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Calendar

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July 6 – Start of the Waccamaw Library summer book sale. See page 5

July 16 – Georgetown County Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse

July 18 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Murrells Inlet. See page 6

July 28 – Georgetown County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the historic courthouse (Council only meets once this month.)

July 29 – County-sponsored community blood drive at Beck Recreation Center. See page 2.

July 31 – Deadline for fall sports registration

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Parks and recreation programs attracting broader user base



Participants in an adult soccer program offered through Georgetown County Parks and Recreation are shown at Stables Park.

July has been declared Parks and Recreation Month in Georgetown County and in honor of the occasion, County Council recently received an update on recreational programming the county offers for the public.

With a wave of new facilities opening under the Capital Improvement plan since its approval by County Council in 2007, Georgetown County Parks and Recreation has been able to offer

more programs and reach a broader range of the population than ever before, council was told. Throughout the year, the county sees full parking lots and fields at facilities including the Beck Recreation Center, 8 Oaks Park and more.

Strong participation numbers continue to be seen in traditional recreational sports offered through the county, including

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**Coming to
Georgetown County
August 28-30**

All anglers welcome!

No competitive fishing experience needed

Win big cash prizes and even a Ranger boat.

Details on Page 11.



Local July 4th activities

Happy Fourth of July to all our residents and visitors! If you've opted to celebrate Independence Day in Georgetown County, you made the right choice. There are a number of patriotic activities going on and we're sure you'll enjoy your holiday here. Check out one (or more!) of these local events:

- 32nd annual Murrells Inlet Boat Parade, 10 a.m. — This patriotic display leaves from Garden City point and heads south down the Murrells Inlet shoreline to Morse Park. This year's theme is "Red, White and Southern." For information, call (843) 652-4236.

- Annual North Litchfield Children's Parade, 10 a.m. — This event is every bit as laid back as a beach vacation. There's no fee to enter, no registration process and the only real rule is there are no internal combustion engines allowed. Walk or decorate a bicycle, scooter or golf cart for this event that starts on Hanover Drive and heads past Litchfield Retreat.

- 48th annual Pawleys Island Parade, 11 a.m. — Visitors and locals parade down the island in floats that use local issues and current events to make fun, creative statements. All are welcome to watch or participate. Cost to enter a float in the parade is \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the parade. For information, call (843) 237-1698.

- Salute from the Shore, 1 p.m. — Participants are asked to display red, white and blue as they view this military flyover. The flyover begins at the N.C. border and should be visible from any spot on

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'Leftovers' win Kickball championship



Georgetown County Parks and Recreation hosted a co-ed kickball tournament last month. A team called the Leftovers (pictured) took home the trophy. They are: Caleb Ellis, Katherine Small, Cody Clark, Blake Shores, Jhon Sanchez, Melissa Heinz, Kayla Terbune, Jarrett Joyner and Katelyn Mahan. Visit gtcounty.org/parks_recreation for more great programs.

Georgetown County FARMERS MARKETS



Find fresh, local produce, baked goods and more at the farmers markets in Georgetown and Pawleys Island.

- Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 122 Screven St. (in Downtown Georgetown)
- Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 10593 Ocean Hwy. in Pawleys Island (beside the Island Shops)

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the beach. Details at salute-fromtheshore.org.

- Garden City Beach Golf Cart Parade, 2 p.m. — After a hiatus in 2014, carts will again wind their way down Calhoun Drive to Waccamaw Drive and up Woodland Drive. Lineup is at Willard's Fireworks and judging will take place at 1:45 p.m., so be in line before that! Awards go to the most patriotically decorated carts. For more information and updates, visit the parade's Facebook page, facebook.com/gardencitygolfcartparade.

- Pawleys Island Fourth of July Evening Celebration, 6-8 p.m. — This fifth annual musical celebration at Precious Blood of Christ Family Life Center on Waverly Road features the Pawleys Island Concert Band, along with other singers and speakers. The event is free. Refreshments

will be available for purchase. For information, call (843) 235-9931.

- Indigo Choral Society concert, 7 p.m. — The society will present its 19th annual Fourth of July concert on the lawn of the Kaminski House Museum in Georgetown. The concert is free and everyone is welcome. The concert will include selections of Americana, Carolina-themed songs and a salute to our Armed Forces. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic baskets.

- Fireworks at East Bay Park, 9 p.m. — The City of Georgetown presents its annual display. The Harborwalk and other areas along the Sampit River make great viewing locations.

- Murrells Inlet Fireworks show, 10 p.m. — Marshwalk restaurants will light up the sky with a fireworks display conducted from Veterans Pier. Visit murrellsinletsc.com for information.

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.

Smithsonian exhibit coming to Georgetown County Museum

Hometown Teams exhibit focuses on impact of sports in America

The Georgetown County Historical Society and Museum will host the Smithsonian Institution's Exhibit, "Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America," from July 25 through Sept. 5.

The community will celebrate the opening with a parade down Front Street at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25. Community groups, alumni associations, sports teams and other community organizations are welcome to participate in the parade. For information, call the museum, (843) 545-7020.

The exhibit will open at 11 a.m. following the parade. The museum is located at 120 Broad Street in the City of Georgetown. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 59 and up, \$2 for children and teens ages 7-18, and free for children under 6.

During the exhibit, the museum is planning two panel discussions in August at the Georgetown High School Auditorium. A discussion on Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. will feature Georgetown area representatives from the S.C. Hall of Fame and a discussion on Aug. 18 will focus on the economic impact of golf on the county, featuring county officials and golf professionals.

The museum will be in need of volunteers throughout the exhibit for two-hour shifts. Call the museum to sign up if interested.

The Georgetown County Museum is one of six South Carolina sites selected to host the exhibit during 2015. Other communities



Promotional photo provided by the Georgetown County Museum. The Hometown Teams exhibit opens in Georgetown July 25.

include Denmark, Gaffney, Belton, Slater and Manning.

Funding for the exhibit comes from the Smithsonian Institute's Museum on Main Street program, the Humanities Council of South Carolina, and accommodations tax funds from the City of Georgetown.

For more information, please call (843) 545-7020 or send an email to info@georgetowncountymuseum.com.

Junior Tennis Teams advance in play



A Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center Junior Tennis Team will play in the state championship July 17-19 at the Eddie Floyd Tennis Center in Florence. Another will head to regional play. The Junior Team Tennis season started in May and the Tennis Center at Stables Park hosted four teams: two 10-and-under intermediate teams, one 10-and-under advanced team, and one 12-and-under intermediate team. The teams played against each other and teams in the Grand Strand Junior Team Tennis League. A 10-and-under intermediate team, the Stables Smashers (coached by Rob Horvath) will go to the state championships. Stables 10U Advanced (coached by Wendy Mercado) will head to the regionals in Cayce in August. Members of the advancing teams are Addison Flowers, Ansley-Aimee Flowers, Harrison Horvath, Malyn Grygielko, Holden Taylor, Luke Skillman, Brandon Mercado, Nolan Bohan, Gigi Bohan, Gabriella Martin, Elise Dozier, Kattia Cantrell, Logan Tomovski and Trevor Novotny. Pictured, from left: (top row) Holden Taylor, Gigi Bohan, Brandon Mercado, Nolan Bohan, Logan Tomovski, (bottom row) Addison Flowers, Ansley-Aimee Flowers, Harrison Horvath and Trevor Novotny.

Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center at Stables Park

FUN SUMMER EVENTS!

Juniors' Clinics for ages 4+

Monday - Saturday

Juniors' Summer Camp for ages 7+

July 13-16 ~ 9am - 1pm

Adults Clinics for all levels

Courts available to the public!

Please call the Tennis Center for schedules or email etaylor@gtcounty.org.

http://www.georgetowncountysc.org/parks_recreation/tennis.html

302 Gilman Road, Pawleys Island, SC (behind Moe's BBQ)

(843)545-3450

Sheriff's re-entry program receives state recognition

A program that helps inmates at the Georgetown County Detention Center avoid recidivism recently earned state honors. The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office received the Founders Day Law Enforcement Community Partner Award at the S.C. Department of Corrections Training Academy in Columbia. The award was for its Re-entry Program.

The Founders Day Award is presented to an individual or agency that has shown dedication to reducing the number of young adults returning to prison and had a major systemic impact. The Georgetown County Detention Center Re-entry Program was implemented in 2007 by Sheriff Lane Cribb to encourage the rehabilitation of inmates prior to their release back into society. Nearly 200 inmates have completed the program. According to data from the National Crime Information Center, there has been no recidivism for those who have completed the program.

The S.C. Department of Corrections' Division of Young Offender Parole and Re-entry Services selected the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office as the recipient of the award for its commitment to reduce recidivism and victimization by supporting effective re-entry services, as well as the department's willingness to include youth-



Debbie Barr, left, and Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb.

ful offenders — under the supervision of the state Department of Corrections — in its efforts.

Debbie Barr, re-entry program director accepted the award in Columbia on behalf of Sheriff Cribb. For more about the program, see the November 2013 newsletter in our archives at gtcounty.org.

Friends of the Waccamaw Library

BLOWOUT BOOK SALE!

We're celebrating our Silver Anniversary with a new sale location and AMAZING discounts!

WACCAMAW LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island
Tuesday, July 7th, 9 am - 7 pm

Members only...
 Friends of the Library Sale Monday, July 6th, 6—8 pm

FREE Summer Sports for Kids and Teens!

Football Skills and Drills
 For ages 5-12
 Time: 6-8 p.m.

Northwest — July 20 & 27 Georgetown — July 22 & 29
 Andrews — July 21 & 28 Waccamaw — July 23 & 30

Flag Football
 Andrews Recreation Center
 Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 2 - July 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Stables Park
 Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 9 - July 16, 6-8 p.m.
 For ages 14-18

Soccer Camp
 Stables Park
 June 22-25, 8 a.m. to noon
 For ages 5-12

Basketball Skills and Drills
 Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center
 Fridays, June 5 - July 31, 3-5:15 p.m.
 For ages 5-12

Registration is required for soccer camp.
 Call 545-3275 or register at www.gtcounty.org

Library book sale celebrates silver anniversary in new facility

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library's annual July Book Sale is always eagerly anticipated and is expected to be better than ever this year, according to organizers.

The Friends are celebrating the silver anniversary of this popular event with new books, new prices, a new date and a new location.

With the opening of a new Waccamaw Library earlier this year, the library finally has enough room to host the event onsite, so the book sale will move from St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church to the library auditorium.

The 25th Annual July Blow-Out Book Sale will begin Monday, July 6 with admittance for Friends members only from 6-8 p.m. (If you're not a member, don't worry — memberships will be available at the door!). The sale will open to the public on Tuesday, July 7, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In addition to top-quality used books, the sale will also offer DVDs, CDs, and even vinyl LPs.

Friends members are actively involved in promoting, enhancing, and expanding the presence of the library for the benefit of the Waccamaw Neck community. As usual, proceeds from the sale will benefit library programming.

The new library is located at 41 St. Paul Place, off Willbrook Boulevard. If you haven't been to the new library, that's just across the street from the church where the sale was previously.

For those interested in purchasing a Friends membership, individual memberships are \$15 per year and family memberships are \$25. Other membership levels are also available. For more information about memberships or library programs, stop in at the library, or call (843) 545-3623.

Fireworks tips for a safe Fourth of July holiday

For many families, fireworks are a Fourth of July tradition — but did you know that two out of five fires reported on that day are started by fireworks? Fireworks and re-sulting fires injure more than 10,000 Americans. More than half of these injuries occur during the first week of July, according to the American Burn Association.

For a safe, happy Fourth of July:

- Know your fireworks; read the warning labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- Have a designated fireworks shooter to organize and shoot your family show.
- Parents and caretakers should always closely supervise teens using fireworks.
- Parents should not allow young children to handle or use fireworks.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Always have water ready if you are shooting fireworks.



Fireworks were visible from the Clocktower last July 4 in Georgetown.

- Fireworks should only be used outside.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you are, do not use them.
- Wear safety glasses when using fireworks.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Soak spent fireworks with water before placing them in an outdoor garbage can.
- Never attempt to alter or modify consumer fireworks and use them only in the manner in which they were intended.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection is July 18 in Murrells Inlet

The Georgetown County Department of Public Services will have a community Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 8 a.m. to noon July 18.

The event will take place at

the Murrells Inlet Recycling Convenience Center, 5455 Wesley Rd., and is an opportunity for residents to properly dispose of potentially hazardous items, such as used automotive oil, car batteries,

rechargeable batteries, household chemicals, pesticides, paint, fertilizers, antifreeze and more. No containers larger than five gallons, please.

For more information, call (843) 545-3443.

volunteers needed

community clean-up day

July 5, 2015

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation is interested in hosting a Countywide Community Cleanup on the morning of July 5 and is asking civic groups, neighborhoods and others to get involved.

All you need to do is pick an area your group pledges to clean on that day and sign up!



For more information
or to sign up, call
(843) 545-3532



Midway recognized by state legislature



Midway Fire Rescue was recently honored by the S.C. State Legislature. S.C. Reps. Carl Anderson (D-Georgetown) and Stephen Goldfinch (R-Pawleys Island) introduced a House Resolution, H. 4222, recognizing Midway for receiving the Heart Safe Community Award earlier this year. The Resolution was formally presented to Battalion Chief Brent McClellan and Fire Chief Doug Eggiman during an afternoon session of the House. Pictured from left are Eggiman, Goldfinch and McClellan with a framed copy of the resolution on the steps of the State Capitol building. S.C. Sen. Ray Cleary (R-Murrells Inlet) was also on hand to offer his congratulations to Midway staff. This recognition was a first for the department, Eggiman said. It is a great tribute to the staff and their work in earning the Heart Safe Community Award. The resolution will hang in the lobby at Midway's headquarters station in Litchfield.

Department remains 'fit-friendly'

Midway Fire Rescue has been named a Platinum-Level Fit-Friendly workplace by the American Heart Association for the fourth year in a row. The award recognizes the department's initiatives to help employees eat better and be more active.

"This award illustrates our dedication to the health and wellness of our employees and volunteers," said Midway Chief Doug Eggiman. "An additional benefit of that commitment is that it also puts us in a better place to take care of the citizens we serve."

Platinum-level employers: Offer employees physical activity options in the workplace; implement at least nine criteria outlined by the American Heart Association in the areas of physical activity, nutrition and culture; and demonstrate measurable outcomes related to workplace wellness.

Heavy rescue truck helps streamline operations

Midway Fire Rescue is the proud new owner of a 24-foot heavy rescue truck. The 2007 E-ONE Cyclone II was delivered June 22 and has a variety of rescue features, including a 15-foot LED light tower and hydraulic spreading and cutting tool systems. It also means Midway can finally transport its equipment and crew to rescues in one vehicle and will cut time spent connecting equipment.

This vehicle will respond to all motor vehicle accidents and fires in Midway's fire district, as well as incidents the Georgetown County Technical Rescue team is called to.

The truck was used for only two years by its previous owner and is in like-new condition.

Georgetown County Parks and Rec. presents

Teen Activity Nights

Featuring a free movie!



For ages 14-18

- Andrews Recreation Center — July 6
- Beck Recreation Center — July 13
- Choppee Recreation Center — July 20
- Waccamaw Recreation Center — July 27

Activities: 3-5:30 p.m.
Movie: 6-8:30 p.m.

Karate

Classes for fitness, fun and self-defense

For adults and children age 5 and up

\$50 per month

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5-7 p.m.

Saturday from noon to 2 p.m.

Stop by for a FREE class!

At the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center
83, Duncan Ave., Pawleys Island
Call (843) 325-0969



Correctional officer receives state award

Georgetown County Correctional Officer James D. Law has received the Bert Friday Award from the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy.

The award was presented during the Academy's graduation ceremony for the Basic Jail Training Class No. 351. The Academy

presents the Bert Friday Award to the student with the highest academic average in written tests administered during the training class. Law, 24, of Georgetown, had the highest academic average out of 46 graduates. Officers who successfully complete the training class earn a certification



From left: Team Sgt. William Teeter, James D. Law, SCCJA Director Hubert F. Harrell and Detention Center Deputy Administrator Sharon Morton.

in S.C. as professional correctional officers.

"I am delighted James Law received such a prestigious award," said Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb. "I believe it shows his hard work and commitment to being a professional correctional officer."

Smith recognized for leadership

Hunter Smith, a firefighter/EMT with Georgetown County Fire/EMS, was recently presented with the Outstanding Leadership Award at the Pee Dee Regional EMS training facility.

Smith started the paramedic program at the facility last fall.

"Since then, we have been hearing very good reports from his instructor at Pee Dee Regional EMS on how well he has been doing in the program," said Tony Hucks, assistant chief with County Fire/EMS.

Hucks and Chief Mack Reed were pleased to present the award, for which Smith was nominated by the staff at Pee Dee Regional.

Smith has taken on a leadership role, excelling in every aspect of the program and providing support to his classmates.

"We are proud of him and wish him the very best in his future career as a firefighter/paramedic," Hucks said.



From left: Assistant Chief Tony Hucks, firefighter/EMT Hunter Smith and Chief Mack Reed.

Beach safety: Know how to spot, avoid and escape a rip current

Summer means a lot of things to a lot of different people. For some it's a break from school or an annual family trip. For others it's baseball and hotdogs, or maybe family cook-outs. But almost universally, summer means the beach.

This is the time of year when Georgetown County beaches are bursting with locals and visitors alike enjoying the waves, sun and sand. In an effort to make sure everyone gets to enjoy the beach safely this summer, Georgetown County public safety officials are working to inform beachgoers about rip currents: how to spot and avoid them, how to escape one if that fails, and what to do if someone else is caught in a rip current.

What you need to know:

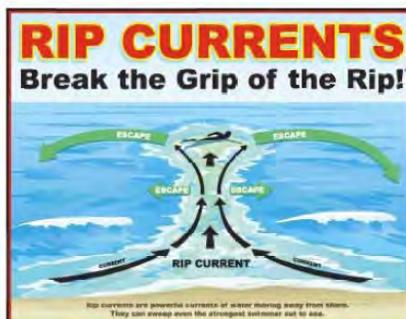
Unfortunately, drowning deaths occur yearly on area beaches, and rip currents are often the culprit.

Signs that a rip current is present are very subtle and difficult for the average beachgoer to identify. Look for:

- Channel of churning, choppy water
- An area having a notable difference in water color
- A line of foam, seaweed or debris moving steadily seaward.
- A break in the incoming wave pattern.

Avoid rip currents by:

- Learning to swim. If you'll be in surf, learn to swim in surf. It's not the same as swimming in a pool or lake.



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:
www.ripcurrents.nasa.gov
www.usla.org

- Never swim alone.
- Swim near a lifeguard if possible, especially if you're not a strong swimmer or aren't accustomed to swimming in the surf. While most beaches in Georgetown County don't have lifeguards, Huntington Beach State Park does employ lifeguards during the summer.
 - Look for posted signs and warning flags, which may indicate elevated hazard levels.
 - Be cautious. Always assume rip currents are present.
 - If in doubt, don't go out!

If caught in a rip current:

- Try to remain calm to conserve energy.
- Don't fight the current.
- Think of it like a treadmill you can't turn off. You want to step to the side of it.
- Swim across the current in a direction following the shoreline.
- When out of the current, swim and angle away from the current, toward shore.
- If you can't escape, try to float, or calmly tread water. Rip current strength eventually subsides offshore. When it does, swim toward shore.
- If at any time you feel you will be unable to reach shore, draw attention to yourself: face the shore, wave your arms, and yell for help.

If you see someone else in trouble

When someone is caught in a rip current, the situation can quickly go from bad to worse when well-meaning bystanders attempt to provide rescue without understanding the power and danger rip currents present. Someone attempting a rescue can all too easily become a victim themselves. If you see someone in distress:

- Get help from a lifeguard or, if one is unavailable, have someone dial 911.
- Throw the rip current victim something that floats — a lifejacket, a cooler or an inflatable ball.
- Shout instructions on how to escape.

For other safety alerts, follow Georgetown County on Twitter and Facebook, or check in regularly at www.gtcounty.org.

Emergency Management Division offers tips to stay safe in dangerous heat

Summer hadn't officially started this June when the National Weather Service issued its first heat advisory of the year for Georgetown County and surrounding areas. On June 12, the agency issued warning of a significant heat wave. Those in Georgetown County saw temperatures rise to the mid- and upper 90s. Combined with humidity, heat index values rose to the triple digits — dangerous levels.

South Carolinians are well accustomed to scorching summers, but when the heat is that intense, it's easy for even veterans of Southern summers to fall victim to heat-related injuries. We're sure to be in for more intense heat before the season ends, so Georgetown County Emergency Management offers the following advice for staying safe during the next heat wave:

- If possible, stay indoors in an air-conditioned location during the hottest hours of the day. Plan any outdoor activities early or late in the day.
 - If you must be outside, drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty, to stay hydrated. Take breaks in the shade. Avoid drinks with caffeine and alcoholic beverages.
 - Remember pets and livestock. Make sure they have plenty of water and are in a shaded, ventilated area. Check on them frequently. If possible, bring pets inside during the hottest part of the day.
 - Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle, even for a short time.
 - Wear appropriate clothing. Loose-fitting, light-colored, light-weight clothing that covers as much skin as possible is best. Wear a wide-brimmed hat to cover the face and head.
 - Wear plenty of sunscreen.
 - Monitor those at risk, such as children, the elderly and anyone who may not have a cool place to which to retreat.
 - If air conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine.
 - Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
 - Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Residents are also advised to be aware of and on the lookout for



symptoms of the following conditions:

HEAT CRAMPS

Cause: Excessive loss of salt from the body

Symptoms: Painful cramps of the major muscle groups (arms, legs, or stomach)

Treatment: Provide cool water and shade. Monitor.

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Cause: Excessive loss of salt and water in the body

Symptoms: Profuse sweating, headache, paleness, weakness, nausea, cool

moist skin, tingling sensation in extremities

Treatment: Provide water and shade, elevate feet. Monitor and seek medical attention immediately

HEAT STROKE

Cause: The body's heat regulatory mechanism stops

Symptoms: Headache; dizziness; delirium; weakness; nausea; red, hot skin; unconsciousness

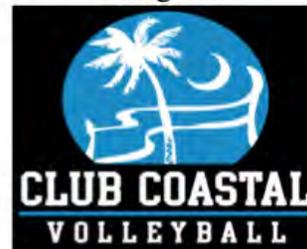
Treatment: MEDICAL EMERGENCY - CALL 911. Stay in a cool shaded area, soak clothing and fan, elevate feet, massage extremities until help arrives

For updates and future advisories, visit www.gtcounty.org. Residents and visitors may also contact Georgetown County Emergency Management at (843) 545-3273 for more information, as well as tips for developing an emergency plan to help ready your family or business for any situation that may arise.

Sign up for emergency alerts!

Don't miss out on important information that could keep you and your family safe. Sign up to receive emergency alerts specific to your address from Georgetown County Emergency Management via email or phone. Sign up for this free service at www.gtcounty.org (look for the link near the top of our home page) or call (843) 545-3213.

Introducing Club Volleyball In Pawleys Island & Georgetown



AGES 7-17 GIRLS & BOYS
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

WACCAMAW RECREATIONAL CENTER & GEORGETOWN BECK CENTER
CLUBCOASTALVOLLEYBALL.COM

Pre-Registration

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



Summer Volleyball Camp:

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

See website for pricing and
 Details

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

also you can Mail to:

Club Coastal Volleyball
 P.O. Box 543
 Pawleys Island, SC 29585



Garden club makes donation to library

The Georgetown Garden Club donated bamboo plants to the Georgetown and Waccamaw libraries last month in honor of National Garden Week. The plants are traditional harbingers of good luck. Pictured, club member Nancy Westel presents one of the plants to Dwight McInvaill, library director.

The Library Summer Reading Program



Check out our action-packed, super hero themed programs at all four Georgetown County library branches!

All programs are free. Registration is open now. Call (843) 545-3300 for information.

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Redfish Tour returns to Georgetown in August

The Inshore Fishing Association Redfish Tour and Kayak Tour will return to Georgetown County next month, and registration is now open to all anglers — no competitive fishing experience needed. The top prize is a \$26,000 boat package. Cash prizes will also be awarded, including up to \$500 for 20th place (assuming 100 boats registered).

The Redfish Tour will take place at Georgetown County's Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex on Aug. 29 with boat launch at dawn and weigh-in scheduled for 3 p.m. Both are open to spectators. Registration is from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 28 at the marine complex and will be followed by a meeting and dinner for participants. The marine complex is located at 101 River Walk Dr.

A \$30 membership to the IFA is needed to sign up for the competition and can be purchased at registration. Participants fish in two-person teams. Entry fee is \$250 per boat.

The Kayak Tour takes place on Aug. 30, with registration at the marine complex beginning at 5 p.m. Aug. 29, following Redfish Tour weigh-in. This competition is also open to everyone. Entry fee is \$50 per angler and requires a \$10 IFA membership.

The tours stopped in Georgetown County in April and were very successful, attracting 73 boats and many anglers from Georgetown and surrounding coun-

ties, as well as out-of-state visitors, creating a significant economic impact for area businesses. Many participants from the April event said they plan to return in August, bringing their families and turning the event into a vacation.

"We're happy to welcome the IFA Redfish Tour back again, and we're looking for an even bigger success this time around, with more anglers and some new faces," said Georgetown County Administrator Sel Hemingway. "We worked hard to make sure all those who participated in April and during the IFA's first visit in 2014 would want to come back, and we're hearing that we were very successful in that. They do want to come spend more time with us."

The April Redfish Tour in Georgetown had the largest participation of any event in the Atlantic division in the event's history, said Eric Shelby, IFA tournament director. The division stretches from Florida to Virginia.

"We had a great time again and we're looking forward to coming back," Shelby said. "The hospitality is great and I'm really impressed with the organization of the County. You can tell their goal is to get better every time and that's impressive for us to see and to work with. We couldn't ask for better than what we've experienced in Georgetown County."

For more information and online registration, visit www.ifatours.com.

Georgetown County Parks and Recreation hosts

SUMMER 2015 BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

July 20-24

at Stables Park Field Complex, 2400 Petigru Rd., Pawleys Island



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

Recreation

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baseball and softball, basketball, football, cheerleading, and track and field.

Some of the highest participation numbers are still seen in the baseball and softball programs, which attract boys and girls of all ages and from all areas of the county.

Construction of Stables Park and the Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center has resulted in a rapidly growing tennis program. Before the addition of public courts, the sport was limited to those who had access to private facilities in country clubs and exclusive communities. The sport is now attracting participants and cultivating talent from throughout the community.

Since opening the Waccamaw Regional recreation Center two years ago, the county has for the first time been able to offer indoor basketball programming on the Waccamaw Neck in its own facilities, which works toward growing that program.

But even more significantly, the construction of new facilities has allowed the county to expand its offerings, reaching out to new segments of the population who might not have had an interest in the more limited, traditional range of programs the county was able to offer in the past. A child who has no interest in baseball or basketball, for example, may find their niche in karate, now offered at the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center, or perhaps climbing. The county now has rock climbing walls open in Georgetown and Pawleys Island for youth and adults of all experience levels.

Kids can also choose from soccer, volleyball, track and field, or one of the most recent additions: Lacrosse.

The number of adults participating in county-run Parks and Recreation programs has seen tremendous growth. Residents are taking advantage of new cardio and fitness rooms, as well as fitness programs offered through partnerships with local instructors. Adults can sign up for programs and classes including: Zumba, Yoga, Line Dancing, Aerobics, shuffleboard, exercise programs geared toward helping manage arthritis, and much more. New classes regularly come online as new instructors sign on.

Adult softball is thriving following the opening of Retreat Park. The county offers men's and co-ed softball teams. Adult kickball is gaining in popularity since being introduced last year. Adults are also partici-

pating in soccer, tennis, basketball and — another new addition — pickleball.

After being introduced at the Waccamaw Regional Recreation Center, pickleball regularly draws 20 to 40 people a day for open court play.

Additionally residents and visitors of all ages are enjoying the Waccamaw Bikeway, which now spans 14 miles, and a new mountain bike trail that opened this year at 8 Oaks.

New facilities are also attracting a stream of new tourists. The first park to open under the Capital Improvement Plan — 8 Oaks Park — opened the door to hosting tournament events and attracting athletes from across the nation. This positions Georgetown County to make a huge leap in the arena of recreational tourism in the coming years.

The county was host to more than two dozen tournaments at various parks and facilities throughout the county last year. These events brought thousands people into our county. Area hotels, rental agencies, restaurants, gas stations and shops were among the area businesses that benefited from this added tourist traffic.

At the beginning of this year, the county had 17 tournaments scheduled at parks and recreation facilities for 2015, and more are expected to come. That's in addition to jamborees, training camps, coach's clinics and more.

A new tournament for this year was the B.A.S.S. Nation Southern Divisional Championship, which took place in April at the Carroll Ashmore Campbell Marine Complex. It brought anglers from seven states to Georgetown, had an estimated economic impact of nearly \$500,000, and put the county in line to host an even bigger B.A.S.S. tournament in the near future.

An Inshore Fishing Association tournament last August at the marine complex brought 142 anglers into the county, a number of whom said they spent more than \$1,000 here during the weekend of the tournament. Many also said they brought their families and turned the tournament trip into a mini vacation. The tournament



A crowd is shown at Stables Park for a soccer tournament.



Lacrosse is a new addition to programming.

returned this year in April, drawing an even bigger crowd, which Georgetown County hopes to further grow during the IFA's next stop in Georgetown County in August.

The average spending per visitor for a 3.5-day stay in Georgetown County is \$462.82, according to Lauren Joseph, the county's tourism marketing director. Expenditures per travel party average \$1,289.

"One of the big things we see is if we can get families down here for tournaments, they want to come back for vacations," Joseph said.

In the off season, using tournaments to bring people into the county is "huge," according to Joseph. A tournament the week before Thanksgiving, for example, can fill hotels and other rentals during what is traditionally one of the county's weakest weeks for tourism.

"If you bring 100-200 teams in that week, it has a major impact. The fact that our neighbors in Myrtle Beach are spending so much and doing so much to bring in tournaments should be an indication to us that we're on the right track."

To view and sign up for current recreation programs offered through the county, visit www.gtcounty.org/parks_recreation.

For the full video report given to County Council, check out our YouTube channel, youtube.com/user/GtCountySC.

Georgetown County, South Carolina

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14 miles and counting

County celebrates opening of new Bikeway addition



Linda Ketron, head of the Bike the Neck, organization, cuts the ceremonial ribbon, flanked by officials from agencies that partnered in the project. From left are Randy Dozier, school district superintendent, Mark Hoeweler of Waccamaw Regional COG; County Council Member John Thomas; County Administrator Sel Hemingway; Ketron; former S.C. Rep. Vida Miller; Paul Battagline of Georgetown County Capital Projects; County Council Chairman Johnny Morant and County Council Member Ron Charlton.

With a quick snip of ribbon and much cheering from those gathered around, Georgetown County added three miles to the Waccamaw Neck Bikeway.

The paved cycling and walking path now stretches a total of 14 miles, starting at the Horry/Georgetown County line and winding through Murrells Inlet, Litchfield and Pawleys Island.

The newest section, which cost just under \$1.5 million, extends south along Kings River Road from Willbrook Boulevard to Waverly Road. It then travels east to Waccamaw Elementary School. The school was the site of a ribbon cutting celebration on June 4. The event attracted a large, enthusiastic crowd, which included about 50 cyclists who participated in a group bike ride on the new trail section from the school to the Waccamaw Library. From kids with training wheels to senior citizens, the ride showed the diversity of those who use the trail.

For more information and funding sources, visit www.gtcounty.org.



A family bike ride followed the ribbon cutting. About 50 people participated.



County Parks and Recreation staff, left, and kids of all ages, below, were among participants in the bike ride.



A large crowd gathered at Waccamaw Elementary to celebrate the newest section of bikeway.

