



The Georgetown County Chronicle



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

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June 10 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the old courthouse (includes public hearing on the budget).

June 10 – Primary Election Day.

June 10 – Registration begins for the Library Summer Reading Program (see page 3).

June 14 – Heritage Fair, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Georgetown Library (See page 2).

June 24 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the old courthouse (special meeting for final reading of the budget).

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County ushers in hurricane season with full-scale preparedness exercise

Georgetown County government will mark the start of the 2014 hurricane season by participating in a large-scale preparedness exercise during the first week of June.

Set for June 2-5, the exercise is part of a statewide drill organized by the S.C. Emergency Management Division, and Georgetown County will play a key role. County residents should expect to see unusual activities in the area that day, including the presence of military aircraft.

The scenario for the exercise involves landfall of a Category 3 hurricane near Charleston, causing devastation to Georgetown County, including destruction of the bridges linking the Waccamaw Neck to the City of Georgetown. With residents stranded on Pawleys Island, the county will request assistance from groups including the South Carolina Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (SC-HART) and the S.C. Air National Guard. This training will assist the coordination efforts of federal, state, regional and local emergency response capabilities needed to save lives and protect the public and their property prior to and following a hurricane.

A mobile emergency operations center will be set up at the Georgetown County Airport, which will also be hard hit by the hypothetical storm. The S.C. Air National Guard will offer assistance by bringing in resources to support mobile communications and setting up a mobile air traffic control center. F-16s will be in the area for damage assessment, while a C-130 cargo plane will be brought in to airlift supplies to victims stranded on the Waccamaw Neck. SC-HART's Blackhawk helicopters will be brought in for search and rescue operations.

The scenario is also expected to include a chemical spill just outside Georgetown, giving emergency responders a chance to test hazmat skills. 3V, Inc., a chemical company, will team up with the county for this portion of the exercise.

A complete schedule for the exercise is still being put together, but June 2 and 3 were expected to be

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South Carolina is one of the most vulnerable states in the nation to be impacted by hurricanes and tropical storms. If a hurricane occurs, emergency responders may not be able to immediately reach those who remained in the area for the storm. Families should be prepared to be self-sustaining for at least three days. The following tips may help you and your family in the event of a hurricane:

Before a Hurricane

- Have a hurricane plan and ensure everyone in your household knows the plan.
- Know your evacuation route.
- Have an emergency supplies kit prepared that includes drinking water for at least three days (two quarts per person per day), nonperishable food, a flashlight with extra batteries, a battery-operated radio, first aid kit, nonelectric can opener, essential medications, cash and credit cards.
- Make arrangements for pets. Pets are not allowed in official shelters. (See more on Page 6)
- Protect your home by covering windows with permanent shutters, plywood panels or other

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Georgetown Library to host heritage series

Old scrapbooks, family letters, photographs and other precious reminders of our past are items that the Georgetown County Library works daily to preserve. But what about your personal family photos and items of the past? How do you preserve them for future generations?

A Heritage Fair at the Georgetown County Library on June 14 and July 12 from 10 a.m. to noon will teach participants how to scan and safely store these items. Visit with area museums and cultural groups to discover how they preserve history and learn firsthand the benefit of preservation. Learn how to create an oral history interview, research family history and maybe discover a long lost relative. A special presentation will be given by USC Professor Valinda Littlefield on the topic of preservation and why individuals, churches and other organizations should act now to save our past.

"We want to teach people that preservation can be done by anyone and the benefit is long lasting," said Dwight McInvaill, library director. "We believe the history of Georgetown is very important, from the rice planters and industrialists to the man working at the paper mill. No one should be forgotten and we try to preserve as much as we can at the library. But sometimes the most important history is still waiting to be told. So, we encourage everyone to come to the library and learn how to save their family history."



Heritage Fair

At the Georgetown Library Saturday mornings, 10 am—noon
May 31st, June 14th and July 12th

Explore booths and learn how to:

- research your family history
- create an oral history interview
- preserve your family heirlooms
- scan fragile photos and documents.

Local museums will show you their preservation projects and give you the inside scoop about less-traveled local historic sites.

Keynote speaker Valinda Littlefield has the latest about preservation around the state.

Made possible by a grant from The SC State Library

For more information, contact Julie Warren, jwarren@gtcounty.org or (843) 545-3316.

The Heritage Fair is funded by the State Library of South Carolina, the Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) and the Friends of the Georgetown Library.



Youth Basketball Camp

Boys and Girls
Ages 5-12

\$15 per participant

June 9 – June 19
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Camp Director: Randy Walker

Call (843) 545-3275 (Georgetown)
Or (843) 545-3202 (Waccamaw)
or visit www.gtcounty.org

Get the Chronicle

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

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

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

www.gtcounty.org

Library construction under way in Litchfield



Walls are finally going up at the site of a new Waccamaw Library in Litchfield. After being delayed by rain, construction began early on the morning of May 13 and has been progressing steadily since then. The roof is scheduled to be on by the end of the summer and the building will be complete this winter. At left are Brad Jenkins, project manager, and Ken Taylor, site supervisor. The project is being completed under Georgetown County's Capital Improvement Plan. Fundraising for books, technology and other items continues. For more information, visit www.thefowl.org.



Book donations sought for annual fundraiser

Donations for the annual Friends of the Waccamaw Library Summer Book Sale are being collected at the library through June 20.

This year's sale — always a highly anticipated event on the Waccamaw Neck — is set for July 10 –12. Look for further details coming soon.

As always, the Friends of the Library need hardback and paperback books in good condition for the sale (no encyclopedias or professional/text books, please). Books may be dropped off at the library on Commerce Drive or at the Chocolate and Coffee House at Litchfield Exchange.

CDs, DVDs, audio books and puzzles are also being collected.

The Friends are also looking for volunteers to help get ready for the sale. A volunteer signup sheet is at the Waccamaw Library circulation desk. Volunteers will begin sorting books for the sale on June 16.

For sale times and more information, visit www.thefowl.org or call (843) 545-3623.

Georgetown County Library Summer Reading Program!

**FIZZ
BOOM
READ**



Call or visit our website to learn more about this **FREE** program and the schedule at each of our four branches.

ANDREWS



LIBRARY

CARVERS BAY



LIBRARY

GEORGETOWN



LIBRARY

WACCAMAW



LIBRARY



Registration begins June 10.

For more information, call (843)

545-3300 or visit

georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov

Spring Photo Contest!



Photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to enter Georgetown County's latest photo contest

The theme: "Flora and Fauna of Georgetown County"

The catch: To win, photos should be identifiable as having been shot in Georgetown County, so be creative! A closeup of a flower that could have been taken anywhere won't do it.

Deadline: July 1, 2014.

Send entries to
jbroach@gtcounty.org

Not too late to request absentee ballots for primary

Two Georgetown County Council races will be decided in the June 10 primary election, and local elections officials want voters to know there's still time to request absentee ballots.

Council Chairman Johnny Morant who represents District 7 will face Ben Grate in the Democratic primary, while District 6 Council Member Bob Anderson will face Steve Goggans on the Republican ballot.

As of last week, nearly 18,000 absentee ballots had been issued statewide. In comparison, about 23,000 absentee ballots were cast in the 2010 statewide primaries (the last gubernatorial election year primary). Qualified voters may vote absentee in person or by mail.

IN PERSON – To cast an absentee ballot in person, visit the Georgetown County

Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 303 North Hazard Street in Georgetown. Complete an application and cast your ballot. Registered voters may cast absentee ballots in person until 5 p.m. on Monday, June 9.

BY MAIL – To cast an absentee ballot by mail: Access and print an application online at www.scvotes.org or call the Georgetown County Office of Elections and Voter Registration, (843) 545-3339.

Complete and sign the application and return it to your county voter registration office as soon as possible and no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 6. Applications may be returned by mail, fax or email.

You will be mailed an absentee ballot. Vote the ballot following ballot instructions and return it to your county voter registration office no later than 7 p.m. on June

10. You may return the ballot personally or by mail.

Find a complete list of qualifications for voting absentee at www.scvotes.org. That website is also the place to check your voter registration and absentee ballot status and get a sample ballot.

Voters are reminded that they are now required to show photo ID when checking in at their polling location on Election Day. Acceptable forms of ID include: a current S.C. driver's license or ID card issued by the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, federal military ID (including VA benefit cards), a U.S. passport, or an S.C. voter registration card with photo.

To find precinct and polling information for Georgetown County, a list of candidates and other local elections information, visit www.gtcounty.org/elections.

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation



Youth Soccer Camp

Ages: 5 - 12 ~ Times: 9am to 12pm

Dates: June 16th - 19th

Where: Stables Soccer Complex & the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center (WRRC)

Fee: \$20 per child

Register online at www.gtcounty.org



Kids 5 - 8 will be at WRRC

Kids 9 - 12 will be at
Stables Soccer Complex

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation
2030 Church Street
Georgetown SC, 29440

Beck: 843-545-3275
WRRC: 843-545-3202



Georgetown County Council
will have a public hearing on the

County Budget

on Tuesday, June 10

at 5:30 p.m.

in the historic courthouse

on Screven Street.

For information: (843) 545-3058

Find us online!

Whether you're looking for jobs, the latest news or to contact a specific department, online is a great way to stay updated or get in touch with us.

Visit our website at www.gtcounty.org. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. Just search for GtCountySC.



Don't know where to go for help? Dial 211

On a daily basis, thousands of individuals and their families in South Carolina and across the nation search for emergency financial assistance, food and shelter.

From finding an after-school program to securing adequate care for a child or aging parent, looking for help means finding dozens of phone numbers, then searching through a confusing maze of agencies and services.

SC 2-1-1 can help. By dialing 211 from any telephone, callers are connected for free to trained professionals who can help them find important health and human services information. This easy-to-remember number also connects volunteers and donors with opportunities to serve and give.

While services offered through SC 2-1-1 vary from community to community, callers receive information about and referrals to human services for everyday needs and in times of crisis. For example, SC 2-1-1 can offer access to the following types of services:

- Response to urgent needs for information in the wake of terrorist activity or other catastrophic events.
- Support for children, youth and families, such as child care, after school programs, family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring and protective services.
- Basic human needs resources, such as food banks, clothing closets, shelters, and rent and utility assistance.
- Physical and mental health resources.
- Employment help and job training
- Volunteer and donation opportunities, and much more.

The Georgetown County United Way is an administrator of the 211 system for Georgetown and Williamsburg Counties. For more information about 211, visit www.sc211.org.

Tips

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shielding materials. Bring in lawn furniture and other loose objects, such as garbage cans, that may become a hazard during high winds.

- Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure. This reduces the potential for roof damage.
- Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well-trimmed.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Determine how and where to secure your boat.
- Fuel up and service family vehicles.

During a Hurricane

If you are unable to evacuate, you should:

- Stay indoors during the hurricane and away from windows and glass doors.
- Close all interior doors; secure and brace external doors.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed. Do not be fooled if

there is a lull; it could be the eye of the storm and winds will pick up again.

- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway.
- Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.
- Be alert. Tornadoes are frequently spawned during hurricanes.

After a Hurricane

- Wait until an area is declared safe before re-entering.
- Do not drive in flooded areas.
- Avoid using candles or other open flames indoors. Use a flashlight to inspect damage.
- Check gas, water, electrical lines and appliances for damage.
- Avoid any loose or down power lines and report them to your electric company.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until local officials have declared it safe to drink.

— From the S.C. Emergency Management Division

Preparedness

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dedicated to preparation for an approaching storm, including evacuation. Landfall is planned for the afternoon of June 3 and recovery activities and the hypothetical chemical spill are expected on June 4 and 5.

The exercise began just one day after the start of the Atlantic hurricane season on June 1. In addition to offering valuable training for emergency responders and other county officials, Sam Hodge, the county's emergency manager, said he hopes the drill will also raise public awareness and motivate residents to make their own emergency plans.

The peak of the Atlantic hurricane season normally doesn't come until around September, but that makes now an ideal time to start preparations.

"It's never too early to start getting ready, but it can easily be too late," Hodge said.

"The last thing you want to do is wait until a storm is barreling toward our coastline to start thinking about things like what to do with pets during an evacuation or whether your home insurance policy will cover what you need it to if we're hit by a hurricane."

Many residents don't realize the state has a 15-day waiting period for new wind or hail coverage to go into effect, and even longer for flood coverage. A homeowner who waits until a storm is on its way to change their insurance policy will be out of luck.

"Those are the kinds of things people need to be thinking about now," Hodge said. "This is the time to call your insurance company, to put together evacuation kits and to start thinking about where you're going to go if you need to evacuate."

He said the advice stands for residents near the beachfront, as well as those located farther inland. While most people focus on areas east of Highway 17 when talk turns to

hurricanes, storm surge could affect areas well into Georgetown and flooding could pose life-threatening danger even in the western reaches of the county.

Hodge recommends every family, individual, business and group in Georgetown County have a disaster plan in place that includes what to do in a hurricane. Residents should also realize that in the event of a major hit by a hurricane, utilities could be out for weeks and it could take months for life to get back to normal.

There's no avoiding that sort of threat on the coast, so the best thing to do is be as prepared as possible, Hodge added.

Information to help residents get ready for hurricane season is available at www.gtcounty.org/emergency_management or www.scemd.org. Residents can also call Georgetown County's Emergency Management Division at (843) 545-3273.

Include pets in hurricane, evacuation plans

When making an emergency plan for the family, it's not just two-legged family members who need to be taken into consideration. But often people don't think about what they'll do with their pets until it's too late — for example, after a hurricane evacuation has already been ordered.

Pet owners need to be aware that animals are not allowed in regular public emergency shelters. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for you and your pets.

Just as people have emergency supply kits for themselves and other family members, they should also have one ready for pets, whether they decide to evacuate to a safer location in an emergency or stay put. If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if possible.

Make a back-up emergency plan in case

you can't care for your animals yourself. This may include developing a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.

An emergency supply kit for pets should include:

- At least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.
- Water for at least three days (in addition to that needed for yourself and other family members).
- Medicines and medical records in a waterproof container.
- A first aid kit. Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate, but most kits include cotton bandage rolls,



bandage tape, scissors, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution.

- A collar with ID tag and harness or leash, along with registration and vaccination information. Microchipping pets is also advised.
- Crate or other pet carrier.
- Sanitation supplies, such as cat litter and litter box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and chlorine bleach.
- A photo of your pet in case you are separated.
- Your pet's favorite toys, treats, bedding, etc.

For more information, visit www.ready.gov or www.scmd.org/planandprepare/preparedness/preparefor, or call (843) 545-3213.



Governor's Tabletop exercise

Georgetown County staff participated in a tabletop exercise focusing on hurricane preparedness last month. Called by Gov. Nikki Haley, the exercise in Columbia was May 12 and Georgetown County was a key player. At top, Sam Hodge, Georgetown County's emergency manager, participates in a press conference with Haley at the event. Above are county staff members Beth Goodale, Hodge, Cindy Grace, Jackie Broach, Kyle Prufer and Doug Eggiman.

2014 Warriors Volleyball Camp



June 23-26
10 a.m. - noon
at Waccamaw High School

Fee is \$35 per person
 Open to students in 3rd through 7th grades

Instructor: Jill Schoen

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



Library auditorium will be named for DeBordieu community

The large public meeting room at the new Waccamaw Neck Branch Library will be known as the DeBordieu Auditorium in recognition of residents' contributions of more than \$50,000 toward the facility. The name for the auditorium was approved by the Georgetown County Library Board last month.

Jean Cross, co-chair of the library fundraising committee and a resident of DeBordieu, approached her neighbors last year with the idea of acquiring the naming rights to the 175 capacity meeting room. A number of people stepped forward to help with the campaign and by early 2014, total donations had exceeded the \$50,000 goal. The donations included a "matching gift" donation that one resident was able to obtain from his previous employer.

"We are grateful to the residents of DeBordieu for their generous gifts," Cross said. "They are to be commended for being willing to donate time and money to this and other worthy projects in Georgetown County."

Dick Rose, president of the DeBordieu Colony Community Association, was equally pleased.

"We congratulate the Georgetown County Council for approving funds to build the new Waccamaw Library, as well as TLC [The Library Center Waccamaw] Waccamaw and Friends of the Waccamaw Library Board for their fundraising efforts," he said.

The DeBordieu Auditorium will be the second named room in the new library. The Pawleys Pediatric and Adult Medicine practice made a generous donation to enable the building of the new Children's Room and StoryTime Room. The members of the medical practice indicated that their gift was in recognition that a modern library is an integral part of a vibrant community.

The new Waccamaw Neck Branch Library has been 12 years in the planning and fundraising stages, and now, things are moving forward quickly. Coastal Structures began work on the new facility in early February. Despite the cold and rain, the basic site preparation has been completed and above-ground work is under way. Barring serious weather delays, the new library will be open by the end of 2014.

The planned library and community center is a 17,300-square-foot showcase complete with two small meeting rooms in addition to the DeBordieu Auditorium, exhibit areas, study and reading areas, a Heritage Center, a Technology Center, a mini-Business Center and special spaces for adults, teens and children.

"The population growth on the Waccamaw Neck has made this space crucial," said Dwight McInvaill, library director. "Residents need access to resources and technology, and spaces to meet, study and plan. And the DeBordieu Auditorium will give us a wonderful venue for public gatherings and performances. We greatly appreciate the generosity of the DeBordieu community."

There are other naming opportunities for local businesses and groups, including two small meeting rooms and the adult reading room. Concurrent with the construction work, the Friends of the Waccamaw Library (FOWL) are continuing their campaign to raise money for interior furnishing. Library supporters can purchase personalized walkway bricks, a shelf of books, garden benches, computer work stations and decorative plantings. For more information, visit www.thefowl.org.

2014 Warriors Football Camp

June 23-25
8:30 a.m. - noon
at Waccamaw High School

Fee is \$15
Ages 8-13

Instructor: Coach
Tyrone Davis



Youth Baseball Camp



June 9-12
9 a.m. - noon
at Waccamaw High School

Fee is \$35
Ages 8-12

Make-up day if needed:
is June 13

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



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

Monday through Friday
10 a.m.—noon

Call (843) 545-3202 for information

Georgetown County victim advocate receives state award

Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb would like to congratulate Alma Sierra, Victim Advocate at the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, for being the recipient of the "Outstanding Service to Underserved Victims" award.

Sierra was presented the award at the 27th Annual Victims' Rights Week Conference in Columbia on May 13.

The "Outstanding Service to Underserved Victims" award is given to a direct service provider who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist formerly underserved crime victims.

Sierra, one of five nominees for this category in the entire state of South Carolina, was nominated by Linda Collins of the Family Justice Center of Georgetown County.

Law enforcement victim advocates are first responders that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide services to victims when a crime such as do-

mestic violence or sexual assault occurs.

A victim advocate also provides moral and emotional support as well as informing and updating the victim throughout the criminal justice process.

Sierra joined the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office in June of 2010 as the first Hispanic, bilingual victim advocate. Sierra strives to bridge the gap in the language barrier by advocating for non-English speakers within the Hispanic Community. Sierra became an SC Qualified Interpreter/Translator so that she may provide assistance to Georgetown County sheriff's deputies and investigators during their interviewing process when language is a barrier. She also provides assistance for Georgetown County residents by interpreting at local hospitals, doctor's offices



From left are Linda Collins, Alma Sierra and Sheriff Lane Cribb.

and local resource organizations.

"Alma is such a pleasure to work with and never says no when she can be of assistance," said Cribb. "The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office is very fortunate to have Alma as an employee and can think of no other individual that deserves this recognition more than the candidate that has been chosen by your committee."

Public Services employees recognized for achievements



Top: From left are Ray Funnye, Terri Davis, who received the Team Player Award, and Tracy Jones. Above, left: Mark Cox, recipient of the Green Earth Award, is pictured with Funnye. Above, right, Marlon Jackson, who received the Leadership Award, is pictured with Funnye.

The Georgetown County Department of Public Services and its director, Ray Funnye, recently recognized department employees for going above and beyond in the course of performing their jobs.

During a ceremony May 22, the 2014 Leadership Award was presented to Marlon Jackson, an employee of the county for more than a decade. Over the years, he has held various positions within the Public Services Department and is currently an assistant supervisor.

Jackson supervises recycling staff and provides proactive solutions to daily operational issues. He has assisted with supervising collection staff for the past four months and has improved operations utilizing his past experiences as collection driver.

Terri Davis of the Stormwater Division was presented with the Team Player Award. Her duties involve every aspect of keeping the division running smoothly, and in a short amount of time, she has taught herself how to navigate a

number of systems that allow her to do that efficiently, said her supervisor, Tracy Jones. Davis excels in customer service and communicating with the public, and working with customers to make sure their stormwater issues are resolved to their satisfaction.

"She makes every attempt to give the customer the information that they need, which means she engages and gets an understanding of the issue," Jones said.

While this keeps the customer happy, it's also a demonstration of how Davis works effectively and efficiently to reduce the amount of work needed for the other divisions.

Mark Cox, a truck driver for the county's commercial recycling program was the recipient of the Green Earth Award.

He received the award for his efforts in marketing programs to local businesses in addition to his collection duties.

Cox also shares ideas for restructuring routes to save fuel.

Employees receive challenge coins



On May 29, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office presented challenge coins for outstanding service during the first quarter of 2014 to employees. Recipients included: Correctional officers Fontella Gasque, Mark Goude, Deasia Linen, Shirlese Maynard, Ramon Thompson and Marcus Wright; communications workers Helen Black, Morgan Casselman, Tiffany Childress, Carley Creson, Ted Felder, Heather Lippert, Robbie Owens, Kim Radford, Kim Richardson and Sabrina Stevens; and Deputies Phil Benincasa, Hank Betts, Jim Ketcham, Darryl McLeod, Chuck Weaver and Ron Whisner. At top are Wright and Thompson with Sheriff Lane Cribb and Assistant Sheriff Carter Weaver. Center are Owens, Felder, Cribb, Lippert, Radford, Childress and Weaver. Above are Betts, Chuck Weaver, Cribb Ketcham, Benincasa and Carter Weaver.

GCSO News and Congratulations



Jason Dozier, Harvey Knox and Brandon Stokes are the newest members of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office's Criminal Investigation Division.



Georgetown County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Delval, pictured with Sheriff Lane Cribb, was recently promoted to Patrol Division Corporal.

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation Presents
"Kids in Action" 2014 Summer Camp!

For boys and girls ages 5-11
 Camp is Monday-Friday,
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 **\$60 per child per week
 \$10 registration fee

For information:
 545-3275

**Limited
 space.
 Register
 Now!**

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 July 31

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

Georgetown County, South Carolina

County Government

Numbers to know

Animal Control, 546-5101

Assessor, 545-3014

Auditor, 545-3021

Clerk of Court, 545-3004

County Council, 545-3058

Coroner, 546-3056

Elections, 545-3339

Finance, 545-3002

Planning and Zoning, 545-3116

Probate Judge, 545-3077

Register of Deeds, 545-3088

Sheriff, 546-5102

Treasurer, 545-3098

P.O. Box 421270
129 Screven Street
Georgetown, S.C. 29440-4200

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Midway firefighters ready for summer

Staff at Midway Fire Rescue spent part of May in the sun and surf on Litchfield Beach, gearing up for the busy summer months.

Of the roughly 3,500 calls Midway responds to on an annual basis, about 10 percent are on the beach or somehow water-related and occur between Memorial Day and Labor Day, estimates Carr Gilmore, a Midway battalion chief. Most of those are medical calls ranging from jellyfish stings to cardiac arrest, but every year, Midway personnel also end up performing water rescues.

Responders took the department's watercraft to the beach on several days last month to practice ocean rescues. The department also performed its first beach patrol of the season over Memorial Day weekend. On holiday weekends, when the beach is especially busy, responders use a utility vehicle to patrol from the southern end of Litchfield up to the edge of Huntington Beach State Park.

"Sometimes just being seen is prevention in and of itself," Gilmore said. Though Midway doesn't run beach patrols all season long, practicing on the beach helps responders stay ready for calls in that area.

"Getting there quickly is 99 percent of the battle when it comes to emergency services," he said.

