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Ryan Eckenrode of AECOM, right, answers questions about the traffic improvements.

HIGHWAY 17

Study draws new round of comments

BY CHARLES SWENSON
COASTAL OBSERVER

The chance to comment on \$53.3 million in proposed improvements to Highway 17 along the Waccamaw Neck drew more than 120 people to a forum this week.

It was the best turnout so far for an update to the traffic study that has guided land planning and improvements along the highway since 2003.

"There was interest," said Mark Hoeweler, executive director of the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study, the inter-governmental group that funded the \$100,000 update. "It was worthwhile."

Whether the comments affect the results reached by the engineering firm AECOM, which started work on the update in 2019, remains to be seen. Participants got a handout with a summary of the proposed improve-

ments and were able to watch video renderings of the key sections of the highway in Pawleys Island, Litchfield and Murrells Inlet. They could then fill out comment forms.

The forms ran out halfway through the session and had to be restocked.

"We'll look them over and consider if we need to revise the plan," Hoeweler said.

The session with staff from **SEE "HIGHWAY," PAGE 4**



The door to the meeting room remains open, slightly, even during a closed session.

CHURCHES

Good clean fun

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
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The staff and parishioners at Low Country Community Church have gone "MAD" this summer.

The Murrells Inlet church is hosting MAD Mondays for rising first- through fifth-graders. MAD stands for "messy and dirty," which is how the kids end up.

"It's something that the community really, really loves," said Pastor Steve Fairchild. "It's just a way for us to come together and have a good time, worship Jesus, and learn a little bit about Jesus. That's our focus."

Each Monday starts with music and a Bible lesson. This week, Fairchild talked to the kids about how valuable they are. To make his point, he crumpled up a \$20 bill, stomped on it with his foot, and then dipped it in grape jelly. Despite being damaged, it didn't change the value of the bill, Fairchild told the kids.

After the Bible lesson and some dinner, the kids enjoy a host of watery games.

The nights end with "buckets of doom" containing messy items like cereal and spaghetti, which are dumped over the kids' heads.

Fairchild said the events are as much fun for the adults as the kids.

"Every Sunday I say 'come and have fun,'" Fairchild said. "We get to slime kids in the name of Jesus."

MAD Mondays have attracted about 60 kids each week. Some **SEE "MAD," PAGE 3**



Photos by Chris Sokoloski/Coastal Observer



A MAD Monday camper, above, gets a "bucket of doom" containing chocolate cereal poured over his head. At left, the event also gave kids a chance to tests their aim with water guns.

SCHOOLS

Mandate from state: No mandates for masks

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
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The legislature and Gov. Henry McMaster have spoken: school districts cannot use funds to require masks be worn inside any education facilities, nor can mask policies be enforced or even announced.

The legislature included the proviso in this year's budget, which was signed by the governor and went into effect July 1.

A district could lose state funding if it goes against the proviso, according to Alan Walters, director of safety for the Georgetown County School District.

Walters believes the district can encourage people to wear masks and even provide masks to people who want them.

"That's about as far as we can go," he said.

Walters is working with district staff on a tentative reopening plan to present to the school board on Tuesday. A vote on a reopening plan is not expected until the board meeting on Aug. 3.

Even after the board approves a plan, Walters said it could still change before students return to school on Aug. 18.

The district is trying to figure out how the budget proviso affects school buses, which are covered by President Biden's **SEE "SCHOOLS," PAGE 3**

PAWLEYS ISLAND

Town due in court to defend actions in FOIA suit

BY CHARLES SWENSON
COASTAL OBSERVER

When voices down the hall interrupted a workshop of Pawleys Island officials last month, someone pushed the door to the meeting closed. The town attorney objected.

"We don't want to get sued," David DuRant said.

The door was left ajar. That has become the new protocol as the town prepares to defend itself in Circuit Court next week against claims that it violated the state Freedom of Information Act.

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PAWLEYS ISLAND | Preserving 'the look'

After design rules, town moves cautiously on historic homes

BY CHARLES SWENSON
COASTAL OBSERVER

An ordinance that would require town approval before altering or removing nine historic homes on Pawleys Island needs more study, Town Council members say.

The proposed ordinance came days after the town Planning Commission agreed that something needs to be done to protect the 19th century buildings that led to the Pawleys Island Historic District being included in the National Register of Historic Places nearly 50 years ago.

"That's exactly what we all want," said John Hildreth, who chairs the commission. "We're going to regret it forever if we don't."

Commission members dis-



The listing of the LaBruce-Lemon house prompted discussion of historic preservation.

Charles Swenson/Coastal Observer

cussed the concept in a conference call with former Charleston Mayor Joe Riley and Winslow Hastie, the president of the Historic Charleston Foundation.

"They thought it was real important to look at the whole island," Hildreth said.

In Charleston, approval is required to alter buildings over 50 years old. Those of 100 years and older cannot be altered.

"We aren't Charleston, of course," Hildreth said.

But while commission members agreed that a historic survey of the island would be a good **SEE "TOWN," PAGE 6**

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MAD | Good clean fun at church

FROM FRONT PAGE have come every week and some just recently.

"That's really cool," Fairchild said. "Word is getting out."

MAD Mondays is just one of the community outreach programs for the church, which was founded in 1998.

For several years the church has been serving a free Thanksgiving meal that is open to everyone in the community. In the past, the sanctuary was transformed into a restaurant, but last year, because of the pandemic, the meal was served outside.

"I love the community, and I love church," Fairchild said. "I really wish more churches could get along and come together and do things for the community so the community knows that God is for them and not against them. It seems like everybody knows what the church is against but nobody knows



Chris Sokoloski/Coastal Observer

MAD Monday campers crawl through slime.

what the church is for."

Fairchild, who has been the church's pastor since 2010, said he teaches relationships not religion, and likes to remind people that

everyone is created in the image of God.

"You'll never come face to face with anyone who wasn't created in God's image and God loves His creation. Therefore, God loves everyone and so should I," Fairchild said. "Even if you don't agree with me. Even if you look different than me. We should love each other and we should love the differences that we have."

MAD Mondays continue on July 19 and 26. The events are free, but go to lc3church.com to download a medical release form to be turned in when dropping off a child. The church is located at 4430 Murrells Inlet Rd., around the corner from the post office.

PAWLEYS ISLAND Community Church is hosting "Jump @ Nite" for first-through fifth-graders Aug. 4-6. The event will feature music, Bible fun, and wet and messy games. Register at pawleysisland.church.

Schools | State mandate: no mandates

FROM FRONT PAGE executive order requiring masks to be worn on public transportation. The state Department of Education announced last week that it had lifted its requirement of masks on school buses.

"It's a really difficult path to walk," Walters said. "We're trying to thread our way through this."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released updated guidelines for schools which include: masks for unvaccinated students age 2 and older; 3 feet of social distancing between unvaccinated students inside school buildings; and masks for everyone if 3 feet of social distancing is not possible.

The CDC has removed the use of plexiglass from its guidelines. However, the state Department of Health and Environmental Control still recommends plexiglass in conjunction with 3 feet of social distancing.

"That hasn't been reconciled yet," Walters said. He expects the district to keep some plexiglass for students or staff who want to continue to use it.

AS OF Wednesday, there were 325 new COVID-19 cases in the state, including three in Georgetown County. Horry County leads the state in new cases with 40.

Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC's public health director, said the number of people hospitalized due to COVID-19 has more than tripled in the last three weeks. The "overwhelming majority" of the people recently diagnosed with the coronavirus were not vaccinated, she added.

"Unvaccinated people are fueling the pandemic, especially unvaccinated young people," Traxler said.

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July 17	1:26	5.3	2:19	5.7	7:42	8:20
July 18	2:23	5.2	3:16	6.0	8:40	9:30
July 19	3:23	5.1	4:15	6.2	9:45	10:40
July 20	4:26	5.1	5:15	6.5	10:48	11:43
July 21	5:27	5.1	6:12	6.6	11:46	
July 22	6:25	5.1	7:08	6.8	12:40	12:41

Tides at Pawleys Pier. Daylight Saving Time. 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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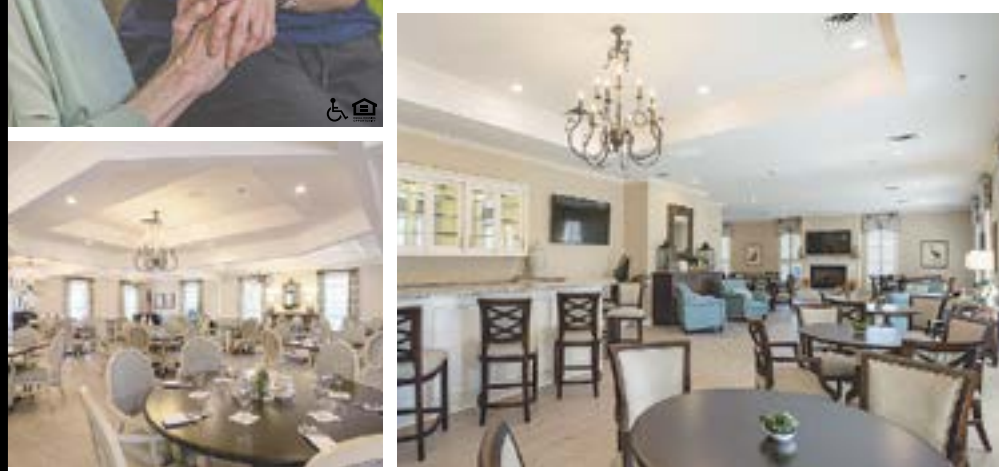
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ELECTIONS

County director gives notice

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
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Kristie Richardson, the director of Voter Registration and Elections for Georgetown County, has resigned.

Richardson, who was hired in 2019 after the death of long-time director Donna Mahn, declined to comment on her resignation on Wednesday.

There was an elections board meeting Wednesday night, but Richardson said she didn't expect to talk about it then either.



Tanya Ackerman/Coastal Observer

Kristie Richardson in 2019 after being hired as director.

Elections board chairman James Sanderson said Richardson notified the members of her decision in an email.

"I was a little bit surprised and taken aback," Sanderson said.

He said the board would

discuss a personnel matter related to Richardson's resignation in an executive session during the Wednesday's meeting.

The office will conduct elections in November for the city of Georgetown and the town of Pawleys Island.

Highway | Study draws crowd

FROM FRONT PAGE

AECOM and local planners added about \$8,700 to the cost of the study. That was paid for by Georgetown County, which requested the update.

If there are revisions to the study, GSATS will fund those, Hoeweler said.

For Tom Martin, who moved to North Litchfield last year, it was the first chance to provide input on the plan.

"I'd like to see some of these projects go faster," he said.

Martin said he would have preferred a format the provided a presentation about the overall study.

State Sen. Stephen Goldfinch, who chairs the GSATS policy committee, said he was also expecting a pre-

sentation.

One proposal in the study is a reconfiguration of the intersection of Bypass 17 and Highway 707 to eliminate left turns. It would create a loop road on the northeast side of the intersection at a cost of \$4.2 million.

Goldfinch proposed an overpass, which Hoeweler estimated would cost \$42 million.

"I'll get the money for the overpass if there's a groundswell of support for it," Goldfinch said.

Hoeweler said he hadn't heard any objections.

But he hadn't talked to Leon Rice, a leader of Preserve Murrells Inlet.

The loop won't work, Rice said, but the overpass "is too urban" for Murrells

Inlet.

"It's unsolvable," he said, before adding that the solution is to reduce the density of development and preserve more green space.

"I see complaints, but I don't see better recommendations," County Council Member John Thomas said.

He still thought the public involvement was a benefit.

Drew Street said he was interested in learning more about the roundabout proposed near his house on Kings River Road. He wasn't sure it was necessary.

Neither were Russell and Jordan Watkins, who live nearby.

"It's hard to get information," Russell Watkins said, which is why they came to the meeting.

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Suits | Town FOIA suit due for trial

FROM FRONT PAGE

Even after voting this week to hold an executive session to get a briefing from DuRant about the case, a sliver of light was still visible at the edge of the meeting room door.

Henry Thomas, an island resident, filed suit in December 2019 alleging that the town had failed to follow the FOIA in conducting executive sessions and in failing to provide notice and minutes for meetings of an ad hoc finance committee. The case pits the former mayor against two council members and the town administrator, who have denied the allegations.

Former Mayor Jimmy Braswell submitted an affidavit to the court in June stating that a closed-door session in December 2018 strayed from the topic of police pay to beach renourishment, beach access and parking.

At a meeting six months later, Braswell said, the council met with a Columbia lawyer in an executive session to talk about ways to lobby the legislature to allow the town to impose a property tax for beach renourishment.

Town Administrator Ryan Fabbri refuted Braswell's claims in a subsequent affidavit filed before Judge Ben Culbertson heard a motion for summary judgment from Thomas.

Culbertson said at the hearing that "somebody obviously has filed a false affidavit."

Culbertson set the case for trial, but has yet to rule on the motion.

After the hearing, the town filed affidavits from Council Members Ashley Carter and Sarah Zimmerman stating that the session about police pay did not talk about beach renourishment, access or parking, only about revenue that related to the pay.

They stated that the lawyer was not present in the executive session about lobbying because the session was held for the purpose of discussing a contract with his law firm.

Taylor Smith, the attorney representing Thomas, argued that the minutes of the council meetings show that no vote was taken to enter the executive sessions and no purpose was stated for the sessions, as required by law. He urged the court to accept the minutes as fact.

Carter and Zimmerman said any variation from proper procedure shown in the minutes "would be attributable to typographical error/omission."

THE TOWN IS ALSO in court over its efforts to condemn easements from the owners of three beachfront lots on the island's south

end that will enable the town to partner with the Army Corps of Engineers on future beach renourishment projects.

A judge granted summary judgment earlier this year to the owners, saying the condemnation process initiated last summer was flawed. Two of the owners, Frank Beattie and Sunset Lodge LLC, were awarded attorney's fees. The third, Barry Stanton, is the attorney representing himself and his neighbors. He didn't ask for fees to represent himself. As of May, the total fees were just over \$113,000.

The town has asked the court to review Stanton's billing records.

While the owners challenged the first condemnation, the town attempted to correct the flaws in the process. That led the owners to file a new set of challenges. When Judge Michael Nettles ruled against the town in the first condemnation, the town withdrew the second condemnation.

The property owners argued that they should be allowed to pursue their challenge.

Culbertson dismissed the case in April and last month denied a motion to reconsider.

The three property owners have appealed those decisions to the state Court of Appeals.

Southern classic returns to the Strand Theater

The Swamp Fox Players are bringing "Steel Magnolias" back to the stage at the Strand Theater next month.

It will be the third time the acting troupe has staged the Southern classic about a close-knit circle of female friends dealing with life, love, aging and devastating loss.

"Steel Magnolias" was

also staged by the Swamp Fox Players in 1989 and 2009.

This year's production is directed by Lee Padgett and stars Jo Camlin, Ariane Lieberman, Julia Hooks, Helen Thomas, Robin Hearl and Josie Thames.

For the first time in more than a year, there will be no COVID-19 restrictions

in place at the theater during performances. Tickets will be sold for every seat in the house.

Performance dates are Aug. 5-7 and Aug. 12-14 at 8 p.m., and Aug. 8 and 15 at 2:30 p.m.

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LAND USE

Request to reduce lot size faces opposition

BY CHARLES SWENSON
COASTAL OBSERVER

A citizens group says it will oppose efforts to change the zoning on property along Highway 17 that would increase the number of homes that could be built on the site.

Benjamin Goff is seeking a change from "residential-half acre" to "residential-10,000 square feet" for 14.8 acres between Waterford Road and The Colony development.

"This would comport with future land uses, be compatible with existing uses and consistent with other properties in the area," Goff, who lives in Massachusetts, said in his

application to the Georgetown County Planning Department.

The Planning Commission will consider the request at a meeting today. The planning staff did not make a recommendation on the request.

Keep It Green opposes the request, saying that increasing the number of potential lots that could be developed violates the county's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

"The requested zoning change would result in the potential of more than double the maximum number of residential units allowed under current zoning," the group said in an email to the planning staff.

The current zoning would allow 29 lots, said Cindy Person, a leader of Keep It Green. The zoning change would allow up to 64.

"He hasn't offered any information to justify the reason for a zoning change," she said.

The county's comprehensive plan states "The general concept of allowing higher density to prevent sprawl is no longer applicable in this area. The key now is to limit the number of new residential developments that are added."

The property is currently classified in the future land-use plan as low density, with no more than two units an acre. The rezoning would be medium density,

with up to five units an acre. The plan was changed in 2013 to allow development of 49 lots at The Colony as medium density.

Keep It Green says that isn't a justification for a change to the Goff property.

"Not only is there no relevant justification advanced for this zoning change, but such a change would adversely affect the public by increasing density and creating more traffic, flooding and burden on existing infrastructure."

Goff is represented by Cynthia Murray, a real estate agent with the Lachicotte Co.

Commission member Johnny Weaver, an agent with the Litchfield Co.

which owns the Lachicotte Co., said he will recuse himself from the rezoning.

Keep It Green sent Weaver a letter this week urging his recusal.

"I had already decided to do that," Weaver said.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA for today's meeting is a request to rezone a portion of 260 acres on the Sampit River west of Georgetown to allow development of a park for recreational vehicles with up to 700 sites. The request was considered last month, but deferred by the commission so members could get more information about the project.

The property is currently zoned for 348 single-family homes.

The commission is also scheduled to give final approval to revisions to the tree regulations in the coun-

ty zoning ordinance. Those have also been deferred at previous meetings.

Among the key changes is a reduction in the size of a tree that would qualify for protection from 30 inches of "diameter at breast height" to 24 inches. DBH is measured 4.5 feet from the ground.

The new rules would also require developers of commercial or multi-family developments to retain 10 trees an acre or 100 inches of total DBH an acre to maintain a tree canopy on the site.

If trees have to be planted to mitigate for development, they must be the same species as the trees that were removed.

THE COMMISSION meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard Auditorium in Georgetown.

Town | Historic homes under review

FROM FRONT PAGE

starting point, they wanted to do something sooner to preserve the eight oldest houses in the historic district and the Pawleys Island Chapel.

Those could not be "demolished, modified, removed or relocated, in whole or in part, nor shall the exterior architectural appearance of any Historic Structure which is visible from a public right-of-way be altered" without approval of the Architectural Review Board, under the draft ordinance sent to Town Council.

Town Council created the board last month.

Mayor Brian Henry said the town needed to get feedback from the property owners before considering an ordinance. He noted that the architectural review process is still evolving.

"I think we may get to some level of that, but we just need to do more homework," Henry said.

"I like the idea of tak-



Charles Swenson/Coastal Observer

A draft ordinance would require town approval to change nine historic structures.

ing a deep breath," Council Member Guerry Green said.

The council received objections to the ARB from some property owners on the island's south end, where the narrow lots could make it hard to comply with the "Pawleys Island look" that its design guidelines envision.

Martha Jones, whose family owns a house on Springs Avenue, told the council in an email this

week that the Planning Commission should focus on protecting structures in the historic district "rather than throwing the entire island into a narrow minded, burdensome HOA regime."

The town "created a problem that the great majority of us didn't view as a problem or even know we had," Jones said.

The historic preservation discussion emerged from the creation of that ARB and the listing of the LaBruce-Lemon house for sale. It was standing in 1858, and is thought to be among the first houses erected on the island.

"They've already told prospective buyers that it can be subdivided," said commission member Robert Moser, who talked with the owners and their agents. He told the commission that one prospective buyer backed out saying, "I don't want to be known as the person who bulldozed LaBruce-Lemon."

With an asking price of

\$4.25 million, the subdivision of the oceanfront lot will be the first thing that comes up, commission member Ed Fox said.

But he added that the town needs to have a comprehensive plan for identifying historic houses. "They're going to come after you if you start picking and choosing," Fox said.

The houses included in the National Register appli-

cation are a starting point, he said.

Hildreth suggested that 75 years might be a starting point for historic status.

"There are a lot of 60-, 70-, 80-year old houses on the island that are not historic," Moser said.

The commission agreed to continue the process, based on the feedback from Town Council.

It also agreed to start

looking at tree protection.

Commission member John LaMaster reviewed ordinances from Charleston and Kiawah Island. "We need an arborist to advise us," he said.

The commission will start by getting input from members of the board of the nonprofit Pawleys Island Beautification Foundation, which maintains the Nature Park next to Town Hall.



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High-speed chase ends on neighborhood street

A car chase that started in Horry County ended up in the Tradition Club, where the suspect fled on foot, according to the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office.

Horry County Police reported that a driver of a car stopped for a traffic violation on Bypass 17 and Highway 544 around 1 a.m. Saturday was heading south at 95 mph. The suspect's white Nissan blew past the intersection of Bypass and Business 17 before deputies could deploy stop sticks.

A deputy in Litchfield pulled into the median at Sandy Island Road to set up stop sticks. He saw the Nissan - with one headlight out - heading his way. He pulled the stop sticks into the highway. He heard two thumps as the Nissan ran over them. It kept going.

The Nissan was found about half a mile from the Tradition Club's entrance on Willbrook Boulevard. The right side tires were flat.

Horry County Police found a man's wallet with ID inside the car and said they would seek a warrant.

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

July 11

2:08 a.m. | A Myrtle Beach man, 32, was caught after he ran from deputies investigating a report of a fight and possible shots fired at the On the 1/2 Shell bar on Bypass 17. Witnesses identified the man's white pickup and deputies stopped it nearby.

The man parked the truck and ran. He got about 50 yards. The man had

dried blood on his face.

Asked about the fight, the man replied "you already know." A deputy said he didn't know. The man declined to explain.

The man was arrested on an outstanding warrant for property damage and on charges of "hindering and obstructing" and driving with a suspended license. The man had 1.9 ounces of marijuana in several small bags. The deputy said he would also seek a warrant for possession with intent to distribute.

No evidence was found that shots had been fired, the deputy said.

6:58 a.m. | Someone stole a \$30 lawn chair and a \$120 trash can from outside a Murrells Inlet home. The owner told a deputy that the trash can was provided by the homeowners association. He said he had complained recently to the association about neighbors walking on his property.

8:10 p.m. | An Anderson County man, 40, was arrested after he was found driving a U-Haul van that had been reported stolen in Greenville. A license-plate reader alerted a deputy that the van was heading south on Highway 17. He stopped it near Brookgreen Gardens.

The man was also cited for driving with a suspended license.

July 10

10:38 a.m. | Roofers arrived at a job site in Murrells Inlet to find \$544 worth of material missing. A roofer said the roll of rubber material weighed about 300 pounds.

July 9

11:58 a.m. | A Murrells Inlet woman, 84, said she gave her daughter permission to use her car to run errands while she was ill about two weeks earlier. The daughter then became ill and was admitted to the hospital, the woman told a deputy.

Since then, an Horry County man, 33, who is a friend of the daughter's has been using the car. The woman said the man does not have her permission.

A deputy confirmed that the man worked at an area restaurant, but was unable to contact him.

The woman wanted the 2004 Hyundai listed as stolen.

12:29 p.m. | Someone stole the catalytic converter from a truck parked outside the Rothrock Collection in Litchfield. A deputy said the smooth cut on the exhaust pipe led him to believe the culprit had used power tools.

5:04 p.m. | A man walking his dog off Highway 17 near Allston Plantation found a safe hidden in the bushes. The door of the 3-foot by 2-foot safe was facing the ground. The back had been forced open, a deputy said.

A check of the serial number showed the safe had not been reported stolen.

7:12 p.m. | A Litchfield

woman, 53, said she was choked by her estranged husband, 60, while they were at a Murrells Inlet restaurant. She drove the man to her apartment and dropped him off before driving to the emergency room, where she spoke with a deputy.

The woman didn't have any visible injuries, but hospital staff said they were going to do a CT scan.

The man was not found. He was on his way home to Missouri, the woman said.

11:58 p.m. | A Murrells Inlet woman, 61, said a man who lives with her, 42, broke her cellphone during an argument. She told a deputy that the man also grabbed her wrist. She said he has "rage issues."

The man admitted throwing the phone. He said he bought it for the woman and pays the bill. He denied grabbing the woman.

The man said he would replace the phone and agreed to spend the night elsewhere.

July 7

12:26 a.m. | Deputies who heard "hollering and screaming" outside Uncle Tito's bar on Business 17 found a man with blood on his face and a cut over his right eye. He told deputies that he didn't know what had happened. The last thing he remembered was throwing water in somebody's face.

A witness told the deputies that the injured man, 36, of Murrells Inlet, had tried to start a fight with another inlet man, 26, who kept telling the older man he needed to leave the bar because he was drunk. The older man threw a cup of water in the younger man's face.

The younger man told deputies that he saw the older man throw water in someone else's face and slap that person. He told the older man that he needed to leave the bar. The older man shoved him.

The younger man shoved the older man in return, causing the older man to hit his face on the ground.

Neither man wanted to press charges.

July 2

8:02 a.m. | A employee who saw a company truck towing an equipment trailer drive by on Highway 17 as he was getting dinner the night before thought he recognized the driver as the company owner. The next morning, he learned that the truck and a \$60,000 skid-steer tractor had been stolen from a job site at Pawleys Island.

The employee said he locked the truck when he left the site, but put the keys in the toolbox.

9:35 a.m. | A Murrells Inlet man, 69, was reported missing after he left a note saying he was going to the emergency room and never returned. His brother

told a deputy that he contacted several hospitals and couldn't locate the man. He said his brother has several health issues related to his military service.

The brother also said the man would not be happy if he knew that the sheriff's office had been contacted.

The deputy and dispatchers also were unable to locate the man.

About 4 hours later, the brother called to say the man had returned. When he learned that the brother had called the deputies, the man grabbed a sleeping bag and left. The man told the brother he was fine.

11:30 a.m. | A Myrtle Beach woman, 21, told a state trooper that she was standing in traffic on Bypass 17 trying to kill herself. She told a deputy that she had a lot going on in her life and that an incident with her boyfriend pushed her over the edge.

She had cashed her paycheck at the Bank of America branch and as they drove off, the boyfriend, 22, also of Myrtle Beach, grabbed her money. They argued. She got out of the car. He drove off.

The woman was taken to the hospital for evaluation. She wasn't sure if she wanted to press charges.

7:05 p.m. | Crack cocaine thrown from a car that fled a state trooper was turned over to a deputy. The trooper said he didn't chase the car due to rain and traffic.

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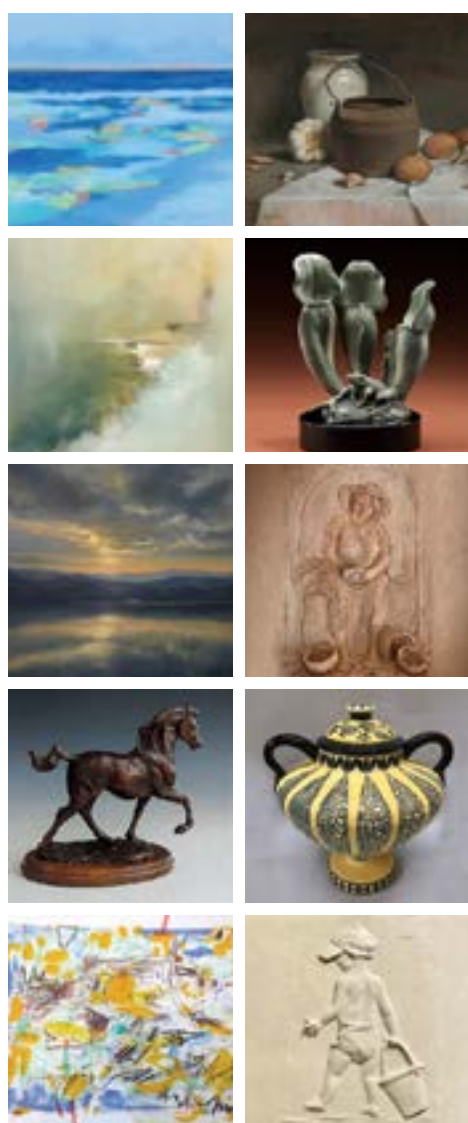
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The sandy slope for golf carts

LET'S DRAW THE LINE IN THE SAND for golf carts. Along with the proliferation of tents and cabanas, golf carts have changed the landscape along the beachfront over the last decade. They have made the beach more accessible to many by optimizing limited parking space. Yet allowing the carts on the beach, as Georgetown County is considering for Garden City, would be a mistake.

In Horry County, golf carts are allowed on the beach from November through February. Traffic can be brisk. That makes it difficult for Georgetown County to enforce its rules against driving on the beach. Seasonal residents have no reason to check the local laws when they go for a drive and those who know better have no reason not to follow the crowd.

But just as Georgetown County's beaches have become distinguished by vacation homes rather than high-rises behind the dunes, they need to preserve the low-key style by preserving the beach for foot traffic and the occasional beach cruiser bicycle. Allowing golf carts on the beach in the off-season at Garden City is a sandy slope. That's evident from the experience with the Bike the Neck path. There has been steady pressure over the years to open it to golf carts so they won't have to use the streets. So far, those calls have been rebuffed, but they haven't gone away.

Rather than following the lead of Horry County, Georgetown County should invest in better, temporary signage for the Garden City beach that makes it clear driving is not permitted. The sheriff's office this year doubled the size of its beach patrol to four deputies. That should also help make it clear where the road ends for golf carts and where the beach begins for its traditional users.

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President Biden

Concern for the border

To the editor:

Based on recent letters to the editor, there are some Democrats in this area that voted for Biden.

Would one or more of these Biden supporters kindly explain the following: As a result of Biden's executive orders, how is this great country better off with 500,000-plus uneducated, low/no-skilled, COVID-laced, illegals (including criminals, drug and human

smugglers) entering our country illegally?

Please, please, please also inform us that your president is not going to give these 500,000 illegals complete and total amnesty, along with a Democratic voter registration card. News reports suggest this is exactly Biden's plan.

Anxious to see your answers.

John Hanick
Willbrook Plantation

Who is confused?

To the editor:

Re: Martin Robic's letter (July 8). Mr. Robic made several inaccurate statements and I'd like to see some evidence supporting his views.

For instance, in reference to the high speed rail, Nancy Pelosi had nothing to do with this project.

The project is actually about 50 miles away from the southernmost point of Pelosi's district. The California voters passed a \$99 billion bond referendum to fund it. Federal input was \$900 million and Trump canceled it for his favorite reason, "it's a disaster." Biden reinstated it.

Biden's current infrastructure bill, which has not even passed yet, has \$80 billion allocated for upgrades to the railway systems all across the country. No money is requested whatsoever for high-speed rail development in California or elsewhere.

The border crisis: The Biden administration is currently working on implementing more humane and orderly border policies. They did not real-

ize the extent to which the Trump administration had "dismantled" the U.S. asylum system. They now find themselves in the position of trying to overhaul U.S. immigration policy in the middle of a major border influx and a global pandemic.

Chicago Teachers Union: Union officials have said they want an agreement that grants educators a remote work day, child care and health accommodations for teachers who request them, and a student vaccination plan for ages 16 and older and the union is currently working with the city's public health department on a vaccination plan.

Gas prices: Gas prices historically increase between May and September every year, plus the pipeline hack has created a domino effect passed down to the consumer.

Finally, a debate between Mr. Robic and President Biden would be interesting and entertaining, and clarify whose old head is confused.

Mindy Abney
Pawleys Island



Local government

City and county should consolidate more services

BY JONATHAN ANGNER
AND CAROL JAYROE

Over the years, the city of Georgetown and Georgetown County have worked cooperatively to reduce duplicative services in an effort to save taxpayers money.

Some examples of services that are already consolidated between the city and county to eliminate duplicative costs are 911 call management, EMS, parks and recreation, tax billing and collection, landfill disposal of residential waste and joint use of the county detention center.

We are asking our colleagues on the Georgetown

City Council to support initiating a dialogue with Georgetown County Council to explore further consolidation of services to lower costs for all taxpayers.

The cost to live and work in the city keeps increasing on residents and businesses, who can ill afford these increases in utility rates, fees and taxes. As a result, Georgetown is no longer thriving - 5 percent of the population has left since the last census, as well as many businesses. This in the Grand Strand area that has experienced explosive population growth.

Almost one in four residents live in poverty, and the median household in-

come is about half the national average and nearly 40 percent below the state average.

We have to look at innovative ways to reduce the financial burden on our residents and businesses. Exploring the further consolidation of city and county services just makes good common sense.

Some services that come to mind that might lend themselves to consolidation are planning, human resources, finance, information technology and the courts. There are likely others. Because of accreditation and insurance rating issues, public safety functions like law enforcement

and fire protection could not be considered.

One way to initiate an effort to explore the consolidation of services is for the city and county councils to agree to appoint a joint committee to open a dialogue between the two jurisdictions about the possibilities and possible further steps.

The time has come for the city and county councils to once again work cooperatively for the betterment of all taxpayers. It is our hope this initiative will move forward.

The writers are members of Georgetown City Council.

Environment

County needs a tougher tree ordinance

To the editor:

Let me get this straight, please. A developer chose to plant live oak trees - after being warned about the consequences of their growth - instead of planting other species which would not have had such drastic consequences associated.

Folks bought into that development and enjoyed those oaks for several years before the promised consequences began to occur. Now some of those nice folks want a variance on the county tree ordinance (which the rest of us have to comply with) so these known consequences, which they were warned about, can be stopped by cutting down these beautiful trees.

Nope. That position is nothing short of unbelievable. The developer of this beautiful community chose an iconic tree species with

known consequences, rather than planting smaller trees which would not have required expensive reparations as the trees grew. Now, some of the residents want to set a ridiculous precedent by removing their developer's decision, against Georgetown County regulations.

I hope that my friends who live there will forgive me for saying so; but that is kind of like accepting a half gallon of ice cream from a friend, eating and enjoying it all, then asking your friend to remove all the fat grams and sugar content from your belly.

There is an old saying that "everyone loves a tree until it gets in the way." Well, over the years way too many trees have gotten in the way, and that is why I started pushing for a tree ordinance about 20 years ago, many years after neighboring counties and municipalities had already

done so.

The original county tree ordinance was much later in coming, and then was very wimpy, giving way too much consideration to development. I am glad that new revisions are being considered, but disheartened to see that the original 20 tree retention requirement per acre of cleared land is now suggested to be only 10 trees per acre. The influence of my friends in development is again showing how powerful it is, no doubt, and that is ridiculous.

But developers are not alone. Folks all up and down the Waccamaw Neck have kept tree removal companies quite busy. When I have asked a neighbor why he cut down a perfectly healthy and beautiful oak or hickory, the typical response is "I got tired of raking up the nuts and leaves."

This is why we need a

much stronger tree ordinance. Some folks might cry "property rights" here. But I would like to suggest that we view trees with a higher level of intelligence.

Just because a tree is on your property, you are not the only one reaping the benefits from it. Trees have a multitude of positives for the entire community as a whole. (See arborday.org for more information.) I am requesting that our county take these benefits fully into account while drafting a new and modern tree ordinance.

And it doesn't stop there. The very best way to mitigate voluminous stormwater runoff, and all the pollution and flooding we have come to realize, is to plant more trees - indigenous native species - and a lot of them!

Rick Baumann
Murrells Inlet

The writer is founder of *Trees for Tomorrow*.

Deondre Brown

Bail in murder case is tragedy for family

To the editor:

I write to express my shock and sadness that 17-year-old accused murderer Aiden Marshall Zsimovitch has been released on bond and allowed to freely move about the community, to the extent that he was able to contact the younger brother of his victim, Deondre Brown, causing Brown's family to fear for their lives. How is allowing Zsimovitch out on bond while he awaits trial going to facilitate healing for the family or inspire their confidence in the judicial system?

Zsimovitch is accused of the murder of Brown, which is a felony of the high-

est order, and he should remain in detention until his trial. His very presence in the community threatens the mental health and peace of mind of Brown's family and is a constant reminder of the bloodshed, violence and tragedy Zsimovitch caused on Dec. 11, 2019, when he allegedly shot Brown multiple times and killed him.

Zsimovitch's intentions were premeditated. He brought another young man with him to lure Brown out of his grandmother's home, and he also brought a gun with the intent to kill Brown. It is widely surmised that Zsimovitch hated Brown simply be-

cause Brown was beloved in the community and Zsimovitch was searching for a time to harm Brown.

When Zsimovitch shot Brown, Brown heroically ran in the opposite direction of his grandmother's home, so that his grandmother and her three young grandchildren would not come to physical harm. Brown sacrificed his life for the safety of his family. Sadly, Brown could not keep the three little girls inside the home from hearing the screaming and the gunshots, and from witnessing his murder, as multiple bullets struck him and ricocheted off his grandmother's home.

This is a tragedy of the grandest proportions. It took the life of an innocent young man with a bright future ahead of him. It set two other young men on a course of prolonged incarceration because of their crimes, and it has put fear in the hearts of three little girls, who must contend with the loss of their cousin while striving to live and grow. It has deprived a mother of her son.

I recently heard the question, "When a person loses a spouse, they become a widow. But what do they become when they lose a child?"

Laura L. Florio
Surfside Beach

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EDUCATION

Hollins University

Ryleigh Neubauer of Pawleys Island was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Hollins University in Roanoke, Va. She had a grade average of 3.5 or higher.

Rochester Institute

Kiley Gallant of Murrells Inlet was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, NY. An industrial design major, she had a grade average of 3.4 or higher.

Wheaton College

Mckenna Gulley of Pawleys Island was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Wheaton College in Illinois. She had a grade average of 3.5 or higher.

National Night Out returns in August

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office is hosting the 36th annual National Night Out event on Aug. 3 at Pawleys Island Community Church.

The event will feature inflatables, kids' games, music and food.

National Night Out is a community-building campaign designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support and participation in anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The free event takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. and is open to the public.

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BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Two Pawleys Island teenagers were honored by county Democrats last week. One for an essay on civics, and the other for helping encourage people to do their civic duty.

Chloe Johnson, a 2021 Waccamaw High School graduate, was named the winner of the annual Vida Miller Scholarship Contest. Johnson's essay about the importance of civics education was inspired by a government class she took during her last semester at Waccamaw.

"I'm really glad that I

can be here and meet all of these people and see how a government class can lead to the leaders in our community," said Johnson, who is headed to Clemson University. "I just recently learned all this information about government that I barely even knew, and now I feel like I'm part of the community."

The scholarship was created in 2012 to honor Miller, who served for 14 years in



Johnson



Paris

\$1,000 scholarships have been awarded.

"I've kept up with most of them and most of them are really doing really good things," Miller said. "They've graduated from college and they've got good jobs. So that's very rewarding to know."

Bella Paris, a 2021 Low-

country Prep School graduate, was honored for creating a "get out the vote" poster and door hanger last year in the run-up to the general election.

"I wanted to do my part to make a difference in the community and try to get Trump out of office," Paris said.

Paris is headed to Wales to study at Aberystwyth University.

Democratic chairman Marianne Mackey present-

ed Paris with a tote bag featuring an image of one of the buildings on the university's campus.

Miller said Johnson and Paris are bright spots for the Democrats.

"These young people, they've got it, we just don't give them enough credit," Miller said. "We need to listen to young people who are out here just doing fabulous things. It's a new lease on life, a new feeling. We're going to be in good hands."



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ARTS | Winyah Auditorium

Concerts and farmers market draw new audiences to historic venue

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

It's summer and music has returned to the inside, and the outside, of the Winyah Auditorium.

"We are finally getting to the place where we are hoping to see this place live up to its full potential," said Dedric Bonds, director of the historic auditorium at the corner of Highmarket and Cleland streets in Georgetown. "The Winyah is here, and we are trying our damndest to continue following in our mission, which is bringing the magic of music to Georgetown."

A series of free concerts started in May and will wrap up with The Paul Grimshaw Band on July 23.

The auditorium also hosts an outdoor market every Saturday morning featuring arts and crafts vendors and performances by acoustic musicians.

"The amount of people that are coming because of the market and the amount of people coming because of the concerts is still kind of low, but it's growing," Bonds said. "That's all I can want to see."

The Winyah building opened as an elementary school in 1908, and then was expanded to include students from kindergarten through high school. A fire in 1981, along with a plan to integrate Winyah and Howard high schools, led to the construction of Georgetown High School. The last graduating class of Winyah High was in 1985.

A group of private citizens bought the whole complex of buildings in the early 2000s, and with help from donations, including from the city and county, raised enough money



Doc Simons, left, and Friends, his high school pals, perform on the steps. At right, Sara Balding sells jigsaw puzzles at the market.



Photos by Charles Swenson/Coastal Observer

to renovate the first floor of the auditorium. A board of directors has been overseeing the operations and maintenance of the auditorium since 2010. The second floor of the school building has been home to the Georgetown School of Arts and Sciences since 2013.

In early 2020, the Winyah board began planning for dozens of concerts throughout the year.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and world shut down.

"By the end of April we had retooled and figured out how it was going to work for us," Bonds said. "It interrupted the calendar of events that we had already planned, but we went into action with something else."

Bonds booked 10 musicians for a series of concerts that were live streamed on the auditorium's Facebook page. For the first one, he used the camera on his tablet to broadcast it. By the end of the series less than two months later, they were using multiple cameras and the auditorium's sound system.

"I had to learn on the fly because I am the only paid employee," Bonds said.

Since there was no way to charge people on Facebook, Bonds posted an electronic tip jar.

"We did not make much money from that. Some people got it and some people contributed," Bonds said. "It wasn't overwhelmingly successful that way."

Bonds estimates that 30,000 people tuned into the Facebook concerts, which fulfilled two of the missions of the auditorium's board: reach more people and introduce people to the historic auditorium.

"We were building this organic audience base and it is still continuing," Bonds said.

When it seemed like there was a light at the end of the pandemic tunnel and restrictions were being lifted, Bonds started planning for this summer and fall.

Winyah will be hosting a concert by Will Ness celebrating the release of his new CD on Sept. 24, and a series of Bluegrass concerts on Sundays starting on Sept. 26.

Plans are also already in the works for a Christmas show featuring the Charles-tones on Dec. 3, and a Festival of Trees sometime before Christmas.

"We are excited about what's on the horizon for the fall," said Bonds, adding that he's already working on the schedule for next spring.

Bonds encourages people to attend shows featuring music they are not familiar with.

"Give it a taste. Give it a try. You never know," he said. "A lot of the bands that

come here, I have not ever heard of. But I have not ever been disappointed when I walk out the door."

For a concert list, go to winyhauditorium.org or check out the auditorium's Facebook page. Show tickets are available at eventbrite.com.

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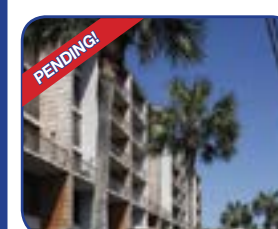
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The show has become a regular fall fixture at the sculpture gardens. It arrived early this year, its first appearance in the Rosen Galleries that opened in the spring.

The 55 works were selected from 428 entries by sculptors around the world. The 17 works that receive prizes will go on display in October in the society's gallery in New York.

The works will be on display at Brookgreen through Aug. 22. Visitors can vote on a People's Choice award.

On July 23, Robin Salmon, the vice president of art, will give a talk about the exhibit. It starts at 1 p.m. Like the exhibit, it is free with regular admission.



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Ellen Tykeson
Bronze and fiddleback maple



Totem No. 1
Ed Smith
Bronze



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Joe Palmer
Bronze



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Mother of Peace**
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and granite



Bird Whisperer
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I'VE GOT A FEELING ...

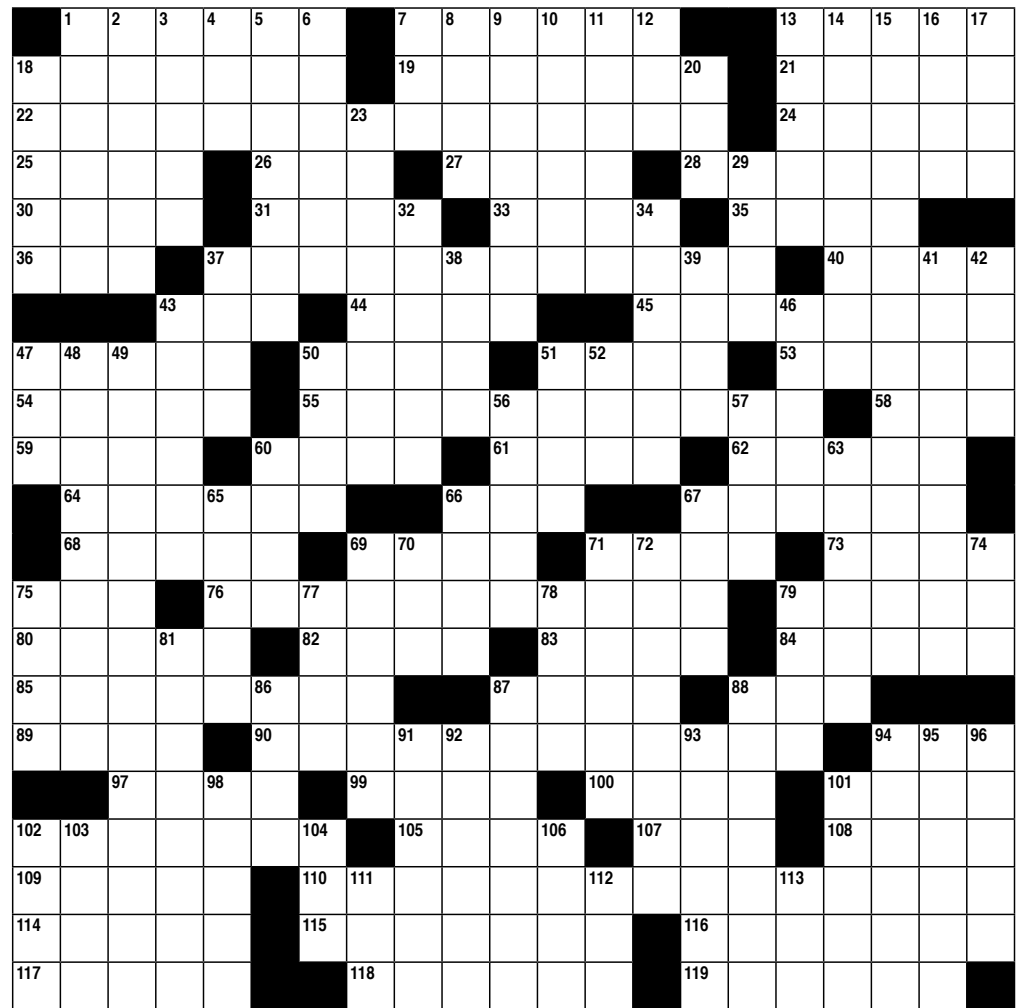
BY HOWARD BARKIN PUZZLES EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

- 1 Like "American Pie," "American Psycho" and "American Beauty"
- 7 Proposed portrait for the \$20 bill
- 13 Like sports fans who paint their faces, say
- 18 Drink with tapioca pearls
- 19 Peach relative
- 21 Run off (with)
- 22 Upbeat sentry's emotion?
- 24 Many, informally
- 25 Regarding
- 26 More, on a music score
- 27 Auspice
- 28 King's collaborator on the Grammy-winning blues album "Riding With the King"
- 30 Take the next step in an online relationship
- 31 Actress Blanchett
- 33 Scotland's ___ Lomond
- 35 Winter Olympics maneuver
- 36 Some H.S. yearbook staff
- 37 Bacteriologist's emotion upon a new discovery?
- 40 Jess's best friend on TV's "New Girl"
- 43 Glib
- 44 Maker of Regenerist skin cream
- 45 Any member of BTS, e.g.
- 47 Pellet shooter
- 50 What Kit Kat bars come in
- 51 "I'm glad to hear it"
- 53 It's full of hot air
- 54 Mongolian shelters
- 55 Novice window washer's emotion?
- 58 Scathing review
- 59 Complete set of showbiz awards, for short
- 60 Clownish
- 61 Really play that saxophone
- 62 Egypt's Sadat
- 64 Powerhouse in international men's ice hockey
- 66 Haul away
- 67 Art gallery tour leader
- 68 No. 46
- 69 Modern reading option ... or where to read it?
- 71 ___ Building, Boston's first skyscraper
- 73 Apt anagram of GIFT
- 75 Brownish-gray
- 76 Jester's emotion after the king's laughter?

- 79 Like Ignatius J. Reilly in "A Confederacy of Dunces"
- 80 English-speaking
- 82 A fan of
- 83 Dionysian ritual
- 84 Ashleigh ___, 2019 French Open champion
- 85 Apathetic
- 87 Duchess of ___ (Goya model)
- 88 One-named winner of the 2021 Grammy for Song of the Year
- 89 Notation on a party invite
- 90 Wild horse's emotion?
- 94 Huge tub
- 97 One who's able to rattle off digits of pi, perhaps
- 99 Wine: Prefix
- 100 Like Eeyore
- 101 Hard-to-please type
- 102 Result of a snow day
- 105 Eddie Murphy's org. in "48 Hrs."
- 107 Lifelike video game, for short
- 108 A mighty long time
- 109 + and ^, in typography
- 110 Cat's emotion while sitting in its human's lap?
- 114 Stuck
- 115 Brazilian beach made famous in song
- 116 Coming or going
- 117 Hits the paper airplane icon, perhaps
- 118 PC support group
- 119 Blocks

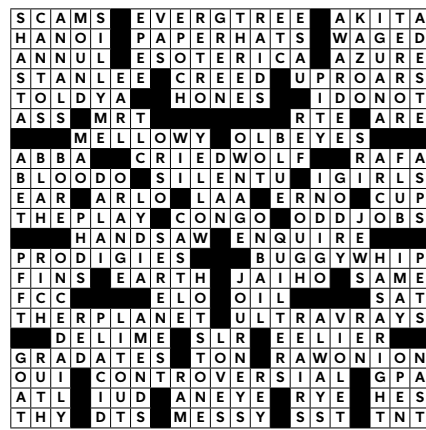
- 17 "MacGyver" actor Richard ___ Anderson
- 18 Subpar athletic effort
- 20 Cable option for film buffs
- 23 Relentlessly competitive
- 29 Death Valley was once one
- 32 The Gettysburg Address, e.g.
- 34 Massage therapist's substance
- 37 Some recyclables
- 38 Jumping the gun
- 39 Turn over
- 41 One might take you in
- 42 Gusto
- 43 Finished a hole
- 46 Justin Timberlake's former group
- 47 When said three times, hit song for 46-Down
- 48 Famous toon with a Brooklyn accent
- 49 Farmer's emotion during a dry season?
- 50 As compared to
- 51 Eat (at)
- 52 Commercial lead-in to Clean
- 56 Responded to the alarm
- 57 New Mexico art hub
- 60 One of his paradoxes claims that two objects can never really touch
- 63 Home mixologist's spot
- 65 Interior design
- 66 Big name in lawn care
- 67 Oppose
- 69 Silk Road city near the East China Sea
- 70 What "10" might mean: Abbr.
- 71 Sleeping spot for a guest, maybe



DOWN

- 1 Fired up
- 2 Quiets down
- 3 Wheel of Fortune's place
- 4 Airport info, for short
- 5 Lesser-known song
- 6 Kind of tire
- 7 Pay with a chip-based credit card, perhaps
- 8 As much as
- 9 Actor Wilford of "The Natural"
- 10 Old-style copies
- 11 Easy as pie
- 12 Column of boxes on a questionnaire
- 13 "Chill out!"
- 14 Hair loss
- 15 Evil genie's emotion?
- 16 ___ facto

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



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

- 72 It's way above the recommended amount
- 74 Youngest recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor (2010)
- 75 Apply sloppily
- 77 St. Cloud State University's state: Abbr.
- 78 Laze
- 79 Follow
- 81 Identified, in Ipswich
- 86 Birth-control options
- 87 Rescue dog, e.g.
- 88 Estrogen or testosterone
- 91 Move from aisle to window, maybe
- 92 Recent delivery
- 93 Took steroids, informally
- 94 Brio, to Brits
- 95 Staves off
- 96 Auditory: sound :: gustatory: ___
- 98 Bursts in on
- 101 Willem of the "Spider-Man" series
- 102 Delicious food, in modern slang
- 103 Theatrical award
- 104 Nobel pursuit?: Abbr.
- 106 Putin's parliament
- 111 N.Y. tech school
- 112 Castle door destroyer
- 113 Actor who was once crowned "America's Toughest Bouncer"

GOLF | Local club results

BY CAROL BULONE
FOR THE OBSERVER

Pawleys Plantation

The ladies competed in five, four, three in four-ones.
First, Sandra Aparo, Té Andrew, Dawn Anderson, Marti Libbey, 116; second, Vickie Bouvier, Joan Bertolucci, Janet Parsons, Carrie Humphreys, 124; third, Betsy Nemeth, Peggy Muravnick, Fay Deveau, Dawn Wright, 127.
Birdies: Aparo on one, Deveau and Bouvier on seven, Andrew and Anderson on 11, Bertolucci on 13.
Chip-in: Luckey on 12.

Tradition Club

The men's Gold Tee Association weekly game was a Texas scramble.
Front nine: first, Brian Kramer, Jeff Breland, Al Britsch, Dennis Lasarsky, -14; second, John McLaughlin, Jerry Mithen, Ed Werczynski, Tom Sandham, -12.
Back nine: first, Bruce Ebbets, Charlie Cocores, Thomas Little, blind draw, -14; second, Dave Philips, Hugh Espey, Ed Guilmette, Jef Sturm, -12.

Closest to the pin: Jay Cavanaugh on two, Philips on 12, Dale Guzlas on 15.
The men played week one of their two-week member/member tournament. The first nine holes were played as alternate shot, with the second nine captain's choice. Handicaps were used for each team.
The leaders are: Dave Streeter, Jack Cortese, 66; Craig Monaghan, Harry Stewart, Roger Byrne, Bob Pachoski, 67; Dan Molloy, Dave Deplet, Warren Winterbottom, Wayne Johnson, Kerry Petratos, Steve Smith, 69.
Closest to the pin: Dick Pacella on two, Jim Spark on five, Stewart on 12, Johnson on 15.
Last week, the men played 1-2-3, 3-2-1 low net.
First, Brian Foye, Ebbets, Cocores, Tom Teters, 129; second, Jack Graham, Dan Goodell, John McLaughlin, Espey, 131; third, Cortese, Johnson, Tom Swanson, Rudy Schwartz, 133.
Closest to the pin: McKelligan on two and 12, Streeter on five, Lou DePazzo on 15.
Field honors: low gross, McKelligan, 74; low net, Espey, 65.

The Reserve

The ladies competed in two low nets of foursome.
First, Brenda Flythe, Kathy Hirsch, Pam Lee, Laurie Jennings, 122, on a back-nine playoff on cards over Kemilou Pomplun, Kathy Boyd and two blind draws, Flythe and Lee.
Closest to the pin: Kathryn Allan on seven at 19 feet, Hirsch on 12 at 6 feet, 3 inches.
Birdies: Flythe and Hirsch on 12.

Heritage Plantation

The Weekend Warriors played at True Blue. The format was team quota.
First, Bob D'Alessandro, Tom Borowy, Greg Youngman, Walt Grady, +3; second, Mark Trudel, David Morman, Tom Miller, blind draw, +2; third, Andy Davis, Wayne Odom, Doug Anderson, Ed Clark, even par.
Low gross: first, Mark Quealy, 83; second, Davis, 84.
Most over quota: first, Youngman, +5; second, Charlie Marro, +3.
Closest to the pin: Zack Fowler on three, Quealy on 11.

SPORTS IN BRIEF | Running

5K fundraiser

St. Christopher's Children is hosting a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Aug. 14 at Stables Park at 8 a.m.
Entry fee is \$25 before Aug. 11 and \$30 after.
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LEGAL NOTICES

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 COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN
 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 NOTICE OF SALE
 Civil Action Numbers:
 2020-CP-22-00211
 Council of Co-Owners, Belle Isle Horizontal Property and Belle Isle Yacht Club; Plaintiff, vs. Thomas L. McClary; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc.; South Carolina Department of Revenue and The United States of America, acting by and through its agency the Internal Revenue Service; Defendants.
 C9098ES
 UNDER AN ORDER OF SALE for foreclosure issued on a Complaint made February 20, 2020, by Council of Co-Owners, Belle Isle Horizontal Property and Belle Isle Yacht Club, against the above-named Defendants, Court of Common Pleas for Georgetown County, South Carolina.
 THE MASTER will sell at public venue in the Georgetown County Courthouse, Georgetown, South Carolina at Noon on Sales Day, August 2, 2021, the lands hereinafter described on the following terms: TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, but before the bid is accepted, bidder will deposit to the Master in cash or certified check, the sum of Five (5%) Percent of bid, to be deposited with the Master immediately, with the balance to be remitted within thirty (30) days after the sales day (but shall not apply to a bid placed by the Plaintiff). THE PROCEEDS OF SALE shall be applied to the costs allowed, and the debts found due; and to other payments found due in the Final Order. The Purchaser will pay for stamps and papers and any unpaid real or personal property taxes.
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INTERVALS

LITCHFIELD BY THE SEA			
Cambridge 206A	\$180,000	Crescent D2E	\$45,000
Paget 104 - One Available REDUCED	\$42,500 per	Crescent C3D	\$57,000
Shipyard Village A48, Amy Moss REDUCED	\$48,500	Crescent D5F NEW	\$63,500
Fordham 309 XIII REDUCED	\$100,000 per	Crescent C3B	\$50,000
Fordham 103	\$96,000	185 Heron Marsh Dr	\$25,000
INLET POINT			
		Inlet Point 8	\$84,999 per. 2 available
NORTH LITCHFIELD BEACH		INLET POINT - SOUTH	
Indigo Pelican III - Shares starting at	\$175,000 per	Palm Plantation	\$225,000
Indigo Pelican II - Shares VI, VII & VIII, Buy 2 or more, price drops to	\$130,000 per \$120,000 per		

LOTS

- Collins Meadow Dr., DeBordieu
.64 acres, \$169,000
- 310 Cherokee Dr.
.75 acres, \$184,900
- Lot 17/18 Emerson
Riverfront - Hagley Estates - 1.01 acres - \$750,000
- Lot 6 CANTLEY LANDING \$20,000 per
- 2 OATLAND LAKE RD.
residential, .83 acres, \$259,900
- 0 OCEAN HWY, COMMERCIAL
6.72 acres, \$2,795,000
- Lot 3&4 TRACE ST.
\$199,000 per
- Lot 3, SECTION D PARKER
\$519,000



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WHS ATHLETICS

Spring Warriors, coaches honored

Waccamaw High School athletes and coaches were honored with state and Region VII-AAA awards.

Baseball

North/South selection: Michael Carlton
All-Region: Luke Alford, Si Bodie, Michael Carlton, Carson Lucas

Boys golf

Team: Sixth at State
All-Region: Carter Allison, Chris Cervini, Will Hardwick
Region Coach of the Year: Charles Chappelle

Boys lacrosse

All-Lower State: Zach Fretz, Jacob Stump
All-Grand Strand: Denson Crisler, Zach Fretz, Kaisaun Grate, Brendan Hannon, Nate Royal, Jacob Stump, Tyler Fico

Boys soccer

Team: Region champions
All-State: Jon Coradi, Chris Gibson, Rivers Krask
Region Player of the Year: Rivers Krask
All-Region: Jon Coradi, Chris Gibson, Jose Hernandez, Rivers Krask, Bowen Lanford, Will Sarvis, Jacob Schoen
Region Coach of the Year: Ben Schoen

Girls soccer

Team: Region champions
All-State: Corine Gregory, Maris Jennings, Sarah Jones,

Region Player of the Year: Corine Gregory
All-Region: Corine Gregory, Maris Jennings, Sarah Jones, Reagan Lattimore, Brezly Parsons, Harper Royal, Maddie Weathers
Region Coach of the Year: Mark Sanchez

Softball

All-State: Megan Dallas
All-Region: Megan Dallas, Emma Parler, Emma Grace

Boys tennis

All-State: Braedon Tomovski, Logan Tomovski
North/South selection: Joe Phelan

Boys track and field

Team: Region champions
All-State: Victor Otubu
All-Region: Matt Caines, Ross Fallaw, Ben Hammel, Jalen Hoxie, Rion Keese, Wade Kelly, Victor Otubu, Harrison Propps, Kaimon Skinner
Region Coach of the Year: Bill Peterman

Girls track and field

Team: Region champions and second at State
State champion: Gia Leone (1,600 and 3,200 meters)
All-State: Gia Leone
All-Region: Ella Fata, Clare Fico, Kami Fitzgerald, Madison Gunn, Morgan Gunn, Caroline Junkins, Gia Leone, Anna Margaret Loftus, Joey Mosser, Anna Parsons, Nina Sitas
Region Coach of the Year: Bill Peterman



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Future Warriors | Waccamaw High girls basketball coach Matt Vassallo hosted a youth basketball camp this week at the school. Campers got a chance to learn how to prepare for and play the game from current Warriors.



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