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Oct. 17 – Last day to register to vote prior to Nov. 6 election. See page 8.

Oct. 18 – Georgetown County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse.


Oct. 23 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse.


Oct. 31 – Free trick-or-treat event for kids. See page 3.

Nov. 12 – County offices and facilities are closed in observance of Veterans Day.

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Disaster Recovery Center open after Hurricane Florence

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has opened a Disaster Recovery Center in the Parkersville area of Pawleys Island to assist residents who received damages from Hurricane Florence and subsequent flooding.

The center is located at the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center at 83 Duncan Ave. from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends until further notice. This is the location for all residents who received storm damages to go for assistance. It is uncertain exactly how long the center will be open, as Georgetown County received significantly less damage than was anticipated based on flood approximation maps from the state.

“We dodged a bullet here twice in September,” said Georgetown County Emergency Manager Sam Hodge.

In the days prior to landfall, the track for Hurricane Florence looked grim for Georgetown and Horry Counties. Some models showed a direct hit by a category 4 hurricane, which would certainly have been devastating for our area. It was instead Southeast North Carolina that received the blow. Immediately after, though, Georgetown County had to begin preparations for post-storm flooding that could have been every bit as dangerous as the hurricane itself. Again, Georgetown County got lucky, but necessary preparations for possible disaster caused significant disruption throughout our communities.

All told, the Georgetown County Emergency Operations Center was activated for a total of 29 days, starting shortly after Hodge gave his first briefing on Hurricane Florence for County staff on Sept. 7. At the time, Florence was predicted to be a monster storm predicted to make landfall as at least a Category 4.

Pat Conroy lecture at Waccamaw library moved to Oct. 17

A highly anticipated program on beloved S.C. author Pat Conroy, originally scheduled to take place last month, has been moved to Oct. 17 due to September’s severe flooding threat.

This special program at the Waccamaw Library in Litchfield will feature Conroy’s brother, Tim, and will focus on “Pat Conroy’s Great Love of Poetry.” The program is free and begins at 10 a.m. Space is limited.

Actress and director Barbra Streisand, who met Pat Conroy (1945-2016) while making the film version of his novel “The Prince of Tides,” wrote to her longtime friend in 2016: “Your natural language is poetry. You write sentences that are like an incantation.”

Tim Conroy will explore Pat’s lifelong connection with poetry as a devoted reader, as a self-described “failed poet,” and as an iconic bestselling novelist who wove the rhythms of poetry into his lyrical prose. Tim Conroy is a retired educator and founding board member of the Pat Conroy Literary Center, established in his brother’s honor.

The presentation will reveal how Conroy’s passion to write blossomed from an early love of poetry. Even in his final hours, the famed author of such titles as “The Great Santini,” “The Lords of Discipline,” and “The Water Is Wide” immersed himself in the beauty and pow-

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Parks and Rec. sets new fall youth sports schedule after hurricane

Although Hurricane Florence is gone, her impacts continue to be felt through the loss of an entire month of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation’s fall youth sports season.

“When a disaster is imminent, my first priority is the safety of all players, coaches and staff involved in our programs,” said Beth Goodale, director of Parks and Recreation. “Additionally, most of the county’s Parks and Recreation staff transition over to Emergency Management efforts during disasters, doing everything from procuring equipment and supplies, to media relations and public information, to staffing emergency shelters to house evacuees. When taking all of these things into consideration, extended cancellations unfortunately became necessary.”

While participant safety and disaster preparedness obviously take precedence over practices and games, Goodale said she understands the frustration of losing so much time.

“When Hurricane Florence first appeared, I don’t think any of us thought we would be in an emergency response posture for 29 days. To have the end of that event followed almost immediately by Tropical Storm Michael is unprecedented,” Goodale said. “We’ve heard from many parents who are anxious for their children to get back to playing sports, and I can tell you we have been anxious to get things back to normal for a while now.”

Fall youth sports will begin to get back to normal when youth tackle football games begin on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Youth tackle football games are now scheduled to begin on Oct. 20 after Hurricane Florence, flooding concerns and then Hurricane Michael took a full month away from the regularly scheduled season.

Youth flag football and soccer schedules were still being finalized as of the release of this newsletter.

For further information, including amended fall youth sports schedules, please visit GTCParks.org or follow the Parks and Recreation department’s Facebook and Twitter pages @GTCParks.
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4, and possibly a Category 5 hurricane. Additionally, the storm was slow-moving and was expected to take its time battering our area, dropping as much as 40 inches of rain as it meandered across the Carolinas over the course of three days.

The storm’s track shifted north, stalled, and weakened before landfall. Georgetown County received minimal impacts from the hurricane’s initial hit, but residents know from past experience that water from our north has to move through Georgetown to Winyah Bay on its path to the ocean. That left Georgetown County looking at flooding of up to 15 feet based on initial estimations. It was the worst case scenario, but even less severe predictions looked devastating for our area. In the end though, Georgetown County lucked out again, as models seemingly didn’t factor in some of the unique attributes of our landscape that allowed water to spread, sparing our communities from the horrible flooding seen to our north in areas such as Conway and Socastee.

While flooding did occur, it was minor in most areas of the county. Front Street in Georgetown – once predicted to be under 15 feet of water – saw tidal flooding on par with a King Tide, and not much more.

“Certainly, we got very lucky here in Georgetown County that Florence took a different path,” Hodge said. “But we prepared as though this storm were heading straight for us. We always prepare for the worst and hope for the best. The best happened this time, but even if Florence – and the flooding afterward – had lived up to the original forecasts, we were ready for the worst.”

Georgetown County has certainly had plenty of practice in preparing for disasters over the past six years. In that time, the County has seen two ice storms, three hurricanes, and two major flooding events. So it was no surprise that Emergency Management staff had resources in place well before Florence made its landfall on Sept. 14. Once the storm made its way through the state, the National Guard moved into the area to build a floating bridge as well as to assist the South Carolina Department of Transportation with the installation of AquaDams along Highways 17 and 521 to protect those roads from flooding and the potential of major damage that could have made them unusable for weeks or months.

Thankfully, these preparations were not needed – this time.

“I understand that some folks were frustrated because they felt like they prepared for nothing, or because the AquaDams were on the roads for too long,” Hodge said. “If nothing else, I would encourage people to look at things from another perspective. This was a chance to practice your hurricane preparedness plan. Hopefully, you learned what parts of your plan worked, what didn’t work, and now you can perfect it for next time.”

Ribbon cutting for Rocky Point boat, kayak landings rescheduled

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Rocky Point Community Forest boat landing and kayak launch, which was originally planned for Oct. 27, has been delayed due to conditions caused by Hurricane Florence and Tropical Storm Michael.

“Due to elevated water levels along the Black River, as well as the large amount of rain we received between these two tropical systems, the contractor was not able to work most of the month of September and some of the early part of October,” said Beth Goodale, director of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation.

“Because of this delay, they have requested a 30-day extension on their contract.”

This 30-day extension will move the expected completion date of the project to Nov. 8. A ribbon-cutting would not be able to take place until sometime after that date.

“We are so disappointed that we will not be able to meet our original deadline, but we hope folks will understand that this delay is out of our hands as well as the contractor’s hands,” Goodale said. “We are anxious to open the new landing and kayak launch, and hope to get the public access to this incredible location as soon as possible.”

A new date for the ribbon-cutting ceremony will be announced as soon as possible.
SCDOT gives update on Yauhannah bridge replacement

Despite some setbacks from Hurricane Florence and the flooding that followed, work on the Highway 701 replacement bridges at Yauhannah is moving right along again.

The bridges span the Great Pee Dee River and its overflow, as well as Yauhannah Lake. The jobsite rain gauge measured 13.88 inches of rain during Hurricane Florence, according to the S.C. Department of Transportation. At 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 26, the Great Pee Dee River gauge crested at 25 feet — almost 2.5 feet higher than during Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Thankfully, the completion of the Great Pee Dee bridge and the overflow bridge, and the spanning of the Yauhannah Lake are at a point in which the project suffered minimal damage, DOT officials said. Construction crews were able to erect all five precast concrete girders for the last span over the Yauhannah Bridge before Hurricane Florence made landfall. Getting these girders in place made the work crew more storm ready and marked a major milestone.

In total, 170 precast beams have been set across the project. Crews can now turn their efforts to finish placing formwork and concrete for the new bridge deck.

There has been a need to temporarily close the southbound shoulder in the construction area for construction activities. This shoulder closure, between Lucas Bay Road in Horry County and Trinity Road in Georgetown County is between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., and is expected to remain in effect for the duration of this project.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY and Paper Shredding Event**

Saturday, October 20
9 a.m. to noon
Palmetto ACE Hardware
8317 S. Ocean Hwy., Pawleys Island

HELP US KEEP POLLUTANTS OUT OF OUR WATERWAYS!

The following materials will be accepted:

- Paint, oil, batteries (alkaline and rechargeable), incandescent light bulbs, household cleaners, non-commercial pesticides, fertilizers and anything labeled “warning,” “poisonous” or “toxic.”
- Any paper documents with staples, rubber bands or clips; but no 3-ring binders.

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

A mid-September aerial photo shows progress on the Yauhannah Lake Bridge.

One of five girders is placed for the last span of the Yauhannah Lake Bridge. This span was not in place when the aerial photo above was taken.

**Bee Informed**

Georgetown County beekeepers, please call (843) 545-3615.

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

Find #GtCountySC updates at www.facebook.com/gtcountysc

The County Landfill on Highway 51 also accepts hazardous waste items during normal business hours. Commercial business items NOT accepted at this event.
Waccamaw Library seminar focuses on ‘protective role wetland connections’

Dan Hitchcock, an associate professor with the Clemson Institute of Coastal Ecology at Hobcaw Barony, will be the guest speaker at a special symposium this month at the Waccamaw Library. Titled “After the Flood: The Protective Role of Wetland Connections,” the free event will take place Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

“In the wake of Hurricane Florence, now is the time for Horry and Georgetown County residents to understand the significance of wetland hydrology,” program organizers said. Hitchcock will discuss the crucial role of wetlands in diminishing the negative impacts of flooding in our coastal area and provide a science-based explanation of flood map predictions.

The event will include time for audience questions and community discussion. It is sponsored by GeorgetownRISE, which works toward sustainable community development.

Hitchcock has a Ph.D. in biological and agricultural engineering, as well as degrees in environmental health and zoology. He manages and conducts research projects and conveys information related to watershed hydrology, water quality, stormwater management, ecological engineering and sustainable water resources practices. He is also a registered professional civil engineer in South Carolina.

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Pat has delivered similar presentations on the centrality of poetry to his brother’s life and work, and says the experience is always emotional but uplifting.

“Poetry was a driving force behind Pat’s writing and he was such an avid reader of poetry. I love to share with the audience some of Pat’s early poems. He didn’t think these were good. But he was able to translate that poetic voice brilliantly into his prose,” Tim said.

Tim also enjoys sharing with attendees excerpts from Pat’s last novel, unfinished at the time of his death: “To give you an idea of how important poetry was to my brother, the main character of his final novel wants to be a poet. Just like Pat himself always did.”

Dr. Catherine Seltzer, an associate professor of English and Women’s Studies at Southern Illinois University, is engaged in the multi-year project of penning Pat Conroy’s official biography.

“As a college student, Conroy was taken with the idea of being a poet, and it guided his sense of himself as a writer for several years,” Seltzer said. “Long after he had abandoned the form, finding himself as a novelist and memoirist, a poetic sensibility always informed Conroy’s writing.”

Seltzer adds that fellow South Carolina writer James Dickey, whose creative writing class Pat attended at the University of South Carolina in 1972, would later write Conroy a letter that affirmed this influence, noting “You and I are both creatures of the Word. We want this word, rather than this word’s second cousin twice removed. And that exclusivity will save us, I do believe.”

Pat Conroy believed that “the most powerful words in English are ‘Tell me a story.’” To tell a story most powerfully and memorably, he understood we need poetry and the incantatory power of its rhythms. Conroy’s lyrical phrases are signal fires to light our path through the hard, complicated truths we often confront in his novels. Tim’s presentation fosters a new appreciation for Pat’s dedication to the writing craft, revealing the myriad ways in which poetry emerges through Conroy’s storied prose.

Pat was well known for encouraging would-be writers and fostering their careers, a rare trait among established novelists. This extended to his brother’s desire to become a poet. As a result of Pat’s tireless prodding to “do something about it,” Tim kept at his poetry and, in 2017, Muddy Ford Press published Tim’s first book of poetry, Theologies of Terrain. His big brother would be proud. As Pat Conroy wrote, “the poets of the world occupy a place of high honor in my city of books.”

This program is free and open to the public, and is presented by the Pat Conroy Literary Center in partnership with the Friends of the Waccamaw Library.
Do you know a U.S. military veteran who could benefit from a service dog? These dogs are more than “man’s best friend;” they can be life-savers.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m., a South Carolina representative for the National Education Assistance Dogs Services (NEADS) will give a presentation on service dogs for veterans at the Waccamaw Library, 41 St. Paul Place in Pawleys Island.

In the presentation, Forrester Morgan will share how NEADS provides world-class service dogs for veterans of any branch of military service from any period, free of charge. The program is part of the Library’s celebration of U.S. military veterans in our area in anticipation of Veterans Day. The event will take place in DeBordieu Auditorium, and is free and open to all.

After 35 years as a manufacturers representative marketing high technology products to the space, aerospace and military sectors, Morgan now dedicates his skills to pro bono work for the NEADS nonprofit.

NEADS currently places 50-55 service dogs per year, primarily on the east coast and in the northeast. However, NEADS recently received a grant from the Wounded Warrior Foundation to implement a growth plan with a goal to reach 70-75 service dog placements per year, and Morgan is part of the effort to spread the program’s outreach to help more veterans in our region.

NEADS pairs accepted veterans who have physical disabilities or hearing loss with highly trained service dogs. The program is also open to veterans from the Operation Enduring Freedom campaign in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn campaign in Iraq with combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder.

For instance, for a veteran with hearing loss, a service dog can alert a partner to sounds including a knock at the door, a smoke detector, an alarm clock, a cell phone ringing, keys being dropped, and the sound of the partner’s name being called.

Morgan was impressed by the array of services the program offers and the depth of the impact these service dogs have on veterans’ lives.

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Morgan will share information and answer all questions about how to enroll veterans in this life-changing program. Please share this information with veterans in your life.
Two-day symposium highlights county’s Lebanese legacy

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, a number of Lebanese immigrants settled in Georgetown, where they raised large families, attended St. Mary’s Catholic Church, and eventually opened grocery stores, cafes and dentist offices. Although they became an integral part of the fabric of Georgetown, they also retained a rich practice of Lebanese traditions, still celebrated by local descendants today.

The Georgetown County Library system is honoring this facet of our history with the Lebanese Legacy Symposium, a two-day event at the Waccamaw Library, 41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island. The symposium is made possible through a grant from SC Humanities.

On Friday, Oct. 26, the library will premiere an original documentary featuring interviews with members of the local Lebanese-American community, and rare photos from the families themselves. The documentary will be introduced by Dr. Akram Khater, Director of the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies at North Carolina State University.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, a daylong roster of presentations will address ways that persons with Lebanese ancestry have contributed for generations to the civic and cultural richness of Georgetown County.

Confirmed speakers include the following scholars:

• Dr. Reem Bailony – Agnes Scott College, Assistant Professor of History (General History)
• Marjorie Stevens – North Carolina State University, Senior Researcher at the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies (Local History)
• Dr. Caroline Nagel – University of South Carolina, Chair of the Geography Department (Geography and Politics)
• Dr. Matthew Stiffer – Arab American National Museum, Research Manager (Food)
• Dr. Elizabeth Saylor – Middlebury College, Assistant Professor of Arabic (Literature)
• Dr. Anne Rasmussen – The College of William and Mary, Professor of Music and Ethnomusicology (Music)

All events at the symposium are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Please contact the library to make a reservation: (843) 545-3316 or jwarren@gtcounty.org.

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County awarded for excellence in Financial reporting

Georgetown County’s Finance staff is pictured with County Council Vice Chairman Austin Beard, back right.

Georgetown County government has received the highest form of recognition available in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

The county’s Finance staff was presented with the international Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award was presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the county’s most recent comprehensive annual financial report. The attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management, association officials said in presenting the award.

“We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting,” said Michele Mark Levine in a letter from the association announcing the award.

The report submitted by the county was judged to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report, according to the association.

The report may be viewed online at www.gtcounty.org/finance/FinancialStatements.html

Georgetown County Administrator Sel Hemingway said the county strives to be transparent in all the county’s operations and finances, and the county’s finance staff works hard to find ways to meet that goal. In addition to the annual comprehensive financial report, Georgetown County recently launched an Interactive Financial Analysis Portal on its website. This new feature allows members of the public to explore the county’s financial data in as much detail as they like through a web-based financial transparency and intelligence tool. The portal allows users to find links to view financial data based on the current budget or up to the current month, as well as offering historical data.

To access the portal, visit www.gtcounty.org/finance.

Voter registration deadline extended to Oct. 17, absentee voting under way

Due to office closures throughout the state last month resulting from Hurricane Florence and subsequent flooding, the deadline to register to vote in time for the Nov. 6 general election was extended to Oct. 17 in the state of South Carolina.

Anyone who will be 18 years old on or before Nov. 6 is eligible to register and can do so at www.scvotes.org or by stopping by the Georgetown County Elections and Voter Registration office at 303 N. Hazard St., Georgetown.

For those who cannot make it to the polls on Election Day or who are age 65 and older, absentee voting is currently under way for the general election. Registered voters can cast absentee ballots in person at the Georgetown County Elections Office until 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5. Those wishing to vote absentee by mail-in ballot should consider Postal Service transit times and request a ballot as soon as possible. Completed ballots should be mailed at least one week before Election Day, as first class mail may take 2-5 days to arrive.

Voters are also encouraged to check their voter registration information prior to going to the polls. Sample ballots are also available for review to help voters familiarize themselves with candidates and any constitutional amendment questions before going to the polls. Sample ballots online are customized to a voter’s address and polling location. For more information, visit www.scvotes.org.
Veterans Day parades planned in Georgetown, Andrews

Two annual Veterans Day celebrations will take place in Georgetown County next month, starting with one in Andrews on Nov. 3.

The Andrews Veterans Association and American Legion Post 69 will have their annual Veterans Day Parade down Main Street at 1 p.m., followed by a celebration at the Andrews Library Pavilion. For more information, residents should contact Thomas Alford at (843) 833-3267 or Ed Jayroe at (843) 325-7740.

The annual Georgetown Veterans Day Parade begins at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 at East Bay Park. Parade participants will assemble at East Bay Park at 2 p.m. to march as a unit or ride in personal vehicles up Front Street to Wood Street. Participants are responsible for their own banners, flags and signs.

Lawrence Altman, a Prisoner of War during the Korean Conflict, will be this year's grand marshal.

“We’re hoping for a large turn out, so please encourage all veterans to participate in the parade” said American Legion Commander Rodney Ward. “We’re also asking for their families and friends to line up on Front Street and salute our veterans on this special occasion when our country remembers them and their sacrifices.”

Nov. 11 is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. To help create some rivalry and friendly competition between the high school bands and ROTC units, a panel of judges will award trophies to the band and ROTC unit that perform the best during the parade.

All civic clubs, Boy and Girl Scout troops, churches and other organizations are welcome to participate. Local merchants and residents are asked to display American flags, banners and bunting throughout the weekend.

For more information, contact Rodney Ward at (843) 833-3700 or Paige Sawyer at (843) 546-3745.

Find more information for veterans via the Georgetown County Veterans Services Office, (843) 545-3330.

Jordan recognized as Employee of the Quarter

Yvonne Jordan, senior accounting clerk in the Treasurer’s Office, has been named Georgetown County’s Employee of the Quarter. She has been employed with the county for five years.

Jordan was nominated for this award by Treasurer Allison Peteet for excellence on the job. As a senior accounting clerk, Jordan’s duties include handling accounts for monies collected from taxpayers for real and personal property taxes. She also reconciles bank accounts monthly and the office general ledger daily, prepares weekly and monthly financial reports to submit to the state Treasurer, and works closely with taxpayers and the staff in the Auditor’s Office.

In her nomination letter, Peteet said Jordan has impressed her from the start with her enthusiasm, communication skills and professional demeanor. When Jordan joined the county team, the Treasurer was employed in the Auditor’s Office and worked closely with Jordan, allowing for multiple perspectives on Jordan’s job performance.

Jordan has a reputation as a reliable and dedicated team player. She has a knack for helping frustrated taxpayers. Additionally, she is always willing to go above and beyond, which results in her exceeding taxpayer’s expectations. She also multi-tasks effectively and consistently meets her weekly and monthly goals with accuracy. She embraces change, and is able to perform her job successfully with minimal supervision. Her coworkers appreciate her, because she is always willing to help out if someone falls behind, is out sick or is away on vacation.

Jordan also serves on the county’s Morale Committee, and has been the Treasurer’s Office’s volunteer representative for the countywide United Way campaign.

As a dedicated employee for five years, Jordan has proven herself to be a great asset to the county, Peteet said.

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From Oct. 29-31, the Georgetown County Airport will house a unique display of vintage aircraft, including the World War II Vintage Boeing B-17, “Flying Fortress.”

The display is part of the national “Wings of Freedom” tour, which — in honor of Word War II veterans — is in the process of bringing extremely rare bomber and fighter aircraft to more than 100 cities across the U.S. this year.

A project of the Collings Foundation, a nonprofit educational group devoted to organizing living history events, the Wings of Freedom Tour will also feature the B-24 Liberator “Witchcraft” and P-51 Mustang “Toulouse Nuts” fighter.

These exciting aircraft will arrive at the at the Georgetown Airport, 129 Airport Rd., at noon Oct. 29 and will be on display until the aircraft departs after operations on Oct. 31. Hours of ground tours and display are noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 30, and 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 31.

Cost is $15 for adults and $5 for children under 12 for up-close viewing and tours through the inside of the aircraft. Discounted rates are available for school groups.

“This is a rare opportunity to visit, explore and learn more about these unique and rare treasures of aviation history,” said Jim Taylor, airport manager.

The B-17 is one of only 9 in flying condition. The B-24 is the sole remaining example of its type flying in the World. The P-51 Mustang was awarded the prestigious Grand Champion for restoration. Visitors may also experience the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to actually take a 30-minute flight aboard these rare aircraft.

Flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are $450 per person. P-51 flight training is $2,200 for a half hour and $3,200 for a full hour. For reservations and information on flight experiences call 800-568-8924. Flight experiences are scheduled before and after ground tour times listed above.

The Collings Foundation’s living history events are designed to allow people to learn more about their heritage and history through direct participation.

The Wings of Freedom Tour is celebrating its 29th year and visits an average of 110 cities in over 35 states annually.