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A truck hits a pothole coming out of the Pawleys Island Recycling Center. The road is due for repaving.

ROADS

Recycle center's 3-day closure will speed repaving

BY CHARLES SWENSON
COASTAL OBSERVER

It will take just three days to repair and repave the road to Georgetown County's busiest recycling center. But only if the center is closed for those days.

"Hopefully, we can get in there and get it done," said Ray Funnny, the county's director of Public Services.

The \$205,255 project on Grate Avenue at Pawleys Island received funding this week from the County Transportation Committee. The money comes from a portion of the state gas tax that is returned to counties for road projects.

"You probably need a Sherman tank to get down there," Tom Marchant, who chairs the transportation committee, said. "I had a bunch of calls about that, so I hope it can move along pretty quickly."

Although Funnny is in charge of the county's solid waste collection as well as road projects, he needed approval from County Administrator Sel Hemingway to close the center while the work is done. With that in hand, the work could start in March.

If the center isn't closed, the contractor estimated it would take a couple of weeks to do the work, Funnny said.

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Ban of onshore facilities for offshore oil advances

BY CHARLES SWENSON
COASTAL OBSERVER

A bill that would make a temporary ban on onshore infrastructure for offshore drilling permanent was approved by a state Senate committee this week. Opponents of federal proposals to open the Outer Continental Shelf to oil and gas production say they believe the General Assembly will pass the ban.

The bill by Sen. Chip Campsen of Charleston was approved 4-1 Wednesday by the envi-

ronmental subcommittee of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. It would prohibit the state from issuing permits for facilities used to explore for, develop or produce offshore oil and gas.

A similar measure was approved last year as a proviso to the state budget. It passed 40-4 in the Senate, but was only good for one year.

Campsen said offshore oil and gas is a threat to the state's tourism and real estate industries that are "the cornerstone of our economy."

While the Gulf states decided decades ago to develop oil and gas, South Carolina opted to preserve large sections of its coast. "This is an effort to preserve and protect that decision," Campsen said.

The subcommittee hearing, chaired by Sen. Stephen Goldfinch of Murrells Inlet, drew eight speakers, including Gabriella Martin, a freshman at Waccamaw High.

"As many of you have probably seen, young people are seeing increased pressures
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WINTER BLOOMS



The 16th annual camellia show by the Grand Strand Camellia Society draws growers and spectators to Inlet Square Mall. At left, Penny Lopez, Priscilla Brown of Murrells Inlet and Beth Samples of Pawleys Island admire camellia blooms on display. Below, Jack Cundiff, president of the camellia society, counted 800 blooms and estimated there were about 1,000 blooms on display.



MURRELLS INLET

Planners keep watch on tree plan for project

BY CHARLES SWENSON
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County planning staff will keep a close eye on trees in the development of 143 townhouses in Murrells Inlet where 71 trees that were intended to be part of a buffer were cut in 2017.

The project is the second phase of the Waterleaf, a 240-unit apartment complex approved by the county in 2016.

The 19.4-acre site between Wesley Road and Old Kings Highway is already zoned "general residential," which allows for multi-family development. "This is not a rezoning," said Boyd Johnson, the county planning director.

The commission will meet today to review the project to make sure it complies with the county's development regulations.

Development of the first phase of Waterleaf led the county to fine the developer, Graycliff Capital Partners of Greenville, \$13,500 after trees were cut that were supposed to be protected. Of 83 trees shown in a buffer, only 12 were left.

Graycliff blamed the problem on its engineers, who failed to show the buffer on the plans, and the county, which approved the incorrect plan.

Johnson said the county agreed to let Graycliff plant new trees to mitigate the lost buffer in lieu of the fine.

In recommending approval of the second phase, the staff recommends that approval be conditioned on "a detailed landscape plan" and "a tree removal/replacement plan" that will be reviewed by the county before construction. The staff also asks
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CAPITAL PROJECTS

Council agrees to start process for November sales tax referendum

BY CHARLES SWENSON
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Georgetown County will move forward with planning for a new round of capital improvement projects funded by a 1-cent local sales tax while it works to wrap up the projects funded by a tax that expired last year.

Voters will decide the fate of the plan in a November referendum.

"I think it's absolutely essential that the county change its business model in order to provide capital projects," County Council Chairman John Thomas said. "The economic environ-

ment is not that same" as in 2014 when the last sales tax was approved.

The penny tax was adopted to fund \$28.2 million worth of projects, including dredging in Murrells Inlet and road repaving around the county. But the tax raised more money than the state Department of Revenue estimated. That, coupled with \$6 million earmarked for a federal harbor dredging project in Georgetown that never materialized, left a \$16.9 million surplus when the tax expired in May 2019.

Administrator Sel Hemingway has proposed that the
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COUNTY COUNCIL

Former member calls board 'dysfunctional'



Charles Swenson/Coastal Observer

Former Council Member Bob Anderson said the resignation of top officials was due to criticism from "the mob." Wesley Gibson and Marvin Neal, seated right, are among those critics.

BY CHARLES SWENSON
COASTAL OBSERVER

A former Georgetown County Council member told the current council this week it is "dysfunctional" and argued for a change in the way it fields public comments even as he used the comment period at the council meeting to berate the council's other critics.

"I want you all to be successful, but you must regroup," Bob Anderson told the council.

He represented Council District 6 for one term, losing reelection to Steve Goggans in 2014.

Anderson said he has watched events unfold over the last year since the local chapter of the NAACP challenged the residency of District 5 Council Member Austin Beard. He tied that to a chain of events that led to the council's failure in October to hire a new county administrator.

"For me, this was embarrassing and the last straw," he said.

Two members of the NAACP, who have been regular speakers at the council meetings, sat impassively while Anderson referred to Beard's critics, black and white, as "the mob."

"During the Austin Beard lynching, the mob expanded their targets to include our county administrator and his staff," Anderson said.

Beard resigned in April after
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OBITUARIES

Clyde J. Davis, 87, cared for feral cat colony

Clyde J. Davis of Pawleys Plantation died Dec. 29 at his home. He was 87.

He was born June 16, 1932, in Niles, Calif., the son of George Davis and Susie Amaral Davis of Union City, Calif.

Mr. Davis served in the Air Force as a flight engineer during the Korean War.

He was later employed for over 30 years by Santa Clara County Public Works Department in California.

He retired and moved to Pawleys Island in 1998 where he enjoyed playing golf, fishing and relaxing on the beach with a book.

Mr. Davis loved all ani-

mals, but his passion was cats, his own and the feral colony he fed and looked after for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Kathy Davis; two sons, George Davis and Michael Sargenti, both of California; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and three beloved cats.

In addition to his parents, two sisters, Cherry Faria and Georgia Paislay, died before him.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent at grahamfuneralhome.org.

Warren G. Umstead Jr., 86, musician was patron of the arts

Warren Gehman Umstead Jr. of Litchfield Country Club died Jan. 8 at his home surrounded by his family. He was 86.

He was born in Lansdale, Pa., the son of Warren G. Umstead and Florence V. Umstead.



Mr. Umstead graduated from Lansdale High School in 1950 in the upper quintile of the class. He was a member of both the concert and marching bands and the Bux-Mont Honor Band his senior year.

At Temple University, he continued his music ambition. He was a member of the concert and marching bands, the Honor Society and the Mid Atlantic Honor Band. Mr. Umstead graduated from Temple in the early 1950s and graduated cum laude from the University of Alabama. He went on to receive his MBA from Webster University and a doctorate from California Coast University.

Mr. Umstead retired from the DuPont Company where he was an international major account manager. During his time with

DuPont he traveled the U.S. and extensively in Europe.

He was an active Master Mason, Scottish Rite Consistory and Shrine member.

After moving to South Carolina, Mr. Umstead continued his interest in music and the performing arts. He was a member of the Coastal Concert Association and served on the board of the Strand Theater, home of the Swamp Fox Players, where he performed on stage many times.

He was an active member of All Saints Church and a tour guide at Brookgreen Gardens for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; children, Cindy Jolly (Ron) and Scott Umstead; grandchildren, Casey Harvey (Will) of Nashville, Tenn; Emily Lee (Andrew) of Mount Pleasant; brother, Herbert E. Umstead; and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was held Monday at All Saints Church.

Memorials may be made to the church, 3560 Kings River Rd, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or Brookgreen Gardens, 1931 Brookgreen Garden Dr., Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Condolences may be sent at burroughsfh.com.

George D. Finley, 72, Vietnam veteran

George Darwin Finley of Pawleys Island, husband of Ute Lena Leibenguth Finley, died Jan. 13 at his home. He was 72.

He was born Nov. 14, 1947, in Chattahoochee, W.Va., a son of Millard Curtis Finley and Ruby Marie Horn Finley. He was a graduate of Chattahoochee High School and Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

George was a Vietnam veteran who served 22 years in the military, two years with the Navy and 20 with the Army. He was a door gunner and a crew chief during his enlistment. He moved to the area in 1988 from Fayetteville, N.C., and enjoyed playing cards, bowling, watching sports and coaching Little League.

He was an avid Duke basketball fan who also loved water sports, fishing and hunting.

In addition to his wife of 46 years, George is survived by his sons, Charlie Hoffman (Joanna) of Raleigh, N.C., Bryan Finley (Vicky Brazell) of Pawleys Island and Cory Lee Finley (Jamie) of Georgetown; his grandchildren, Triston Finley, Parker Finley, Blake Finley, Isabella Finley and Luke Finley; six sisters, Judy Defoe (George) of Williamson, W.Va., Nancy Lawley (Jimmy) of Montevallo, Ala., Phyllis Elliott (Greg) of Bristol, Va., Rita Finley Allen of Marvel Ala., Sue Ella Finley (Jerry) of Graysville Ala., and Virginia Finley of Marvel; three brothers, Donald Finley (Barbara) of Delbarton, W.Va., C.W. Finley (Betty) of Borderland, W.Va., and Freddie Joe Finley of Marvel; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, two brothers, Millard Finley Jr. and James Kenneth Finley, and a sister, Kathy Figart, died before

him.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Graham Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital,

ENVIRONMENT | Inlet & Bay Stewards

New group to support research reserve activities

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
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A new nonprofit is looking for "citizen-scientists" to help out at the local research reserve.

The Inlet & Bay Stewards will provide financial and volunteer support for the North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, which is located in Hobcaw Barony.

The group is hosting an open house on Jan. 25 to recruit members.

Duane Draper, chairman of the stewards, said one of the challenges the group faces is that the reserve is on private property and not as accessible as some of the other 28 reserves in the United States.

"It's a bit of a challenge," he said. "A lot of people don't even realize there's a [reserve] in our commu-

nity."

The stewards are dedicated to the long-term protection and conservation of the North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR by supporting education, land protection, community outreach, research and activities, and demonstrating the value of the reserve to the community.

Although Draper and many of the group's board members are master naturalists, it is not a requirement to join. They're just looking for "like-minded" naturalists, conservationists and environmental educators to volunteer for educational and monitoring programs at the research reserve; to help with community outreach, fundraisers or administrative tasks; and to design or write for a website that the group is going to launch.

There are 29 estuarine

research reserves in the United States funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR was established in 1992 and is one of two reserves along the South Carolina coast. The other, the ACE Basin NERR, is located north of Beaufort.

The North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR is made up of nearly 19,000 acres of tidal marshes and wetlands. The four rivers that drain into the reserve - Waccamaw, Sampit, Black and Pee Dee - make up the third largest watershed on the East Coast of the United States.

Draper said most of the 29 research reserves already have nonprofit "friends" groups.

Recently the National Estuarine Research Reserve Association started offering guidance to people to form

friends groups at reserves that don't have them.

"Now we're organized enough to have this open house," Draper said.

One of the group's long-term goals, Draper added, is to raise enough money to provide a yearly scholarship to a local student interested in studying marine biology.

For more information on the group, follow the Inlet & Bay Stewards page on Facebook.

"We're starting to build somewhat of an audience with that," Draper said. The group is also planning a presence on Instagram and Twitter in the near future.

The open house will be inside the Kimbel Lodge at Hobcaw Barony on Jan. 25 from 2-4 p.m.

Send an email to inletandbaystewards@gmail.com to RSVP.

Tax | Penny requires vote in November

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new tax be implemented for eight years as the sole source of funding for capital improvements. It is estimated to raise about \$85 million over its life.

It is uncertain how the surplus or projects from the first tax that are funded, but not completed, will impact the county's ability to hold a new sales tax referendum. "There are a lot of gray areas," Hemingway said. "I'm confident it can be worked out."

One option would be to allow voters to approve projects to be funded with the surplus from the first tax, he said.

Council is due to vote Jan. 28 on a resolution to hold the sales tax referendum. That will allow the creation of a six-member committee to come up with a list of projects and their costs.

A plan would need to be complete by June to get council approval and be placed on the ballot.

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REAL ESTATE

Lachicotte Co. merges with Litchfield Co.

A merger of two of the area's oldest real estate companies, with combined sales of \$300 million last year, is more like the coming together of families, the principals say.

The Litchfield Co. and the Lachicotte Co. both have their origins in the 1950s. They completed a merger at the end of 2019.

"The merger is one of families," said Royce King, president and CEO of the Litchfield Co. "We see the Lachicottes and Coopers as we see ourselves."

The Cooper family had been partners with A.H. "Doc" Lachicotte Jr. since 2012 and bought the company that bears his name in 2018.

Lachicotte got his start in real estate with the Springs Co. in Myrtle Beach in the 1950s and came home to Pawleys Island to run the Hammock Shops and the family hammock business as well as developing real estate.

The Litchfield Co.'s origins date to the purchase of Litchfield Plantation by a group of investors in 1957, when the land ran from the river to the beach. The company went on to develop Litchfield by the Sea, Litchfield Country Club, Willbrook and other properties.

The merger of the two firms' business operations created a company with about 160 agents and over 700 rental properties, making it the area's largest rental firm.

"The merger with the Lachicotte Co. is a natural fit, given our similarities in culture and the progressive delivery of full-service real estate sales and rentals,"

said Will Davis, vice president and broker-in-charge of the Litchfield Co.

The Lachicotte Co. will keep its name and its affiliations with Christie's International Real Estate and New American International, a global commercial brokerage.

The merger capped a strong year for the Litchfield Co.

"We had a good year this year and last year," King said in an interview last month before the merger was completed. "We feel like we're going to have another good year next year."

The company now has eight offices. It is the largest comprehensive real estate sales and vacation rental management company in the Carolinas, according to Davis.

"We're aggressive. We're going to grow the business," King said.

The four Cooper siblings - Gina Cooper, Christy Cooper Whitlock, Chuck Cooper and Gary Cooper - said they will focus on other business ventures and shared partnerships. Those include development of a hotel on Front Street in Georgetown.

"We see the character, integrity, and longevity of the Litchfield Co. as a great fit for the Lachicotte name and culture. Royce's and Will's proven track records and outstanding reputations in the community were the prime reasons we felt the merger was right for our staff, agents, clients and customers," said Whitlock, managing partner and CEO of the Lachicotte Co.

- CHARLES SWENSON



Tanya Ackerman/Coastal Observer

Clearing starts for park

A logging crew cuts timber on property next to Waccamaw Elementary School that will become part of a county baseball complex. The project has been part of the county capital plan since 2007. The property is owned by the school district, which will share the facility and parking.

Paving | Temporary closure will put project on fast track

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Hemingway said he didn't see that the work could be done any other way and that he supported Funnye's idea.

His proposal is to close the recycling center from Tuesday through Thursday. The crumbling intersection of Grate Avenue and Petigru Drive will be dug up and replaced. The remaining .3 mile of Grate will be resurfaced.

"We would ask people, just for these three days, to reduce, reuse and recycle," Funnye said.

Extra staff will be assigned to the Murrells Inlet recycling center while the Pawleys center is closed, he added.

Once the dates are set,

signs will be posted to let the public know of the closure, Funnye said.

The county also considered setting up temporary trash collection in the Pawleys Island area during the closing, but Funnye said that isn't practical because there would be no way to compact the trash.

Grate Avenue was also considered for a sidewalk or pedestrian path, but that plan was dropped after meetings with residents. The paving project doesn't include widening the oak-lined road. It will maintain access for residents while the work is carried out. "We can handle that," Funnye said, but recycling center traffic would lead to delays in the work.

The county has several other road projects planned for the area including resurfacing of Blue Stem Drive between Highway 17 and Kings River Road, Shipmaster Avenue and Watersedge Drive in Pawleys Retreat and Brookside Drive in Murrells Inlet.

It also plans to fill and seal cracks on other roads to extend the time before repaving. Those include the Bayfield and Coral Bay neighborhoods in Murrells Inlet, the Cypress Point neighborhood in Litchfield and Waccamaw Trace in North Litchfield.

Inlet | 143 units up for approval

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that grading and drainage plans be designed "to minimize protected tree removal."

The townhouses are estimated to generate 1,040 daily car trips, but won't impact traffic on Bypass 17, according to a traffic study.

"Intersections currently operate and are expected to continue to operate at an acceptable level of service, according to the study by Stantec.

The one exception is Bypass 17 and Wesley Road, which is currently listed as "failing."

But the study also says that the traffic signal at Wachesaw Road will create "adequate gaps" in southbound traffic to allow turns at Wesley Road.

The commission meets at 5:30 p.m. today in County Council chambers.



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Council | Anderson critiques critics

FROM FRONT PAGE the county election commission found he was not properly registered in his district.

Administrator Sel Hemingway announced in May he would retire at the end of the year. The finance director is also retiring. The county attorney is taking a new job with the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments.

Anderson said the council did nothing to defend Beard or county staff from "relentless harassment" during public comment periods.

The council reopened its search for an administrator after its first choice declined to take the job. Three of the seven members opposed the candidate, David Garner of Abbeville County.

Anderson said council should eliminate the public comment period at meetings or limit comments to agenda items. "They are not held as a public complaint forum," he said.

Also, he said constituent complaints to county staff should be referred to council members. That will make them more aware and free up staff to do their jobs.

Oil | Infrastructure ban advances in Senate

FROM FRONT PAGE of suicide and depression, and this really hit home to me," she told the senators. "Having the ocean as a place of refuge is important to me and all young people."

"Your place of refuge is also my place of refuge," Goldfinch told Martin.

She also said renewable energy will offer more opportunities for jobs for young people. "We don't want fossilized jobs and power," Martin said.

Other speakers supporting the bill included

the mayors of Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island and Folly Beach.

Mark Harmon, executive director of the S.C. Petroleum Council, was the only speaker opposed to the bill. He said drilling would create and estimated 34,000 jobs. "There are tangible benefits to the state," Harmon said.

Goldfinch asked where any infrastructure would be located.

Harmon said he wasn't aware of specific plans, but said "there are areas sur-

rounding the port area" in Jasper County.

Goldfinch, who has spoken in favor of the economic benefits in the past, said he is "evolving on the issue" after talks with Campsen.

Sen. Dwight Loftis of Greenville cast the lone dissenting vote. "I love our beaches," he said, but he didn't want to shut out the industry if it can be regulated or if technology changes.

"I know I get painted as the bad guy, but I think we should have an open mind," he said.

County finds new finance director in-house

Georgetown County's accounting manager will take over next month as its finance director.

Ed Kilcullen, who has worked in the finance department since 2009, will take over from Scott Proctor, who is retiring.

Proctor announced his retirement last summer after County Administrator Sel Hemingway said he planned to step down. The county expected that Hemingway's replacement would hire a new finance director, but that plan was derailed when County Council's first choice for the administrator's job declined the offer.



Kilcullen

Kilcullen is a certified public accountant and a certified internal auditor. He worked in finance at the Medical University of South Carolina and the city of Charleston, and was deputy finance director for Berkeley County before coming to Georgetown.

Hemingway said there were about five qualified applicants for the position, and he was pleased to find one in-house.

He is working this week with Proctor on the transition. "He's going to be a hard act to follow," Kilcullen said.

ELECTION 2020

Charlton seeks 6th term in Council District 2

Ron Charlton announced this week will seek a sixth term on Georgetown County Council.

He said the planned hiring of a new administrator and the hiring last week of a new finance director make it important to have experienced council members.

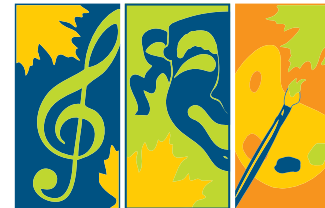
Charlton was first elected in 2000 to Council District 2, which includes the southern portion of Waccamaw Neck. He said after winning re-election to a third term in 2008 that he didn't plan to run again. He was re-elected in 2012 and 2016 without opposition. He served two years as the council chairman.

"Georgetown County is facing challenges in leader-



Ron Charlton

ship with a new administrator and new finance director," he said in announcing his run. "These individuals will need an experienced councilman to help guide them as they become familiar with the people and issues of Georgetown County."



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Frustrated father fires gun in argument with son

An argument between a Pawleys Island area man and his son ended with a bullet hole in the floor, according to the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office.

An unidentified woman told a deputy that she arrived home around 4 p.m. on Jan. 12 to hear the two men arguing. She then heard a gun go off.

The father, 55, said his son, 25, came home drunk. He said the son yelled at him and was "in his face."

The father told the deputy he could only take so much. He grabbed a pistol and fired at the floor to scare the son. The son left by car with a friend.

The deputy was unable to contact the son to find out if he wanted to press charges.

Other incidents reported to the sheriff's office recently include:

Jan. 10
7:28 a.m. | A Tradition Club man, 68, was found dead on the golf course from a gunshot wound. A groundskeeper discovered the body and the gun.

The case was turned over to investigators and the coroner.

Jan. 9
2:46 p.m. | A Hagley woman suspects that a man she once dated is responsible for the dog feces she found on the hood of her car. She told a deputy that the man has phoned, sent text messages and approached her in public to talk after they stopped dating. She wanted the man and his brother placed on trespass notice.

The deputy was unable to contact the man and told the woman to call the sheriff's office if he showed up at her house.

5:02 p.m. | A deputy began CPR on a Murrells Inlet

man, 18, found lying on the steps outside his home. He and other deputies continued until emergency medical workers arrived.

He was later pronounced dead at the hospital from a possible suicide, the deputy said.

Jan. 8
6:46 a.m. | A Garden City man, 74, was pushed and kicked by a man in his 20s or 30s who was rummaging through the older man's pickup truck at the Marsh View Marina. The older man told a deputy that he saw the truck door open. When he got closer, he saw a pair of legs sticking out of the passenger's side door.

The older man confronted the younger man. A scuffle followed. The younger man fled and drove off in a white hatchback.

The older man said he wasn't injured. He told the deputy he has seen the younger man in the area before and could identify him if he returns.

9:18 a.m. | Someone pried open a lock-box in a Greenville man's car while it was parked outside a Litchfield Beach house and stole a .357 caliber pistol. He told a deputy a box of ammunition might have been stolen too.

A jack mechanism found in the driveway was likely used in the break-in, the deputy said.

11:36 a.m. | A Litchfield man, 98, reported about \$150,000 in stamps missing from his home. He told a deputy he has been collecting the stamps since he was 8.

The man said his wife once took some of the stamps. They were returned by his daughter, and it was discovered that his wife was suffering from dementia.

This time, the man said

he suspects a housekeeper may be responsible.

3:01 p.m. | A Pawleys Island area girl, 14, was cited for theft after a Pawleys area boy, 14, reported a set of Air Pods were stolen from a classroom at Waccamaw High. The boy and the school resource officer tried to trace the pods through an app, but got a tip from another student that led them to the culprit.

The girl said she took the Air Pods as a joke and gave them to another student to hold. They were returned. The girl was released to her mother.

6:14 p.m. | A Pawleys Island area boy, 13, who was reported missing by his aunt, was returned home by a deputy who found him walking with friends along Waverly Road. The aunt said the boy left home without telling anyone. She later found him outside the Dollar General on Highway 17, but he just walked away when she tried to get him into her car.

The deputy said there were similar incidents involving the boy in the past, and he would contact the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Jan. 7
10:47 a.m. | Security video showed someone driving a white SUV use bolt cutters on the lock of an outdoor cooler at Creek Ratz restaurant shortly after midnight. A manager arrived in the morning to find the lock on the ground.

Boxes of cod, crab legs, shrimp, tuna and flounder valued at \$690 were miss-

ing. The video showed the suspect load them into the SUV and drive off.

A lock was also cut on a cooler at Nance's Creek-front restaurant. The cooler was empty. Someone tried to pry open another cooler, but only damaged the door and lock.

7:43 p.m. | A Murrells Inlet woman said her daughter, 17, told her she was picked up by SLED while visiting a friend in Orangeburg County. The mother said her daughter left on New Year's Day to stay with her boyfriend. The daughter then went to a female friend's house.

The daughter told the mother that the friend supplies her with drugs.

Jan. 6
10:49 a.m. | Someone paid for gas at Lowes Foods with a counterfeit \$100 bill. A manager said two \$100s were used at the gas pumps, but employees weren't sure which one involved the bogus bill.

A week earlier, a manager discovered a fake \$100 had been used in the store. It was also one of two received that day.

Jan. 5

1:36 p.m. | A Florida woman who said she had received harassing messages from her ex-husband asked for a police escort to the ex's Litchfield home so she could pick up their two children. The ex told a deputy that one of the children was traumatized that a deputy was at the home and that she didn't want to leave.

The deputy confirmed with a supervisor that the child could not be forced to leave and that the issue would have to be settled in family court.

As the deputy and woman waited outside, the

deputy searched the area, but couldn't find the suspect.

12:45 p.m. | A Sandy Island man, 74, was arrested for disorderly conduct after a manager at the Pawleys Island Food Lion said he was drunk and bothering customers. A deputy found the man sitting outside a nearby liquor store. He said the man smelled of alcohol, but denied having anything to drink.

8:30 p.m. | A Georgetown man, 31, was arrested as a felon in possession of a firearm by a deputy who stopped his car for speeding on Highway 17 in Hagley. The silver Nissan smelled of marijuana.

The man agreed to be searched for weapons. He said the hard object the deputy felt in his jacket pocket was a cellphone. The pocket was empty, but the deputy felt the outline of a gun under the jacket. A loaded .38 caliber automatic was retrieved.

The man told the deputy he also had a bag of marijuana in his sock. It contained 2.3 grams.

In addition to weapons charges, he was cited for "simple possession" and vehicle violations.

Jan. 4
6:12 a.m. | A Murrells Inlet man, 63, said he confronted a man in his 20s that he saw throw something at his Mercedes as he drove south on Highway 17 near Litchfield. The inlet man told a deputy he saw the younger man run across the road to the Pawleys Express convenience store. He found the suspect behind the store.

The younger man threw a \$20 bill at the older man before running off. The older man later found scratches on the driver's side door where it was struck by the unknown object.

The deputy searched the area, but couldn't find the suspect.

2:42 p.m. | Someone stole a .38 caliber pistol from a Murrells Inlet man's unlocked SUV while it was parked outside his home.

Jan. 3
12:24 p.m. | A North Carolina man said he saw a man pulling a woman toward a vehicle near along-side Bypass 17. He asked the couple if they were all right. The woman said she was fine as she walked away from the vehicle. The North Carolina man told a deputy he followed her to make sure.

The man appeared, pulled out a gun and told the North Carolina man, "we're fine."

The deputy discovered that the couple were outside the woman's home. The man, 22, of the Pawleys Island area, said they had been arguing when the woman got out of the car. He told the deputy he grabbed her arm because she had the wrong cellphone. The woman confirmed his story.

The Pawleys man was arrested for "pointing and presenting." The .45 caliber pistol was found in the glove box of his car.



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It pays to plan for flood mitigation

SOUTH CAROLINA EXPECTS to have \$100 million in federal funds for an infrastructure project that will mitigate future flood damage in the Pee Dee and Santee watersheds. The money is part of \$12 billion approved by Congress for resiliency projects following Hurricane Joaquin in 2015 and subsequent storms. This could be an important start toward addressing needs in Georgetown County, but it will require that the county begin to develop its own shovel-ready projects to take advantage of these funds.

Among the state's 46 counties, Georgetown County had the highest per capita property losses to flooding between 2000 and 2017, according to data compiled by the state Disaster Recovery Office. At \$1,716 for each resident, the figure was twice that of the next highest county, Dillon.

The state is now taking public comments on a draft plan for using the federal funds, which will total \$157.6 million. Along with infrastructure projects, the money will be used for housing buyouts, matching other federal mitigation projects and developing flood-reduction studies. The focus will be on river flooding, not storm surge and tidal flooding from the ocean.

The infrastructure funds will be available to local governments as well as state agencies. Last summer, County Council heard from the leaders of Georgetown RISE, a collaboration whose name is an acronym for resilience, innovation, sustainability and education, about their work on flooding issues. The group's top recommendation was that the county create a citizens task force to continue and engage the public in those efforts. Nothing was done.

The availability of federal mitigation funds ought to prompt the county to take another look at the Georgetown RISE recommendation. A citizens task force could start the process of identifying projects that would benefit from these funds and help reduce future flood damage.

Election 2020

Enough of Trump

To the editor:

Driving around Pawleys Island and the surrounding areas, one may see the occasional "Trump 2020" bumper sticker. As a long-standing Republican, I am embarrassed at such a display of allegiance to someone that I feel has done irreparable harm to our nation and the world at large.

But further, seeing this bumper sticker, has in my mind, transitioned to becoming an outward facing symbol of the driver's desolational ignorance and/or outright racism. This is the feeling it instills, along with a feeling of overall embarrassment and dread for our great nation.

I'm willing to give my friends and colleagues a "pass" for voting for Trump in 2016. Many felt that a businessman, rather than a politician, might be a good step forward. While I don't disagree that entitled "career politicians" are a real problem, and as such I support term limits, the choice of Trump was unfortunately not the right businessman.

Anyone who admits the absolute truth knows that Trump built his empire on the backs of others, with a string of failed businesses and pre-engineered bankruptcies, designed to line his own pockets, while others were left financially exposed and in many cases ruined. Though some 2016 voters may have overlooked

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the facts, 2020 voters have further evidence of the true profile of this man.

Between the thousands of lies and deceptions, his inner-circle behind bars, obstruction of Congress and the absolute arrogance of his posturing, I awaken each day hoping the nightmare of Trump is finally over. The man has no redeeming values and I implore my fellow citizens to look at themselves in the mirror.

If you consider yourself a good person, caring of others, and feel you are intellectual, then remove your 2020 bumper stickers and come to the realization that Trump is not the answer.

Paul O'Neil
Heritage Plantation

Middle East

Divisive rhetoric emboldens Iran

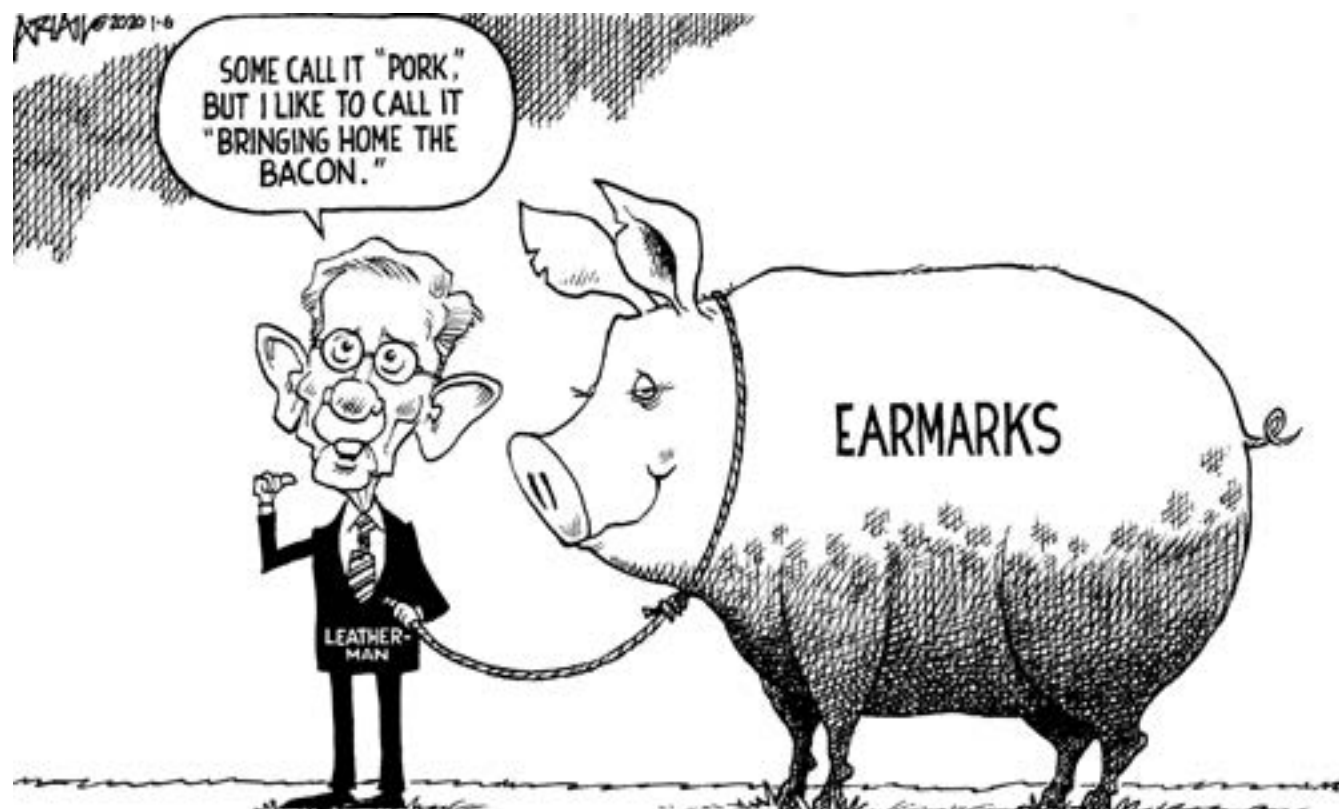
To the editor:

The drone attack that eliminated Iran's anti-American military leader, Gen. Qasem Soleimani, was belated justice for the hundreds of Americans killed and thousands wounded at the hands of this murderous terrorist.

This action should have been executed 15 years ago, which would have saved thousands of lives and created less backlash than will occur now. Presidents Bush and Obama did not have the political courage to act for fear of reprisals.

Iran's 1989 mantra of "Death to America" still resonates loudly in 2020. Iran's military strength does not match American power, therefore their long-term strategy has remained "death by a thousand cuts" by utilizing proxy forces for mini-attacks throughout the world.

In 2013, Iran was on the brink of total collapse due to U.S. sanctions until Obama and John Kerry gifted them a huge lifeline



Land use

Long-range plan should reject higher density

To the editor:

In 1987, a proposal to turn a 16.1-acre lot into what is now the tennis facility at Litchfield Country Club was submitted. Over the years other proposals were submitted to change the number and style of residential units, the number and type of courts, etc. In 1991, the property was split to make way for three duplexes. In 1997, 5.19 of the acres was transferred to HealthPoint leaving approximately 11 acres. In 2005, a proposal to increase the density to 6.7 units per acre was submitted. It was approved and another 2.09 acres was taken from the 11 remaining acres leaving approximately 9 acres of undeveloped land. This accounting is a summary of what took place from 1987 to 2005.

Fast forward to 2019 and the potential loss of the remaining acreage, along with 34 trees, including protected ones.

Last year, we saw proposal after proposal submitted for approval. It all began with a plan for nine three-story buildings housing 108 one-bedroom units which was quickly taken off the table when it became clear that neither the Planning Commission nor the members of the community were going to let that happen. Next came two proposals for 32 single-family homes. The last plan for the use of the tennis court area was for 19 single-family homes.

So the property at Litchfield Country Club's tennis

facility that began with 16-plus acres of undeveloped land went from that to what could have been a property with no undeveloped land if developers had their way.

This is how it happens. It isn't always a sudden clear cut like so many developments currently under construction. It could take years of gradually chipping away of green space project by project. All you have to do is look at Litchfield Plantation, the apartment buildings behind the Bridges at Litchfield, Pawleys Cove or Hammock Cove to see where the new comprehensive plan could take the Waccamaw Neck.

How many protected trees could we lose? How many more impervious surfaces like buildings, driveways, sidewalks, etc. might add to the already serious flooding issues we have? How many more trips per day could make our traffic issue even more dangerous than it currently is? Will anyone ever get out if we have to evacuate? You don't need to be a rocket scientist to see the connection between higher density standards and the consequences it presents.

If all of this sounds like an overreaction to you, think again. An article in the Wall Street Journal dated July 2, 2019, paints a picture of how bad things can get. The subject of the article is Apex, N.C., and a family who moved there because they "were drawn there by its schools, affordable housing and quaint downtown." It goes on to

say that "Many other families had the same idea." It also points out that "Apex officials are learning what happens when too many people share the same dream. The town has grown 54 percent since 2010. ... The flow of newcomers has outstripped the ability of Apex to accommodate them, triggering tax increases and traffic jams. ... In Apex, about 15 miles from Raleigh, the trouble is finding space. New schools are over capacity on the day they open. ... The state Department of Transportation said it needed to delay many road-widening projects because of escalating land costs and a long priority list. The project at the top of the list won't start work until 2024 or later."

The mayor of Apex said "I love it here, but I can't turn left out of my neighborhood." Sound familiar?

This is not Apex, but many people have the same dream as we all did when we moved to this area. Like Apex, much growth has taken place here in the last 10 years. The development that is taking place now and that which is proposed in the near future will present the residents of this community, as it did with Apex, with problems we cannot solve when they cripple the people who live here.

The planners hired by this county use safe sounding words and images of beautiful parks, pretty sidewalks and smiling residents to garner your support for plans that will lead to the same issues facing towns

like Apex. A new comprehensive land use plan is being drafted as this letter is being composed. If the public meetings set up to supposedly get public feedback are any indication of what the final draft will look like, we, the citizens of this community, need to stand up and say "no."

Say "no" to high density and the cavalier attitude toward the loss of protected trees. Say "no" to the greed and self interest that results in the replacement of pervious surfaces with impervious surfaces such as buildings, concrete driveways, sidewalks and asphalt road ways. Say "no" to the end of the scenic quality of the 17 corridor.

Public meetings are required before this plan is adopted. If you care about the way of life here, show up and be counted. Safe words and pretty pictures are simply an attempt to get you to buy into the new concepts of the comprehensive land use plan that may bring more tax dollars to the county and put lots of money into the pockets of developers, engineers, architects and real estate agents. All it will bring to the rest of us is more grief and a desire to move on to the next dream location far away from here. A place that like the Neck, once a dream, will become a nightmare if planners and developers have their way.

Beverly Sullivan
Litchfield Country Club
This letter was written on behalf of the Keep It Green S.C. committee.

Rep. Rice embraces the partisan view

To the editor:

This is an open letter to U.S. Rep. Tom Rice.

Please Mr. Rice, don't make your constituent email notices intentionally antagonistic.

For example, your latest email concerning the eliminating of Soleimani notes the following: Obama chose to appease Iran; he enriched Iran's ability to fund terrorist proxy groups by sending a plane load of \$1.7 billion in unmarked cash; said cash very likely bought the very missiles launched at our bases; and the response by "my colleagues across the aisle" was to limit Trump's power to respond and is unpatriotic and irresponsible.

You, sir, do not have to include this type of partisan material in your emails to inform us of all the work you are doing up there in Washington. Keep your pet theories of giving Iran all this cash which was probably used for the missiles lobbed at U.S. troops. If you

are not sure, don't feed us this hogwash. Was this cold, hard cash withdrawn from the wallets of we taxpayers? Do you have a scintilla of proof that the cash was used to procure the missiles?

Please confine yourself to factual material and spare us the inflammatory and unnecessary baloney.

Additionally, it should be mentioned that the secretary of defense, Mr. Esper, said he did not see the intelligence about imminent attacks on four of our embassies. Huh? The national security advisor, of all people, had a similar flimsy response to questions of attacks.

Aren't you, Mr. Rice, concerned a tiny bit about the war powers clause in our Constitution? You are apparently happy to cede congressional powers to Mr. Trump, whole hog with no oversight.

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Hannah Kay Nash



Anne Isabella Young

A visit from The King | Lakes at Litchfield residents got a thrill last week when Elvis Presley (Jeff Keener) stopped by on his birthday. Terry Bazinet, right, offered Elvis a seat. Jenny Clark, below, had a big smile for the “King of Rock ‘n’ Roll.”

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Tanya Ackerman/
Coastal Observer



Two make debut at 117th annual ball

The Georgetown Cotillion Club presented two young ladies at the 117th annual Debutante Ball, held Dec. 20 at the Winyah Indigo Society Hall.

Hannah Kay Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Alan Nash, was presented by her father. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edward Nash of Garden City and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alston Wynn Bailey of Columbia. She graduated from Georgetown High School and is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina majoring in advertising.

She was escorted by Mark Alan Nash Jr., her brother, a senior at the University of South Carolina majoring in hospitality management. Her marshals were William Thomas Bellune III and Robert Jackson McCarley IV.

She wore a ball gown made of Micado silk with a bateau neckline, jeweled bodice, and A-line skirt.

Anne Isabella Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Newton Young, was presented by her father. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale LeRoy McAllister of Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Daniel Young of Myrtle Beach.

She graduated from Georgetown High School and is a junior at the University of South Carolina majoring in public relations and minoring in business administration.

She was escorted by Christopher Bret Kirtley of Georgetown, a freshman at Clemson University majoring in biological sciences. Her marshals were Peter Gardner DiVenere and Christopher Price Moore.

She wore a ball gown made of unembellished faille, with faille-covered buttons down the back of the bodice, strapless neckline, pleated bodice and waistband, and a full and sweeping skirt with pockets.

The evening began with a reception hosted by the debutantes' parents. Punch was served by the marshals' wives, Mrs. William Thomas Bellune III, Mrs. Peter Gardner DiVenere, Mrs. Robert Jackson McCarley IV, and Mrs. Christopher Price Moore. The debutantes were directed by Tara Cramer. The door keeper was Lawrence Harris Chewning IV.

The Georgetown Cotillion Club president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Kendall Rinehart, and vice president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Andrew Postal, greeted guests. The Grand March was led by Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart. Mr. Rinehart then introduced the debutantes to the club as each young lady entered through the ballroom doorway decorated with garland of fresh magnolia and white roses. Each debutante carried a bouquet of long stem red roses. A harp accompanied the presentation with a selection of classical pieces. “What A Wonderful World” played while the debutantes danced with their fathers and escorts. The president and his wife gave each debutante a handkerchief embroidered with her initials to commemorate the evening.

The rehearsal dinner was held the evening before

the ball in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Brad Tiller. The other hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bellune, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarley, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Moore.

A luncheon honoring the debutantes was held on Dec. 19 at Bistro 217 hosted by Carolyn Baker, Nancy Beard, Jennifer Bell, Evelyn DiVenere, Tory Mackey, Kristen Mattar, Rhodes Miller, Susan Moore, Stephanie Oxner, Wynn Peace, Tracey Rogers, and Robin Tiller.

The officers of the Georgetown Cotillion Club include Mr. Brandon Kendall Rinehart, president; Mr. William Andrew Postal, vice president; and Mr. Lawrence Harris Chewning IV, secretary/treasurer.



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In the schools



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Watching their robot complete a practice run are R2 Designers team members, from left, Jessica Hammel, Skylar Schoen and Aden Perry.

COASTAL MONTESSORI

Taking center stage

Coastal Montessori Charter School students showed off their talents to a sold-out crowd last week. Performers included, clockwise from top left, Michael Winters, who won first place for singing, comedian Cash Harris, and Georgia Madigan and Izzy Kaulback, who won first place for their physical skit. Proceeds from the ticket sales were donated to the school.

Winners | Instrumental: first, Harrison Single; second, Ansley Collis. **Speaking/singing:** first, Michael Winters; second, Anne Marshall Easterling and Claire Leventis. **Physical:** first, Abby Williams and Maddie Kaulback; second, Pressley Garner.



The judges Sarah Brock, Katie Wilson, Chip Henneey, Nan Gadek and Katie Moore consult with Julia Easterling, who helped organize the event.

WACCAMAW INTERMEDIATE

Robotics team dazzles crowd at state event

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Waccamaw Intermediate School's robotics team didn't advance past the FIRST Lego league state competition on Saturday, but the fifth-graders did win an award and get to perform in front of the everybody in attendance.

The R2 Designers' Hover House, a structure built on a stainless steel platform and pilings like a floating dock and lifted up and down by flood waters, won first place for Innovation Solution. The team's presentation to the judges included a performance of the song from "The Addams Family," with reworked lyrics about flooding.

In competitions, teams perform for judges in private. But the R2 Designers were asked to sing and dance for everyone.

"They rocked the presentation," said Beth Goude, a teacher at the school and the team's coach. "Everyone was stomping to the snaps in 'The Addams Family' tune. It was great."

The competition, which also included a challenge for a student-built robot, was for teams in grades four through eight. Goude said most of the teams that advanced were middle-school aged kids.

IT WAS THE FIRST year competing for the R2 Designers.

"It was such an amazing experience for my team of rookies to see how the best teams from across the state approached every aspect of FLL, from the project to the robot game," Goude said. "Now that they know what to expect, I know they'll come back even stronger next year."

As part of their preparation,



Jairo Ramos looks over the water model of the Hover House.

teams are required to consult with community members with real-world experience on the subject matter of their project.

Ryan Fabbri, administrator for the Town of Pawleys Island, was called in and spent time with Waccamaw Intermediate's three robotics teams.

Two of the teams' projects had to do with flooding and Fabbri is a certified floodplain manager.

"It was more like brainstorming," Fabbri said. "They blew me away with how insightful their questions were."

Fabbri thought the Hover House was a good idea, but would work best on or near a river where the flood waters aren't so rough.

"Coastal wouldn't make sense," he said. "But it's certainly a concept worth exploring further."

LOWCOUNTRY PREP

Help for reading programs builds donor literacy

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

A group of Lowcountry Prep School students has formed a branch of the United Way to help local kids become better readers at a younger age.

The 11th-graders are doing exactly what the Black River United Way does: raise money, solicit and review grant applications, award the money, and then follow up on how the money is being spent.

"Our public school systems aren't the best around here," said Blake Joseph. "We want to make sure we can maximize the possibility for kids to have a good future."

"Getting your early reading to a great level will help you achieve what you want to achieve in life, like get whatever job you want," said Thomas Prosser. "And then you're more likely to have a more sustainable income, which will help you help your children get

the education they need."

Lowcountry Prep students have to complete an 18-month service project as part of earning an International Baccalaureate diploma.

ONE REQUIREMENT is the project must include 30 minutes of volunteer work every week.

"This is perfect," said Abby Van Hoewyk, the faculty adviser for the United Way project. "It's in line with IB, but works really well with everything."

Yolanda McCray of Black River United Way is working with the students on the project. It is the first time in the chapter's nearly 50-year history that students have formed their own United Way.

"We provide a vehicle for them to touch many lives through what they're doing," McCray said. "It's very exciting because we want to teach our kids to be philanthropically minded. It also helps us reach a generation that we don't



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Yolanda McCray, president and CEO Black River United Way, left, discusses the creation a student United Way chapter at Lowcountry Prep School with Harry Oxner, Lauren Baker, Abby Van Hoewyk, Blake Joseph and Thomas Prosser.

generally reach. We're normally going after the parents."

The students decided that if a child learns to read well, they'll be able to write well and be able to get into a good college and then be able to support a family when they graduate.

"We had a few options and

we kind of knocked some out and picked what we thought was most important," said Lauren Baker. "It was kind of nice for us to be able to choose something."

"If you can read, you can pretty much do anything ... that is around the academic base," said Harry Oxner.

Van Hoewyk sees the biggest challenge as the kids being able to balance classwork, homework, applying to colleges, social lives and the project.

"Not make this the most important thing, but to prioritize, because it is important," she added. "That balance is what I worry about when I look at my students getting involved in volunteer projects."

"The most exciting part for me is getting to make a difference in the community," Oxner said. "Not many people really think about that."

Prosser is looking forward to helping kids who don't have the advantage of attending a school like Lowcountry Prep.

"Helping them get the education they should have is really good," he said.

A group of sophomores is assisting the juniors to get a taste of what working on a project is like for next year.

Van Hoewyk said the school has been trying to get involved in a literacy program for a long time. She even met with staff at the Waccamaw Library a few years ago, but nothing came of it.

"Partnering with the United Way has made this possible," Van Hoewyk added.

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- 6 Convention handouts
- 10 Second of the 10 biblical plagues
- 15 Mission-driven org.
- 19 Underway
- 20 Congress person
- 21 Ancient neighbor of Lydia
- 22 Intl. group founded in 1960 with five members
- 23 "We can't hear you in the back, Johannes!"?
- 26 Winter leaf covering
- 27 "Oops, my bad!"
- 28 Fixtures at most airport lounges nowadays
- 29 Boston ____ (Sam Adams offering)
- 30 Place to fill up in Canada
- 31 Not just -er
- 32 Canal trouble
- 35 Triage sites, briefly
- 36 Brown in a Food Network kitchen
- 37 Not leave alone
- 38 Put on a production of a classic Sondheim musical?
- 41 Subjects of "birds and bees" talks
- 44 Knowledgeable about
- 45 Pirate's chant
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- 47 What composers do when they add the finishing touches?
- 50 Lets out

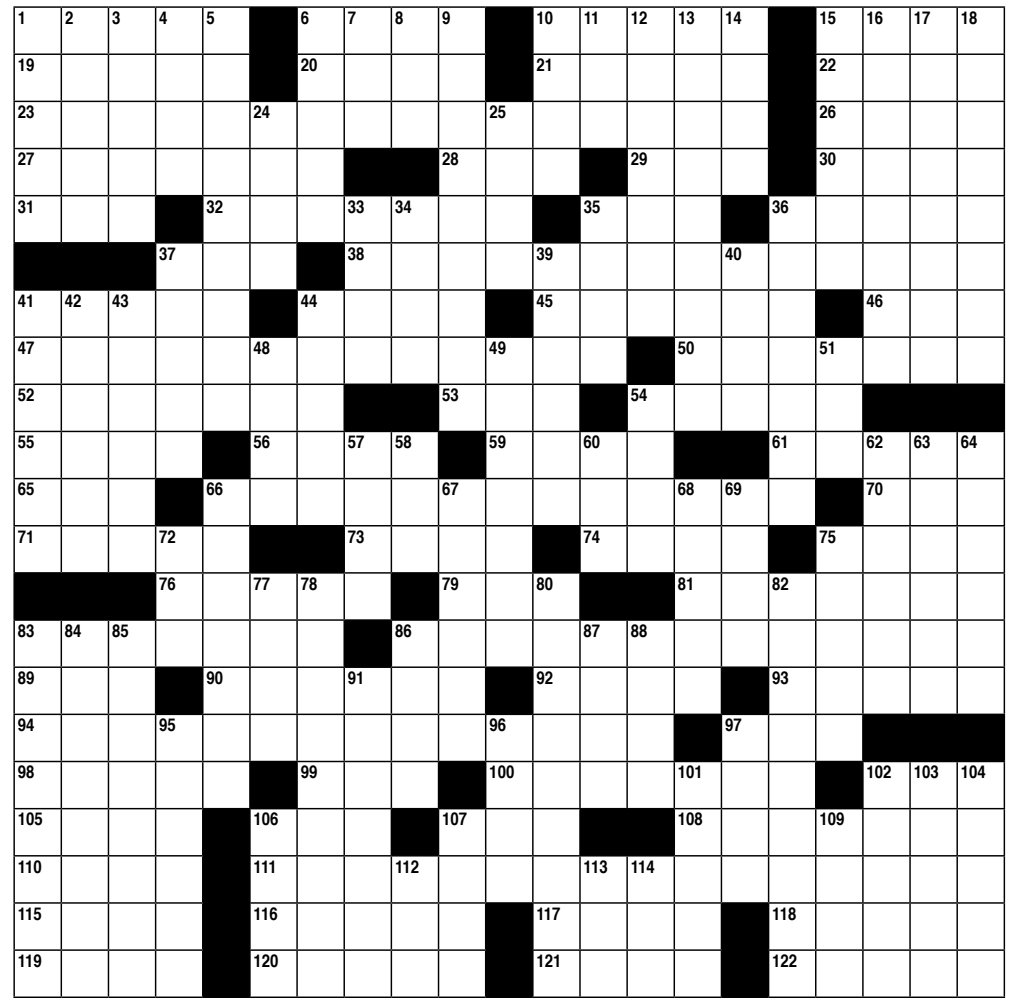
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- 54 Place to park at the bar
- 55 Police, informally
- 56 Comedian Andre with a self-named Adult Swim show
- 59 Russian assembly
- 61 Super-duper
- 65 Western Hemisphere grp.
- 66 What workers at the sticker factory do?
- 70 ____ Royal Highness
- 71 Words before "Remember" and "Forget" in song titles
- 73 Shooter of arrows
- 74 Code part
- 75 Brown in the kitchen
- 76 Scarfs (down)
- 79 Do some pogoing
- 81 French France
- 83 Jackson nicknamed the "Queen of Gospel"
- 86 Shorten words like "forecastle" and "boatswain"?
- 89 Equal
- 90 Stretching muscle
- 92 Certain yearling
- 93 What a private detective might photograph
- 94 Ignore what you have in reserve while taking inventory?
- 97 Morn's counterpart

- 98 Assignment that might have a page limit
- 99 #MeToo ____
- 100 Underground places with bats
- 102 Anti-bullying spot, for short
- 105 Toiling away
- 106 Computing pioneer Lovelace
- 107 Side dish with kalua pig
- 108 Betrays a sibling, say
- 110 Statistician's worry
- 111 Encouragement at an N.B.A. mixer?
- 115 Irish novelist O'Brien
- 116 Pull
- 117 Lake near London
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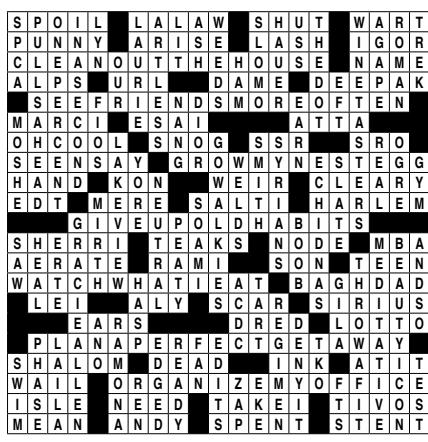
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- 9 Be nominated
- 10 Some scuba gear
- 11 Overcharge ridiculously
- 12 In the world
- 13 Samoa salesperson
- 14 Worth heeding
- 15 Utterly useless
- 16 Nonbeliever, now
- 17 Not always available
- 18 NASCAR and FIFA, e.g.
- 24 Ibis's perch
- 25 Brinks
- 33 Google Play buys
- 34 Big snapper, informally
- 35 Book of Mormon book
- 36 Ready for romance
- 37 Trim, in a way
- 39 Spectacle
- 40 "I totally forgot!"
- 41 End result
- 42 Take up again, as a case
- 43 Like foods said to be good for hangovers and bad for skin complexion
- 44 In ____ (not yet delivered)
- 48 Singer who was in 2018's "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again"
- 49 Has as a mount
- 51 Right-angled joint
- 54 "Quién ____?" (Spanish "Who knows?")
- 57 Fateful day in 44 B.C.
- 58 No purebred
- 60 Cosmo, e.g.



- 62 What's the big idea?
- 63 Dimensions
- 64 Something you don't want to be under
- 66 Noodle, for example
- 67 Colleague
- 68 Put on the books
- 69 Giving up time
- 72 Carrier until 2001
- 75 Rudder's place
- 77 Place
- 78 Dispersed, as a search party
- 80 Retro Chrysler
- 82 Corroborates
- 83 Did some gambling
- 84 Former Haitian leader Jean-Bertrand
- 85 Defenders in the Battle of Trenton
- 86 ____ Nostra
- 87 Film director Nicolas
- 88 Tangent introducer
- 91 Funny
- 95 Watched a kitty
- 96 Target of an air freshener
- 97 Series finale abbr.
- 101 Baseball's Chase
- 102 Confederate in an audience
- 103 Ridged fabric
- 104 Syrian strongman
- 106 Doesn't just sit
- 107 Writers might click them
- 109 Sporty roof feature
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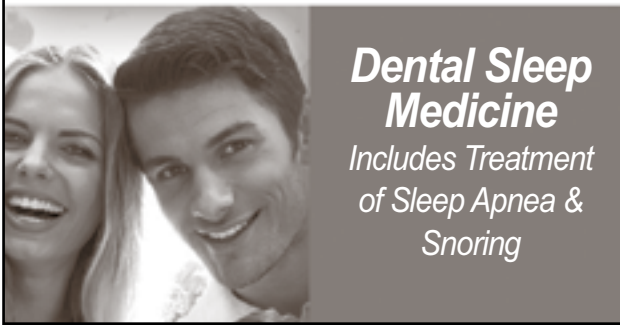
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Meetings

Tourism Management Commission: Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce office, Litchfield.
Georgetown County Planning Commission: Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m., County Council chambers.
Georgetown County School Board: Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m., Beck Education Center.
Georgetown County Library Board: Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m., Georgetown Library.

Churches

Food and fellowship: Harvest of Grace Café. Third Sunday of the month, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Highway 17.
 • Bread of Life soup kitchen. Mondays and Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, Highway 17.
 • Father Pat's Lunch Kitchen. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, Waverly Road.

Education

Gullah dolls: Zenobia Harper demonstrates the traditional Low-country craft. Jan. 20, 10 a.m., Brookgreen Gardens. Free with regular admission.

McClellanville history lesson: Bud Hill of the Village Museum discusses "The People of the History of the St. James Santee Parish and McClellanville." Jan. 21, 10 a.m., Georgetown Library. Free.
Pawleys Island history: Lee Brockington discusses five centuries of Waccamaw Neck stories. Jan. 21, 3:30 p.m., Waccamaw Library. Admission limited to Friends of the Waccamaw Library members. Memberships available at the door.

Arts and entertainment

Litchfield Tea and Poetry: Ray McManus, Adrian Rice and Molly Rice read and discuss their work as part of a monthly series. Jan. 16, 10 a.m., Waccamaw Library. Free.
Moveable Feast: Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig and Karen White ("All the Ways We Say Goodbye"), Jan. 17, 11 a.m., Pawleys Plantation. Signing at Litchfield Books, 2 p.m. Next: Diane Chamberlain ("Big Lies in a Small Town"), Jan. 24, 11 a.m., DeBordieu Clubhouse. \$60 (includes book). Call 843-235-9600 for tickets.
Strand Cinema: "Official Secrets," a British whistleblower leaks information to the press about an illegal spy operation. Jan. 17, 2:30 p.m.; "Downton Abbey," the TV series about British aristocrats and their servants continues. Jan. 17, 7

p.m.; "Leonardo: the Works," check out every work Leonardo da Vinci created. Jan. 18, 2:30 p.m.; "The Dancing Dogs of Dombrova," an estranged sister and brother travel to Poland at the request of their dying grandmother. Jan. 18, 7 p.m., Strand Theater, Georgetown. \$7 (\$5 for members).
Classic films: "Double Indemnity," an insurance representative gets talked into a murder/insurance fraud scheme by a seductive housewife. Jan. 17; "Chinatown," Jack Nicholson is a private eye caught up in a web of deceit, corruption, and murder. Jan. 24. All showings at 2:30 p.m., Waccamaw Library. Free.
Lee Minton Signature Series: Pianist Brandon Goldberg performs jazz. Jan. 21; Alexis Cole sings jazz. Jan. 28. Part of the Pawleys Island Festival of Music and Art. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. at The Abbey, Litchfield Plantation. \$20. Go to pawleysmusic.com.
French Film Festival: "Ôtez-Moi D'un Doute (Just To Be Sure)," Jan. 24, 5:30 p.m.; "Le Mystère Henri Pick (Henry Pick Mystery)," Jan. 25, 2:30 p.m.; "Première Année (The Freshmen)," Jan. 26, 2:30 p.m.; "Le Grand Bain (Sink or Swim)," Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m.; "Remi, Sans Famille (Remi, Nobody's Boy)," Feb. 1, 2:30 p.m.; "La Finale (In the Game)," Feb. 2, 2:30 p.m., Waccamaw Library. \$3 per film. \$10 pass for all six available

at Art Works, Litchfield Exchange.
Jazz at the Winyah: The Jeff DiMaio Trio performs. Jan. 24, 7 p.m., Winyah Auditorium, Georgetown. \$20.
Exhibits
Exquisite Miniatures: Check out the very small paintings of Wes and Rachele Siegrist. Jan. 25 through April 26, Brookgreen Gardens. Free with regular admission.
350 Years of European Settlement: Learn about the early days of South Carolina through artifacts of 17th-Century life. On display through Jan. 31, Georgetown County Museum, Georgetown. Free.

Sports

WHS basketball: girls and boys varsity host Aynor, Jan. 16, 6 p.m.; girls and boys JV and varsity at Manning, Jan. 17, 4:30 p.m.; girls and boys JV and varsity at Academic Magnet, Jan. 21, 4:30 p.m.; girls and boys JV and varsity host Hanahan, Jan. 24, 5 p.m.; girls and boys JV host Georgetown, Jan. 27, 6 p.m.
WHS wrestling: varsity at the Horry/Georgetown Invitational at Aynor, Jan. 18, 9 a.m.; middle school and JV at the state qualifier, Jan. 18, 9 a.m.; middle school, JV and varsity hosting Bishop England and Conway, Jan. 22, 6 p.m.


Et cetera

Pawleys Island Singles: New club for people looking for love, friendship, or both. Jan. 17, 7 p.m., Quigley's Pint and Plate.
Legislative breakfast: State senators and representatives discuss the issues facing the community and the country. Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m., Pawleys Plantation. \$40 (\$25 for Chamber of Commerce members). Call 843-546-8436 to register.
Community Health Day: Free and low-cost screenings and health information from Tidelands Health professionals. Jan. 24, 7:30-10:30 a.m., Georgetown Presbyterian Church. Download registration forms for screenings at tidelandshealth.org.
Super Bowl: 22nd annual fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity features soups from local eateries. Jan. 25, 5 p.m., Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. \$30 (\$35 at the door). Call 843-546-5685.
Auschwitz commemoration: Live stream from the University of South Carolina to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp. Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m., Waccamaw Library. Free.

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Notice of application

Notice is hereby given that QND, LLC DBA Quigley's Next Door at 251 Willbrook Blvd, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a new Alcoholic Beverage Permit allowing On Premise Sales of Beer, Wine, and Liquor. To object to the issuance of the license and/or permit written protest must be postmarked no later than 16 dates of Jan. 16, 2020.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN FILE NO.: 2019-CP-22-01063

NOTICE OF HEARING

BNC Development, LLC Plaintiff, vs. South Bay Properties, LLC, Harbor Club On Winyah Bay Property Owners Association, Inc., and John Doe and Jane Doe, Defendants. TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Plaintiff will move for all relief requested in the Summons and Complaint in the matter of BNC Development, LLC vs. South Bay Properties, LLC, et. al., Civil Action No. 2019-CP-22-01063, at 11:00 a.m. on February 24, 2020




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LIS PENDENS
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town County, SC" prepared by TRICO Engineering Consultants, Inc., said map being dated June 27, 2007, and recorded July 18, 2007, a copy of which is recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Georgetown County on Plat Slide 647 at Pages 1-10. TMS Nos: 05-0049A-017-00-00; 05-0049A-022-00-00; 05-0049A-023-00-00; 05-0049A-024-00-00; 05-0049A-025-00-00; 05-0049A-026-00-00; 05-0049A-027-00-00; 05-0049A-028-00-00; 05-0049A-029-00-00; 05-0049A-032-00-00; 05-0049A-033-00-00; 05-0049A-034-00-00; 05-0049A-035-00-00; 05-0049A-037-00-00; 05-0049A-038-00-00; 05-0049A-040-00-00; 05-0049A-041-00-00; 05-0049A-042-00-00; 05-0049A-043-00-00 MARING & MOYER, LLC s/Laura M. Moyer Laura M. Moyer, Esquire Maring & Moyer, LLC SC Bar #75107 1130 Highmarket Street Post Office Box 478 Georgetown, SC 29442 Telephone: 843-545-9544 Facsimile: 843-545-9735 laura@maringmoyer.com Georgetown, SC November 1, 2019

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN FILE NO.: 2019-CP-22-01063

SUMMONS

BNC Development, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. (Non-jury) South Bay Properties, LLC, Harbor Club On Winyah Bay Property Owners Association, Inc., and John Doe and Jane Doe, Defendants. TO: THE DEFENDANT NAMED ABOVE: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their offices at 1130 Highmarket Street, Georgetown, South Carolina 29440, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. MARING & MOYER, LLC s/Laura M. Moyer Laura M. Moyer, Esquire Maring & Moyer, LLC SC Bar #75107 1130 Highmarket Street Post Office Box 478 Georgetown, SC 29442

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

BNC Development, LLC Plaintiff, vs. South Bay Properties, LLC, Harbor Club On Winyah Bay Property Owners Association, Inc., and John Doe and Jane Doe, Defendants. TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Order of the Honorable Larry B. Hyman, Presiding Judge of Court of Common Pleas that A. Taylor Silver, has been appointed as Guardian ad Litem Nisi to represent John Doe and Richard Roe, a fictitious name to represent any minors or persons under a legal disability, who may claim an interest in the real property that is the subject of this action. Unless the appointment of A. Taylor Silver, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi is contested within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication hereof, said appointment shall become final. MARING AND MOYER, LLC s/Laura M. Moyer Laura M. Moyer, Esquire Maring & Moyer, LLC SC Bar # 75107 1130 Highmarket Street Post Office Box 478 Georgetown, SC 29442-0478 Telephone: (843) 545-9544 Facsimile: (843) 545-9735 laura@maringmoyer.com Georgetown, SC January 7, 2020

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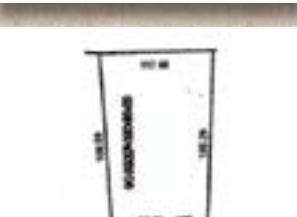

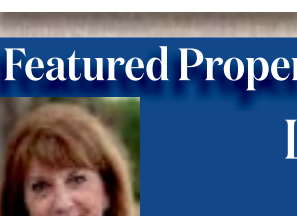
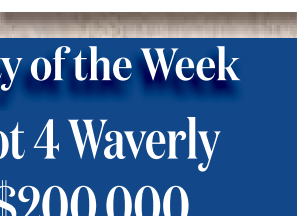



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Local club results

BY CAROL BULONE
FOR THE OBSERVER

Okun Tour

The members played at True Blue. The format was modified Stableford points.

Order of finish: Chuck Todd, +12; John Espe, +7; Sam Allen and Dan Hipsher, +6; Herb Bleck, +5; Carl Meyer, +3; Phil Beincasa, Dave McKenna and Bob Phelan, +2; Denis Broderick, Charlie Lalomia and Wayne Nokes, +1; Mike Milne and Bob Okun -1; Paul Fallon and Paul Patula, -2.

Closest to the pin: Broderick on three, McKenna on seven, Todd on 11 and 14, Tom Anderson on 16.

In another event, the members played modified Stableford points at Caledonia.

Order of finish: Sam Allen, +5; Dan Hipsher and Chuck Todd, +1; Mike Milne, even par; Hank Buchanan and Carl Meyer, -1; Rolly Hall, -2; John Espe and Bob Okun, -3; Herb Bleck and Vince Ditchkus, -5; Dino Pappas, -6; Paul Petula and Dan Petry, -11.

Closest to the pin: Ditchkus on three; Hipsher on seven; Okun on 11; Meyer on 16.

Heritage Plantation

This week the Weekend Warriors played at team quota at Wachesaw East.

First, Bill Buettner, Gary Wiklund, David Morman, Dick Orr, +8; second, Andy Davis, Frank Baker, Mike David, Walt Grady, -5; third, Gary Brochu, Walt Loos, Bob Stein, Harry Koerber, -7; fourth, Ken Graham, Sid Worley, Wayne Odom, Greg Youngman, -8.

Low gross: first, Wiklund, 79; second, Baker, 81.

Most over quota: first, Orr, +8; second, Gary Wiklund, +7.

Closest to the pin: Bob D'Alessandro on four, Zack Fowler on 12.

Tradition Club

The men's Gold Tee Association weekly game was a modified Texas scramble.

Front nine: first, Dick Pacella, Joe Stacey, George Gabelman, Dieter Wegner, -9; second, Dave Phillips, Pat Delaney, Ernie Heilberg, Bill Kendall, -6.

Back nine: first, Charlie Cocores, Al Carline, Gary Clifford, Ron Kemper, -12; second, Tom Strasser, Al Federaro, Tom Sandham, Charlie Muratore, -11.

Closest to the Pin: Frank D'Amato on two, Pacella on five, Federaro on 12, Muratore on 15.

WHS WRESTLING

Coach pleased with finish at 'measuring stick' tournament

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Three Waccamaw High School wrestlers finished in contention for medals at the Blue Devil Classic at Dreher High School last weekend.

Warriors coach Don Williams called it the toughest tournament his team has competed in this year.

"There was a lot of 4A and 5A powers," Williams said. "We were a small fish in a big pond."

Jerrod Smith went 2-2 and finished in the top six at 195 pounds. Thomas Cook went 3-2 and finished in the top eight at 126. Jayden

Carnahan went 3-2 and finished in the top eight at 145.

As a team, Waccamaw finished 25th out of 35 teams.

"Some of the guys we saw, they were good," Williams said. "It gives us a measuring stick so we can look at how we're doing. ... If you want to be the best you have to beat the best."

Williams said the Warriors got to scout some Class 3A teams they might face in the postseason such as Swansea, Emerald and Pelion.

"It was good to get out of the neighborhood," he added. "It was worth us going."

Waccamaw had to forfeit seven matches and lost 60-21 to Conway on Jan. 8.

"They're a very good team," Williams said.

Three of the Warriors' four wins came on very quick pins. Smith won in 19 seconds at 220, Ryan Gallagher won in 36 seconds at 120, and Dalton Brown won in 48 seconds at 126. Stacy Wilson also won on points at 138.

Waccamaw will compete in the Horry-George-

town Invitational at Aynor High School on Saturday and host Bishop England and Conway on Wednesday night.

On Jan. 25 the varsity Warriors are headed to Ola High School in McDonough, Ga., for the Last Man Standing Tournament.

Williams said last year the wrestlers asked him if they could go out of state to see some new competition.

"That just wanted some-

thing different," Williams said. "You get tired of seeing the same thing over and over."

Nine of the teams in the tournament are coached by men who wrestled for Williams while he was a high school coach in Georgia for 33 years.

"It's kind of a reunion for me," Williams said.

Williams won three state team titles and coached 12 individual state champions.

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\$389,000 Shannon Crafton



1272 Crooked Oak - Litchfield Country Club
5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home awaits its next family. This spacious home offers over 4,200 heated sq.ft with plenty of room for entertaining. This home is highlighted by a Mother-in-Law suite.
\$384,000 Neil Giesler



108 Pinewood - Riverview Estates
Located directly on the Black River, this home offers views up and down the river while sitting on 0.53 acres. The well maintained bulkhead and fixed dock are in place. The interior offers 3 bedrooms / 2 full baths with an open family room centered around the wood burning fireplace.
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328 Windover - North Litchfield Beach
Raised beach home offers 5 Bedrooms / 3 Full Baths / 2 Half Baths and located less than 500 ft. from pristine beaches & Atlantic Ocean. This home sits one lot off of Parker Drive & is being offered fully furnished. This home has been meticulously cared for by the one/only owner.
Neil Giesler \$649,000



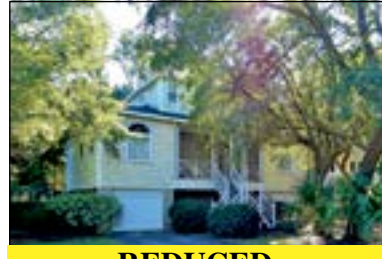
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Situating in the heart of Pawleys Island, this home offers incredible views of the creek & ocean. Quick access to the beach/ocean and all the activities the creek offers like fishing, crabbing & boating. Offering 6 bedrooms, this home is ready to host your family vacations.
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41 Federation - St. Charles Place
Charleston style home located in gated community. Private beach access through Litchfield by the Sea. Golf cart ride or short drive away. M/BR on the 1st floor, the remaining 3 bedrooms and 2 baths are on the 2nd floor. An efficiency apartment for guests above garage.
\$415,000 Bill Jagger



44 Parker - North Litchfield
One Of A Kind beach house only steps away from beach access! It is OCEANSIDE on the South end of this coveted community and sits on a large corner lot with beautiful oak trees. Beautiful pecky cypress walls greet you the moment you open the door to this 5 bedroom, 4 full bath, one story home.
\$795,500 Julie Swink



318 Lakeshore - North Litchfield Beach
2 story raised beach home located in North Litchfield Beach. The first floor features an open spacious plan with 2 living areas, dining area and half bath. The kitchen includes a breakfast bar, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances Interior features gas fireplace. The master suite is located on main floor.
\$579,000 Shannon Crafton



230 Sanderling - DeBordieu Colony
4BR, 3.5BA custom built, low country home is nestled among moss draped live oak trees. The outside living space is extended by both a wide front porch, an expansive rear deck and covered screen porch overlooking the 11th fairway of the golf course.
\$679,000 Amy Moss



216 Windover - North Litchfield
This beach retreat has 5 Bedrooms/3 Baths which being casually furnished. Short walk or golf cart to the beach. This large, private corner lot has a fenced area and a very large natural area with grass and large shade trees.
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1616 Hawthorn - Litchfield Country Club
Spacious, all brick home with 3BR & 3.5BA. All bedrooms located on first level. Impressive kitchen with large refrigerator & custom cabinets. 39' x 20' BONUS ROOM plumbed for bath. Lease purchase considered.
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407 Cannon - Georgetown
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21 Shorebird - North Litchfield Beach
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1129 Crooked Oak - Litchfield Country Club
Remarkable 4 Bedrooms/3 Bath home in immaculate condition. A large Carolina room is located on the back of the home that overlooks the 3rd fairway of the Litchfield Golf course.
\$359,000 Shannon Crafton

CONDOS



Osprey Watch 4B - Litchfield by the Sea
Lakefront 3 bedroom/2.5 bathroom condo in the gated community. This condo has been recently updated - with new Kitchen countertops and stainless steel appliances. The lakefront view from the deck and the screen porch is superb! The Living room has fireplace.
\$449,500 Julie Swink



Hamilton 202 - Litchfield by the Sea
Oceanfront condo in immaculate condition. 3BD, 3BA. Fully furnished. Master bathroom has been completely remodeled for a luxurious feel. Steps away from the pristine sand of the Atlantic Ocean. Balcony complete with picturesque views and ocean breezes.
\$649,000 Neil Giesler



Crescent D4B - Litchfield by the Sea
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\$550,000 Rick Gilmer



Crescent D1A
Exclusive Litchfield by the Sea, this oceanfront condo showcases luxury inside and outside. End unit, 4 br/3 full ba. Truly tailored with recent upgrades & fresh paint. The first floor offers a private stairwell to the ground for easy access to the pool & beach. Fully Furnished.
\$529,000 Neil Giesler



Shipyard Village A41 - Litchfield by the Sea
3BR, 2BA oceanfront condo with updates throughout. This end unit is facing north and the sunrise views await.
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47-6 Twelve Oaks - Pawleys Plantation
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WACCAMAW HIGH BASKETBALL



Photos by Tanya Ackerman/Coastal Observer
Waccamaw High's Kayleigh Rhodes dives for a loose ball against Bishop England on Tuesday.

Girls fall 92-39 to BE

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
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Waccamaw High School's girls basketball team lost 92-39 to Bishop England on Tuesday night to remain winless on the season.

"[They're] by far the best team we've faced," said Warriors coach Matt Vassallo. "We've faced more aggressive teams, but offensively they were so skilled and well-coached."

The Warriors started slow, scoring only 5 points in the first quarter.

"The warmup was flat," Vassallo said. "We've tried to change the warmup a few times. I think they sometimes forget the intensity it takes to play at this level."

The Warriors seem to start slowly in home games, Vassallo added.

Waccamaw's offense picked up as the game went on, scoring 12 points in the second quarter and 14 in the third, before being held to 8 points in the fourth.

"We put up 39 points," Vassallo said. "That's not bad against a well-coached, fundamentally strong team."

Yazmine Syndab led the

Warriors with 21 points. "She likes shooting and the rest of her game is really starting to come along," Vassallo said. "She's more confident with the ball. I still want her to drive more."

Destiny Jackson had 9 points, Kayleigh Rhodes had 4, Dajua Mitchell had 3, and Adams Howard had 2.

Waccamaw was coming off a 32-28 loss to Georgetown.

Syndab led the Warriors with 16 points.

Jackson had 6 points, and Mitchell, Maddie Weathers and Grier Brown all had 2 points each.

Waccamaw also lost 42-20 to Lake City on Jan. 8.

Syndab led the Warriors with 7 points.

Jackson had 4 points, Adams Howard and Nolan Howard had 3 points each, Weathers had 2, and Aniya Wilson had 1.

Waccamaw travels to Manning on Friday and Academic Magnet on Tuesday.

Vassallo said he's seen progress in the Warriors all season.

"We're learning how to put the ball in the basket," he added. "Morale is still pretty high. They see we're getting better."

Scoreless OT dooms boys against Bishops

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Waccamaw High School's boys basketball team lost 56-47 in overtime to Bishop England on Tuesday night.

"We had the game right where we wanted and we just did not execute," Waccamaw coach Mike Quinn said. "We just couldn't finish."

The Warriors trailed 15-12 at the end of the first quarter and were trailing 28-20 as time was winding down in the second quarter. A 3-pointer by Fisher Darden and a basket by Victor Otubu cut the Bishop England lead to 28-25 at halftime.

The Warriors outscored the Bishops 8-6 in the third quarter to cut the lead further to 34-33.

Waccamaw took a 41-37 lead halfway through the fourth quarter. Tre Phillips had 4 points during that stretch.

The teams traded baskets and timeouts as time was winding down, until steals by the Bishops on consecutive Warriors' possessions gave Bishop England a 47-45 lead with 9.8 seconds left in the game.

Otubu then scored at the buzzer to send the game into overtime, but those were the last points of the night for the Warriors.

Carrelle Cooper led Waccamaw with 12 points.

Otubu and Phillips had 10 points each, A.J. Vereen had 6, Kyle Pence had 4, Darden had 3 and Montea Myers had 2.

Waccamaw was coming off a 67-49 loss at Georgetown on Friday night.

The Warriors struggled early and trailed the Bulldogs by 24 points at the end of the first quarter and at halftime.

"They had a little bit more intensity. I thought



Waccamaw's Carrelle Cooper tries escape the grasp of a defender on Tuesday.

that we matched it but we couldn't put points on the board," Quinn said. "Everything they threw up went in, everything we threw up, didn't. We just couldn't put it in the ocean."

Waccamaw couldn't overcome the 24-point deficit despite outscoring Georgetown 37-31 in the second half.

"Second half, I thought we rebounded," Quinn said. "We came back and tried to match their intensity, but they're a good team. You can't dig yourself that type of hole against a good team."

Otubu led the Warriors with 18 points.

Quinn said Otubu rallied the team at halftime.

"Vic really said a lot of inspiring things about

what we needed to do and the kids responded," Quinn said.

Cooper had 7 points, Pence and Fisher Darden had 5 points each, Phillips and Vereen had 4 points each, and Myers and J.J. Stepp had 3 points each.

Waccamaw beat Georgetown for the championship of the Bulldog Shootout in November. Quinn said that gave the Bulldogs motivation.

Thirty turnovers by the Warriors also helped Georgetown.

Waccamaw returned to action after the Christmas break with a 57-46 win over Lake City on Jan. 8.

"They're a good team," Quinn said "We had a great lead throughout the game and then they went on a

run and we responded. [It] was the epitome of playing frustration-free."

Quinn said frustration has been the Achilles heel of the Warriors this season.

"When we can just stay together, relax, encourage each other and not be frustrated ... we can persevere and overcome whatever comes our way," Quinn said. "We've been inconsistent. We've got to be more consistent."

Darden led Waccamaw with 16 points.

Otubu had 10 points, Cooper and Vereen had 9 points each, Phillips had 8, Myers had 3, Kam Green had 2.

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