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Face mask dispute goes viral as hospital prepares for surge

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As they prepared for a surge of coronavirus patients, officials at Tidelands Health dealt with a surge of criticism that they weren't protecting their staff adequately.

The husband of a nurse at Waccamaw Community Hospital posted Saturday on Facebook that his wife was exposed to the coronavirus after she was told not to wear personal protective

equipment unless dealing with a patient who was "under investigation" for the coronavirus.

"There's no need to waste PPE on them," Troy Perry said his wife, Ambrosia, was told.

More than 11,000 people commented on the post and it was shared 20,000 times. Perry said he and his wife have gotten messages from nurses all over the country who tell the same story.

"It just goes to show that I'm not the only one who feels that way," he added.

Ambrosia Perry was released from the hospital Sunday and is recovering at home. She had three COVID-19 tests, and all were negative.

Bruce Bailey, president and CEO of Tidelands Health, said he was pleased that she "came through it and is home and recovering well."

Bailey and Dr. Gerald Harmon, vice president of medical affairs, both said Tidelands follows state and federal PPE guidelines.

"Having something like that go viral like it did, and not be as accurate as we would have hoped it would have been in portraying the situation at hand, it wasn't helpful," Bailey said. "One of the biggest challenges is having a strong, consistent scientifically-based message to our employees about what the proper use of PPE in the face of a pandemic."

Perry said he stands by his claims.

Tidelands is preparing for a surge of coronavirus patients

that is being predicted by state and federal officials.

"We're not at the peak, we're not at the downside at the state or local level of COVID positive patients right now," Harmon said. "So we're anticipating that we'll need more [PPE]. But we don't anticipate needing more than what we have. We have strict rules about all this and we're updating them literally daily depending on the latest available scientific data."

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CORONAVIRUS

Behind the mask

Sewing machines hum to fill gap in supplies

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
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Whether it's for individuals in need or health care workers, Waccamaw Neck residents are producing masks to help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Karen Fedor of Heritage Plantation has made more than 100 masks for friends, neighbors and acquaintances who work at hospitals in Chicago and Maryland.

Fedor spends six to eight hours a day working on masks.

"I just sew, sew, sew. It's a full-time job," Fedor said. "I figured I've been this God-given gift to sew."

She has heard from people with pre-existing conditions like cancer who are desperate for masks.

"They're just scared," said Fedor, who is also a cancer survivor.

Fedor is a retired special education teacher. She now has a quilting business, As the Hummingbird Flies, that provides her



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Karen Fedor assembles masks in her sewing room. The only material in short supply is elastic. Below, a colorful mask that will be be pleated and ironed.

plenty of fabric for masks. However, she has struggled to find elastic and fears when her supply runs out she'll have to stop making masks.

The most important person Fedor has sewn for is her son, who works for an IT subcontractor at Tidelands Health.

"I talk to him every night," Fedor said. "You can just hear the stress in his voice."

After buying him five N95 masks, she made covers for the masks to give him an extra layer of protection.

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EDUCATION

District considers remediation plan once students return to class

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
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The issue of how far behind students will be during the next school came up at a virtual meeting of the Georgetown County School Board on Wednesday.

The meeting was held online so the board and staff could maintain their social distancing.

Board Member Mike Cafaro raised the issue, since students are only working on a handful of assignment each day through an e-learning pilot program.

"We've got right now a spring lag, and possibly a summer lag also," Cafaro said, adding that he is especially concerned about the district's younger children.

Superintendent Randy Dozier said it was something the district will have look into. The independent learning style required by e-learning isn't suited to every student, he added.

"It will probably take a year, not a semester, to catch everybody up," Dozier added.

Cafaro suggested that the district have some supplemental or remedial programs available at the beginning of the next school year.

Schools have been closed since March 16, but district staff have continued to work. They will have next week off for spring break.

Meals will be served on a reduced schedule: Monday and Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Waccamaw Elementary and 11:30-11:45 a.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church on Parkersville Road.

ENVIRONMENT | Sea turtle nesting

Permits delayed, volunteer monitors will keep their distance

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Coronavirus will not keep sea turtles from nesting on South Carolina beaches, but it may keep some nests from being protected.

The state's Department of Natural Resources has forbidden volunteers from collecting egg samples and relocating or "manipulating" nests.

"We can walk the beach but we cannot touch the nests," said Betsy Brabson, who monitors DeBordieu for S.C. United Turtle Enthusiasts. "We've never had a year like this. I think we're all kind of groping in the dark."

DNR employees now work from home and not allowed to do field work. All activities by the volunteer monitors are on hold until things get back to normal.

"We know the turtles don't go by South Carolina Department of Natural Resources directives," said Mary Schneider, who monitors Pawleys Island for SCUTE.

Mary Schneider, standing center, leads a nest inventory last summer.

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"They're going to come in regardless."

"The turtles are going to get through it, with us or without us," said Jeff McClary, co-founder of SCUTE.

Volunteers who collect samples or mark, relocate and inventory nests get training and are certified by DNR. They must apply for a DNR permit every year. Those processes are on hold.

Brabson plans to have her volunteers start walking around May 1 and try to at least take pictures of nests and mark them with a GPS.

"It doesn't take long for the evidence of a nest to disappear," she said. "You can't go back a week later and usually find it."

McClary said volunteers may



also insert a piece of pipe in the sand near the nest as a marker.

Volunteers will have to find other ways to get onto beaches since Gov. Henry McMaster closed public accesses. McClary said some oceanfront property owners allow volunteers access. There will be no trespassing, he added.

"I don't want to violate the walkway order," McClary said.

"There are ways we can still monitor the beach."

Volunteers will have to be more vigilant in July looking for unmarked nests that are hatching. "It will be a challenge," Schneider said.

The earliest that SCUTE has ever recorded a nest was May 5.

"A lot can happen in a month," McClary said. "We're taking it one day at a time."

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Surge | Hospital prepares for rise in cases

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Bailey said the challenge is to project how much equipment is needed, when it will be needed and making sure they can get their hands on it.

"We have the modeling and we feel very good about what our supply chain has done to provide the PPE that our employees need to protect themselves and care for the patients when they're in need," Bailey said. "We feel very good about where we're at relative to the projections."

Having enough beds for coronavirus patients also goes into planning for the surge. Tideland uses an algorithm to tell them when they need to free up beds.

"That's a moving number but we know we can increase the capacity as we need to," Bailey said.

Tideland has tested more than 1,000 people for the coronavirus at its two hospitals and four drive-through sites in the county.

Results sometimes took more than a week when testing first started. Turnaround time is now just a matter of days.

"There was a time when

those results were delayed much beyond what we would have liked and the patients would have liked and staff would have liked," Bailey said. "They've done a great job in getting tests turned around."

"I have an increased level of confidence in our

turnaround time," Harmon said. "Some of my patients it took 10 or more days for results and that was unacceptable."

Harmon expects a coronavirus vaccine will be available within a year, but probably not in time for the flu season this fall.

Masks | Sewing machines stay busy to fill gap in supplies

FROM FRONT PAGE

Gail Joley of Willbrook Plantation, a watercolorist, put down her brushes for a few days to join more than 2,000 others in sewing new elastic straps for N95 respirators for Tideland Health.

"I think it's a national crisis and everybody wants to do something," said Joley, who used to sew when she was younger.

"We are so grateful for this outpouring of support by our community," said Pam Maxwell, chief nursing officer at Tideland Health. "We are truly blessed."

The first thing Joley had to do was borrow a sew-

ing machine. The second thing was figuring out how to thread the machine. She found a YouTube video and was on her way.

"I like the challenge of problem solving," she said.

Tideland gave Joley 70 masks and each one took about 10 minutes to complete. She finished them all two days later.

"It's been a fun experience," she said.

Fedor and Joley have been inspired to continue making masks.

"I'm trying to prioritize how I'm handing them out," Fedor said. "I want the people who need them the most to have them."

resources are shifted to battling the coronavirus.

Bailey said Tideland is evaluating its options.

"We face those same challenges so we're working through a plan now to, first and foremost, make sure we're able to meet the community need for health care, whether it be the surge or routine care that they need," Bailey said. "We will

have to make some adjustments to reflect the fact that our volumes right now are down in preparation for what's coming in the surge."

Bailey and Harmon said social distancing is the key to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is serious. It requires sacrifice," Harmon said. "This is a serious disease that has consequenc-



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The vigil was an emotional time for hospital staff, above, and participants, below.

WACCAMAW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Vigil sends message of support

The sweet sounds of "Amazing Grace" echoed across the parking lot of Waccamaw Community Hospital, where the setting sun glinted from the bay windows. Angel Allen searched the windows looking for a friend who was an obstetric nurse before the coronavirus pandemic.

"I don't know what she's doing now. She told me 'I'll be bawling my eyes out,'" Allen said. "We need that kind of encouragement right now."

A prayer vigil outside the hospital last week drew hundreds of people who, mostly, sat in their vehicles in the parking lot waving signs and banners. It was sponsored by Belin Memorial United Methodist Church. Participants were asked to maintain social distancing to avoid spreading the virus and not to blow their horns to avoid disturbing the patients.

At the time, there were four patients in the hospital with COVID-19, according to Tideland's Health. It had 18 positive tests, including two Tideland employees.



While most people stayed in their vehicles, the lure of car horns was too strong. Many people said they had been staying home, so the vigil was a chance to show support for health care workers and see their fellow parishioners, who have been worshipping online.

"It's great to see everybody," said Allen, who is a preschool teacher whose school has been closed.

Hospital staff in the critical care unit, which has been expanded for the pandemic, watched through the hospital windows, hold-

ing a sign and waving back. "We're praying for them. We know what it's like," said Kim Provenza, who stood with her friend Lee Harunk as they waved signs. They are retired nurses.

Kathy Sharpe, a volunteer chaplain at the hospital, led a prayer. Jim Sellers, Belin's director of traditional worship, began the words to "Amazing Grace," which was followed by "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." A group of hospital workers gathered outside. Some brushed away tears.

— CHARLES SWENSON

OBITUARIES

Gary Mason, 73, had a passion for percussion

Robert Gary Mason of Litchfield by the Sea, a founding member of the Pawleys Island Concert Band, died March 31 at his home in Maggie Valley, N.C., with his wife, Pamela, by his side. He was 73.

The son of Ruth Holloway Mason and Frank Hugh "Pete" Mason Jr., he lived in Rossville, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn. Known as Gary, he graduated from City High School in Chattanooga in 1964 and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1968 with a degree in engineering physics. His professional career included construction design, construction management and school fundraising. He retired as an area manager with Home Depot.

Mr. Mason was chairman of the board for the Boyd Buchanan School in Chattanooga and served on the board for the S.C. Safe Home Program. He was known for his integrity and upstanding way of doing business.

His love of music began as a boy when he sang with the Chattanooga Boys' Choir. He later became director of the Wonder-

ful Word Acapella Chorus. While in high school, he began his tenure with the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra as a tympani player.

In a 2007 interview, Mr. Mason recalled practicing drumming in his dining room as a teenager. "My mother moved out the dining room table so I could play," he said.

He continued to play with the symphony for 30 years.

Mr. Mason also had his own band, The Inside Five, which won a Nashville competition and cut an album.

"You know music is supposed to bring joy to those who listen, but it also brings joy to those of us who make music," he said.

He shared that with family and friends, with whom he spent time making music. They remembered his beautiful tenor voice would ring and his guitar would sing along.

After moving to Pawleys Island in 2002, Mr. Mason became a founding member of the Pawleys Island Con-

cert Band. He also served as president of its board.

He was also a member of Grand Strand Church of Christ in Surfside Beach.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Lori (Chad) Wortman and grandsons Mason (Kelsey), Ross, Wesley and William Wortman; his daughter, Amy Butcher, and grandsons Alex and Andrew Butcher; his sister, Connie Brown (Larry) and nieces Stacie Henson (John) and Rebecca Denton (Brad) and their children, Cole and Anslee Denton; his step-children, Valerie Green (Sean Kennedy) and grandson Weston Green-Kennedy, Robert Green, Claire Weaver (Craig) and granddaughters Phoebe and Lilah Weaver.

Services will be scheduled when family and friends can gather safely. To receive notice, include your email address in the guest book at smokymountaincremations.com.

Memorials may be made to the Snack Pack Ministry, East Brainerd Church of Christ, 7745 East Brainerd Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421 (eastbrainerdchurch.org).



Bobby Felton, 32, worked at True Blue Nurseries

Robert Michael Felton of North Litchfield died March 30. He was 32.

He was born Dec. 14, 1987, the son of Brandy and George Felton.

Known as Bobby, he had a tender, loving heart. He was a lover of animals, nature and plants.



He worked at True Blue Nurseries, but it was much more than a job for him. He made many friendships and enjoyed helping clients with their gardening needs. His passion at True Blue was taking beautiful pictures of flowers, creatures and critters. The photos can be viewed on his Facebook page.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his identical twin, Larry (Peggy), and his brother Jeremy (Kayla); his grandmother, Betty Craven; his namesake uncle, Mike Craven; his cousins Olivia and Courtney Craven; his aunt, Dorothy Koot (Bob); and his special lady and soulmate, Heather Smart, and her son, Kayleb.

"Our grief and suffering are deep, and we may not understand the plan God has for him, but we are at peace knowing, without a doubt, that he has begun his eternal life with Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and we

will see his beautiful smile again," his family said.

A private interment will be at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church.

Donations may be made in his memory to the charity of your choice.

The Felton family thanks the people, some

they know and some they do not, who reached out and shared beautiful stories and memories of Bobby. "We have laughed and cried, and been amazed at how loved he was by so many," they said.

There is a guest book at burroughsfh.com.

TIDES AT THE BEACH

	High				Low			
	a.m.	ht.	p.m.	ht.	a.m.	p.m.		
April 9	9:13	5.6	9:44	6.3	3:13	3:32		
April 10	10:04	5.3	10:36	6.0	4:04	4:20		
April 11	10:57	4.9	11:33	5.6	4:55	5:10		
April 12	11:56	4.5			5:48	6:03		
April 13	12:35	5.3	12:58	4.2	6:45	7:00		
April 14	1:35	5.0	1:58	4.1	7:44	8:02		
April 15	2:34	4.8	2:57	4.1	8:50	9:12		
April 16	3:32	4.7	3:56	4.2	9:57	10:22		

Tides at Pawleys Pier. Eastern Daylight Time from March 8. Heights in feet. For Murrells Inlet at Parsonage Creek: Add 2 min. to high, add 39 min. to low. For Waccamaw River at Hagley: Add 1:35 to high, add 1:31 to low.

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Suit | DeBordieu loses motion, but wins agreement on groins

FROM FRONT PAGE

members of DCCA and the public still have the right to boat and navigate in the tidelands in question and North Inlet generally.”

At a hearing last month, Brian Duffy, attorney for DeBordieu, argued “this case is not just about title.” He said that ownership includes the right to exclude people.

Trenholm Walker, attorney for the Baruch Foundation, argued the state constitution protects the right of the public to use navigable waters.

In his ruling, Burch wrote that “the anticipated exclusion of recreational boaters and fishermen from North Inlet and other tidelands is an event that has not occurred and may never occur.”

DeBordieu asked for a jury trial. The Baruch Foundation argued that would delay the process. Burch agreed, saying that expanding the scope of the case “will not bear on the issue of legal title to the tidelands.”

The foundation has also asked the court to dismiss the state’s claim to a prescriptive easement. “An easement is a right to travel over or use land, not travel over or use navigable waters,” it said in a filing.

■ ALSO LAST WEEK, the Baruch Foundation and DeBordieu reached an agreement in a dispute over the association’s plans to build three rock and concrete groins as part of a project that will place 650,000 cubic yards of sand on the south end of the beach in front of DeBordieu.

The state issued a permit for the project last year. The foundation and the Coastal Conservation League appealed to the state Administrative Law Court saying the groins would cause erosion along the beach at Hobcaw.

DeBordieu says the groins are needed to hold the new sand in place and reduce the need, and expense, for future renourishment.

The Baruch Foundation

withdrew its objection after DeBordieu agreed to reduce the length and location of the southernmost groin and increase the threshold for mitigation if there is increased erosion at Hobcaw. DeBordieu will obtain a \$1 million letter of credit to fund any mitigation.

Following a conference call, Judge Ralph K. Anderson III dismissed the case, but said the Coastal Conservation League will still be allowed to object to the revised plan.

“It looks like our clients don’t agree with the settlement,” said Amy Armstrong, director of the S.C. Environmental Law Project, which represents the league.

“The Baruch Foundation is concerned with their property. The Coastal Conservation League is concerned with public property, the lands below the high watermark,” she said. “These structures are going to be entirely on public property.”

A hearing is scheduled for April 20.

Bike thief too tired to walk, but not to run

A Myrtle Beach man said he was headed home and got tired of walking, so he stole a bike from underneath a Murrells Inlet house, according to the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office.

The owners said he wasn’t home, but got a call from a neighbor around 4:30 p.m. on April 4 and checked his security camera from his phone. It showed the man and another person ride off on his two bikes.

He caught up with the Myrtle Beach man, 28, near Pendergrass Avenue. The man left the \$1,000 electric bike and ran into the woods.

Deputies found the man running between houses in the Captain’s Cove neighborhood. He told them a friend had pulled up in a car and offered him a ride. He declined.

The friend then joined him on his walk.

The man said he got tired and took the bike and a charging cable. He didn’t say what happened to his friend.

The man said he didn’t know his friend’s full name

or where he lived. Deputies said they would look at the security video and the Myrtle Beach man’s phone to try to identify the second suspect.

The man was charged with theft and looting during a state of emergency.

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

April 5

10:03 p.m. | A Pawleys Island area woman, 33, was taken to the hospital after an apparent drug overdose. Emergency medical workers revived her with two doses of Narcan.

Four children at the home were removed by a family member. A deputy contacted the Department of Social Services.

April 3

1:07 a.m. | A man carrying two 24-packs of Budweiser and two 24-packs of Bud Light walked past a clerk at the Circle K store on Bypass 17 without paying. He left in a tan Nissan heading south.

The clerk told a deputy that she recognized the driver, but not the man

who took the \$80 worth of beer.

3:26 p.m. | A man about 50 scammed a clerk at the Dollar General in Litchfield out of \$86.80 by asking her to make change for a \$50 bill then to make change for the change.

9:14 p.m. | A Georgia man said someone hacked his Ebay account and had a \$162 thermostat shipped to an address in the Pawleys Island area. A deputy was unable to contact anyone at the address.

March 30

3:26 p.m. | A Murrells Inlet woman believes her boyfriend’s estranged wife is responsible for damaging the golf cart she parked near Carraba’s restaurant with a for-sale sign. She told a deputy that she had seen the wife near the cart and suspected she was removing the ID number so she could claim it in divorce proceedings.

The inlet woman said the cart has a scratch on the side that will cost \$300 to repair.

9:19 p.m. | A Murrells Inlet woman, 28, and her

mother, 45, of Myrtle Beach, got into a fight at the daughter’s home. The mother said she didn’t like the way the daughter was yelling at her child. They argued, grabbed each other’s hair and fell to the floor.

The daughter told a deputy that the mother is always picking fights. Neither wanted to press charges.

March 25

1:27 p.m. | A Pawleys Island area woman told staff at the Medical University of South Carolina that her newborn grandson was injured when he fell about 3 feet from a couch.

She told staff the child was asleep on his mother’s chest.

A doctor said the infant’s head injury was “a near impossible outcome” from a fall from a couch. The doctor said there were no other signs of injury.

The MUSC staff contacted the Department of Social Services and the sheriff’s office sent an investigator to check on the welfare of a second infant, the twin of the injured baby, who was still home with the mother.

Feeding people in need, food trucks still draw complaint

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one called the Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office to complain about too many customers in the store and large crowds in the parking lot.

“Due to the complaint we will need to reduce the amount of Food Trucks we

have at one time & reduce the Food Truck hours,” the post said. “Not sure why someone would complain about a business taking on the cost of providing Free Food for those in need.”

Strickland said Owens has been fighting for six

Alain Suissa takes orders at the Smoothie Chemist truck this week.

Charles Swenson/Coastal Observer

years to get the county to allow food trucks.

“Locals here have been wanting food trucks forever,” he added.

The store’s zoning is planned development. Food trucks are allowed in general commercial or flexible design district.

When they wanted to have food trucks to offer free food, Strickland said county planning director Boyd Johnson denied the request.

Strickland then spoke

with interim county administrator Wes Bryant, who took the matter to County Council. Owens also got attorney Dan Stacy involved.

County Council approved an emergency ordinance last week that allows trucks as long as they don’t charge for the food being served. It expires on May 22.

“I don’t know what we’re going to do if they don’t re-address the issue or extend the emergency ordinance,” Strickland said. “I would like to know that it’s being reconsidered.”

The food trucks are at the store Mondays through Saturdays. Hours vary. Call 843-314-0354 or follow Owens Liquors on Facebook for updates.

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on sales tax vote

MUCH CAN HAPPEN between now and November, but it is doubtful that Georgetown County voters will welcome the chance to add a penny to the sales tax to fund capital projects through the end of the decade. Yet they may be persuaded if there are enough pet projects on the list to make the tax palatable to enough narrow constituencies. This is the danger that lurks within the process. It is magnified by the coronavirus pandemic and social distancing rules that limit public engagement.

The five-member commission that must draft a project list for the fall referendum has to complete its work by June to make sure it gets on the ballot. It is a thankless task in a strong economy. The members have to pick between wants and needs and balance the interests of people from across the county even though the majority of voters reside on the Waccamaw Neck.

What the commission will not do is look at the long-term capital needs of the county. There isn't time. The hope is that the commission can pick enough popular projects such as parks to provide coattails that the unpopular ones such as a new jail can ride. That is good politics, but bad policy.

The county needs to postpone the sales tax campaign until the 2022 election. It has almost \$17 million in excess revenue from the last sales tax to bridge the gap as it wraps up its current capital projects. And the isolation imposed by the pandemic may actually help. The new limits, even if temporary, have helped bring those things we value in our public lives into sharper focus. That cannot help but influence how we choose to spend public funds in the future.

Sales tax

Proposal raises doubts

To the editor:

Can anyone help us in Murrells Inlet? We have the largest population center in the county. We will generate the lion's share of the sales tax dollars, and our county councilman, the chairman, John Thomas, has put no one who lives in Murrells Inlet on the sales tax commission, but two from Pawleys, who will decide what projects will be put on the ballot.

And County Council expects people from Murrells Inlet to vote in favor of it? If the remainder of council expects support from this area they should reconsider.

At the very least, the deliberations by the commission should be put on hold until there can be public input. This reminds me of the ill-fated vote on the first round of county administrator candidates.

And some doubted when I said that we have no representation on County Council. Unbelievable and unforgivable. We are watching very closely.

Bill Hills
Murrells Inlet
The writer served on the capital projects sales tax commission in 2014.

Poet's corner

A shrinking world

To the editor:

Alongside the dampening effect of the pandemic, there have been moments of creativity that have burst forth, giving us hope for the future. The following was penned by the fourth-grade neighbor of our daughter and her family in Decatur, Ga.

Oh, the Places You Are Not Allowed to Go

Oh the places you are not to go.
Like China, Italy and New Mexico
India, Australia, the Middle East too.
This all started in Wuhan, by who?

Nobody knows his name.
But since then nothing's been the same.
Theaters, schools, and offices closed.
Oh the places you cannot go.

Almost everything is stopping.
Everybody wants to go shopping.
The economy is rapidly dropping.
Oh the places you're not allowed to go.

Jim Watkins
Pawleys Island



Fleeing the coronavirus

Beaches become private enclaves during crisis

To the editor:

On a recent drive along the length of Pawleys Island, I saw numerous out-of-state plates. Many from states that are under stay-at-home orders. Well, they are here at a time when staying in place is the responsible thing to do.

The responsible thing for our county and state leaders and the town of Pawleys Island to do is to curtail all vacation/temporary rentals until well past the expected South Carolina peak of May 2. The responsible thing is to follow Myrtle Beach's example and require all out-of-state renters who have not already been in a unit for 14 days to vacate.

Right now people can rent for a month no matter where they are from. Out-of-staters are required to self-quarantine for 14 days. How is this enforceable? Have they arrived fully stocked or will they be in the stores and will they stay indoors and off the beach for 14 days?

Speaking of the beach, all public accesses are closed. I do think this is a good move, but a Band-Aid move. No one should be allowed on the beach. This is a public space. Closing the accesses but not the beach and not prohibiting rentals makes it a private enclave.

If you lived in a COVID-19 hot spot and had the money, you would definitely

ly want to rent for a month on the beach where most locals were restricted from its use. The resultant influx of people from elsewhere places our working people at much higher risk: the cashiers, stockers, cleaners, doctors, nurses. The coasts will become South Carolina hot spots. Our medical system is not prepared for this.

Is Pawleys going to have a checkpoint so that people do not leave the island for 14 days after they arrived to ensure they self-quarantine and do not bring COVID-19 to the rest of the community? Is oversight in place to ensure that rentals are properly disinfected between renters? Can people sue an owner if the unit was

not properly cleaned and they are infected?

This is a pandemic. Owners, elected officials, all of us must be responsible for each other.

Many local businesses have been forced to close. Many people are out of work and have to tighten their belts. Why should people with investment properties be exempt? They are a type of business, too.

Does anyone think that the idea of a vacation rental, of any length, during a pandemic is absurd? It just promotes a greater influx and turnover of people to the area. This should be common sense.

Barbara Plunket
Ricefields

Politics of the pandemic

President has failed the nation

To the editor:

The American people are facing the worst medical and financial times since the flu pandemic of 1918. At times like these, the most critical need is for strong, knowledgeable and competent leadership. That leadership should come from our president.

Our president, Donald J. Trump, has failed in every respect. His comments and tweets have changed repeatedly, sometimes daily. In January, he said it wasn't serious and would be over soon. We have it all under control. In February, he said there were only 15 cases and that they were getting better, and again we have it all under control.

There were many other statements since then, all of them proven to be false or lacking in truthfulness. Now he is saying that we could see from 100,000 to 240,000 deaths from the virus. And yet, he refuses to take control of the virus on a national basis. He has stated that it is the states' governors' job.

Through it all, President Trump has boasted that he and his staff have done a terrific job and stated that anyone who wants a test can get a test. Yet we hear from the people that know, that it really isn't the truth. You've all heard the saying "figures lie and liars figure."

President Trump is now using the coronavirus briefings as a one- or two-hour re-election platform. I am fearful that his repeated messages of how great a job he is doing might influence people to actually vote for him in November. I just read a letter to the editor that was blaming the Democrats for the problem.

President Trump is an abomination and a curse upon our nation. He has blood on his hands, and we as a nation will suffer. I

am a lifelong conservative Republican, but I will vote Democratic in November.

Karl Gettmann
Georgetown

To the editor:

U-S-A! We're number one! Yes, thanks to the cavernous gap in Trump's heart – a place occupied by courage and leadership and kindness and understanding in most people – the U.S. now has more confirmed COVID-19 cases than any other nation.

Even Wuhan, where COVID-19 originated, has made strides to bring the disease under control.

Meanwhile, our president vacillates between snideness, cruelty and misinformation in his untiring efforts to excuse his lack of leadership.

He is 100 percent wrong in saying that the federal government is not a "shipping clerk" for protective equipment, a key role it has played in every such incident in the nation's history. Trump did not invent this virus. He did mishandle our national policy in a way that will result in more illness and death than we might have seen in an intelligently led national response.

Bizarrely, he told task force leader Pence to withhold aid from Michigan because he doesn't like Gretchen Whitmer, that state's governor. If memory serves, Michigan put him in the White House.

Among Trump's glut of crisis-related shortcomings is his narcissistic pettiness. He flails about like a victim of the Dunning-Kruger effect, a condition in which the sufferer is so utterly clueless that he has no insight into the depth of his ignorance.

For example, he waxed enthusiastic about the drug chloroquine, a treatment for malaria, when his

knowledge of medicine is non-existent. This imitation of Alfred E. Newman led to the death of at least one man who mistakenly thought he could trust the president.

More proof? Suggesting early on that America's five cases of COVID-19 were under control. More? Show me an epidemiologist who agrees with Trump's desire to re-open the country by Easter and I will show you a quack.

Liberals have no lackeyes in the media while Trump controls at least two networks.

Liberals don't hate President Trump, they are embarrassed by him. But we do love knowledge, competence, thoughtfulness, leadership skills, data driven science and the belief that government owes its best efforts to every one of its citizens.

Except for Andrew Cuomo and a handful of his fellow governors, these qualities have not been in evidence in the struggle against this deadly virus.

Why has Trump taken on China but not the virus? Why does taking on China include the mantra that he and Xi Jin Ping are BFFs? Isn't closing down flights to China blindingly obvious once the danger is understood? Why does he refuse to engage in so many ways that experts say would help?

The Barack Obama I would love to reinstate created an office in the White House to form an epidemiological wall against threats like the coronavirus. Trump disbanded it – willy-nilly. If you find Obama's pragmatic approaches tiresome, then you are rejecting the only problem-solving approach that is workable and you can't handle that truth.

Terry Munson
Heritage Plantation

Democrats
should aid
the effort

To the editor:

I have never, in my lifetime, seen the Democrats and Republicans not work together in a national crisis like they're doing during this virus. Politics and winning an election is more important. The threats against Dr. Fauci are sickening. The committee Clyburn, per Pelosi, is heading up is a disgrace. And the fact that supplies are being sent to New York and New Jersey only to go out the back door to be sent overseas for a profit is unfathomable.

Schiff's opening an investigation into how President Trump is handling our current situation is a unthinkable. Wouldn't it be better if all these people trying to bring President Trump down worked with him and his wonderful task force to help our country defeat this horrible virus and save our vulnerable citizens?

Democrats, you should insist that your elected officials jump in to help not hurt this national effort.

Bonnie Myers
Georgetown

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to write letters

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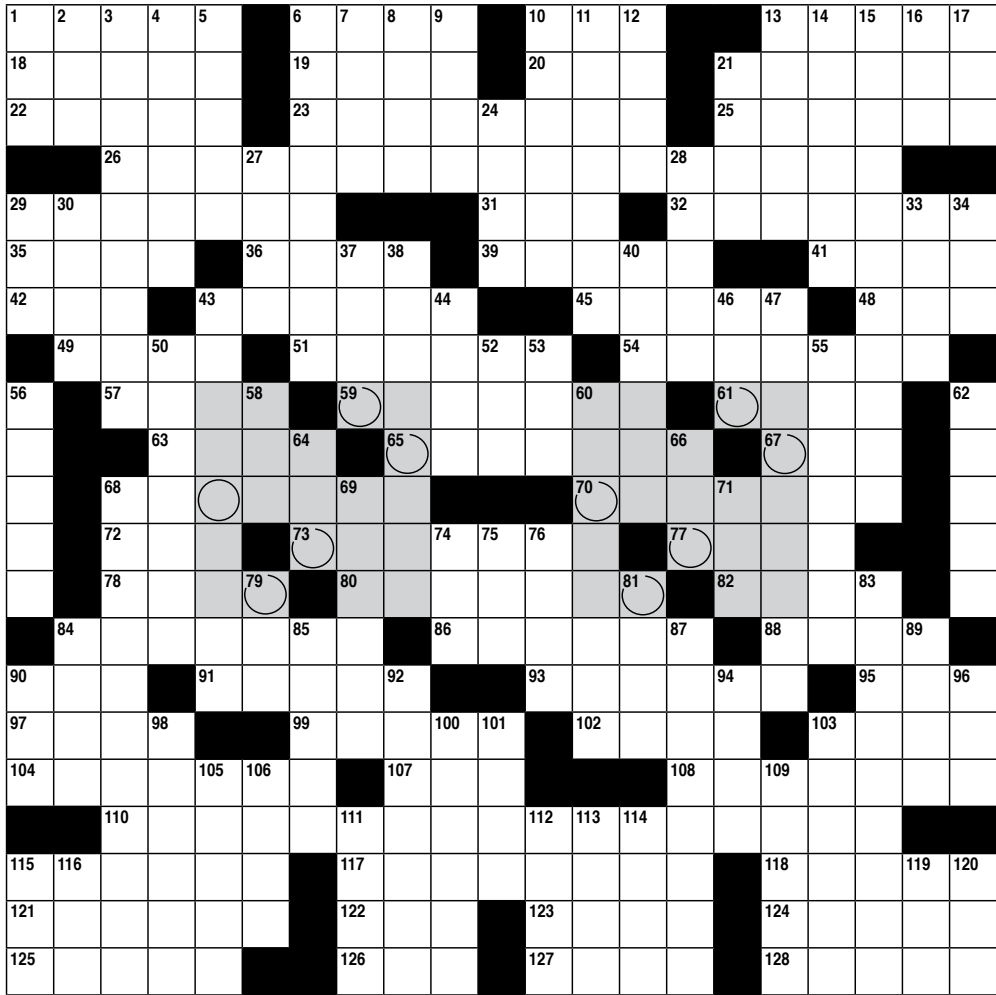
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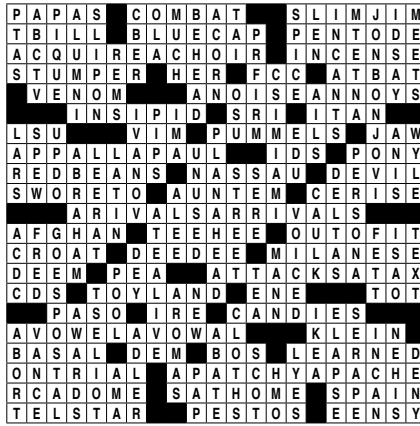
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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



The New York Times Sunday Crossword is a regular feature of the Coastal Observer

GOLF | Local club results

By CAROL BULONE
FOR THE OBSERVER

Pawleys Plantation

The ladies competed in a scramble.
The victorious team was Kathy Judge, Polly McCormack and Dawn Anderson with 67.
It was one low net of twosome for the men.
First, J.T. Sullivan and Ken McCormack, 60; second, Marty Wiseman and Marion Parsons, 65; third, Dennis Wahl and Brian Haas, 66; fourth, Larry Judge and Tom Long, 68.



Photo by Carol Bulone

A cart is disinfected between rounds at Litchfield Country Club. Only one person can use each cart.

Tradition Club


The men played 1-2-3 waltz: one low net on first hole, two low nets on the second, three low nets on the third hole, repeated over 18 holes.
First, Dan Goodell, Dan Ingram, Tom Theodore, Frank Hawkins, 123; second, Lou Depazzo, Frank Haddy, Paul Lempert, Doug Walkart, 131, on a match of cards over Roger Byrne, Dave Philips, Larry Barksdale, Rudy Schwarz; fourth, Dick Pacella, John McLaughlin, Bill Mitchell, George Gabelman, 132.
Closest to the pin: Gabelman on two, Walkart on five, Depazzo on 12, Goodell on 15.
Field honors: low gross, Pacella, 75; low net, Steve Johnson, 68.

True Blue

The Okun group played modified Stableford points.
The order of finish was Bob Okun, +8; Ernie Blankenship, +7; Herb Bleck, +6; John Espe and Charlie Lalomia, +5; Dan Hipsher, +4; Vince Ditchkus, Rolly Hall and Mike Milne, +3; Carl Meyer and Dan Petry, +2; Marion Pacic, +1; Sam Allen, -2; Jim Flannery and Bob Hanna, -3; John Lindley, -4; Phil Benincasa, Neal McKelligan and Bob Phelan, -5; Daithi Minogue, -7; Mario Severino, -8; DeAnna Davis-Okun, -15.
Closest to the pin: Deborah Buchanan on three, Hanna on seven, McKelligan on 11, Bob Okun on 14, Espe on 16.

Of note: Ditchkus eagled the par-4 12th hole, which plays at approximately 370 yards. He used a driver then his 9-iron from 99 yards out.
Heritage Plantation
The Weekend Warriors played on their home turf. The format was team quota.
First, Gary Brochu, Joe Valentino, Walt Grady and Wayne Odom, +20; second, Gary Wiklund, Mark Quealy, Gregg Watters, blind draw, +11.
Low gross: first, Brochu, 78; second, John Giano, 79.
Most over quota: first, Brochu and Odom, +7; third, Walt Loos, +6.
Closest to the pin: Doug Anderson on eight, Quealy on 11.

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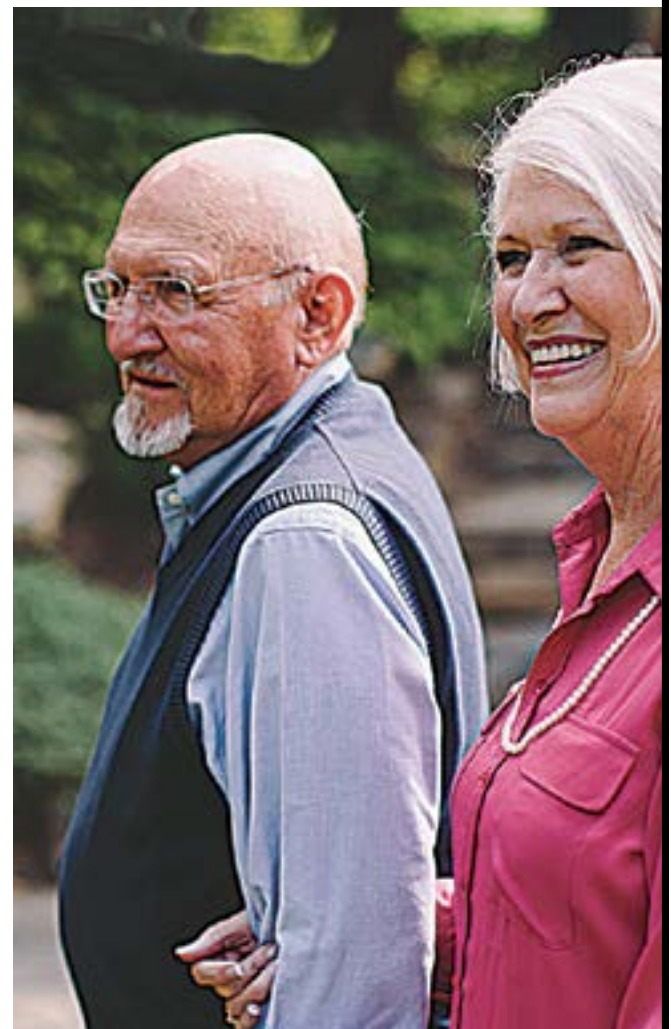
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HISTORY

Museum completes renovations during closure

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

As soon as the coronavirus crisis passes, the S.C. Maritime Museum will reopen its doors with a shiny new floor.

The museum recently replaced the floor in the front of the building that had water damage. Although water during high tides wasn't getting into the building, it damaged the bottom of the structure.

"The floors starting buckling, in some places four or five inches," museum manager Hope McFaddin said. "It was becoming too much of a liability."

The original floors and sub-flooring were all torn out and replaced.

"It was worse then we imagined," McFaddin said.

Concrete was also added as a barrier between the building and the water. It was poured at an angle so



The old lens from the Georgetown lighthouse received a cleaning.

the water will flow back out instead of pooling.

"Hopefully that will help," McFaddin said.

Replacing the floors also gave museum staff a chance to make some small changes to the layout of the exhibits on the first floor and have an expert come in and clean the Fresnel lens.

"We're very excited," McFaddin said. "It will be kind of a nice fresh start for us."

The museum has been in its current location on Front Street in Georgetown since 2011. The second floor was remodeled and opened in 2017.

"I love it here," McFaddin said. "We get the coolest visitors from all over. I never would have imagined. We usually average about 50 or 60 people [a day] and not just from Georgetown County or the surrounding areas. From all over the country."

The museum was going to have a grand reopening celebration on March 21 that was to have included the annual Burning of the Socks event, but it was canceled due to the coronavirus.

The museum is now gearing up for its annual summer sailing camps for kids ages 8-18.

Kids learn about sailing in a classroom setting and then head out onto the water behind the museum in either Opti Prams or 420s.

The weekly camps begin in June and continue through mid-August. They run for five days in either the mornings or the afternoons.

Opti Pram camps for kids ages 8-14 cost \$225 per week (\$200 for museum members) and 420 camps for kids ages 12-18 cost \$325 per week (\$300 for museum members).

Go to sccmaritimemuseum.org to register.

Symposium canceled

The Rice Museum has canceled a symposium on coastal themes in local history that was planned next month to mark its 50th anniversary.

The two-day program will be rescheduled for the fall. Get updates at ricemuseum.org.



Pawleys Island Civic Association collection/Georgetown County Digital Library

The last pavilion, built in 1960, was designed by Mac McAlister, who was a recent Georgia Tech grad at the time.

BOOKS | "Pawleys Island: An Old Man's Love Story"

Looking back on 70 years of change

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

When the last pavilion was built on Pawleys Island in 1960, there was a dispute about whether to call it Lafayette Pavilion 2 or something else.

Robert "Mac" McAlister, who designed the building, took it upon himself to settle the matter.

"My last contribution to construction was to letter with black paint 'Pawley Pavilion' over the entrance, in two-foot high letters in German script," McAlister writes in his new book, "Pawleys Island: An Old Man's Love Story."

Now 85, McAlister wrote the book because he said there's not many people still alive who remember Pawleys Island as far back as he does, to 1950.

"I thought that I needed to tell the story of early Pawleys Island living when the old Pavilion was in operation," McAlister said. "I didn't think anybody had told that story. There's not many people left who can tell it."

McAlister was 16 the first time he visited the island with his family in 1950.

"I didn't know anybody on Pawleys Island, but that didn't matter because all I wanted to do was fish in the surf, walk on the beach, ride the waves, and dig holes in the sand," McAlister writes in the book.

McAlister spent his first full summer on Pawleys Island in 1954. He had just finished his sophomore year at Georgia Institute of Technology and got a summer job at the International Paper Co. mill in Georgetown.

"Whenever I crossed the South Causeway and turned onto the ocean road, I felt I was in a different world, and I relaxed," McAlister writes.



Charles Swenson/Coastal Observer

Mac McAlister first came to Pawleys in 1950.

He rented a room in the back of Island Drug, which was next to the bowling alley on Atlantic Avenue. It cost him \$50 for the whole summer.

"I had no responsibilities in those days," McAlister said.

Six years later in 1960, after graduating from Georgia Tech and serving in the Navy, McAlister took a full-time job with IP and rented a small pink house called the HMS Pinafore on the south end of the island. He joined the Pawleys Island Episcopal Men's Club Poker Playing Society with Arthur "Doc" Lachicotte and designed a new pavilion to replace one destroyed by fire the year before.

That same year, McAlister was introduced to the love of his life, Mary Shower. They met in June, were married in December and stayed married until her death in 2018.

In 1963, the couple purchased two lots on Pawleys Creek on the north end of the island for \$1,250 and built a 900-square-foot, one-bedroom prefabricated house themselves. Mary named it Marshmellow.

"As far as I know, it was the first prefabricated house built on Pawleys Island since before the Civil War, when rice planters built summer homes on their plantations before disassembling them and shipping them to Pawleys Island," McAlister writes.

The McAlisters lived in North Carolina and Massachusetts for several years before returning to South Carolina in 1969. They eventually sold Marshmellow and rented a house on the south end of the island while McAlister worked on the Pawleys Pier Village project.

"The architect's design for Pawleys Pier Village looked like nothing else on Pawleys," McAlister writes. "It was as if he had never been there."

He was able to make some changes, but the project was still controversial at the time.

When the condos hit the market they were listed for between \$54,000 and \$84,000. The least expensive one on the market today is selling for \$639,000.

McAlister's next big local

project in 1973 was the development of the Belle Isle condominiums, on Winyah Bay south of Georgetown. After leaving the project, the McAlisters bought a boat and spent months living on it with their three sons and sailing across the Atlantic.

After years living away from Georgetown County, the McAlisters moved back to Belle Isle for good in 1998.

McAlister has seen a lot of changes to Pawleys Island in the last 70 years.

"To me it's not like it was then. I like it more than I do now," McAlister said. "It's gotten more crowded. People have built more houses on both sides of Highway 17 and more commercial activities that have brought people and they still have to crowd onto the same island. So it's more crowded than it used to be."

Despite the changes, McAlister still has a deep love for Pawleys Island.

"I'm glad that's it been protected and that there are things going on that will keep it as much the same as possible," McAlister said.

This is the sixth book McAlister has written. Four were about the county's maritime history and one was about the time he spent sailing with his family.

McAlister hopes to have a book signing at the S.C. Maritime Museum in Georgetown when it reopens. He helped start the museum and still serves on its board. He was also scheduled to be the featured speaker at a Moveable Feast this week, but it was canceled due to the coronavirus.

To order "Pawleys Island: An Old Man's Love Story," send an email to linda@classatpawleys.com or call 843-235-9600.



Mac McAlister (left), Charles Swenson/Coastal Observer(right)

The view down Myrtle Avenue from the McAlister house in 1962, left, and the same view today. Even the boat house has changed.

CHURCHES

Online services don't blunt the message of Easter

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the Rev. Will Malambri of Belin Memorial United Methodist Church expects Sunday to be like the first Easter.

"The first Easter wasn't a crowd of people gathered together singing, 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today,' but a few people who were sad, confused and uncertain about their future learning the amazing news in small gatherings," Malambri said. "Easter is coming right on time for the unusual circumstances we're living in these days, but Easter always has. The first one interrupted the darkness and Easter has been doing so ever since."

Area churches have

transitioned to other forms of worship to meet social distancing rules.

The congregation of Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, which hosts a sunrise service on Pawleys Island, will watch a livestream of Easter service on Facebook. There will also be Maundy Thursday and Good Friday streams.

Also canceled is the traditional joint service for the congregations of St. Mary AME, St. John AME and Mount Zion Missionary Baptist churches.

"We're excited about about worshiping, just in a different way," said the Rev. Rose-Marie Stokes-Small of St. Mary AME.

Her church has used teleconferencing for Sunday worship. Parishioners even get to celebrate com-



munion. Pre-packaged wafers are available at the church in the days before the service and then Stokes-Small leads the liturgy on the phone.

A sermon by the Rev. Rob Grafe of All Saints Church will be broadcast on Sunday at 10 a.m. on WGTN 101.1 FM in Georgetown. The station broadcasts a service from Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church at 7 a.m. every Sunday, but added All Saints for Easter.

Grafe's sermon will also be available on YouTube starting at 7:30 a.m., along with videos of Maundy

Thursday's stripping of altar and Good Friday's stations of the cross.

Malambri recently pre-recorded his Easter sermon at the seawall behind Belin's sanctuary. He chose 6:30 a.m. so the view would be similar to Easter morning.

Malambri's sermon will be posted on the church's website, belinumc.org, at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, followed by a recording of a traditional service at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

There will also be videos of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

The Rev. Johnny Ford holds a drive-up service on Palm Sunday at the House of God. He will livestream on Easter.

Photo by Joshua Ford

Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church will be live streaming an Easter Mass at 11 a.m. on the church's website, pbocchurch.com.

St. Paul's Waccamaw UMC will post an Easter sermon from the Rev. William H. Phillips on its website and Facebook page on Sunday at 6:30 a.m.

The Rev. Jon Shuler of Christ The King-Grace Waccamaw prerecorded a video that will be uploaded to Facebook at 9 a.m. on Sunday. The service is a combination of the church's contemporary and traditional services.

St. Peter's Lutheran, which holds Easter sunrise services at Litchfield Inn, is also livestreaming its services on Facebook this year.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS | March filings for Waccamaw Neck

The following property transfers for Waccamaw Neck (tax districts 4, 41 and 42) were filed with the Georgetown County Register of Deeds in March.

DeBordieu

Jean B. and William E. Underwood III to Robert D. and Cynthia M. McElveen of Georgetown; Lot 22, Salt Creek Bank, 3190 Luvan Blvd.; \$1,360,000.

Amy A. Poston to Alec T. Estes of Nashville, Tenn.; Lot 26, Salt Creek Bank, 3278 Luvan Blvd.; \$2,350,000.

Edmund G. and Iris H. Langhorne to 353 Church Street LLC of Pawleys Island; Lot 13, South Patewood, 222 Old Carriage Loop; \$500,000.

Charles R. O'Neal to Scott C. and Cathryn L. Evans of Pawleys Island; Lot 18, South Patewood, 92 Old Carriage Loop; \$125,000.

Catherine B. Swift to McMahon A. and Lauren H. Connor of Georgetown; Lot 21, Phase III, North Patewood, 582 Lantana Circle; \$630,000.

Dorothy P. Pate to Lyttleton C. Rich and Thomas P. Hollowell of Charlotte; 2-SEB-1 Pioneer Place; \$570,000.

Donald P. and Judith C. Gundry to William Z. and Mary D. Lunsford of Charlotte; 4-SEC-1 Pioneer Place; \$671,500.

William Z. and Mary D. Lunsford to Carter H. and Virginia B. McEntire of Columbia; Lot 15, Block 4, Prospect Point Loop; \$1,200,000.

Pawleys Island

HFBB&C LLC to Creek Dock Properties of Summit, N.J.; Lot 13, Block 2, 132 Atlantic Ave.; \$1,010,000.

Kirkwood Properties 2 to Charles R. Jackson Jr. of Harts-ville; 2/13 interest in I-6-C Pawleys Pier Village; \$127,000.

Mary H. Mundy and Haid-ee M. Heyward to G&K Invest-ments of Pawleys Island; Lot 6, 372 Myrtle Ave.; \$1,918,000.

Pawleys Island mainland

Estate of Franklin T. Tad-lock to Heron Lake LLC of Mur-rells Inlet; Lot 8, Litchfield Es-tates, 13530 Ocean Highway; \$39,500.

Marsh Grass Investments to Christopher B. and Aman-da J. McClellan of Pawleys Is-land; Lot 4, 50 Marsh Grass Way; \$449,000.

Marsh Grass Investments to Paul V. and Peggy A. Cappello of Marvin, N.C.; Lot 3, 84 Marsh Grass Way; \$599,999.

Luanne Lavorando to Sheri L. Vincent and David A. Clarke of Portsmouth, R.I.; 9-G Pawleys Pavilion; \$156,500.

Lawrence J. Dixon III to Alan and Susan A. Parker of Santa Monica, Calif.; 4 Magnolia Beach West; \$216,000.

Pawleys Village to Mark A. and Stacey K. Cherchio of Paw-leys Island; Lot 8, 225 Coachman Dr.; \$274,900.

Master in equity to Wilm-ington Savings Fund of Hous-ton, Texas; Lot 5, Phase I, Bent Tree, 741 Parkersville Rd.; \$135,000.

Estate of John A. Dusen-bury to Paul R. Dusenbury of Aynor; Lot on Ocean Highway.

Judy L. Weatherly to All Star Financial of Murrells Inlet; Lot 3201, Pawleys Place, 91 Palisade Loop; \$130,000.

Vicki S. Miller and the es-tate of Ward B. Miller to Sandra D. Myers of Pawleys Island; Lot 2704, Pawleys Place, 54 Pem-broke Lane; \$173,500.

Estate of Gertrude M. Rhati-gan to Cheryl T. Bruning of Leb-anon, Tenn.; Lot 1208, Rose Run, 420-6 Red Rose Blvd.

Joseph H. and Michele R. Byerly to Susan M. Havens of Pawleys Island; Lot 1506, Rose Run, 92 Red Rose Blvd.; \$187,500.

Robert J. and Margaret C. Crompton to Alan D. and Lisa M. Conn of Henniker, N.H.; Lot 505, Rose Run, 38-3 Ribgrass Lane; \$185,000.

Clam Bake Cove to Jeffrey T. and Amanda C. Hall of Pawleys Island; Lot 2, 109 Clam Digger Loop; \$276,425.

Christopher G. and Emi-ly F. Taylor and Scott Hamilton to Del and Sharon Mills of Bas-sett, Va.; 1-E Da Gullah Way; \$195,000.

Lynn H. and Charles W. Powell Jr. and Gary F. and Gail S. Hayes to Mary A. Fox of Parkville, Md.; 60-C Pawleys Pointe I; \$159,900.

Scott C. and Amanda L. Ray-pole to John J. and Cheryl A. Battisti of Valparaiso, Ind.; Lot 1-A, Block G, Green Acres, 492 Minnow Dr.; \$391,500.

Ronald A. and Kathy A. Howlier to Chloe D. Palmer of Logansport, Ind.; Lot 4, Block G, 512 Minnow Dr.; \$450,000.

Thomas C. Hankins Jr., John A. Hankins and Eden H. Somers to David M. and Kris-tine L. Harbaugh of Pawleys Is-land; Lot 19, Section A, Water-ford Heights, 155 Old Tram Way; \$585,000.

Zeljko Radic to Kenneth F. Surhoff of Pawleys Island; Lot 12, Cypress Point, Red Maple Drive; \$95,000.

Harald H. Mueller to Cong-don Holdings of Pawleys Is-land; B-11 Chapel Creek Villas; \$70,000.

Harald H. Mueller to Vir-ginia W. Rogerson of Pawleys Is-land; A-II Chapel Creek Villas; \$80,000.

Karen A. Berquist to Bradlee T. Ackerman of Pawleys Island; Lot 112, Phase II, Camden Creek; 104 Calvert Court; \$345,500.

D.R. Horton Inc. to Luigi

and Anna M. Tonizzo of Pawleys Island; Lot 29, Hammock Cove, 201 Castaway Key Dr.; \$275,000.

D.R. Horton Inc. to Ralph U. Goodman Jr. and Meta R. Smith of Greenville; Lot 41, Hammock Cove, 316 Castaway Key Dr.; \$334,900.

S. Shane and Sara F. Play-er to Mark A. Smith of Pawleys Island; Lot 14-B1, River Road subdivision, 675 Beaumont Dr.; \$511,250.

Tower Real Estate Holdings to Nations Home II of Myrtle Beach; Lot 9, Beaumont Park, Beaumont Drive; \$88,889.

Realstar Homes to Breianna Boyce of Pawleys Island; Lot 8, Phase I, Pawleys Cove, 41 Costa St.; \$291,000.

Sandra A. and Malcolm B. Fore Jr. to Paulette O. Glisson and Kenneth W. Glisson of Paw-leys Island; Lot 4, Fore Acres, 92 Newman Loop; \$14,000.

Howard W. Rolle, Rickey B. Rolle and Sandra L. Vilsaint to Sarah M. Baker of Pawleys Is-land; Lot 36, 82 St. Christopher Circle; \$102,000.

Estate of Thomas Grate to Miriam L. Grate of Bronx, N.Y.; Lot 176.2, 50 Capus Duncan Lane.

Kathleen D. Cagle and Sam-uel W. Dixon III to Brian and Mayra Folmer of Pawleys Island; Lot 3, Brookgreen Trace, George-ville Street; \$65,000.

Larry M. and Linda M. Hub-bard to David K. French and Robert S. Baxley Jr. of Pawleys Island; Lot 9, Bays at Litch-field, 359 Natures View Circle; \$390,000.

Lou A. Cropper to Freder-ick M. and Cynthia Yarborough of Pawleys Island; 2.96 acres, Waterford Plantation, Bannock-burn Road; \$225,000.

Hagley Estates

Jeremy D. Hardwick to Jason Mengel of Pawleys Is-land; Lots 11 and 12, Block B, Tract XIII, 169 Emerson Loop; \$1,300,000.

Bruce R. and Paula J. Cote to Leonard P. Rogers, William A. Jones and Wendy R. Jones of Lake City; Parcel A, 69 Lark Hill Dr.; \$410,000.

Nationstar Mortgage to Neal F. Ketner and Rhonda M. Reid of Myrtle Beach; Lot 10, Block A, Tract XVIII, 595 Kings River Rd.; \$278,000.

Chestnut & Sons to Beverly Homes of Myrtle Beach; Lots 3 and 4, Block D, Tract XVI, Kings River Road; \$136,000.

Stone Financing to John E. and Nancy J. Ellis of Paw-leys Island; Lot 9, Block F, Tract XX, 133 Sandy Knowe Lane; \$330,000.

Estate of Robert G. Jones Jr. to Christina L. Janes of Paw-leys Island; Lot 5, Block A, Tract XXII, 24 Massick Lane.

Yvonne E. Atchley to Mark A. Atchley of Pawleys Island; Lot 2-B, Block D, Tract X, 83 Plowden Trail; \$95,000.

Elaine A. and David M. Branscome to Robert N. Steuer and Marja G. Kampen of Paw-leys Island; Lot 1, Block C, Tract V, 22 Jerdon Lane; \$250,000.

Landy W. Avant III, Donald T. Avant and Terry G. Avant to John H. Zieminski of Hatfield, Mass.; Lot 9, Block C, Tract III, 171 Deloach Trail; \$175,000.

John J. Weaver IV to Alan B. and Madeline L. Sleath of Paw-leys Island; Lot 8, Block A, Tract II, 173 Greenfield Rd.; \$263,000.

Charles B. Keel II to Fred-erick R. and Connie J. Kalmey-er of Renfrew, Pa.; Lot 9, Block C, Tract I, 151 Moss Dale Lane; \$80,000.

Pawleys Plantation

Gamecock Tiger Partn-ship to Robert A. and Rhonda Y.H. Myers of Pawleys Island; 17-6 Wood Stork Landing, Phase I; \$280,000.

James J. Green to Judy C. and Arthur Tolley Jr. of Paw-leys Island; M-1 Pawleys Glen II; \$242,250.

Classic Commercial to Judy B. Smith of Pawleys Island; Lot 7, Area C, 184 Tanglewood Dr.; \$506,488.

Classic Commercial to Shei-la D. Parker of Pawleys Island; Lot 9, Area C, 208 Tanglewood Dr.; \$530,039.

Cheryl MacKenzie to Spyros and Erica K. Sinanis of Norwalk, Conn.; 16-1 Weehawka Woods, Phase IX; \$160,000.

Judy C. and Arthur Tolley to Kenneth A. and Deanna T. Snyder of Johnson City, Tenn.; 2-1 Weehawka Woods, Phase III; \$167,500.

Heritage Plantation

John and Eleanor Fritz to Anchor Builders of Pawleys Is-land; Lot 61, Phase X, Berwick Drive; \$74,500.

Eric T. and Denyse Beck to H.K. Sunny Rivino of Pawleys Island; Lot 92, Phase III, Merion Park, 92 Prestwick Dr.; \$359,000.

Deloris S. Rucker to Blaine M. Willett of Pawleys Island; Lot 46, Phase III, Merion Park, 39 Wentworth Place; \$326,000.

Estate of Kathleen F. Bixler to Earl R. Lynn and Jean Lynn-Taiburn of Pawleys Island; Lot 326, Phase VI, 327 Dornoch Dr.; \$275,000.

Ross W. and Katharine M. Lenhart to William A. and Mel-anie Jividen of Pawleys Island; Lot 96, Phase VIII, 99 St. Anne's Pl.; \$595,000.

Johnny W. and Melissa R. Forinash to Penny B. and Ector D. Shepard Jr. of Pawleys Island; Lot 683, Phase XVIII, 660 Heri-tage Dr.; \$725,000.

French N. Matheny to Alan F. Sand of Pawleys Island; Lot 105, Phase XVII, 100 Berkshire Loop; \$289,500.

True Blue

Dennis G. and Kathleen M. Pesci to Mary H. Stephenson of Pawleys Island; Unit 15-J; \$128,000.

Ellen S. Reynolds to Maryel-len E. and William F. Donahue Jr. of Yarmouth, Mass.; Unit 4-F; \$125,000.

William and Cynthia Shel-ton to George E. Boden of Paw-leys Island; Unit 9-G; \$120,000.

Todd D. Terhune and Rob-ert Karpowski to Luanne Lavo-rando of Pawleys Island; Unit 73-D; \$160,000.

Laura E. Crisp to Maryellen Howard of Pawleys Island; Unit 34-A; \$188,000.

Marsha Webster to Louis J. and Audrey Kikos of Playa Vista, Calif.; Unit 29-B; \$158,000.

Walter P. and Roberta D. Maynard to Marcel and Donna L. Nuss of Surry, Maine; Unit 30-C; \$180,000.

Michael J. and Patricia A. McLaughlin to Treina A. Siegel-Tingley of Georgetown; Unit 93-C; \$215,000.

Ricefields

Sally A. Graham to Justin L. and Kami R. Shortreed of Paw-leys Island; Lot 137, Phase III, 506 Fieldgate Circle; \$360,000.

River Club

Allen M. and Judith K. Hummel to Jerrold R. and Bar-bara A. Thompson of Aurora, N.Y.; 6-6 Tall Pines; \$205,000.

Litchfield Country Club
Elting L. Chapman III et al. to Joseph R. and Cynde S. Free-land of Mannington, W.Va.; Lot 18, Section I, Hawthorn Drive; \$83,957.

James E. Horne to Den-nis J. and Susan D. Guerriero of Lexington; Lots 43 and 43-A, Section H, 240 Oleander Dr.; \$75,000.

Marshall and Keira E. Mer-ritt to John B. Whetstone of Pawleys Island; Lot 5, Section A, 410 Crooked Oak Dr.; \$350,000.

Original Tindall Designs to

Robert B. and Malissa Gash of Pawleys Island; Lot 8, Section U, 853 Aspen Loop; \$396,000.

Litchfield Plantation

Beazer Homes to Mary B. and Domenick D. DeRose Jr. of Carmel Hamlet, N.Y.; Lot 7, Legacy Place, 177 All Saints Loop; \$481,000.

Litchfield Beach

Sisney Capital to Michael S. Fitzsimmons of Pawleys Island; 357 Litchfield Inn; \$66,500.

Estate of James D. Burwell to Cynthia F. Burwell of Colum-bia; Lots 150 and 150-A, 403 Sportsman Dr.

Litchfield by the Sea

Douglas E. Babcock to Da-vid A. and Brenda H. Rodgers of Murrells Inlet; 411 Summer-house; \$112,000.

Peter and Christine Rush to Curtis W. and Carolyn M. Fur-gason of Jackson Gap, Ala.; I-9-B Lakeside; \$230,000.

Paul Anger to Carolyn Smith of Columbus, Ohio; 209 Bridge-water; \$212,000.

T.D. and Teresa H. Powell to Thomas V. and Karen F. Moore of Matthews, N.C.; 7-D Osprey Watch, Phase III-B; \$450,000.

Ruth Roper to Nikhil K. and Lori H. Teppara of High Point, N.C.; Lot 17, Phase I, Charles-towne Grant, 589 S. Dunes Dr.; \$1,050,000.

Jody W.R. and Angela A. Crozier to Robert R. and Karen M. Furstenberg of Cornelius, N.C.; Lot 21, Phase I, Charles-towne Grant, 537 S. Dunes Dr.; \$1,050,000.

Nancy A. Brewer to Sam-uel C. and Heather A. Field-en of High Point, N.C.; Lot 29, Phase II, Charlestown Grant, 17 Charlestowne Court; \$800,000.

James R. and Valerie B. Bur-russ to Frank B. and Lucinda H. Hancock of Roanoke, Va.; Inter-val 8, Lot 44, Phase III, Charles-towne Grant, 118 Sea Oats Circle; \$125,000.

North Litchfield

Elizabeth J. Commander to John and Penny Tucker of Paw-leys Island; Lot 72, Division II, Waccamaw Lakes, 39 Jason Dr.; \$355,000.

Laurie J. Barnwell and Rob-ert C. Lamotte to Marilyn and James W. Muhs Jr. of East Mead-ow, N.Y.; Lot 21, Section M, 59 Middleton Rd.; \$555,000.

Willbrook Plantation

Janice E. and Fredric E. Hucks Jr. to Wendy C. and Wil-liam E. Eisenhauer of Green-town, Pa.; Lot 40, Stage I, 553 Chapman Loop; \$550,000.

Faron J. and Jacqueline F. Kemp to William J. and Danelle R. Greer of Pawleys Is-land; Lot 26, Phase I, Island Es-tates, 83 Pipedown Landing Dr.; \$222,500.

William and Barbra Acker-shoek to Jay K. Strosnider and Dorothy E. Setliff of Brookhav-en, Ga.; Lot 17, Phase IV, Tradi-tion Club, 30 Brookridge Lane; \$457,000.

Elizabeth A. Feno to Kath-leen Brophy-Degrassie of Paw-leys Island; Lot 94, Phase VII, Tradition Club, 45 Historic Lane; \$304,900.

Master in equity to Restore Realty of Pawleys Island; Lot 65, Phase III, Tradition Club, 162 Patriot Lane; \$245,700.

John R. Moran to William O. and Patricia W. Garrison of Lex-ington; Lot 127, Phase V, Tradi-tion Club, 48 Pierpont Court; \$330,000.

William E. and Wendy C. Eisenhauer to Stephen E. Egen-rieder of Pawleys Island; Lot 45, Phase IX, 1618 Tradition Club Dr.; \$350,000.

Kaye S. and John Z. Schroe-der Jr. to William and Barbra Ackershoek of Pawleys Island; Lot 56, Phase III-B, Hunting-ton Mews East, 82 Bald Cypress Court; \$642,500.

Frederick M. and Cynthia Yarborough to Pedro J. Apon-te and Kristine R. Hunt of Mat-thews, N.C.; 16 Mingo; \$284,000.

34 Mingo 1B LLC to Nina J.M. Cauthen of Wilmington, N.C.; 18-C Village at Mingo; \$210,000.

Maria T. and Donald W. Woldford Jr. to Shane E. and Amy Conesky of Pawleys Island; 2-D Mingo; \$218,000.

Murrells Inlet

Alvin and Denise A.C. Exrin to Caleb M. and Carmen A. Co-blentz of Murrells Inlet; Lot 3, Block D, Jones and Harper sub-division, 1730 Running Water Dr.; \$445,000.

Beverly Homes to William W. and Cheryl R. Raper of Mur-rells Inlet; Lot 10, Block C, Wil-cox subdivision, 3919 Spanner Way; \$302,538.

Cary S. Sauer to Michael T. Brown of Murrells Inlet; Lot at 551 Bend Ave.; \$270,000.

Anthony Cape to Clearview Properties of Pawleys Island; 4310-C Lotus Court; \$137,500.

Charles E. McGill II to Clearview Properties of Paw-leys Island; 4315-C Lotus Court; \$129,500.

John M. and Leisa D. Darrah to Dolores L. Signore of Pawleys Island; 4277-G Santolina Way; \$137,000.

Keith L. and Kaye M. Kram-ert to Roslyn J. Bush of Columbia; 132-B Sterling Pointe; \$140,000.

Ann B. Melton to Judy M. Strange of Murrells Inlet; Lot 27, Phase IV, Johnson Estates, 4346 Goude St.; \$200,000.

Ann H. and Lester L. Weed Jr. to Lynn W. and Ralph S. Rus-tin Jr. of Columbia; 34-B Ster-ling Pointe; \$156,000.

Lynette J. Brown and Julia J. Windsor to Barbara A. Todd and Connie E. Baxley of Mur-rells Inlet; Lot 4, and part of Lots 5 and 7, Block 9, Vauxhall, 357 Spivey Ave.; \$675,000.

Master in equity to R.J. Scott Properties of Pawleys Island; Lot 16, Phase I, Creekside Cot-tages, 529 Belin Dr.; \$280,001.

Richard T. Smith to Earl B. and Kathy Beaman of Win-chester, N.H.; Lot A, 4315 Busi-ness 17; \$400,000.

Garden City Farms to Rob-ert L. Edge Jr. of North Myr-tle Beach; Lot 2-A, 518 Coquina Ave.; \$135,000.

Realstar Homes to Anthony A. and Shelley R. Knight of Mur-rells Inlet; Lot 28, 167 Grove Park Loop; \$272,951.

Realstar Homes to Khris-tian A. Molchan of Murrells In-let; Lot 34, 95 Grove Park Loop; \$245,000.

David French and Rob-ert Baxley Jr. to Jeffrey J. Reis of Shohola, Pa.; 65 Moss Creek; \$149,900.

Nancy R.G. Martin, Thom-as L. Gore Jr. and Rebecca A.G. Jones to Brady Moore of Cedar Park, Texas; Lot 5, 390 Cherry Lane; \$115,000.

Naks Development to Mi-chael A. and Deborah L. Allen of Murrells Inlet; 34 Moss Creek; \$144,000.

Barbara H. Wallace to Kris A. Riggle and Susan Estes of Murrells Inlet; 5-D Inlet Gar-dens; \$95,000.

Mario Cano to Susan L. Es-tes of Murrells Inlet; 4-C Inlet Gardens; \$108,000.

Richard D. Tucker to Joseph N. and Esther G. Lane of Mur-rells Inlet; Lot 6, Block 13, Eason Acres, 5094 S. First St.; \$80,000.

Chalet Properties IV to Glenn Ewald and Rong X. Zhu of Murrells Inlet; 16 Inlet Pines; \$65,000.

Master in equity to Bay-view Loan Servicing of Coral Ga-bles, Fla.; Parcel B, 4761 Sage St.; \$124,559.

Nicole L. Nuzzo to Brent L. and Brooke F. Lucas of Mur-

rells Inlet; Lot 61, Phase II, Lakeshore, 448 Hyacinth Loop; \$410,000.

John B. Langley to Joe C.T. Burris and Garrienne M. Lowe of Murrells Inlet; Lot 7, Wache-saw Palms, 15 Isle of Palms Dr.; \$460,000.

David S. and Ana Graham to Marion A. and Justine Wiggins of Hillsborough, N.C.; Lot 21, Phase II, 151 Hawks Nest Circle; \$569,000.

Estate of Carole H. Magann to Paula H. Thomas of Mur-rells Inlet; Lot 14, \$299 Berkeley Court; \$60,000.

George R. and Lori A. Gor-don to Deborah H. and David F. Owens III of Murrells Inlet; Lot 10, Hammock Pointe, 167 Pinna-cle Dr.; \$355,000.

Wachesaw Plantation

Estate of Ann F. Gevers to William A. Gevers of Murrells Inlet; Lot 126, Carriage Run, 4503 Loblolly Court.

Russell Reinhardt Jr. to Thomas E. and Jane B. Clayton of Murrells Inlet; Lot 34, Wache-saw Farms, 4950 Fulton Pl.; \$335,000.

Robert E. and Joan Mullally to Michael R. and Mary A. Gula of Murrells Inlet; Lot 21, 4484 Richmond Hill Dr.; \$529,000.

Estate of William W. Ma-hon to James T. and Sandra J. Hood of Murrells Inlet; Lot 76, Richmond Hill, 2012 Turnberry Lane; \$405,000.

Wachesaw East

Keisha Speller-Person to William C. and Emily J. Witbeck of Leicester, Mass.; 10-H Win-chester, Phase XVI; \$180,000.

Prince Creek

Richard R. and Sherry K. Teat to Richard A. and Ann M. Rutkowski of Lititz, Pa.; Lot 53, Phase I, 22 Highwood Circle; \$87,500.

Waterfall Holdings to Rob-ert M. Poletynski of Rosedale, Md.; Lot 20, Phase IV, Waver-ly Bay, 28 Springtime Court; \$55,000.

William D. and Virginia P. Hoover to Linda C. and Thomas DiBenedetto Jr. of Murrells In-let; Lot 34, Palm Bay, 154 Sum-merlight Dr.; \$384,900.

Lisa M. Boucher and John H. Letourneau to Stuart and Cathleen Frey of Murrells Inlet; Lot 73, Palm Bay, 104 Summer-light Dr.; \$335,465.

Cynthia J. Maeder to Kerry Stefanyak and Michele D. Tell of Murrells Inlet; Lot 433, Phase IV, Barony at Linksbrook, 186 Cy-press Creek Dr.; \$254,000.

Laura J. Ahearn to Karen L. Cheney of Murrells Inlet; Lot 315, Phase III, Barony at Links-brook, 164 Winding River Dr.; \$265,000.

Anthony J. and Rhonda L. Smith to Timothy L. and Kay A. Wahl of Davidson, N.C.; Lot 72, Phase II-A, Collins Creek Land-ing, 722 Woody Point; \$525,000.

R.S. Parker Homes to PBM Holdings of Murrells Inlet; Lot

LAND USE

Brief meeting lets residential development move forward

BY CHARLES SWENSON
COASTAL OBSERVER

Development is continuing on the Waccamaw Neck even as other business comes to a halt to comply with a state order on social distancing to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

The Georgetown County Planning Commission met Monday for the first time

since February. In a four-minute conference call, the commission approved a street name, Captiva Cove Court, that will allow work to begin on the second phase of Hammock Cove, an 88-lot subdivision off Petigru Drive.

The property is being developed by D.R. Horton, a national homebuilder. The second phase contains

42 lots.

"For 911 safety purposes, we don't want to issue a permit without a name," said Holly Richardson, the county's senior planner.

The vote was 5-0 once the commission decided how to record its vote. "I'm just raising my hand," commission member Johnny Weaver said.

Instead, Elizabeth Krauss, who chairs the commission, asked if anyone was opposed.

The commission canceled its March and April meetings. It also canceled a

workshop to review a draft of the future land-use plan.

The county is required by state law to update its comprehensive plan every 10 years. The last update was in 2008.

Among the elements of the plan are land use, which include goals for future development and maps that show why types of development ought to occur and in which areas. The plan provides the foundation for the county's zoning ordinance.

On the eve of the shutdown of public gatherings last month, about 300 people

attended a forum sponsored by the citizens group Keep It Green, which outlined its concerns about the density of future development on Waccamaw Neck and urged residents to get involved.

But the public meetings of the Planning Commission to get input on the update are now on hold, said Boyd Johnson, the county planning director.

Also on hold are public meetings to review the work of two consulting firms: one that looked at land use along the Highway 17 corri-

dor and another that looked at ways to improve traffic flow.

The firm that did the traffic study presented a draft of its findings to a steering committee last month. The firm, AECOM, is now working on creating an interactive model of its proposals, said Mark Hoeweler, executive director of the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study, which funded the work.

That will allow the public to see the recommendations online until a meeting can be held, he said.

Premier LOCAL AGENTS



130 HARBOR CLUB DR
LUXURY TOWNHOUSE IN THE RESERVE
MLS 1910215
\$599,999

PHILLIP BRADY
843-450-7346
RE/MAX COAST & COUNTRY



115 GEORGETOWN DR
GOLF COURSE COLONIAL
MLS 1918266
\$650,000

PHILLIP BRADY
843-450-7346
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33 Capt Anthony White Lane - Wedgefield Plantation
MLS # 2001468 \$279,900

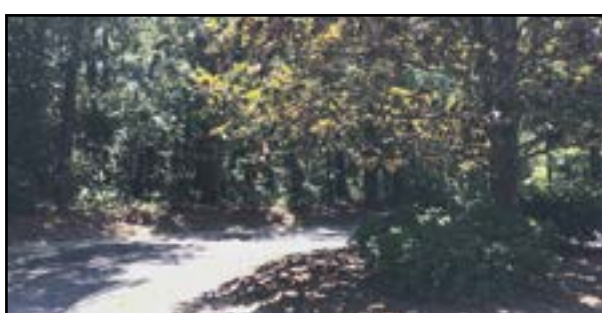
Wonderful circular drive. Multi-use spacious greatroom. Living room is great for entertaining with wood-burning fireplace, adjacent to a roomy kitchen. Generous owners' suite has 3 closets and en suite bath with tub/shower combination. 3 other bedrooms and a full bath complete the interior floor plan. Large yard and a golf course fairway is beyond. Screened porch.

SU COWIESON
SU SELLS...BY THE SEASHORE
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22 ACRE WATERFRONT ESTATE
GUEST HOUSE, POOL AND DEEP WATER DOCK.
MLS # 1825208
\$894,000

PHILLIP BRADY
843-450-7346
RE/MAX COAST & COUNTRY



Lot 108 Waterville Lane Homesite-Heritage Plantation
MLS 1916556 \$120,000

One of the few remaining homesites in north section. Private cul-de-sac street. No timeframe to build. Owners Clubhouse has a pool, hot tub, fitness area, playground, and 4 Har-Tru clay tennis courts. The community has a marina on the Intracoastal Waterway and a large gathering deck with magnificent sunset views.

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1087 Doral Drive, Heritage Plantation
MLS# 2003203 \$469,000

Brick home upgraded and well-maintained. Private cul-de-sac street, short distance from marina and on the golf course. The floorplan is split bedroom with 2 guest rooms and shared bath on one side and a shared bath and a private master with en suite bath with double sinks, a jetted tub and shower. Convenient half bath, and laundry.

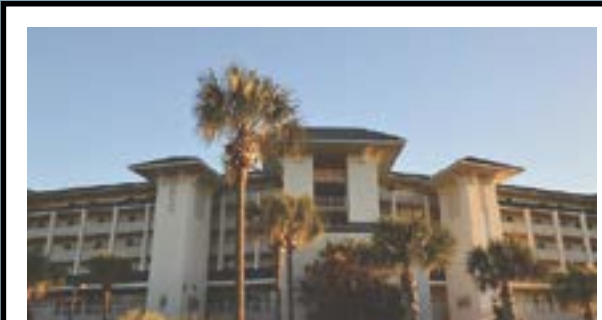
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Senior photo banners line the practice field fence along Kings River Road in front of Waccamaw High. They were moved from the playing fields

WACCAMAW HIGH SPORTS

With time on their hands, some Warriors keep training

BY JOSHUA FORD
FOR THE OBSERVER

It has been 26 days since the last sporting event for Waccamaw High School athletes. It will be at least another 21 days before the next one, if there even is a next one during this school year.

“The past few weeks have been filled with many different emotions,” said Sam Kelley, a runner on the track and field team. “I would have never thought my senior year would end like this. Everything changed so suddenly.”

Track and field was the last Waccamaw team in action before schools were closed by Gov. Henry McMaster due to the coronavirus. The Warriors competed at a meet in Summerville.

“I didn’t believe it was our last meet because I was still so hopeful that it wouldn’t end like this,” Kelley said. “I wanted to keep the hope that my ‘year of lasts’ would continue and wouldn’t end so soon.”

Student-athletes in Waccamaw’s Class of 2020 are grappling with the knowledge that they may never put on the school’s uniform again.

Jonah Stump has played soccer since he was four years old, and the striker wanted nothing more than to beat rival Bishop England on March 12. The Warriors were up 2-1 with five minutes remaining in the game, but after going back and forth with the Bishops, they lost 4-3.

“Our last game was one of the most exciting games I’ve ever played and it was a heartbreaker,” Stump said. “It was the hardest I’ve ever watched my teammates play and it was terrible having to see us lose knowing it could’ve been our last game for a while or ever. We fought our hearts out and it was amazing to be a part of it.”

“The season started off great,” lacrosse defender Reese Hannon said. “We had possibly the best varsity team Waccamaw ever had, and we were ready to put the work in to get to state this year.”

The Warriors won their last three games, including beating May River 9-8 on March 13.

“The last game we had was one of the best lacrosse games I’ve played in,” Hannon said. “We went into overtime and won despite being down a few players and all of us seniors knowing it might be the last game we played. Overall it was a great season that I’d give anything to keep playing.”

Now that sports have been put on pause, all Waccamaw students, but especially this involved in extracurricular activities, have a lot of time on their hands.

“These past few weeks have been very challenging in the fact that this is usually when I’m most busy with school, softball and just being with the team in general,” said Summers Ward. “I have definitely been missing being with my team and playing.”

Covey Loftus, who plays tennis and throws on the track and field team, described the past 26 days as “boring.”

“I have nowhere to go and nothing to do besides e-learning assignments,” Loftus said. “Being able to sleep late is one consolation, though.”

Stump agreed. “The past few weeks have been truly, really boring for me and I’m starting to realize it’s kind of boring without school,” Stump said. “School always gave me something to do and without it the days go by a lot slower.”

“It has really made my sense of time a lot stronger. I truly recognize how little time I have left before I leave for college,” said Savannah Manning, who plays right midfield for the soccer team. “I have a lot of time for reflection as well as time for looking into what I want to be in the world.”

Of course, as athletes, spare time can mean time to train. But with many

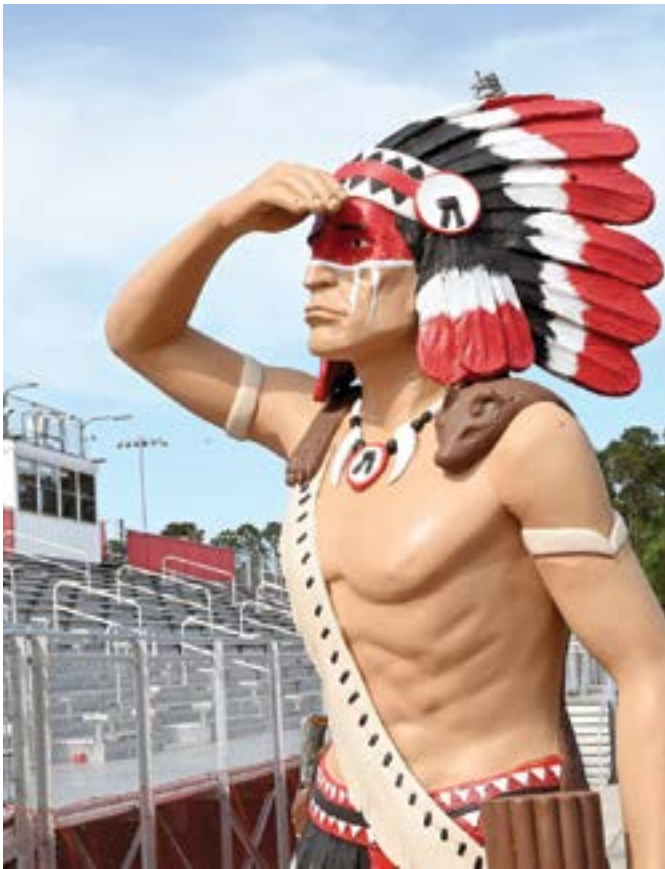
While many are unsure of whether they’ll play their sport again, Zach Saxton knows he’ll be on the baseball field for Limestone College in the fall.

“I’m excited that I get to keep playing but at the same time I’m upset that there might be no more [Waccamaw] season,” he said.

With uncertainty clouding the end of the school year, many are reflecting on their high school careers.

“The season started off very promising and I believe we could’ve been one of the best teams to ever play for Waccamaw,” Stump said. “We have a strong senior class this year and we all were on the same mission to win the region, then make a strong run in the state tournament. ... I was proud to be a part of that team.”

“Even though I didn’t



The school mascot looks out over a stadium that may remain empty for the rest of the season.

public areas like gyms closed, they’ve had to think outside of the box.

One way to exercise is via Instagram challenges. People post videos of themselves doing exercises like push-ups and tag friends to challenge them to match their total.

Wade Maring, who has played golf for eight years, challenged Loftus in his video.

“I think the challenges are a great way to inspire people to get active or engage their minds in something they otherwise would not,” Maring said. “I think it’s a great thing to help people stay engaged and focused during this time of fear and boredom.”

■ **SOME DOUBT** that the spring sports season will resume, but Ward is training just in case.

“I have been staying in shape so that if we resume the season I will have the same endurance that I had when we left off,” she said. “We lost the last game that we played when we should have won, and I know that if we were able to play [Carvers Bay] again then we would beat them. So I hope we’ll be able to get back up and show them who we really are.”

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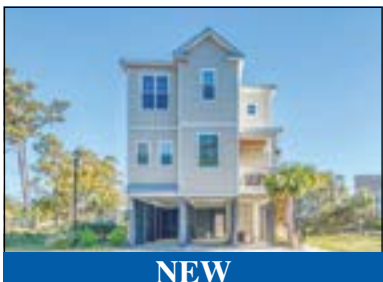
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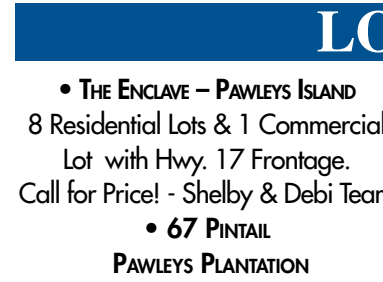
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NEW

398 Middleton - North Litchfield
3 Bdrm 1.5 Bath single story brick. Major renovation to kitchen w/gas range, quartz counters, galley sink, glass tiles, ceramic tile floor, HVAC system replaced and upgraded 2019. Fireplace w/ gas logs in FR. Large Lot. Two outdoor showers, one enclosed. Irrigation system.
\$420,000 Shelby/Debi Team



REDUCED

21 Shorebird - North Litchfield Beach
Architecturally engineered 6 bedroom, 6 bath, raised beach home in pristine condition. Private Pool on property. Located on "1.5 row" corner lot with ocean views & unobstructed views from widows walk. Beach ACCESS is only steps behind the house. Very close by!!!
\$1,695,000 Neil Giesler

LOTS

- **THE ENCLAVE - PAWLEYS ISLAND**
8 Residential Lots & 1 Commercial Lot with Hwy. 17 Frontage. Call for Price! - Shelby & Debi Team
- **67 PINTAIL**
PAWLEYS PLANTATION
Beautiful wooded lot on quiet cul-de-sac.
\$64,900 - Roger Wyndham
- **LOT 99 SHEARWATER**

- DeBORDIEU COLONY**
\$180,000 - Julie Swink
- **LOT 3 PARKER - NORTH LITCHFIELD**
2nd Row. Corner Lot. North End
\$595,000 - Neil Giesler
- **LOT 2 NORRIS - INLET POINT S.**
Oceanfront, Gated Community
\$1,450,000
- **LOT 267 BLUE HERON**
DeBORDIEU COLONY
\$110,000 - Amy Moss
- **LOT 12 DeBORDIEU BLVD.**
OCEANFRONT
\$890,000
- **LOT 17/18 EMERSON**
HAGLEY ESTATE
RIVER FRONT!!!
\$650,000
- **LOT 3 McDOWELL SHORTCUT**
MURRELLS INLET
\$135,000 - Elena Hoff
- **LOT 127 FIELDGATE**
RICEFIELDS PLANTATION
\$105,500 - Jessamine DuBose

CONDOS



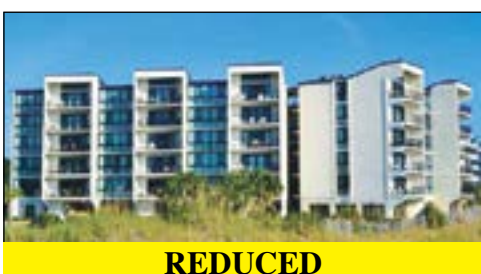
Bridgewater - Litchfield by the Sea

- Bridgewater 321 **\$245,000 - Neil Giesler**
- Bridgewater 120 **\$211,900 - Neil Giesler**



256 Salt Marsh Cove 3A

A wonderful location with great views. Updated and renovated marsh front condo with screened Porch. End unit. Short walk to community dock / pier. Three bedrooms and 2 full baths on 2nd floor. Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances. A walk, bike ride or short drive to the ocean.
\$249,500 Bill Jagger



REDUCED

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.
\$499,900 Rick Gilmer



REDUCED

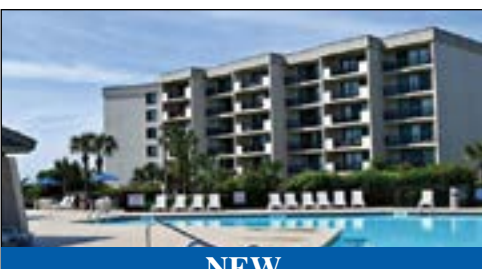
Hamilton 202-Litchfield by the Sea

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 - Litchfield by the Sea

- D3B **\$525,000**
- D1A (4BR, 3BA) **\$529,000 - Neil Giesler**
- D4B (3BR, 3BA) **\$550,000 - Rick Gilmer**
- D3E (3BR, 3BA) **\$529,900 NEW - Amy Moss**



NEW

Sandpiper Run A3N - Litchfield by the Sea

2 BR/2.5 BA glorious ocean front condo with unobstructed views. No pool or patios to overlook. Stunningly furnished, immaculately maintained, and gloriously decorated. Explore the outdoors with private walking trails, pool, tennis, fishing, crabbing...and more.
\$475,000 Neil Giesler

INTERVALS

LITCHFIELD BY THE SEA

Captains Quarters D52 - <i>NEW</i>	\$65,000
Breakers Reef 6C - <i>NEW</i>	\$78,000
Crescent C3D - 3 available <i>NEW</i>	\$57,000 per
Pelican Watch 8B - III <i>REDUCED</i>	\$40,000
Fordham 406 -I & IX	\$105,000 each
Fordham 309 XIII <i>NEW</i>	\$105,000 per
Sandpiper Run B2E - Qtr. Share <i>REDUCED</i>	\$158,500
Dolphin Watch IV 2 available <i>NEW</i>	\$150,000
Dolphin Watch IV <i>REDUCED</i> starting @	\$135,000

LITCHFIELD BY THE SEA

Captains Quarters D24	\$68,000
Fordham 103 <i>REDUCED</i>	\$89,000
206 Cambridge 1/4 interest - Pet Friendly <i>REDUCED</i>	\$167,500
143 Oystercatcher 1/4 Share - Sally Gee <i>REDUCED</i>	\$109,950
Crescent D5F <i>NEW</i>	\$60,000
Crescent D2E	\$45,000



NORTH LITCHFIELD BEACH

Indigo Pelican II	\$150,000
Indigo Pelican III starting at	\$175,000
Indigo Pelican VI (3 avail) <i>REDUCED</i>	\$162,500 per



Jimmy Smith



Rick Gilmer



Wanda Wilson



Shelby Hough



Debi Donovan Rice



N. Stone Miller



Sally Gee



Roger Wyndham



Julie Swink



Jessamine DuBose Griffin



Ben Rozak



Allyson Springs



Glenda Baker Taylor



Bill Jagger



Jeff King



Melody Skipper



Amy Moss



Patricia Payne



Neil Giesler