

# The Georgetown County Chronicle

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



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**Feb. 9** – Monthly Saturday programs for kids begin at the Waccamaw Library, 10:30 a.m. See Page 3.

**Feb. 12** – County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the old courthouse.

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**Feb. 26** – County Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the old courthouse.

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## Community meetings will address voter ID questions

The Georgetown County Office of Voter Registration and Elections has scheduled a series of community meetings in February to discuss the state's new voter identification law.

Meetings will take place at each of the county's four library branches. All meetings begin at **5:30 p.m.** The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 14, Waccamaw Library
- Feb. 20, Georgetown Library
- Feb. 21, Carvers Bay Library
- Feb. 25, Andrews Library

The voter ID law went into effect Jan. 1. Voters in parts of Georgetown County will see the new rules at the polls for the first time during the June 11 primary when officials for the City of Georgetown are on the ballot. The Town of Andrews and the Town of Pawleys Island will also have elections this year.



Under the new law voters will be able to cast their ballots by bringing one of five forms of photo ID with them to the polls. Those include a state-issued identification card or driver's license, a federal military ID card, a passport or a new voters registration card that includes a photo. Georgetown County residents who do not have another

accepted form of photo ID can obtain one of the new voter registration cards for free at the county Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 303 N. Hazard St., Georgetown.

The office has had only four people come in for the new cards since the state's photo identification

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## Changes make Veterans Affairs office more efficient



**Natrenah Blackstock explains new forms in use at the Veterans Affairs Office.**

With the number of people receiving services from Georgetown County Veterans Affairs on the rise, changes to the way the office operates weren't optional.

The office has nearly 17,000 active case files —an increase of about 20 percent from three years ago when Natrenah Blackstock took over management of the office.

"We're seeing new veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars coming in now," said Blackstock, veterans service officer for Georgetown County. "As a result, things have picked up quite a bit."

In addition to Blackstock, the office, located at 537 Lafayette Circle, has one other full-time employee and a part-time receptionist to manage the caseload. To keep up with the increased demand while maintaining the quality of service, a number of policy and procedure changes recently took effect. The changes

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## Veterans

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make the operation more efficient and are designed to improve the client's experience, but there have been some growing pains as clients adjust to the new system.

The changes have led to confusion among some veterans, which the office is working to correct, both one-on-one and with a public meeting set for March 4. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. in County Council Chambers at the old courthouse on Screven Street.

One of the biggest areas of confusion is a switch to appointments for certain services as opposed to the walk-in system veterans and their families were used to.

"I handle all the big things by appointment now," Blackstock said.

That includes compensation and pension claims, and other

more time consuming tasks that generally require clients to bring in certain documentation. Unfortunately, many interpreted the change to mean all visits to the office are by appointment only, which isn't the case. Clients can still receive some services as walk-ins.

The office has also expanded its hours to better accommodate clients. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and no longer closes for lunch. All employees are cross-trained so a client is more likely to be able to receive immediate help with walk-in services. That's something else Blackstock spends a lot of time explaining these days.

"A lot of times our vets don't want to give the receptionist their information," she said.

They're used to seeing the service officer for all their Veterans Affairs needs and don't realize other staff members are now qualified to help them. As a result, they worry they're not

### Public Meeting to discuss changes at the Veterans Affairs office

**When:** March 4, 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** County Council Chambers  
(in the old courthouse on Screven Street)

**Information:** Call 545-3330

receiving the same level of attention.

Blackstock has heard that same concern as a result of converting to an electronic filing system. She was surprised recently when one of her clients expressed concerns Blackstock wasn't listening to him because she was focused on her computer.

The man was used to seeing the veterans services officer laboriously writing down details with pen and paper while he spoke. He didn't understand that Blackstock was electronically entering the information he gave her.

She'll review the new elec-

tronic system during the upcoming public meeting so clients can see the data input system staff uses.

"That's what a lot of the uproar is about," Blackstock said. "They don't see any paper on the desk, so they think we aren't paying attention. Really, we just don't do paper applications anymore."

Blackstock hopes the public meeting will put to rest most of the concerns and confusion over the operational changes. In the meantime, the Veterans Affairs Office is happy to address questions and concerns one-on-one. For information, call (843) 545-3330.

### Georgetown County Parks and Recreation Winter and Early Spring 2013 Programs

(843) 545-3275  
www.gtcounty.org



**Guided Birding Nature Tours @ Hobcaw Barony**  
Cost: 30pp. Every 3rd Sat. of the month.  
September—May. Begins at 8am and ends at 1pm. Call 843-933-1372 for tour information.



**Figure & Portrait Art Classes** Call Artist Bob Johnston at 843-299-0195 for more information. Classes being held at the Murrells Inlet Community Center.



**Tennis Programs!** Waccamaw Regional Tennis Center @ Stables Park. Please call David Bromberg at 843-545-3450 for information. Programs for various age groups!



**Empire for the Arts—Dance & Tumbling Center.** Please call Jelane Hubby at 843-504-8484 for more information. Classes being held at the Murrells Inlet Community Center.



**Hershey's Track & Field ~ Registration ongoing through 2/1/13.** Call 545-3275 for more information. First clinic will be at Beck Recreation Center on 2/2/13.

## Get the Chronicle

In Georgetown County, we want our residents and visitors 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](http://www.gtcounty.org) or through our Facebook page. If you'd rather have it delivered to your inbox, e-mail [jbroach@gtcounty.org](mailto: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.

## Library is one of three nationwide picked for filming of science series

The first in a series of programs that offers residents a new way to explore their natural surroundings starts on Feb. 1.

The four-part reading, viewing and discussion series, called "Pushing the Limits," is hosted by the library in Georgetown. The library is one of 20 public libraries nationwide chosen as a pilot site for the series, and one of just three sites where the discussions that take place will be filmed as part of the project, which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Participation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Pushing the Limits brings together books and video featuring authors, scientists and everyday people who thrive on exploring the natural world. A specified book, available at the library, is recommended reading for each series part, which focuses on a different theme. There will also be exhibits at the library to coincide with the theme for each part of the series. Discussions will be led by a local science liaison. Jeff Pelham, a chemical engineer will lead the Georgetown discussion.

"We really liked the format of Pushing the Limits when we first saw it," said Dwight McInvaill, library director. "Short, cinematic interviews with famous authors bring their most compelling books to life, and casual discussions afterward really spark new ideas.

"Since the beginning of time, humans have imagined and achieved ways to push the boundaries of the physical world. We want to be stronger, smarter and more aware, and we create stories to bring those dreams to life," he added.

But many of those stories are no longer just stories; and with great new advances in science and technology, we are finding ways in which all of us are able to push the limits every day.

Rife with scientific bounty, from its estuarine research facilities and high-tech manufacturing sites, to our wildlife-filled water-



The schedule for Pushing the limits is as follows. Each program begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Library on Cleland Street.

### NATURE

Friday, Feb. 1

Suggested book: *When the Killing's Done* by T.C. Boyle

### SURVIVAL

Friday, March 1

Suggested book: *Arctic Drift* by Clive Cussler

### CONNECTION

Friday, April 5

Suggested book: *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson

### KNOWLEDGE

Friday, May 3

Suggested book: *The Land of Painted Caves* by Jean Auel

ways and forests, Georgetown County is the perfect place to introduce the series, McInvaill added.

For more information or to sign up, call Heather Pelham, (843) 545-3327, or visit [georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov](http://georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov).

## Waccamaw Library introduces Saturday children's programs

Due to numerous requests from parents for weekend children's programs at the Waccamaw Library, children's Librarian Amy King is introducing "Second Saturday" programs this month.

The programs are free and appropriate for kids of all ages, King said.

The first program will be Feb. 9 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and will feature Jerry's Amazing Animals with Jerry Walls, a naturalist who brings his programs to kids throughout the county.

Joining Walls at the library will be live snakes and museum quality displays (approved under State Science Standards and Objectives).

Also join "Miss Amy" for story time every Wednesday at 10 a.m. for babies and toddlers, and 10:30 a.m. for preschoolers.

For information, call 545-3626.



The Bookworm Club for young readers meets at the Waccamaw Library every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Members enjoy an after school snack, then get to explore the library. For information, call 545-3626.

## Job fair at Georgetown Library offers résumé, interview help

The Georgetown County Library will have a job fair at its main branch on Cleland Street from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 9.

The event is free and open to the public and will offer lessons on how to search for jobs online, résumé help, one-on-one interview practice sessions and a business fashion show, among other resources.

Local businesses will also be on hand to talk with potential employees about job opportunities.

The library was host to a similar event last year and 10 percent of those who attended got jobs as a direct result of the fair, according to organizers.

"Some folks left with jobs; others left with knowledge; still more left with re-

**What:** Free job fair for all ages and skill levels

**Where:** Georgetown Library, 405 Cleland St.

**When:** Feb. 9, 10 a.m. to noon

newed self confidence," said Dwight McInvaill, Georgetown County library director. "These are all good things during very tough times."

Of about 150 who attended the last job fair, 93 percent rated it good or excellent in an exit survey.

The job fair is a project of the library's Small Business Center, funded by the IMLS Grants to States Program through the S.C. State Library, and by a "Smart Investing @ Your Library" grant, made possible by the FINRA Foundation of the American Library Association.

The Small Business Center offers personal job search assistance, small business marketing assistance, and many other resources, including a free basic computer skills class every Monday at 10:30 a.m.

To learn more about the job fair, the Small Business Center and resources offered through the Georgetown County Library, call 545-3300 or visit [georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov](http://georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov).

## National Take Your Child to the Library Day is Feb. 2

Georgetown County Library branches are planning special activities for Groundhog Day, which is also National Take Your Child to the Library Day.

Parents are encouraged to take their kids to their local library branch to learn what all the library has to offer, get their own library card and participate in activities, which may vary from

branch to branch.

Activities at the Carvers Bay Library will include children's movies and games. The Waccamaw library will have "Sweetheart Time" where kids can make Valentines, hear a story, have a snack and play games.

Call your local library branch for more information.

## Waccamaw Friends seek young poets

The Friends of the Waccamaw Library are accepting entries for their fifth annual student poetry contest.

The contest is open to students ages 12-18 who attend a public or private school on the Waccamaw Neck. Home school students are welcome, but must be eligible to attend a Waccamaw school.

Students will also have the opportunity to read their poems at the "Celebrate Poetry Night" at the Waccamaw Library April 18. Cash prizes will be awarded for winning poems. All entries must be postmarked no later than March 8.

For more information and rules, visit the Friends' website, [thefowl.org](http://thefowl.org), or call 235-3602.

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## "Convivial conversations on agenda for 'First Thursday'"

This month's First Thursday program at the Waccamaw Library will focus on "convivial conversations" with several guests of honor.

Amy King, the new children's librarian at Waccamaw, heads the guest list, along with Jalene Hubby, director of Empire for the Arts Dance and Tumbling Center, and Beverly Kennedy, co-executive director of the Family Justice Center of Georgetown County.

The program is free and refreshments will be served..

# Annual audit report shows good fiscal stewardship

Georgetown County's annual audit report, presented to County Council on Jan. 22, contained good news.

In his presentation, Butch Whid-don, an auditor with Baird & Co. CPAs, called the county a good fiscal steward and praised the county's finance staff.

According to the audit report, the county increased its net invest-ment in capital assets by roughly

\$16.7 million during the 2012 fiscal year, bringing the total book value of capital assets at year end to approximately \$130.5 million.

The county's outstanding debt decreased by about \$1.2 million, bringing the total outstanding debt to about \$73.3 million.

See the audit report in its entire-ty, along with annual financial statements at [www.gtcounty.org/finance](http://www.gtcounty.org/finance).

# Voter ID

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tion bill passed last fall, said Donna Mahn, director of Georgeotwn County Voter Registration and Elections.

Upon coming in for a new registration card and having their photo taken, voters will immediately receive a tem-porary, paper card. Their permanent card, made of plastic, like a driver's license, should arrive by mail within

two weeks.

Mahn advises this is also a good time for individuals to make sure all their voter information is current.

For more information about that process, the new voter ID law, or the series of meetings, call Voter Regis-tration at (843) 545-3339, or visit [www.gtcounty.org/voterreg](http://www.gtcounty.org/voterreg).

# Congratulations to our recently re-elected County Council Members



Georgetown County Council members re-elected in No- vember were sworn in during a ceremony on Jan. 8 in County Council Cham- bers. Pictured at top left are council members who took the oath of office last month. From left, they are: Austin Beard, District 5; Leona Myers Miller, District 3; Lillie Jean John- son, District 4; and Ron Charl- ton, District 2. Below and at left are scenes from the ceremony.



## Sheriff enlisting (G-)men to stand up against violence

Georgetown County Sheriff A. Lane Cribb is looking for more than just a few good men to join him in the fight against domestic violence.

In an ongoing membership drive for G-Men (Georgetown Men Endorsing Nonviolence), the sheriff hopes to recruit at least 500 men to his volunteer army, and raise \$50,000 to help victims of domestic violence.

The membership drive is part of G-Men's 2013 Safety Now campaign, which will kick off with a barbecue at Greenfield Plantation on March 24 from 1-4 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the Family Justice Center, which is busy preparing to open a safe house for victims of domestic violence in the county—something the county hasn't had since last summer.

Following in the footsteps of other successful initiatives around the country, G-Men seeks to enlist men to speak out collec-



tively against domestic violence. Its goals are to engage and encourage men to take a proactive stance in putting a stop to domestic violence. By creating educational programs, serving as positive male role models and, finally, by providing safety for those in crisis, men can make a clear, positive difference in their community.

A \$100 pledge is all it takes to become a member and be part of this community effort and the fun at Greenfield Plantation.

The all-you-can-eat barbecue will also include a fish fry and music by the Fat Jack Band, as well as guest speakers and a live auction. Registration for a concealed weapons permit class will also be offered.

Event sponsorships are also available. A \$1,000 sponsorship gets eight tickets to the inaugural barbecue, one year of advertising on the Family Justice Center of Georgetown County's website and an exclusive invitation to a turkey shoot and golf tournament.

For more information about G-Men, sponsorship opportunities or information about the Family Justice Center, call Donna Moeller at (843) 436-6066.

To become a member or a sponsor visit [www.fjcgeorgetown.org](http://www.fjcgeorgetown.org), or send a check payable to FJC/G-Men to P.O. Box 366, Georgetown, S.C. 29442.

## Clock is ticking on opportunity to save on tax penalties

A limited time offer that allows property owners illegally claiming tax discounts to save on tax penalties if they report the violation will expire on March 31.

On that date, the window closes and Georgetown County will begin actively seeking out violations of this type. Taxpayers found to be claiming discounts they're not entitled to—including lower tax rates on property claimed as a primary residence and the Homestead Exemption tax credit—will receive corrected bills for the current tax year and the year prior.

Anyone who reports they are in violation before March 31 will receive a corrected bill for the current tax year only. The law allows property owners to claim a lower tax rate (4 percent instead of 6) on a home that serves as their primary residence. Taxpayers can claim only one primary residence.

Additionally, people 65 and older or who are disabled, and who have lived in the state for a full calendar year and own their home may qualify for the Homestead Exemption tax credit.

Georgetown County is happy to help qualifying property owners take advantage of these special programs. However, any change in ownership of real property could affect eligibility and should be reported to the Assessor's office. Those changes include death of a property owner, marriage, divorce, legal separation or rental of a property for more than 14 days. For information, call 545-3017.

## Registration is now open for free DNR boater education class

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources will host a free boater education class on April 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The course teaches the fundamentals of safe and responsible boating. Boaters under age 16 are required by law to pass an approved boater education course before operating—without supervision—a personal watercraft (such as a Jet Ski) or boat powered by a 15 or more horsepower motor.

Though the course is free, pre-registration is required. Any-

one interested in the course can sign up online at [www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html). To sign up, click on "boating course" under the "instructor-led classes" link. Then type in ZIP code 29440 and select the appropriate date.

The course lasts six hours and end with a test. All participants are asked to bring a bag lunch.

For more information about boater education, call 1-800-277-4301 or check out the online boater handbook at the web address mentioned above.

## Donations being collected for food drive

A collection box for items needed by the Georgetown County Coalition Rural Depot Food Bank has been set up in the front lobby of the Sheriff's Office at 430 N. Fraser St., Georgetown.

The food bank is asking for canned soup and boxed crackers. Items will be collected through Feb. 16.

For more information, contact Audrey Miller, 318-0050.

## Richardson awarded for innovation

Holly Richardson, chief planner for Georgetown County, received the county's Innovation Award for the fourth quarter of 2012.

The award goes to county employees who develop and implement innovative ideas that increase the productivity and/or efficiency of the county's operations.

Richardson received the award for an effort that allowed departments—including planning, building, zoning, stormwater, fire and public works—to coordinate their review processes for projects. These projects may include commercial and

residential developments.

In addition to enhancing communication between departments for specific projects, the effort, which included formation of a committee, led to larger discussions regarding numerous multi-departmental issues.

As a result, staff in all departments involved have more information on hand and are better able to answer questions from customers, engineers and developers when they ask about specific projects. This has improved customer relations for various departments.



Holly Richardson, left, Georgetown County's chief planner, receives the Employee Innovation Award from County Administrator Sel Hemingway. The award was presented Jan. 23

## Midway Fire Rescue recognizes employees for outstanding performance

Midway Fire Rescue recently honored a number of its team for excellence and accomplishments in 2012.

Staff and volunteers chosen by their peers for honors are as follows:

- Joe Celletti—the Tom Boyd Memorial Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year Award;
- Joe Palombi—Career Firefighter of the Year;
- Lt. Pete Copeland—Officer of the Year;
- Rick Myers—Volunteer EMS Member



**Celletti**

of the Year;

- Ed Mills—Volunteer Support Services Member of the Year;
- Division Chiefs Bob Beebe and Todd Blomdahl, and Joe Palombi and Ryan Matthews—Excellence in Training;
- Jesse Morgan—Special Projects Award;
- Battalion Chief Carr Gilmore, Ian Edmonds, Kevin McLaughlin, Adham Dumont, and Jeremy Skinner—Meritorious Action Award ;
- Ian Edmonds—Excellence in Fitness;



**Palombi**

• Inspector Mike Morris—Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year;

• Frank Seitz, Scott McGuire, Inspector Mike Morris, Mike Chapman and Ric Matyas—five years of service;

• Rick Myers, Scott Matthews, Lt. Matt Smittle, Captain Jason Dennis and Joan Noble—10 years of Service;

• Battalion Chief Jeff Pifer—15 years of service

• John Stewart—35 years of service;

• Ed Mills—50 years of service.



**Copeland**

### NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES

The Georgetown County Stormwater Division welcomed a new senior engineer last month.

**Dan Eckis**, who has 30 years experience as a civil engineer, owned an engineering firm in Myrtle Beach before joining the county staff.

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office welcomes two new employees to its patrol division. **Samuel Casey** and **Allen Flagler** will begin attending the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy on March 10.



Pictured from left are new employees Eckis, Casey and Flagler.

### Sheriff's Office gives employee honors

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office recently honored three of its employees for outstanding service.

Shannon Burbage was named Deputy of the Year, Tiffany Childress is Telecommunications Officer of the Year, and Sgt. James Drye is Correctional Officer of the Year.

Please join us in congratulating these employees.



**Burbage**



**Childress**



**Drye**

# County bids farewell to two retiring employees

Georgetown County lost two long-time employees to retirement in January.

Vera Kirkland, deputy assessor, retired last month to devote more of her time to family matters. She worked for the Assessor's office for 25 years, beginning as an appraiser.

Kirkland was a wonderful employee who could always be relied upon and trusted to do any job right, said Assessor Susan Edwards.

Wanda Cribb worked in the Clerk of Court's office for 14 years, as a clerk and then Common Pleas Court coordinator.

"She really enjoyed her work and everyone she came into contact with knew that," said Clerk of Court Alma White. "Her out-



Georgetown County Clerk of Court Alma White, left, presents retiring employee Wanda Cribb with an award for her service. A retirement reception for Cribb was Jan. 25 at the Judicial Center.



The staff of the Georgetown County Assessor's office gathers around Vera Kirkland, third from left, as they bid her a happy retirement on Jan. 18 with a banner and a card.

standing job performance was predicated on her love of the job." We wish both of these dedicated employees all the best.

## Date set for Waccamaw library groundbreaking

Mark your calendars: The date for the groundbreaking ceremony at the new Waccamaw Library to be constructed in Litchfield is set for March 15 at 4 p.m.

Look for more information on the event to be released in the coming weeks. For more about the library, visit the fowl.org.

## Coming Soon

Registration for the following summer recreational programs is just around the corner:

- Aerobics**
- Canoeing**
- Day camps for kids**
- Adult league Sports**
- Sports skill development**

Call (843) 545-3275 or visit the Parks and Recreation page at [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org) for more information.

## WACCAMAW REGIONAL TENNIS CENTER

### AT STABLES PARK



### Usage Fees

(Per player; some court time limits apply)

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- ◆ Monthly—\$30
- ◆ Individual yearly—\$250
- ◆ Family yearly (2 adults)—\$400
- ◆ Senior yearly (55 and up)—\$200



## Call (843) 318-2265 for information

\* Kids 18 and under play for free. RSVP allowed two days in advance with yearly subscription. Yearly rates include USTA League fees.

## Brookgreen, Hobcaw featured on Feb. 25 'Antiques Roadshow'

Feb. 25 is the air date for an episode of "Antiques Roadshow" featuring two popular Georgetown County destinations.

The TV show, which is PBS's highest rated series, visited Brookgreen Gardens and Hobcaw Barony last summer while in the area for a tour stop in Myrtle Beach. It was one of six cities the show visited for its 2013 season. The sidetrips into Georgetown County will be part of breakout sessions shown during the two-hour Myrtle Beach episode. At Brookgreen, the show's cast interviewed Eric Silver, a spe-

cialist in American figurative sculpture, about two works from the Brookgreen collection: "The Vine" by Harriett Fishmuth and "Water Lilies" by Bessie Potter Vonnoh. Both artists were contemporaries of Anna Hyatt Huntington.

The Hobcaw visit focused on theft of paintings there in 2003. Stolen items are highlighted on the show in an effort to aid in recovery. A number of items have been recovered as a result of the show.

"Antiques Roadshow airs at 8 p.m. Check your local TV listings for more information.

## 'Pride and Prejudice' screening starts Feb. 8



The Georgetown County Library will have a free, public screening of "Pride and Prejudice," the BBC mini-series starring Colin Firth and Jennifer Ehle, this month.

The six-part series will be shown over three weeks, starting Friday Feb. 8 at the main branch on Cleland St. All showings will be from 6-8 p.m.

Episodes three and four will be shown on Feb. 15 and the final two episodes will be shown on Feb. 22.

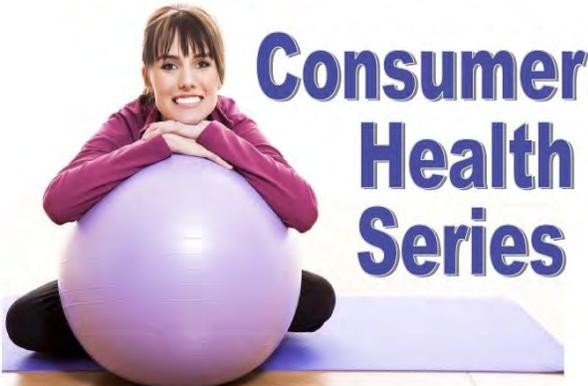
Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended. If the screening attracts a good crowd, the library plans to follow it up with a showing of the popular TV series "Downton Abbey."

For more information or reservations, call (843) 545-3388 or 545-3316.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine



and Georgetown County Library present a ...



Wednesday, February 6th, 5 p.m.

**African American  
Health Resources**

Tuesday, February 12th, 10 a.m.

**Senior  
Healthy Aging**

All programs held at  
The Georgetown County Library  
405 Cleland St. Georgetown  
(843) 545-3300

## Free iPad workshops at the Waccamaw Library



Learn how to navigate your tablet with ease  
and which apps are worth your time.

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.



### Warm weather brings out people, blooms

Unusually warm weather in mid-January had it looking more like spring than winter in Georgetown County. Plants were flowering, some folks said they saw pollen coating cars, and people hit the beaches in droves—some even breaking out bathing suits to take the best advantage of temperatures that hovered around 80 degrees. Check out more pictures on our Facebook page, or search for #georgetowncounty on Instagram.



PHOTOS/JACKIE BROACH



### Mardi Gras parades planned in Georgetown

Grab your beads and boas, because two Mardi Gras walking parades are scheduled for Feb. 12 in Georgetown.

The parades are part of a fundraiser the South Carolina Maritime Museum on Front Street is having that day, but participation in the parades is free and open to everyone.

The parades will begin at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in front of the museum and proceed along a three-block route in the City of Georgetown's historic district between Screven and King streets.

The parades will be followed by a party at the museum. Tickets to the party are \$20 and include dinner.

For more information about the parades or the party, call (843) 520-0111 or visit [www.scmaritimemuseum.org](http://www.scmaritimemuseum.org).

### Revitalization group seeks nominations For environmental stewardship award

Murrells Inlet 2020, a nonprofit community revitalization group, will accept nominations for its Golden Oyster Award until Feb. 15.

The award, which recognizes environmental stewardship, was established in memory of the late Dr. H.P. "Pat" Worrell, who recognized that the quality of life in Murrells Inlet hinged on the ecological health and vitality of the inlet itself, said Sue Sledz, Murrells Inlet 2020 executive director.

The Golden Oyster Award is given to a person, business or group whose actions show respect and care for the Inlet landscape and waters.

Nominations should include the following information: name, email and phone number of the person making the nomination; name of the nominee; and a 200 word or less summary of how the nominee demonstrates leadership, stewardship and a commitment to improving and protecting the Murrells Inlet community. Send entries to P.O. Box 1357, Murrells Inlet 29576, or [info@murrellsinletsc.com](mailto:info@murrellsinletsc.com). The award will be presented March 19.

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# Georgetown County, South Carolina

County Government

## Numbers to know

Animal Control, 546-5101

Assessor, 545-3014

Auditor, 545-3021

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## Nearly 1,000 hit the courts for rec. basketball program



About 930 boys and girls signed up with Georgetown County Parks and Recreation for recreational youth basketball programs this season. Games are under way throughout the county for kids in a variety of age groups. Kids are seen on this page enjoying the sport during a recent game night at the Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown. Next up is Hersey's track and field for boys and girls ages 5-14. Registration ends Feb. 1 and the first clinic is Feb. 1 at the Beck Center. For more information about recreational sports programs, call Desmond or Randy at 545-3275. Or get information about upcoming programs and registration dates at [gtcountysc.org/parks/programs](http://gtcountysc.org/parks/programs).

