagnosis came as a surprise. She has thus far completed radiation treatments to shrink the tumor and is undergoing her third round of chemotherapy. She's looking forward to returning to work on light duty and hopes that day will come quickly, she said.

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and its staff, including King, have a long history of having fundraising events to support members of the community in need. There was no question they would rally to support a friend and dedicated employee such as King.

Plans are for the Sheriff's Office to prepare enough food for about 1,200 meals. There are still about 300 tickets remaining. To purchase a ticket, stop by the Sheriff's Office headquarters on North Fraser Street or the substation at the Litchfield exchange. King said she plans to be present to help serve meals on Aug. 11. For more information, call (843) 546-5102.



Lt. Denise King

County to co-host Back to School event, community health fair in Georgetown

Georgetown County and the Sadie Grice Funny Scholarship Foundation will team up this month to offer free backpacks and school supplies, as well as health screenings for local families.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12 at the Beck Recreation Center, 2030 Church St., Georgetown. Backpacks and school supplies will be available for the first 500 local students through a back to school jamboree. In addition to this and a health fair, there will also be food, drawings and family friendly activities, said Shelia Edwards, who organized the event for the scholarship foundation.

The event is also co-sponsored by Tideland Health.

Sadie Grice Funny was born and raised in the Plantersville area of Georgetown County, where she and her husband nurtured and educated 11 children. She was committed to ensuring all her children had the chance and resources to pursue any level of education they wanted, which she knew would open the doors to success for each of them, Edwards said.

Along with teaching her children the value of education, Funny taught them the importance of being an entrepreneur and giving back to their community.

For more information about the back to school jamboree and health fair, email shelia@trappcomm.com.

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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.

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**Sept. 24 and 25
in Georgetown**

Atlantic Qualifying Events

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Pokémon Go events lure ‘trainers’ of all ages to county facilities

Immediately after its release last month, the Pokémon Go app took the world and Georgetown County by storm. Kids, teens and plenty of adults were suddenly walking, biking and skating around their neighborhoods searching around buildings and in empty lots for Bell-sprouts, Caterpies, Drowzees and the more elusive Dratini, Pikachu and Snorlax Pokémon.



A young trainer shows of a catch at the Beck Recreation Center.



Above: Pokémon Go and basketball converged at the Beck Recreation Center. Right: The winner of a Pokémon activity at the Waccamaw Library.



With the game’s mingling of technology, imagination and getting people moving, it didn’t take long for two Georgetown County departments to get in on the action. Georgetown County Parks and Recreation hosted a Pokémon hunt at Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown on July 21 and the Waccamaw Library in Pawleys Island had a beginners class and Pokémon hunt on July 23. Dozens of

trainers came from all over the area to participate.

“We were really pleased to see the mix of people it attracted,” said Beth Goodale, the county’s recreation director.

“There were people of all different types — people you might not usually see coming together and talking, but this game gives them all a common interest.”

The Parks and Recreation department also used the event and prizes as an opportunity to get participants to fill out surveys, allowing staff to gather information about the kinds of activities members of the public want to see offered at parks and other recreational facilities.

Pokémon Go is an augmented reality game played on smart phones and other mobile devices. Players, called trainers in the game, visit real-world locations to gather digital items, capture imaginary creatures and train them to take control of virtual facilities called Pokégyms. The ‘go’ part of Pokémon Go comes in because players are required to get up, get outside and move around to succeed in the game.

As part of the library’s activities, it organized two walking expeditions to a nearby PokéGym. There were also themed arts and crafts activities during which trainers created Pokéballs from table tennis balls, made simple paper craft Pikachu, and made Pokémon themed keychains from beads. Trainers also played a game in which the kids hunted Pokémon by throwing balls into buckets to try and claim them, and then battled with the Pokémon they captured. The winner of the game was declared the Pokémon Master Trainer and awarded the first three issues of the Pokémon comic book series.

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation will have its next Pokémon Go event in conjunction with outdoor pickleball play at the Beck Recreation Center on Aug. 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The event is free and there will be snacks and prizes for participants. For information, call (843) 545-3275.

Georgetown County FARMERS MARKET



Find fresh produce, baked goods and more!

Saturdays
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at 122 Screven St.
in historic Georgetown

Steel mill study

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said Brian Tucker, the county’s director of economic development. “The staff at ULI and the panelists all understand that, if done correctly, the redevelopment of this site will be transformative for our region and will have a positive impact on our residents for generations.”

Tucker said he was also excited to see the experience and talent represented on the panel when confirmed members were announced in late July. He and other officials were particularly pleased to see Antonio Fiol-Silva, the founding principal of SITIO in Philadelphia, listed on the panel. Among his accomplishments is redevelopment of another former steel mill, now the SteelStacks Art and Cultural Campus in Bethlehem, Pa. The project won a ULI Global Award of Excellence.

The mill site in Bethlehem was restored, adapted and transformed into an arts and cultural campus that features blast furnaces and other historic mill features, an elevated walkway that offers up-close view of the blast furnaces, space for exhibits, parks, outdoor plazas, an outdoor performing arts pavilion, an office building and production studios for the local public broadcast station, and a new ArtsQuest Center building devoted to performing arts of all types.

“As you Mr. Fiol-Silva’s résumé demonstrates, these panelists get it. They live and breathe these types of opportunities,” Tucker said. “We opted to go after ULI because we knew that we wanted market driven solutions, not academic theory. We look forward to getting their recommendations. For many panelists this will be the first time in our area, but I’m sure they’ll want to come back. For those that live here, we often forget how great a place we have.”

Other confirmed members of the panel include:

- Panel Chairman Alex J. Rose, senior vice president of development at the Continental Development Corporation in El Segundo, Calif.
- Don Edwards, CEO and principal at Justice and Sustainability Associates in Washington, D.C.
- Allen K. Folks, director of planning and design at Ascent Environmental, Inc. in Sacramento, Calif.
- Juanita Hardy, senior visiting fellow for creative peacemaking at



The SteelStacks campus in Bethlehem, Pa.

the Urban Land Institute in Washington, D.C.

- Sarah Sieloff, executive director at the Center for Creative Land Recycling in Oakland, Calif.
- Geoff Koski, senior consultant with Bleakly Advisory Group in Atlanta.
- Kathleen Rose, president and CEO of Rose & Associates, Southeast, Inc., in Davidson, N.C.

All panel members volunteer their time and expertise. The sponsoring community pays travel expenses for panelists and staff. While much of the funding has been raised through corporate donations, the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation is currently accepting donations from individuals toward the remainder of the cost. For more information, call the Bunnelle Foundation at (843) 237-1222.

Full panelist biographies will be available prior to the group’s arrival. For more information about the SteelStacks project, visit <http://casestudies.uli.org/steelstacks-arts-and-cultural-campus/>.

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Ages 15 and up only

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Registration is now open for Fall League Sports



Tackle Football
(ages 8-12, 3 divisions)



Flag Football
(ages 5-7)



Cheerleading
(ages 7-12)



Soccer
(ages 5-12)

Registration ends Aug. 19

**Call (843) 545-3275
for information
or visit www.gtcounty.org.**

Council to revisit Visions project in spring

Georgetown County Council decided this month to put a brief hold on development of the next phase of the county's long-range capital improvement process.

Council and staff had intended to ramp up the planning process for what will be known as Visions 3 at the beginning of next year, with preliminary work taking place this summer and fall. It now will spend that time focusing on the last projects remaining in the current phase of the plan, which runs through 2018, and fine-tuning the formula for predicting operations and maintenance costs for future projects.

"From the beginning of this plan, we have said we would never embark on a project that was not sustainable going into the future," said County Administrator Sel Hemingway. "We have tracked the operations and maintenance costs associated with each project."

But many facilities completed under the plan are still tweaking programs and operations based on demand from individual communities. Other projects, such as the new Northwest Regional Recreation Center, are still under construction, and a bit more time could have a significant impact on staff's ability to accurately project operations and maintenance costs for future projects.

So far, the county has intentionally estimated high, meaning there could also be additional funds designated for current projects that could become available. This delay will also allow the county to focus on projects originally in the plan but pushed out past the 2018 cutoff window. Council will revisit the capital improvement plan in the spring.

Sheriff's Office offers back to school safety tips

As students head back to school this month, the biggest test they face might not be in the classroom, but on the journey to and from school.

Now is the time when parents need to begin talking to their children about safety, whether they are walking, riding a school bus, riding a bike, car-pooling with friends or driving themselves, said officials with the Georgetown County Sheriff's office.

Additionally, parents should make sure they know where their children are before and after school.

This time of year also calls on residents, as motorists, to use extra caution throughout the county at school bus stops and especially around schools. Anyone traveling through these areas is asked to use extra caution and keep in mind the following recommendations:

- Allow extra travel time.
- Slow down and be patient.
- Drive defensively.
- Watch for children.
- Obey all traffic laws and traffic control officers.

It is the priority of the Sheriff's Office to ensure safety for parents and children going to and from school.

Every year, for the first few days, deputies are assigned to the schools for the purpose of directing traffic before and after school. This will assist parents dropping off and picking up children, since in the first week or so there is often confusion about entrances, drop-off points and exits at schools. Cooperation between school officials and deputies works to minimize this problem.

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office will continue its Zero Tolerance in School Zones Campaign. This campaign occurs throughout the school year, and deputies will be assigned to school zones, strictly enforcing traffic laws. This campaign was started due to numerous complaints about speeding and careless driving through the school zones during the school year. It is the duty and the obligation of our deputies to ensure the safety of everyone.

"I would like to encourage everyone to exercise caution always, but especially during the school year," said Sheriff Lane Cribb. "With folks doing their part, we can prevent any unexpected dangers. Our children are our future."

A Celebration of GULLAH

At the Waccamaw Library

41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island

HANDS-ON

Friday, September 16
6:00—8:00 pm

Building Traditional Dolls

Make your own doll with artist Zenobia Harper. Free to watch, \$65 to make a doll. Registration and fee due by September 12 at library.



LECTURE	VIEWING	LECTURE	PERFORMANCE	LECTURE	PERFORMANCE
Thursday, September 8 6:30—7:30 pm Three Echoes of Africa: Bakongo Region Dr. Preston McKeever Floyd Coastal Carolina University	Saturday, September 10 6:30 pm Gullah Artists of Georgetown County Documentary featuring nine local artists and the heritage that inspires them.	Thursday, September 15 6:30—7:30 pm Renty Tucker: The Master Builder Robert Insley will share the work of this local former slave and master craftsman.	Saturday, September 17 4:00 pm Wona Womalan West African Drum and Dance Ensemble	Saturday, September 24 10:00 am Beauty Unveiling Visually impaired artist Chetta D. will share her artwork and inspiration.	Saturday, September 24 6:30—8:30 pm Egbe Kiliminjaro African Drum and Dance
					

For more information, email sbremner@gtcounty.org

News from our Veterans Affairs Office

A note from the VA Manager:

Our Veterans Affairs Office had some truly exciting events take place in July. First off, I'm sure that all the veterans who receive services through

our VA office in Georgetown will be delighted to learn that **Tiffany McBride**, an assistant in our office, gave birth to a healthy baby



Murphy

girl on July 27. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Please join us in sending our congratulations and well wishes to Tiffany.

Post 197 assisted with the Salute from the Shore event on July 4 with placement of event road signs along Highway 17 from Georgetown to Myrtle Beach, distribution of flyers and coordination with other area veterans. This was the seventh annual flyover, featuring jets and vintage aircraft, and paid a fitting tribute to our service members and area veterans.

On July 26, I had the pleasure of participating in a veterans recognition event hosted by the **Georgetown County Bureau of Aging Services and Hospice Care of South Carolina**. It was truly moving to hear veterans from across the county talk about their service to their country.

I would also like to make a special note that the **U.S. Coast Guard** celebrates its 226th birthday on Aug. 4. Veterans, let's give them a shout out and thank them for their service!

As always, please know that if there is anything I can do to further help our veterans, I can be reached at (843) 545-3330.

Proud to Serve!

David Murphy,
Manager,
Georgetown County
Office of Veterans Affairs

Thank you, veterans!



The Georgetown County Bureau of Aging Services and Hospice Care of South Carolina had a recognition ceremony for local veterans on July 26. Participating veterans spoke briefly about their service and received pins and certificates. For more photos from the event, visit www.facebook.com/gtcountysc.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Boys State dinner

Pawleys Island American Legion Post 197 will host a special recognition dinner for this year's 10 Boys State graduates, two Academic Award winners and their parents on Aug. 25.

This event is intended to further recognize these outstanding young men for their academic and other high school related achievements, and their numerous community contributions – as well as to recognize their parents for their support of Post youth programs.

Fundraising activities

In order to acquire sufficient funds to continue to maintain and expand its programs, Post 197 will conduct limited/

focused community fundraising activities. Its next scheduled fundraiser will be Sept. 13 at McDonald's in Pawleys Island.

Anniversary celebration

The Lowcountry Veteran's Group will celebrate its anniversary on Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. with a cookout. The event will be at the Meeting Place, 2921 Highmarket St., Georgetown.

Recognition Ceremony

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott will host recognition ceremonies for veterans of Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Greenville and N. Charleston on Aug. 27. Each veteran will receive a special senatorial certificate of appreciation and a pin. All interested veterans should register with Scott's office at scott.senate.gov/veterans.

Monthly meetings

American Legion Post 69 in Andrews, at 1067 N. Morgan Ave., meets on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Commander Ed Jayroe, (843) 325-7740.

The Andrews Veterans Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Andrews Public Library. For information, contact Chairman Thomas Alford, (843) 833-3267.

The Mayor's-Veterans' Advisory Committee of Andrews meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Town Hall, 101 N. Morgan Ave. The committee is chaired by Mayor Frank McClary. All are welcome. A veterans services officer is usually present. Call Greg Bennett, (843) 264-2406.

Eight Days of Hope

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holds in Georgetown County and 744 households in Williamsburg County sought assistance repairing their homes after last October's flooding. To date, those agencies report 313 households in Georgetown County and 457 households in Williamsburg County are still in need of assistance. These numbers reflect only families who have sought assistance through these specific agencies.

Since 2005, more than 16,700 Eight Days of Hope volunteers have helped to rebuild, remodel or refurbish 1,717 homes in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Iowa, Alabama and North Carolina on 11 different relief trips.

"We rely on the generosity of individuals and organizations to help support the efforts of our volunteers," Tybor stated. "We provide assistance to the uninsured and the underinsured, and appreciate those who lay the financial foundation for this work."

To date, more than \$23 million of work has been completed by Eight

Days of Hope.

"We have been blessed with the willingness of volunteer groups to come into the area to assist those who are in need and unable to recover on their own. This concentrated effort that will be brought forward with Eight Days of Hope is desperately needed to attempt to restore some sense of normalcy to people's lives as we approach the one-year anniversary of the event and mark one year that people have been displaced. We extend thanks to those who organized this event and certainly to the participants willing to give their time to bring aid to our residents," said Georgetown County Administrator Sel Hemingway.

Tybor said he expects more than 2,500 volunteers will participate in this mission, with more than half being electricians, carpenters, licensed contractors and tradesman ready to help those in need.

For more information, including how to volunteer or donate to Eight Days of Hope, visit www.eightdaysofhope.com.

To register to receive aid, dial 211.

School organizes city's first after-dark 5K fun run

Georgetown's first-ever after-dark 5K — the Glo-n-Go Fun Run — is set for Saturday, Aug. 6, beginning at 8 p.m. in front of the Georgetown School of Arts and Sciences on High-market Street.

Organized by the school, people of all ages and abilities are invited to participate, including runners, walkers, people with dogs and families with strollers.

This event is a unique opportunity for families and athletes to enjoy being active after dark under the live oaks and along the marshes of Georgetown, with the added fun of glow-in-the-dark accessories, organizers said. The circuit will take participants through the historic district and around East Bay Park.

For information and registration, visit thegeorgetownschool.org. Entry fee is \$30 until Aug. 5. Kids 7 and under participate for free, but must still register. All paying participants will receive a T-shirt and reusable LED slap-on wristband. Prizes will be given out in traditional and "just for fun" categories.



FOWL and the Waccamaw Library invite you to a free look at the amazing place we call home.

Documentary Series

planet earth

August 19, 2016
6:30pm-9:00pm
Planet Earth Part 1:
Pole to Pole, Mountains, Deep Oceans

August 26, 2016
6:30pm-9:00pm
Planet Earth Part 2:
Deserts, Ice Worlds, Shallow Seas

Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu Auditorium
41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island, SC

Grilling Fire Safety

Knowing a few fire safety grilling tips will help everyone have a safe summer.

- Only use your grill outside. Keep it away from siding and deck rails.
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill and campfire. This will keep kids and pets safe.
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.
- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.

Stay fire safe this summer!

Bi-Lo makes donation to youth sports



Store manager Gary Crowe, center, is pictured with Matt Jordan, left, and Loren Wallace of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation.

The Bi-Lo grocery store in Murrells Inlet recently donated more than 200 bottles of Gatorade for children and teens participating in youth sports programs offered by Georgetown County Parks and Recreation.

The store organized a collection drive with employees and customers and collected the bottles in just one week. The collection is ongoing and will run through the fall, said Gary Crowe, store manager.

The drive originated because the Bi-Lo district manager and other store

managers at the Murrells Inlet location wanted to do something to help youth in the community.

“When I was a kid, I participated in afterschool programs through the rec. department and I thought that might be a great way to reach out to the community,” Crowe said.

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation was delighted to welcome the store as a new community partner. The Gatorade will be distributed to youth participating in county recreational football programs.

Parks and recreation department joins Heads Up Football program

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation has been selected from numerous programs around the nation to be part of the Heads Up Football program from USA Football.

Under this program the head and assistant coach for each youth league football team will participate in a coach certification program provided by USA Football. Upon completion of this certification program, coaches will then be eligible to coach Georgetown County Parks and Recreation youth league football. Additionally USA Football certified coaches also become eligible for coaching insurance benefits. Certified coaches will possess up-to-date knowledge and training on safety, health, injury prevention and recognition, proper equipment fitting and heads up tackling and blocking techniques.

“Georgetown County Parks and Recreation staff are continually seeking ways to improve our programming delivery and programming safety,” said Beth Goodale, director of the county’s parks and recreation department. “This program is a perfect fit for furthering that mission.”

The county also implemented a stringent football helmet reconditioning and equipment maintenance program several years ago to ensure that youth football helmets and equipment are properly maintained and sanitized each season prior to use, and most recently youth sports staff attended a number of educational forums discussing youth football programs, coaching techniques and program safety strategies sponsored by the S.C. Recreation and Parks Association and the Carolina Panthers professional football organization. Staff are also studying opportunities to provide updated and comprehensive training to volunteer football coaches.



Free Play Event in Georgetown

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation will host a Pokémon Go hunt, along with open pickleball play outside at the Beck Recreation Center.

Thursday, Aug. 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lures will be set to try to attract as many Pokémon as possible. All players are welcome. Join your fellow trainers to try to catch 'em all, and try out pickleball!

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McClellan is Employee of the Quarter



Tod McClellan, center, is pictured with Greg Troutman, left, the county's human resources director, and Ron Charlton, County Council Vice Chairman.

Tod McClellan, a firefighter/paramedic with Midway Fire Rescue, has been named the County's Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2016. Though he has been employed with the department for just one year, he quickly made himself a great asset, said Chief Doug Eggiman in his nomination.

McClellan spent several years with Horry County Fire Rescue prior to accepting a position with Midway, and his experience "shines" during every shift, Eggiman said. Coworkers say McClellan is always pleasant to work with and has an excellent attitude that is contagious to those around him. He has worked as an engine driver and obtained many goals in his first year on the job, but his superiors said that wasn't why they opted to nominate him.

"Tod has a special gift when it comes to performing his duties as a public servant," according to his nomination letter. "He is able to communicate with anyone he comes into contact with and on whatever level needed. No matter what the emergency may be and how severe the circumstance is, Tod is able to provide that so often needed 'extra comfort' treatment by being understanding of others' needs."

On several occasions, Battalion Chief Brent McClellan has witnessed Tod gain complete confidence from

his patients. The skill and knowledge needed to be a paramedic can be taught, but the kind of compassion, understanding and patience Tod exhibits cannot be taught. "This is the thing that sets Tod apart," according to the letter of nomination.

In the second quarter, McClellan's superiors noted specific incidents of him making a difference in residents' lives. The department's crew needed to get a patient out of an environment that was not good for the patient's health. The patient needed medical assistance, but was unwilling to seek it due to non-trust of those in the medical field. This type of call can become very drawn out and leave everyone involved with uneasy feelings, Eggiman said. Through extreme passion and understanding, McClellan was able to gain the trust of the patient and guide the person to seek the assistance they needed. He took his time and was able to show the patient he truly cared for their wellbeing, treating them as if they were part of his own family. McClellan not only made the job easier for everyone on the scene that day, but had a huge, positive impact on the patient.

McClellan was also named Employee of the Quarter by his colleagues in the Emergency Services Dept. Please join us on congratulating him for his accomplishments.

County receives national awards for public information efforts

Georgetown County government is pleased to announce it received national honors last month for its public information efforts in 2015.

The county and its Public Information Officer, Jackie Broach, received four Awards of Excellence from the National Association of County Information Officers for work done in the fields of public awareness campaign, writing, photog-



Jackie Broach

raphy and design. The Awards of Excellence program annually recognizes outstanding work by county public information officers across the country.

Georgetown County received awards for meritorious work in the following categories:

- **Public Education Campaign or Event** — received for public awareness efforts during the historic flooding that occurred in October 2015. With two part-time volunteer assistants (Dwight McInvaill and Lauren Joseph), Broach was stationed in the county's Emergency Operations Center during the event, where she sent out dozens of press releases during the course of the event, along with managing the county's social media efforts, organizing press conferences and fielding media requests from local and national news organizations. The county worked to keep residents apprised of the latest information from the time rain started falling into the recovery period. During the first week, the county's social media reach was well over 220,000.
- **News Writing** — received for work on a press release detailing the significant economic impact the 2015 B.A.S.S. Nation Southern Divisional Championship had on Georgetown County. The event was hosted by the county at its Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex in April 2015.
- **Photography** — received for a photo taken at the Georgetown County Judicial Center's annual trick-or-treating event. The photo, showing a family in a group costume, had wide social media reach, receiving more than 2,500 likes and 1,150 shares on Facebook.
- **Brochure** — This award was received for a tri-fold brochure detailing flood debris removal guidelines for county residents impacted by October flooding.

The contest pitted Georgetown County's efforts against those of counties nationwide, including counties that are much larger and better funded, and those with multiple staff members who work in public information. Broach is the lone member of the county's public information staff.

Broach was hired as Georgetown County's Public Information Officer in 2012. She holds a degree in mass communication from Francis Marion University and spent 15 years as a print journalist before coming to work for the county.

Georgetown County, South Carolina

County Government

Numbers to know

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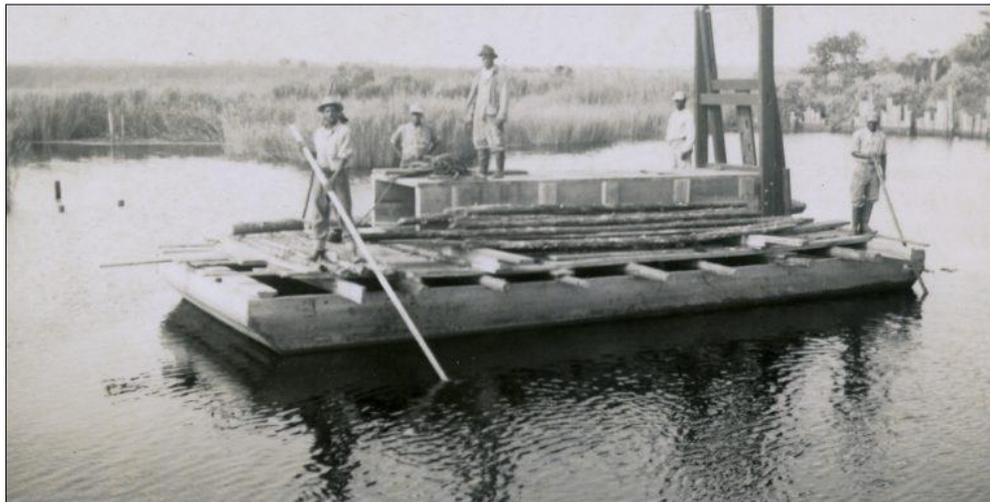
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Forum to feature 'Voices of the Santee Delta' history project



This historic photo from the Georgetown County Digital Library shows a scene from the Santee River.

A collection of oral histories from those who live or lived in the Santee Delta will be the focus of a public forum at the Georgetown Library on Aug. 13 from 6-8 p.m.

The Village Museum in McClellanville, in partnership with the S.C. Historical Society, is conducting a major oral history project on "Voices of the Santee Delta." The Santee Delta is an important biological and historic area, and the collected oral histories will be archived at the S.C. Historical Society, as well as online via the Lowcountry Digital Library and in several public forums.

The Santee Delta was once the location of an important section of the Rice Kingdom and an enslaved labor force whose descendants have provided a lasting Gullah culture. The voices of this community are diverse in ethnicity and occupation, and include biologists, fishermen, property managers and many others.

In one collected oral history, Pierre Manigault said "The summers on the Santee Delta are a rough place, as you know. It's got to be the most mosquito-filled place on the planet. And having spent several weeks in the tundra of northern Alaska — which is supposed to be the worst mosquitos in the world, everyone says — all I can say is it's got nothing on the Santee Delta."

Henrietta Smalls spoke about her godmother Sue Alston: "Yeah, I think she was a mother for this community. She helped keep things going straight. Yes [...] She was always telling people, younger people, 'Have manners and be nice to people. We're all people. We're all God's children. God loves us all.' "

The collected oral histories will be shared and discussed in a series of public forums, including the one this month at the library. For more information, contact The Village Museum, (843) 887-3030.

Waccamaw Library's 'First Thursday' program returns Sept. 1

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library will bring back its popular First Thursday program next month with featured speaker Emma Boyer.

Boyer is employed as the Waccamaw Riverkeeper and will discuss her job and the Winyah Rivers Foundation. The program will be titled "For Our Rivers," and will have an introduction by Lee Brockington.

The program will take place at 10 a.m. Sept. 1 at the Waccamaw Library. Admission for this adult education series is



Emma Boyer

free and all are welcome.

Upcoming First Thursday programs scheduled for the remainder of the year include:

- Oct 6 — Dr. O'Neal Smalls, the president of Freewoods Farm shares details of this, the only living historical farm museum in the US dedicated to recreating life on farms owned by African-Americans.

- Nov. 3 — Jim Lee, a long-time DNR agent talks about the natural wonders of our state.

- Dec. 1 — John Kenny discusses the history and deep roots of Georgetown's Lebanese community and shares highlights of an extensive research volume he will publish.