Council to discuss spending of excess capital projects dollars

Georgetown County Council will consider designating a portion of about $17 million in surplus funds raised by a 1-cent Capital Project Sales Tax to two economic development projects at its Oct. 8 meeting. The two projects total $5.25 million, and their benefits were outlined to council in a workshop on Oct. 1. Both projects are anticipated to help bring jobs to the county.

Council will also receive an update Oct. 8 on projects that have already been completed with penny sales tax dollars or that are in progress. Completed projects include about 100 road resurfacing projects, dredging in Murrells Inlet, construction of a new fire station in the Big Dam

County mourns longtime Sheriff A. Lane Cribb

Georgetown County Sheriff A. Lane Cribb, who held the office since 1992, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 19 at the Medical University of South Carolina following a brief illness. It was a loss felt deeply across the county, and especially within the Sheriff’s Office, where Cribb, 73, had a reputation for being able to calm any storm and make friends in the unlikeliest of situations.

“He could communicate with you one-on-one like no one else I’ve ever seen,” said Carter Weaver, Assistant Sheriff and a close friend to Cribb for many years. “He truly cared about what you were saying and listened for the purpose of understanding an issue and not just responding to it.”

Weaver, who is acting Sheriff until a special election takes place in February, gave a eulogy at Cribb’s funeral on Sept. 22, as Cribb’s family follows behind. Deputies carry the casket of Sheriff Lane Cribb out of the church following his funeral on Sept. 22, as Cribb’s family follows behind.
Newton sworn in as newest Council Member

Raymond Newton, who was elected to serve County Council District 5 during a special election last month was sworn into office during a ceremony on Sept. 13. His wife, Robin, was by his side. The oath was administered by the Rev. Ben Gafford, pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Andrews, and Newton took the oath with a family Bible that belonged to his grandfather. Newton resides in Andrews and attended his first council meeting as an elected representative on Sept. 24. Newton has resided in Andrews for more than 60 years. He is retired from UPS and owned and operated Newton’s Grocery for 22 years. He served in the National Guard, is a Rotary Club Member, is active at Trinity United Methodist Church, serves as chairman of the Andrews Museum and is a member of the Andrews High School Booster Club. Additionally, he is a husband, father and grandfather.

Andrews Library to host free legal clinics in October

County residents will have the opportunity to learn about two important legal subjects from the experts this month at the Andrews Library Branch. Topics will include S.C. Workers Compensation law on Oct. 10 and elder law on Oct. 17. Both programs are free and take place from 5:30-7 p.m. at the library, located at 101 N. Morgan Ave.

The workers compensation clinic on Oct. 10 will be led by attorney Harry A. Oxner. The Oct. 17 clinic on elder law will focus on topics including Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care, insurance, guardianship and conservatorship, power of attorney, and more. It will be led by attorney Jacqueline Ann F. Richardson.

Clinics will consist of a 30-40 minute lecture followed by an open question and answer session. These events are sponsored by the S.C. Bar Association and are intended to provide general legal information, not guidance on specific situations.

For more information, call the S.C. Bar Association’s Public Services Division at (877) 797-2227, ext. 158.

Reservations are not required to attend these free sessions. For information about more upcoming programs at the library, visit https://georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov/.

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

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Administrator to be recognized for Lifetime of Leadership

Georgetown County Administrator Sel Hemingway will be presented with the Lifetime of Leadership Award by the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce at its 102nd Annual Meeting and Celebration. The event will take place on Nov. 7, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Kimbel’s at Wachesaw Plantation.

Tickets for the event are available through the Chamber Website, visitgeorge.com, for $75 each and include dinner and cocktails. Also being honored this year are Tom Keegan and Dr. Celeste Pringle.

Hemingway, who has been the Georgetown County Administrator since 2008, will retire at the end of this year. He was Georgetown County Council Chairman for eight years prior to becoming administrator and served a total of 11 years on council, following in his father’s footsteps. A lifelong County resident, he and his wife Kathy raised four children here and have 14 grandchildren.

Hemingway has been involved in a number of civic activities in addition to his time on County Council. He served two terms as President of the Andrews Rotary Club; was chairman of the Georgetown County United Way Campaign; Chairman of the Georgetown County Economic Development Commission; and President of the Andrews Industrial Development Corporation. He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he teaches Sunday School and serves as a certified Lay Speaker.

Hemingway enjoys all outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, camping and golf. He regularly attends Clemson football and basketball games with his family, especially his grandsons.

Airport to host teen driver training school on Oct. 12

The Georgetown County Airport will host a hands-on experience driver training event for teens on its closed runway on Saturday, Oct. 12. The training is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is the result of a partnership with BMW and TireRack.com.

Dubbed Street Survival, the course will put students in real-world situations, using their own vehicle to teach about its handling limits and how to control them. The goal is to make students more observant of the traffic situations they find themselves in, and able to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers. As students master the application of physics to drive their cars, they will make fewer unwise driving decisions themselves, according to the course description.

Students will also get a good understanding of why they should always wear their own seatbelts and why they should insist that their passengers wear seatbelts too.

The full-day course is $95. For more information or to register, visit https://tinyurl.com/y2ev7acp.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AND PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon
located at Waccamaw High School, 2412 Kings River Rd., Pawleys Island

Accepted items include:
- Paint, household cleaners, batteries (alkaline and rechargeable), incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs, non-commercial pesticides, fertilizers,
- items labeled “warning,” “poisonous” or “toxic,” and paper documents with staples, rubber bands or clips.

Gas, oil, antifreeze, 3-ring binders, medication and ammunition are NOT accepted. These must be disposed of at other locations.

For more information, call (843) 545-3524
$1.16 million bequest will allow library renovations

The Georgetown County Library Board has accepted in formal session and with great appreciation a bequest from the late Jean Flournoy Moody totaling about $1.16 million.

From about 1955 onward, Moody, the widow of George Raymond Moody, resided in the City of Georgetown and used the Georgetown Library Branch, checking out books and materials, as well as attending programs there on a regular basis. She did so faithfully until a brief illness, which resulted in her death at the age of 96.

In keeping with her love for the Georgetown Library at 405 Cleland Street, the Library Board has directed that this generous endowment be used for the renovation and expansion of that facility. Upon the completion of that project, the Library Board has also moved that some portion of the improved building be named for Moody in honor of her bequest.

The Library Board has unanimously charged Library Director Dwight McInvaill with engaging architect Michael Walker of Tych & Walker Architects — under the terms of an existing contract for services — to conduct an evaluation of the Georgetown Library for the purpose of preparing a conceptual design with cost estimates as soon as possible. Updates will be reported in the Chronicle as available.

Kid producers win national contest with help from Library

Locals know the Georgetown County Library system has stellar programs that teach kids and teens all the ins and outs of videography and technology. Now, the nation knows it too.

Over the summer, a group of intrepid young videographers who participate in the library’s videography programs gathered kids of all ages to star in a space-themed video celebrating reading. They entered the video in the national Collaborative Summer Library Program Teen Video Challenge — and they won!

“Sticking with the space theme, I can tell you we’re over the moon,” said Heather Pelham, the librarian in charge of video classes at our libraries. “They had so much fun shooting the video, and our volunteer actors — local kids ages 5 to 18 — all showed fantastic acting skills.”

The video follows a group of children who form a space club at the Georgetown Library when they’re young. As they age, the Space Club keeps going strong, and eventually, the kids successfully nominate a teen astronaut for a trip to a newly discovered planet — Goldilocks I. Morgan Park served as the alien planet, after the kids applied a few special effects during editing.

The finished video was submitted to the program, which judged entries from every state in the nation. This was the most highly entered contest ever, with five entries from S.C. alone. Ultimately, Georgetown and four other libraries from across the nation won the grand prize. The kids get a cash award, and the library gets summer reading materials for next year’s program.

The video was produced by Hannah and Rachel Dozier, with shooting and editing help from Harper and Green Chapman. Acting in the video were CJ Baker; Will Dozier; Allison and Efren Moran; Alex, Rowan and Harrison Pelham; Kimberly Lippert; Benjamin Taylor; and Jonah and Lilly Thomas. Watch the video at https://youtu.be/DfTVeTatsI.

From left are the film’s astronauts, Benjamin Taylor, Harrison Pelham, Kimberly Lippert and CJ Baker.

4th Annual Friends of Andrews Library Fall Festival Saturday, Nov 2 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Book sale, bake sale, rummage sale, raffles, story time, games and more!
County Public Information Officer achieves ‘Master’ status

Georgetown County Public Information Officer Jackie Broach-Akers has been declared a master in her field by the National Emergency Management Institute. Broach-Akers graduated from FEMA’s Master Public Information Officer program on Sept. 19 at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Md. She joins an elite group of just 65 PIOs in the nation who have earned the title of Master PIO through the program. This is the highest level of training available to PIOs in the U.S.

The Master PIO program is a rigorous year-long study and training program. Over the course of the year, PIOs spend three weeks training onsite at the National Emergency Training Center and must write and present an in-depth peer-reviewed research paper on a topic relevant to their field. Students complete 104 hours of classroom time in order to graduate, plus numerous prerequisites. Broach-Akers wrote her research paper on the topic of how stress and emotional trauma are handled in civilian PIOs versus sworn PIOs. Her paper will be housed in the National Emergency Training Center Library beginning next year.

“The Master PIO Course is the pinnacle of our training for emergency public information professionals,” said FEMA Emergency Management Institute Deputy Superintendent Michael J. Sharon. “It solidifies the skills they learned in our Basic and Advanced PIO courses to build seasoned communicators who are ready in times of crisis.”

The program reinforces the qualities needed to lead whole community public information/external affairs programs, provides relevant management theories and concepts and uses case studies to enhance public information/external affairs skill sets.

MPIO program participants work within a collaborative environment on projects with an established network of peers. Participants contribute to the body of knowledge for emergency management through evaluation of leadership, group dynamics and functional best practices of joint information centers, and by conducting peer-reviewed research.

“This was a very challenging program, from the competitive application process to the last day of class,” Broach-Akers said. “Students definitely have to put in a lot of work, but I got so much out of this program and I believe I’m definitely a better PIO and community servant as a result of this program.”

Master PIOs are expected to be leaders in their communities and their field, advocating for the profession, training and mentoring new and future PIOs, and creating and improving training initiatives to create better PIOs.

Broach-Akers resides in Georgetown with her husband, Randy Akers. She has a bachelor’s degree in Communications from Francis Marion University and worked as a print journalist for 15 years prior to being hired as the county’s first PIO in 2012. She is an active member of S.C.U.T.E. and an advisory board member to the Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties, as well as a board member for the Georgetown County Women’s Hall of Fame. In 2018, she founded the Coastal Association of Public Information Officers to help PIOs in Georgetown and Horry counties connect and train together. Additionally, she is a member of the National Association of Information Officers and the National Association of County Information Officers.

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Sales Tax
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to spend the remaining funds as outlined by state law. Projects must fall under certain guidelines to be approved.

In his proposal to Council on Oct. 1, County Economic Development Director Brian Tucker recommended using $1.5 million in penny sales tax money to fulfill a commitment to contribute to funding for a recently completed Advanced Manufacturing Center at Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

$3.75 million would be used to acquire industrial property on Pennyroyal Road for development.

The Advanced Manufacturing Center, which has a grand opening ceremony scheduled for Oct. 8, is already training students and proving to be a boon for the county.

“It’s an amazing facility and an amazing asset for us,” Tucker said. “One of the primary questions I get asked by prospects is ‘where are we going to get or train our employees?’ There is no doubt we now have the ability to train future and existing employees right here in Georgetown with this facility.”

The center trains students on industry grade equipment and Tucker added that his interaction with existing industry is now higher than ever “because they now have faith they can train their people in Georgetown.”

The Pennyroyal site has been being considered for the last five years and has been tagged as one of the county’s best bets for attracting industry. The features at this site, including barge access, natural gas and rail, make the site unique and highly desirable to industrial prospects.

“The development of the Pennyroyal Industrial Site presents an unparalleled opportunity for job creation and capital investment within Georgetown County,” said Ronald Carter, manager of Economic Development and Government Relations for Santee Electric Cooperative. “A major win on this site would provide much needed jobs and significant property tax revenues. A large site that has rail, barge and industrial-grade utilities infrastructure in place is a rarity on the East Coast. Having Georgetown County be the owner of this site presents a major competitive advantage in terms of industrial prospect recruitment.”

For those reasons, Santee Electric has already committed $230,000 for engineering due diligence, surveying and property acquisition.

Santee Cooper and the S.C. Department of Commerce also expressed their support to council for purchase of the property.

“Anytime a county can control the property, it creates an advantage over property that is privately owned,” said Ted Campbell, senior project manager for the S.C. Department of Commerce.

Boundary surveys, historical and archaeological surveys, endangered species reports and many other studies have already been completed on the property.

“There are a lot of pieces and parts together on this property that can’t be found anywhere else in South Carolina,” Tucker said. “This is a unique and developable site.”

If Council approves the use of surplus sales tax funds on the two projects, it would still have roughly $11.5 million remaining that it would need to allocate for other projects. A public hearing will take place for any projects before a final vote on funding takes place.

In a move to create a more sustainable budget, Council is looking at ending the funding of capital projects from the general fund budget and funding all future capital projects through a sales tax. Like the last penny sales tax, this and associated projects would have to be approved by voters. The county is looking at placing a referendum on a new sales tax on the November 2020 ballot.

During the workshop on Oct. 1, Council also went into executive session to discuss two economic development prospects.

County Council’s meeting schedule and posted agendas, are available at gtcounty.org

County Council to interview five candidates for new Administrator on Oct. 9

Georgetown County Council hopes to name a new County Administrator by the end of this month, it said following an hour-long executive session in late September, during which it reviewed about 40 applications for the job.

The council approved a short list of five candidates and asked staff to set up interviews to take place on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The names of the candidates were not made available, but local media reported two county directors — Economic Development Director Brian Tucker and Public Services Director Ray Funnye — are in the top five. Tucker and Funnye have confirmed this.

Following the interviews, council hopes to narrow the list of candidates to three finalists, at which time names will be announced. A public forum is then expected to take place to allow members of the public to meet the candidates.

Council currently aims to have a vote on a new administrator at its Oct. 22 meeting.

Current County Administrator Sel Hemingway, who has held the position since 2008, plans to retire on Dec. 31.

Filing for Sheriff opens Oct. 4

Filing for the office of Georgetown County Sheriff will open at noon Oct. 4 and run through noon Oct. 12. Fee is $465.92 to file for the 9-month term left vacant by the sudden death of A. Lane Cribb last month. Carter Weaver is acting Sheriff.

A primary election, if needed, will take place Dec. 3 with a runoff on Dec. 17 if needed. The election to determine the new Sheriff will be Feb. 4. The term expires Jan. 2021.

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Tickets may be issued for storm debris

As a reminder, curbside pickup is not being provided by Georgetown County for storm debris from Hurricane Dorian. Those leaving debris in ditches or the public right-of-way are in violation of the County Littering Code (Sec. 11-5) and may be fined. Debris should be disposed of at county recycling convenience centers or the landfill. These facilities are open for regular hours of operation. As always, vegetative debris must be unbagged to be accepted. The reduction site at the Pawleys Island Recycling Center on Grate Ave. is now closed and recycling centers have stopped accepting excess yard waste resulting from Hurricane Dorian. Daily limits of one load per household are in effect. This means any debris that exceeds the daily one-load limit will have to be taken to the landfill in Georgetown. Recycling Centers are for residential waste only. Commercial haulers must take debris to the landfill.

James Coley graduates from Emerging Leaders Academy

James Coley, third from left, is pictured with leadership of the International Public Works Expo in Seattle last month.

James Coley, engineering and capital projects planner for Georgetown County’s Public Services Department, has graduated from the Emerging Leaders Academy of the American Public Works Association. A research presentation at the international Public Works Expo in Seattle this month was the final task he had to complete to finish the prestigious year-long program.

In its 12th year, admittance into the program is highly competitive, as it accepts fewer than 20 people from across the country each year. The program provides intensive leadership and management training within the context of public works, and encourages professional growth through a strong network of peers. It is designed for employees who are dedicated to the field of Public Works and who have a desire and demonstrate the potential to advance through the ranks to leadership roles in the profession.

Coley, who has an MBA from Radford University, has been employed with Georgetown County Public Services Department since 2015, when he joined the team as the county’s environmentalist and training coordinator. He transferred to his current position in 2017. As engineering and capital projects planner, he handles a range of activities related to beachfront management, emergency projects and capital improvement projects, including roads, recreational facilities and parks, stormwater infrastructure, bike paths, sidewalks and boat landings.

Coley said he applied for the program, because he strives to be the best leader he can be and as much of an asset as possible to the county and his community. He has already gained much from the program, but also from interactions with other rising leaders in the field from around the nation, he said.

Ray Funnye, Public Services Department Director, said Coley has proven himself to be an integral part of the county’s team.

“He immediately demonstrated initiative and innovation as a projects planner in the engineering and capital projects planner. He quickly grasped multilayered community projects in the process, navigating intricate engineering and communications challenges with professionalism and expertise. His technical skills, combined with his people skills have marked him as a standout employee with management potential.”

Coley’s research paper was titled “Shining a Light on the Legacy of Public Works.” Coley argued that the perception of Public Works is in need of a makeover to better emphasize the great services that are being done in the community by Public Works.
Families encouraged to participate in ‘Shakeout’

Georgetown County Emergency Management is encouraging local families and businesses to join more than 1.9 million people in the Southeastern U.S. who are already signed up to participate. With hurricanes, tornados, flooding and wildfires as more commonly occurring disasters in South Carolina, many families forget to prepare for earthquakes. But that’s a mistake, said Georgetown County Emergency Manager Brandon Ellis. Earthquakes of a significant scale are a threat here, and they can occur with no warning, leaving only seconds to seek protection. That, he said, is why it’s so important for people to know exactly what they need to do and be able to take action immediately.

S.C. earthquakes occur with the greatest frequency along the central coastline, near Charleston. The state averages 10–15 earthquakes a year below magnitude 3. The largest earthquake ever to hit the Eastern U.S. was a 7.3 magnitude quake in Charleston in 1886. “It’s not something we face with the regularity of hurricane season, but it is something all residents need to be prepared for,” Ellis said. Registering for the ShakeOut is free and participation will only take up about a minute of your time. Registration is available online at www.shakeout.org/southeast/. There, residents can find all the details they need for a successful earthquake drill, as well as resources for families, workplaces, schools, people with disabilities and other functional needs, and much more.

Remember: drop, cover and hold on.

Fight the Bite

To request mosquito control service in your area, leave a message at (843) 545-3615.

Protect yourself:
- Wear light-colored clothing. Mosquitoes are attracted to darker colors.
- Spray yourself and children with repellent.
- Wear long sleeves and pants if possible.

Reduce breeding sites:
- Drain or eliminate sites that have standing water.
- Reduce and eliminate garbage in drain areas.
- Be sure to repair window and door screens.

Sheriff’s Office honors employees

Georgetown County Acting Sheriff Carter Weaver honored three employees this month with sheriff’s office Employee of the Quarter awards and also presented a plaque to a retiree with 25 years of service at the County Detention Center.

The Detention Center retiree, Lamond O. Oliver Sr., began his career in May 1994 and retired this summer. Maj. Neil Johnson, detention center supervisor, said Oliver has seen it all at the facility. Oliver began his service at the old county jail and transitioned to the facility on Browns Ferry Road shortly thereafter. Johnson said Oliver is the first to retire from the detention center with 25 years of service.

Employees of the Quarter include:
- Deputy of the Quarter, Cpl. Brian Delval. Deputies responded to a report of a woman threatening to jump from the bridge into the Waccamaw River at 1:15 a.m. on Aug. 17. She was clinging to a light pole when they arrived. At first uncooperative, she responded to Delval. He convinced her to come off the bridge and accept help. “Cpl. Delval’s calm demeanor and professionalism resulted in his gaining the victim’s trust and resolving the incident with no injuries or loss of life,” the citation said.
- Emergency Communicator of the Quarter, Andrea Morris. During the 3rd quarter of this year, Morris managed a restructured shift with several new communications officers into an efficient and cohesive unit. A seven-year veteran of Central Communications, she has been vital in training new employees and working extra shifts when necessary. She is also the unit’s “Vital Click” instructor, training tele-communicators from Georgetown and other counties to provide medical instructions on the phone until EMTs arrive.
- Correctional Officer of the Quarter, John Maloney. Georgetown County Detention Center Sgt. Tiffany Washington and Sgt. Deasia Linen nominated Maloney for the award. Washington applauded his desire to be the best officer he can be by pushing himself every day to be better, going above and beyond and representing himself and his agency in a positive light. Linen acknowledged Maloney’s work ethic and his ability to follow his training. An example occurred recently when Maloney used his training to peacefully resolve a fight in one of the cell blocks. “I like to make inmates feel safe when I am on duty,” Maloney said. They know I care and I give them all the respect they will allow me to give.”
Happy October everyone! On Oct. 13, the U.S. Navy will celebrate its 244th birthday. Please give a happy birthday salute and thank you to our sailors.

The Andrews Veterans Association (AVA) is looking for some good members to help in the recognition, promotion and support of all the veterans and active duty personnel within the community of Andrews and the outlying areas. The Association’s principle activities involve the annual promotion of Memorial and Veterans Day observances, active support for the National Guard units, support for homeless veterans, and the promotion and support of all U.S. Armed Forces personnel interests.

Membership is open to all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who have been honorably discharged and are of sound mind and good moral character, as well as those who are currently serving with the U.S. Armed Forces. Persons who are currently or have been a member of local or state government are also eligible for membership.

The Association, in conjunction with American Legion Post 69 in Andrews is in the process of designing, funding, and building the Andrews Veterans Memorial Park. This memorial will honor all veterans, living and past, from the Revolutionary war to the present.

The Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at American Legion Post 69 in Andrews. For Information concerning membership or supporting the Veterans Memorial Park, contact Thomas Alford, (843) 833-3267 or Archie Hanna, (843) 325-5001.

VFW Post 6444 is having its annual Gary Dehaan and Richard Hathaway golf tournament at the Wedgefield Golf Club on Oct. 5 at 8 a.m. Contact Lee Massie at (843) 240-8848 for information.

The Lowcountry Veterans Group and the Georgetown Housing Authority will host a Veterans Day event beginning at 10 a.m. on Nov. 11 at the Housing Authority office located at 1 Lincoln St. The event is free, open to the public and will feature entertainment and more fore the family, plus public and military officials will be on hand.

For information, contact Theodore Russell at (843) 421-6013, Joseph Nesbit at (843) 340-6096 or Christina Woodruff at (843) 546-9621, ext. 227.

On Oct. 18, the 2019 Homeless Veteran Stand Down will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Columbia Health Care System Auditorium (Building 5), 6439 Garners Ferry Rd., Columbia. Registration begins at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Michelle Howell at (803) 776-4000, ext. 4621, or michelle.howell2@va.gov.

On Nov. 15, the Myrtle Beach Vet Center will host a Veteran Expo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will take place at the General Reed Recreation Center, located at 800 Gabreski Lane (Market Common) Myrtle Beach. This event is open to all veterans and their spouses.

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David Murphy, Manager, Georgetown County Veterans Affairs

Women’s fitness classes with Sheila Spinks now offered at Beck

Find Your Fit With Sheila, a popular exercise and health program for women with fitness coach Sheila Spinks, has moved to Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown. Morning and early evening classes are offered Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. and 5:45 p.m., and a morning class also takes place on Saturdays.

Classes consist of Zumba, weights, stretching and custom courses that target specific areas of the body.
Cost to participate is $5 per class or $30 per month, with no contract.
Classes are a judgment free zone; all ages, body types and experience levels are welcome.
returned to Georgetown County and began working with the sheriff’s office. Cribb was elected sheriff in 1992 and would go on to serve six additional terms.

He attended Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Limestone College and the University of Alabama. He held a bachelor’s degree in business administration. Sheriff Cribb was a graduate of Carolina Command College, the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement, the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy and numerous other Law Enforcement training schools. He was the recipient of the 2016 Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement.

Cribb was a member of Belin United Methodist Church, the National Sheriff’s Association, the S.C. Sheriff’s Association, Masonic Lodge and the Elk Lodge. He was the Past President of N.C./S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association and the S.C. Sheriff’s Association.

Survivors include his wife, Craig Holliday Henry of Pawleys Island; three children, Alton Lane Cribb III of Effingham, Kristina Cribb of Scranton and Matthew James Henry of Pawleys Island; two sisters, Alicia Dinsmore of Pleasant Hill and Lenora Riddle (Paul) of Greenwood; four nieces, Alishae Morris (Jim) of Pleasant Hill, Laura Dennin (Troy) of Greenwood, Leanna Riddle of James Island and Cora Parker of Myrtle Beach; two nephews, Phillip Tanner Riddle of Greenwood and Lucien Henry of Myrtle Beach; and one great nephew, Evan Morris of Pleasant Hill.