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PAWLEYS ISLAND

Town plans more talks on creek dredging

BY CHARLES SWENSON
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Before it spends any money on studies, the town of Pawleys Island wants to find out from engineers whether a project to dredge Pawleys Creek is likely to get permits from federal and state regulators.

The town is committed to pursuing the issue, Mayor Brian Henry said. He wants to get the information at a budget workshop next month.

"It's a way to keep moving forward," Henry said.

Shoaling in the creek has been a concern of island property owners since the 1980s. A study commissioned by the Pawleys Island Civic Association in 1980 pointed out that it was a natural process.

Last year, Town Council identified the creek as one of the four major focus areas in a strategic plan. The others were beach renourishment, drainage and funding for capital projects. After the Litchfield Beaches Prop-



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Casting for bait from the north end of Pawleys Island, where a sand spit has formed in the middle of Midway Inlet. Below, fishing the shoals in Clubhouse Creek behind Litchfield Beach.

erty Owners Association started discussion this summer about dredging Clubhouse Creek on the north side of Midway Inlet, the town agreed to get additional information about Pawleys Creek.

A proposal from Coastal Science and Engineering, the firm that designed and managed a beach renourishment project for the town, would provide "a preliminary assessment" at a cost of \$46,000. That would include discussions with regulatory agencies.

"Agency feedback is critical to understanding what level of engineering analysis,"

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EDUCATION

Board cites Price's work in pandemic in pay raise

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Superintendent Keith Price joined the Georgetown County School in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and his leadership since then earned him high praise, a contract extension and a raise from the School Board.



Keith Price

The board gave him an "excellent evaluation" last month.

According to a summary of the evaluation released on this week in the form of a letter from Board Chairman Jim Dumm, Price was praised for his decision-making, communications and ability to get district staff to do things they had not done before.

The board called Price, "humble, kind, polite, compassionate, trustworthy and respectful."

"You are a great communicator, both in your written and

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MIDWAY FIRE AND RESCUE

Chief will end 35-year career with department

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Midway Fire and Rescue Chief Doug Eggiman may be retiring at the end of the year, but he's not going anywhere.

Eggiman plans to stay on as a volunteer.

"You reach a point where you realize it's time for you and your family," Eggiman said. "I finally came to the conclusion that it's time to move on to whatever that next chapter might be."

Eggiman's plans were made public this week after he informed his senior staff.

It was an "emotional" day, he

said.

"It's very surreal. It's very emotional at times," Eggiman said. "Honestly it's kind of a weird sense of relief."

Eggiman will join Midway's fire corps, a group of volunteers who help out with things like administrative work, public education, fire inspections, fire scene cleanups, and taking vehicles to and from repair shops.

"They're a huge, huge help," Eggiman said. "There's several things I could jump on board to help with."

Growing up in St. John, New Brunswick, Eggiman was a fan

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Chief Doug Eggiman

ELECTIONS

Board invalidates voter registration of candidate for Georgetown mayor

BY CHARLES SWENSON
COASTAL OBSERVER

A third-party candidate for mayor of Georgetown was disqualified to vote last week by the Georgetown County Board of Voter Registration and Elections. It was a pattern of changes that coincided with elections that concerned the board's chairman.

"You don't want people playing games with the system," said James Sanderson.

Jason Collins is running as the Independence Party candidate to unseat incumbent Dem-

ocrat Brendon Barber. Carol Jayroe, a City Council member, is running as a Republican.

Collins changed his address in February to 622 Washington St., the former American Legion post where he operates a one-chair barbershop. He told the election board that he planned to run for mayor because he was told Barber didn't plan to seek a second term.

"I'm not trying to break no laws or rules," he said. "This is not the first time I've actually lived in the barbershop."

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PAWLEYS ISLAND FESTIVAL OF MUSIC | Lao Tizer

Jazz man connects with Waccamaw High students

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Three decades ago Lao Tizer started taking music lessons while he was in middle school. He now tours the world with his jazz band.

He encouraged Waccamaw High School students this week to never give up music, even if they choose a different path than he did.

"Don't give up. Stick with it," Tizer said. "You will get a lot of enjoyment out of it."

Tizer was in town with his band to at the Pawleys Island Festival of Music and Art. His appearance at the high school Wednesday morning was part of the festival's community and educational outreach programs.

"The students were intrigued by Lao's music, especially after getting to hear his backstory," said DeAndrae Preston, the

school's music teacher and band director. "They came back to class ready to jump in the practice room to sharpen their own skills."

Tizer believes arts programs are "vital" in schools.

"The benefits of education are so vast, well beyond if these kids become professional musicians or not," Tizer said. "As we know, music exercises so many different parts of your brain. It's good for math. It's good for science, it's good for alternative thinking. ... And there's the whole spiritual side of it. It's good for the soul and it brings people together."

Music bridges the many divides the world has, Tizer added.

"It crosses everything, ethnic, religious, geographic, cultural, especially jazz, especially instrumental music" Tizer said.

"We get to travel the world a lot and to be able to connect with

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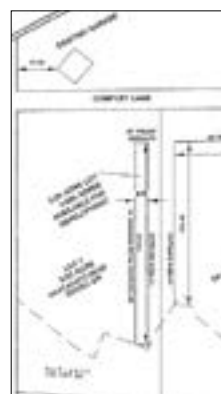
Lao Tizer performs for band students at Waccamaw High on Wednesday.

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Cole Farris, right, leads his brother, Grant, and his father, Stephen, across Midway Inlet to a sand bank that has formed between Litchfield Beach and Pawleys Island. They were visiting from Knoxville, Tenn.

Creek | Town will continue talks on dredging

FROM FRONT PAGE environmental assessments, and pre- or post-project monitoring may be required," the proposal states.

Those factors would all affect the cost of the project.

"It's a feasibility study to take a look at all the elements," Administrator Ryan Fabbri told Town Council this week. "It might not be worth the time and effort," based on the response from the agencies.

Council Member Guerry Green wanted to know more

about the town's chances of getting approval. "It just seems like a conversation [the town should have] with them before we commit to \$46,000," he said.

The town last dredged portions of the creek during the winter of 2007-08. It pumped 38,000 cubic yards of sand from shoals at the north and south ends of the creek onto the beach at a cost of \$450,000. The town first tried to get state and federal permits for dredging in 1995. It finally got approval in 2004, then amended the permits to

allow sand to be pumped onto the beach at each end of the inlet.

The dredging was limited to sand shoals and intended to create channels with an average depth of 2 to 3 feet at low tide.

One key question is where new dredging would take place, Henry said.

"It depends on who you talk to," Green said.

"If you open up the inlets," Henry said, "obviously it's not going to satisfy everyone."

The proposal from Coastal Science and Engi-

neering would help narrow a project's focus. The firm's work would include a field survey to determine the location of shoals and the quantities of sand they contain. It will include "useful information that could assist the town in other resiliency efforts," the proposal notes.

While a series of hurricanes between 2015 and 2019 washed sand into the creek, Green said it may not be necessary to dredge it.

"It's cyclical," he said. "Mother Nature has a way of taking care of itself."

OBITUARIES

Debbie McKellar, 57, Socastee grad owned nail salon

Debbie McKellar of Murrells Inlet died Sept. 15 at her home of natural causes. She was 57.

She was born Nov. 2, 1963, in Oceanside, Calif., the daughter of Duncan and Mary McKellar. She grew up there and in Murrells Inlet. She graduated from Socastee High School.

Ms. McKellar was a nail technician who had her own business in Myrtle

Beach and Murrells Inlet. She was remembered as a kind and caring person.

She is survived by her mother, Mary Allen of Murrells Inlet; her siblings, Steve McKellar of California and Alyson McKellar of Myrtle Beach; and her sons, Jacob and Travis Frye of Myrtle Beach.

A memorial service was held Oct. 3 at Unity Christ Church.

John Gindek, 88, Navy vet was active in Moose Lodge

John Carl Gindek of Murrells Inlet died Sunday at his home. He was 88.

He was born Jan. 21, 1933, in Bridgeport, Conn. He lived in that area and worked for the Southern Connecticut Gas Co. He served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Mr. Gindek retired to Murrells Inlet in 1993. He was a former member of the Loyal Order of the Elks and was currently a member of the Surfside Beach Lodge 2351 of the Moose.

His wife, Betty Lou, died in 1998.

He is survived by his companion for the last eight years, Ruth; his children, Donna Rees and David L., both of Connecticut, and

Brian in California; his grandchildren, David Jr., Megan (Michael) and Kaitlin (Josh); and his great-grandchildren, April, Audrey, Kadance, Maggie, Joey and Hannah.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Socastee United Methodist Church followed by a celebration of his life in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church's building fund, 5575 Dick Pond Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588, or a charity of your choice.

Chief | Eggiman will close out 35 years at Midway

FROM FRONT PAGE of the American television show "Emergency!", which followed the lives of firefighters in Los Angeles.

"For so many of us that helped push us in this path," Eggiman said.

However, America and a career in the food and beverage industry started calling.

Eggiman moved to the Waccamaw Neck in August 1985 to work as a night auditor/safety coordinator at Litchfield by the Sea.

"It was just a great opportunity in a growing area," he said. "I moved here and decided this was going to be my home. I couldn't imagine ever leaving here."

He decided to volunteer at Midway as a way to meet people. Eve Casselman was the Midway dispatcher who gave Eggiman an application. She later became his wife and they have three daughters: Stephanie, Tiffany and Victoria.

Eggiman spent one year as a volunteer while taking firefighting and EMT classes. On Oct. 1, 1986, he started as Midway's third paid firefighter.

In 1997, he became one of Midway's first battalion chiefs, and was promoted to assistant chief in July 2001.

"I can remember it was a big deal when we broke 300 calls," Eggiman said. "It would be highly unlikely that we're not going to break 4,000 calls this year."

When Dan Wetsel retired in April 2003, Eggiman was named interim chief. Two months later, the interim tag was removed.

"I've just been very blessed over the years," Eggiman said.

The biggest changes since he joined the department are the growth of the area and the increased focus on firefighters' safety, health and wellness and cancer prevention, Eggiman said.

"We've brought the line of duty deaths down dramatically from when I first started," he said.

What Eggiman will miss the most is the day-to-day interaction with the firefighters, which is why he wants to volunteer.

"It gives me the opportunity to still have that



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Doug Eggiman, left, on the scene of a traffic accident in 1990.

presence in the fire station and help the guys and gals out," he added.

Eggiman also believes fire companies need veterans around to pass on the history of the department to the new firefighters.

Retirement will be the second life-changing event for Eggiman in 2021. His first grandchild, Rosie, was

born in July.

"Having a grandbaby changes your perspective," Eggiman said. "I'll be 59 in June and you realize you're not getting any younger. This job is 24/7 and I love it that way. I love what I do, but you have to realize there's life out there."

■ **EGGIMAN IS** the sec-

ond Georgetown County fire chief to retire in the last month.

Mack Reed, who led the county's rural fire department since 1989, stepped down on Sept. 30.

Brandon Ellis, the county's director of Emergency Services, said the county will hire the new chiefs in both fire districts.

TIDES AT THE BEACH

	High				Low	
	a.m.	ht.	p.m.	ht.	a.m.	p.m.
Oct. 14	2:54	4.6	3:33	5.7	9:05	10:06
Oct. 15	3:58	4.8	4:32	5.8	10:19	11:04
Oct. 16	4:58	5.1	5:26	5.8	11:20	11:51
Oct. 17	5:51	5.4	6:14	5.8		12:12
Oct. 18	6:37	5.7	6:59	5.7	12:32	12:58
Oct. 19	7:19	5.8	7:41	5.6	1:10	1:42
Oct. 20	7:58	5.9	8:21	5.3	1:47	2:23
Oct. 21	8:34	5.8	8:58	5.1	2:24	3:02

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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Belin Church festival | A morning downpour keep most of the activity at the Belin Methodist Church's fall festival and barbecue indoors. At left, Hanna Johnson, 12, of Murrells Inlet, inspects a stuffed panda at the silent auction. At center, Callie Parks, 3, looks to her mom to bid on the panda.

Election | Board finds mayoral candidate improperly registered

FROM FRONT PAGE

According to voter registration records, it was the first time he declared the shop as his residence.

Voters swear an oath when they register that they are qualified and that they claim no other legal residence. State law defines a residence or domicile as a place where a person has an intent to return when absent. The law includes several ways that may be used to measure that intent, such as mailing address, driver's license and vehicle registration.

The local chapter of the NAACP successfully challenged the voter registration of County Council Member Austin Beard in 2019. He admitted during a hearing that he had rented a house in District 5 in Andrews, but never lived in it due to health issues. He resigned rather than appeal the finding.

That same year, Brian Henry's registration was challenged when he ran to unseat incumbent Jimmy Braswell in the Pawleys Island mayor's race. Council Member Guerry Green's registration was also challenged. Both were upheld by the Board of Voter Registration and Elections.

Collins also ran for mayor as a Democrat in 2017, but

lost in the primary. Georgetown is one of only six municipalities in the state that have partisan elections. Three are in Aiken County. The others are Florence and Greenville, according to the state Election Commission.

In 2017, Collins changed his address from his mother's home outside the city to an apartment in Georgetown. He changed it back the next year.

"You can't tell somebody where they can and can't live," Collins told the county board.

Sanderson agreed, but pointed out that someone who questions a person's registration is allowed due process. "If he wasn't allowed to do that, we certainly would be under a dictatorship," he said.

The challenge came from Donald Gilliard, who told the elections board that he is one of Collins' customers. "I know Jason. I go to his barbershop, so I know he doesn't live there," he said.

Gilliard gave the board copies of city ordinances that he said prohibit someone from living in a commercial building. "That's not a residence," he said.

Board member Billy Altman, who presided at the hearings for Beard and Henry in 2019, told Gilliard

that the elections board can't enforce city codes. He pressed Gilliard on the basis for his claim.

"I'm not an attorney," Gilliard said.

"Neither am I. Let's have plain talk," Altman said.

State law only allows the board to rule on Collins' residence, he explained.

"So fraud doesn't matter?" Gilliard asked.

"If there's fraud in Mr. Collins' registration, then that's a different issue," Altman said. "All of us are interested in getting the answer to a simple question: Is Mr. Collins properly registered to vote?"

To that end, board members quizzed Collins about where his mail is delivered, where his family lives and where he would return to if he took a trip.

The answer was the

same: 622 Washington St.

Board member Phillip Brady asked to see Collins' driver's license.

"Six twenty-two Washington," Brady said.

During the questioning, Gilliard put his hand on his forehead and laughed to himself.

Collins told the board that the former legion post has about 6,500 square feet. He has sectioned off a portion for living quarters.

Sanderson asked if he owned the building. Collins said he rents it from "Mr. Bob."

"Mr. Bob who?" Sanderson asked.

Collins wasn't sure.

"You don't know who Mr. Bob is?" Altman asked.

Collins looked in his phone. "Bob Robert," he said.

"Robert Robert? That's

his name?" Altman asked.

County tax records show that the property tax bill for the property is mailed to a management company in Charleston.

Board member Ron Byrd asked about the terms of Collins' lease.

Collins said he is renting with the option to buy. He has five bedrooms and a kitchen in the building in addition to the barbershop.

"We took an oath," Gilliard said, referring to their testimony. "Jason's my barber. That's perjury."

Collins said Gilliard is working for Barber and just trying to get him out of the race.

"The truth has to matter," Gilliard said. "This is above politics."

After 30 minutes of deliberation, the board voted 5-4 that Collins was improperly registered.

Altman, Brady, Byrd and Mary Joyce Holmes voted to uphold his registration.

Sanderson was joined in the majority by Linda Green and three board members who had phoned in to the hearing: Tracy Gibson, Jay Sherman and Jimmy Young.

Collins has until Monday to appeal the decision to Circuit Court. If he does not, the Independence Party could disqualify him.

If there is no appeal, the elections board can post notices at the polling places to let voters know about its decision.

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Jazz | Musician connects with WHS students

FROM FRONT PAGE

audiences all over through that just speaks to the power of music.”

“I myself am so grateful for this opportunity to speak with current music professionals in person and interact with them,” Preston said. “I believe it is important for students to witness live music performance. It helps them grow into citizens who appreciate the arts and live out its benefits.”

Tizer is glad to be performing regularly again after being almost entirely shut down for the last 15 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I didn’t start to feel inspired again until things started to turn the corner a little earlier this year when we started to see a little light at the end of the tunnel with vaccines rolling out and the numbers going down,” Tizer said. “It was a dark time.”

Tizer encouraged the students to play their own music.

“Play what you hear and be willing to take chances. Everyone has played something wrong,” Tizer said. “Play an E minor and just start making stuff up.”

ALSO ON the festival schedule this week:

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Lao Tizer peers around the piano to chat with students on Wednesday.

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Price | Letter outlines superintendent’s review

FROM FRONT PAGE

spoken communications,” Dumm wrote. “Your sincerity and respect for others is evident. You speak from your heart. You always want to do things the right way.”

The board was impressed that Price routinely visits classrooms.

“This has made teachers feel that they are valued by you,” Dumm wrote. “The District’s teachers and staff respect you. You are also respected throughout the community.”

Dumm’s letter included things the board would like Price to focus on going forward, including providing information to the board in a timely manner, helping the board make data-driven decisions, serving as the district’s main spokesperson and improving the diversity of the district staff.

As a result of the evaluation, the board added a year to Price’s contract, which

now expires in June of 2025, and approved a raise of \$8,000 on Sept. 21. Price’s salary in September 2020 was \$185,200.

At the Oct. 5 board meeting, Price thanked the board for the trust they put in him to lead the district and thanked district staff.

“It is so refreshing to get to come to work every day and be surrounded by people who want the absolute best for our students and our employees,” Price said. “We are so fortunate to have so many committed and dedicated professionals who work in our schools. They all care about our students and are committed to helping prepare each and every one of them for future success.”

Dumm sent the letter to Price summarizing the evaluation on Oct. 5. It was made public by the district on Oct. 13 after a Freedom of Information request.

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Driver gets angry after car rolls into deputy

A driver whose car rolled into a deputy in a Murrells Inlet parking lot got mad when the deputy hit the hood of the car to get the man's attention, according to the Georgetown County Sheriff's office.

Neither the deputy nor the car was injured.

Deputies were called to Bubba's Love Shak on Business 17 around 11 p.m. on Saturday when a Conway man, 31, and a Myrtle Beach man, 29, got into a fight over what the older man said was a misunderstanding. He told a deputy that the younger man's girlfriend had been harassing him and two people. When he tried to get her to stop, the younger man punched him in the face.

The younger man told a deputy that the older man had hit his girlfriend. He also said the younger man swung at him first.

The men were fighting outside the bar when deputies arrived. The younger man continued to struggle as deputies separated the men. He later explained that he didn't realize they were deputies.

The girlfriend, 32, of New Jersey, started to cry. She had no visible injuries and was unsure if she wanted to press charges.

The manager wanted everyone to leave. He asked deputies to clear the parking lot. As he did so, three cars pulled in that were revving their engines. A deputy walked toward a Pontiac Firebird to tell the driver to leave. The car rolled slowly toward the deputy as he shouted to the driver to turn around.

When the car rolled into the deputy's legs, the deputy slammed his hands on the hood. The driver said he didn't stop because he was looking for a place to park.

The driver, 24, of Greenwood, approached deputies as they were still dealing with the men involved in the fight and demanded to know why the deputy hit his car. The deputy said he was trying to get the man's attention after the man ran into him.

The man got mad. He charged at deputies and began to curse. He continued after he was told to leave and was arrested for disorderly conduct.

The man struggled with deputies and beat on the rear-seat partition of a patrol car on the way to jail. The deputy said he took photos of the man's car to show that there was no damage to the hood.

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

Oct. 10

1:04 a.m. | A Greenville man, 20, was taken to the hospital after falling down the stairs at a Litchfield house. His family told a deputy that he had made

threats about harming himself. The deputy said the man was drunk and suffered a cut on his toe.

The man agreed to go to the hospital, but became agitated once he got into an ambulance. He refused further treatment.

The deputy placed the man in emergency protective custody because of his earlier threats.

10 a.m. | A Litchfield County Club resident was scammed out of \$500 by someone claiming to be the president of the area homeowners association. Although the email address was different, the woman told a deputy she thought that was because the HOA president was traveling.

The bogus email asked for donations for veterans in hospice care. The woman got five \$100 Walmart gift cards, contacted the supposed HOA president and was told to send the ID numbers from the cards to Angel Wings for Veterans at another email address.

She later contacted the actual HOA president, who told her he didn't know anything about the charity or the request.

Noon | A Florence man who was loading items from his parents' house in Murrells Inlet into a pickup truck said he placed his .38 caliber pistol on the bumper because his hands were full. He drove to Surfside Beach and realized when he arrived that the gun was gone. He retraced his route, but couldn't find the gun. A deputy searched the area around the house with the same result.

1:39 p.m. | A True Blue man, 30, was placed on trespass notice after he admitted stealing a pair of women's pants and a package of underwear from the TJ Maxx store in Pawleys Island Plaza. A deputy found the man in a minivan in the parking lot. A second man who had been with the True Blue man was standing by the van, but ran when he saw the deputy.

The deputy detained the True Blue man, who said he

would pay for the items. A manager said the store wanted the items returned and the man placed on trespass notice, but didn't want to press charges.

The second man later returned to the parking lot. He told the deputy that he ran because he was scared. Employees said the man had appeared drunk when he was in the store.

Oct. 9

3:54 p.m. | A Murrells Inlet man, 55, said that his girlfriend, 32, took \$1,300 worth of his belongings when she moved out of the house they shared. A deputy reached the woman by phone. She told him she only took things that belonged to her or that had been gifts.

The deputy said he would speak to a magistrate.

9:46 p.m. | A Georgetown man, 31, whose car was stopped for speeding on Highway 17 near Hagley started "frantically digging around in the car," a deputy said. The man admitted he had some marijuana. A deputy found a bag containing 1.8 grams along with two pills of prescription medicine.

The man passed a field sobriety test. He was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and cited for speeding and simple possession.

Oct. 8

11:43 a.m. | Mental health problems or a reaction to medication were the likely causes of a man running around naked at Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort, a deputy said. He found the man, 48, of South Dakota, outside the restaurant. The man threw himself on the ground and was lying on his back as the deputy approached.

From the man's behavior, the deputy said he suspected a mental- or substance-related cause. The man was handcuffed and checked by emergency medical workers. He was unable to answer questions initially, but finally provided his name and said he was

Former council member cited for reckless driving on Highway 17

A former County Council member was cited for reckless driving by a deputy who saw his pickup truck driving along the middle of the two lanes of Highway 17 near Litchfield last week, according to the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office.

The deputy suspected that Ron Charlton, who served on council from 1996 to 2020, was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. He said Charlton's eyes were bloodshot and he failed field sobriety tests.

Charlton, 78, told the deputy he was driving

home to Georgetown after a business meeting in North Carolina. He said he hadn't been drinking.

Charlton was arrested for driving under the influence. At the jail, a test showed his blood-alcohol level was .03 percent. The state's zero-tolerance policy sets .02 percent as the threshold, but the legal limit is .08 percent.

The deputy said Charlton then admitted that he had a glass of wine earlier. He said he is on medication and is not supposed to drink. He was then cited for reckless driving.

in the area on a golf outing with friends.

The friends were reached by phone on a golf course. They told the deputy that the man hadn't been feeling well so they brought him back to the resort. He was asleep when they left him.

The deputy searched the man's room and found his ID and medication.

The deputy contacted the man's wife, who lives in North Dakota. She laughed when he told her that the man had been running around naked.

The deputy explained to the wife that he was trying to decide whether the man had a medical issue or whether his friends had put him up to it. The deputy decided it was a medical issue and placed the man in emergency protective custody.

After treatment at the hospital, the man's condition improved. He told staff that he recently had surgery and had a reaction to medication in South Dakota that required hospital treatment. The man was admitted to the hospital and his wife planned to fly in.

No charges were filed.

4:42 p.m. | A Murrells Inlet boy, 9, admitted to a school resource officer at Waccamaw Intermediate that he threw a pencil that hit a teacher in the back of the head. The teacher did not want to press charges. The school will discipline the boy.

6:18 p.m. | A Litchfield woman said a neighbor who had recently been arrested for harassing her continues to yell obscenities at her from outside her home. She showed a deputy video of the man's actions.

The deputy said he

would forward his report to a victim's advocate since the man had violated a "no contact" order from the courts.

Oct. 7

3:25 p.m. | Someone stole a North Carolina man's \$2,250 set of golf clubs that he left underneath the Garden City beach house where he was staying.

4:11 p.m. | A Georgetown woman who was driving below the speed limit on Highway 17 near Pawleys Island was stopped by a deputy. The 1999 Honda also had a broken windshield and illegal window tinting. The car smelled of marijuana.

When a female deputy arrived, the woman admitted that she had a small bag of marijuana in her pants. She was cited for simple possession and equipment violations.

Oct. 6

8:48 a.m. | A Surfside Beach woman believes her soon-to-be-ex husband is responsible for \$1,440 in equipment that is missing from her hair salon on By-pass 17.

10:52 a.m. | A Murrells Inlet woman, 60, said a Conway woman, 39, vandalized her car. The older woman told a deputy that the younger woman is the current girlfriend of her ex-girlfriend. She showed the deputy video of the younger woman breaking an egg on the roof of the car and writing obscenities on the windows with a pen and lipstick.

The deputy said he would seek a warrant.

12:03 p.m. | Video at the Wicked Tuna restaurant on Business 17 showed a Conway man, 32, lift the arm on a parking lot barrier. A manager said the man had been given a card to allow him to exit. He said it would cost \$7,000 to repair the barrier and he wanted to press

charges.

1:20 p.m. | A Pawleys Island area man, 42, who said he had relapsed on meth was taken into emergency protective custody after he claimed that his ex-girlfriend's current boyfriend was hiding in his condo. He told a deputy that the couple had come in while he was gone and flooded the top floor with a hose. The deputy said there was no sign of water or damage.

The man said the boyfriend was in the attic. The deputy searched. The attic was empty.

The man said he had been using meth "heavily," but was aware of the day, the date and the name of the president, the deputy said. He was checked by emergency medical workers. He said he could hear the boyfriend in the bushes.

Before leaving for the hospital, the man wanted to have another look in the attic. He poked holes in the ceiling while looking for the boyfriend.

At the hospital, the man told staff he had been awake for five straight days and had been seeing small black figures running around.

Oct. 4

9:24 a.m. | Someone spray painted an obscenity on the back of the security gate at the Belle Vue neighborhood in Murrells Inlet.

9:30 a.m. | A Hagley man reported his Greek passport missing. He told a deputy that he last saw it six years ago and that it had expired 10 years ago. Since he needed to submit the old passport with a renewal application, he was told by the embassy that he needed to file a police report.

12:45 p.m. | Two sets of golf clubs valued at \$5,498 were stolen from under a Garden City beach house where two Pennsylvania men were staying.

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Hall of fame helps build on traditions

THERE OUGHT TO BE A TROPHY for the team that put together the Waccamaw High School Athletic Hall of Fame. It is another stage in an event that began 31 years ago with the goal of building a community. It's a marathon, not a sprint, and there is no finish line, only the steady pursuit of excellence.

It is a familiar thought expressed at graduations and other ceremonies that our students are our future leaders, workers and parents. The hall of fame ceremony this month put flesh on the bones of a tired cliché. Some members of first class of inductees returned with their own young families. All returned with careers. It was a chance to celebrate past achievements in high school, but also to recognize that those achievements were only a preamble.

Athletics is a natural starting point for the hall of fame. It is a way to let the current generation of student athletes – and coaches – know about those who came before them and use their accomplishments as a challenge. Records are made to be broken. But Waccamaw High also plans an academic hall of fame. It is important to realize that achievement takes place in many venues.

One recent example is a former WHS student who was a standout in both cross country and soccer. He recently earned a different type of medal. Blake Marsh, class of 2015, received a Meritorious Action Award from Midway Fire and Rescue for helping first responders save a driver whose vehicle was submerged in a pond at Litchfield Country Club. That is the sort of achievement that the school, like the rest of the community, can celebrate and remember.

Scott Streiffert, a former social studies teacher and coach at Waccamaw High, has long argued that the school needs an alumni association. The hall of fame should give that idea some momentum, particularly as the school reaches into the broader community for nominees for future honors. It is a way to connect former students with the school and with the community.

Some of Waccamaw High's graduates have since returned to the school as parents of a new generation of students. That's an important change in a community that is often seen as a retirement or vacation destination. It is an opportunity to develop and preserve traditions. The high school hall of fame will help.

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On the water

Cruising the Lowcountry under wind and electric power

BY JAMES BORTON

All right, I fell in love with a 58-year-old Sea Gypsy. But who could resist her curved bow, slender lines, forward canted transom, cozy-cuddy and full keel. She had me when I first spotted the online posted photos of her flag blue unblemished restored hull. Neither was I disappointed with her tiller responsiveness to the variable shifting winds off the May River in South Carolina's Lowcountry that stretches with miles of tidal creeks and rivers from Pawleys Island to the confluence of the Savannah River at the Georgia border.

My Pearson Electra, sleek as she is, weighs a little over 3,000 pounds and is propelled by a 3 horsepower Torqeedo electric motor. There's been no problem powering through the strong tides, regarded as one of the Eastern seaboard's greatest differentials with surges of up to 8 feet. As my boat glided effortlessly away from a friend's dock in Bluffton in the early morning with high tide still rushing in, I was greeted with a light southwesterly wind. In my unobstructed view are tidal marshes, spartina grass, and an amazing array of flora and fauna with nearby nesting pelicans and egrets.

THE BOAT MARKET is riding a wave of renewed interest and booming sales during this health storm. The National Marine Manufacturers Association

claims that sales of boat, marine products and services in the U.S. market in 2020 reached \$47 billion. Among the new boat buyers are many who are responding to the advances in the electric vehicle market. That's why my new Torqeedo Travel 1103 CS proved to be no exception. The lightweight high performance lithium battery, complete with onboard computer with GPS-based range calculation gave me confidence to step quietly into the blue revolution.

Some analysts have predicted that U.S. sales of electric outboard motors alone may reach as much as \$120 million in 2024. This bullish forecast belies the fact that for most boaters, electric remains a nonstarter, mainly because of the limited power of the battery. Besides, American boaters want to go fast and for them, there's no such thing as a no-wake zone. This is evident where in sail in the Lowcountry.

Historic Old Town Bluffton emerged in the early 1800s atop its signature high banks along its beautiful May River. This coastal community offers cool southerly breezes off the scenic river. Today, this fast moving body of water, spilling into Calibogue Sound, is interrupted only by the roar of gas guzzling high-powered speed and luxury boats gunning through the water, creating a wake that easily rocks my vintage 23-foot sailboat and in disturbing the gentle dolphins that swim in these tidal waters.

I have learned that there are about 30 manufacturers of outboard electric motors and there are more than 40 brands of outboard electric motors available in the market. This popular upsurge in the electric motor market is motivated by a desire to address climate change and emissions by reducing pollution and noise. From my perspective, the Torqeedo fulfills that and more, since it eliminates any rising gas costs and messy cleanup. It helps that the motor is lightweight and easy to operate.

Since I choose not to leave my electric engine aboard, I carry it and battery in its own stylish carrying case and it weighs less than 35 pounds. In some ways, the customized bag resembles or is at least the size of a golf bag without the clubs and the shaft fits perfectly inside.

AS A PART-TIME islander, I have recently renewed communication with the South Carolina Yacht Club at Windmill Harbor on Hilton Head Island. It's home to many of the island's wealthiest residents, many who are retired multinational CEOs. The club also has a specialized race class of Harbor 20 sailboats.

"Yes, we have Wednesday evening regattas and have a fleet of Harbor 20s and some of them are outfitted with Torqeedo electric engines," says Mark Newman, the South Carolina Yacht Club sailing instructor and director of the club's yachting program.

He's quick to add that these older electric motors struggle against the tide and often make very little headway. But he also notes that the builder did a poor job adapting the motors for use in the well of the fiberglass-designed boats.

Other club members, like Ted Arisaka, also believes that the electric motor has a mixed record. "When they work, they provide good thrust." He blames the builder for an improper retrofit and not the engine. Since the battery was placed in the starboard lazarette, the battery pod, which has a GPS does not get a view of the sky and so none of the advanced features, like estimating remaining distance available is not functional.

The Harbor design problem, manufactured by WD Schock, is flawed according to Arisaka. "The battery is set up to be recharged in the lazarette with a non-water-tight charger connection," says the ardent blue water sailor. He believes that the engine offers no user serviceable spares and that sending a lithium battery back for service is time consuming and costly.

However, there's agreement among users that the electric engine is quiet, dependable without any flammable liquids, or petroleum spills in the water and no exhaust fumes. The refrain is clear: no more changing the oil, filters and bleeding the system for those with electric motors.

There's a wide range of at-

titudes among sailors who are adopting the electric motor. But the science does not lie: a life cycle assessment of electric and gasoline powered pump out boats reveals that electric boats have lower lifetime greenhouse gas emissions than do their gasoline-powered equivalents. This is particularly true when electric powered boats are charged using renewable resources, like a solar panel.

I installed a 50 watt solar panel on my Sea Gypsy and although it's slow and drawn-out process for charging, I am able to recharge while on the water. Sure range is always an issue. However, Lyall Burgess and his wife, Katie, and their company, Sun Powered Yachts, located in sunny Hawaii make terrific sun powered panels. Now, it can be a bit tricky wiring a non-Torqeedo solar panel but a small adaptor cable MC4 does work since the battery has a built in MPPT controller which regulates the flow of power from the panel to the battery. No one denies that when a battery is empty, there must be a process to force power back into it and so I generally take my battery with me and recharge it at home.

The winds of change, triggered by this blue electric revolution will certainly be powering me without a carbon footprint into the next stage of my sailing life.

The writer is a former adjunct professor of English at Coastal Carolina University.

Speed limits

A welcome change on the South Causeway

To the editor:

After several years of complaining to officials about speeding cars on the Pawleys Island South Causeway and gathering signatures on petitions to lower the 35-mph speed limit to 25 mph, residents of houses fronting on the South Causeway and of neighborhoods close by have reason to celebrate. The speed limit for most of the South Causeway from Highway 17 to the salt marsh has now been reduced to 25 mph. But the speeding continues.

The sheriff's department, responding to requests from those who walk, walk their dogs, bike, jog and drive their golf carts on this residential street with no sidewalks, has been very responsive to neighborhood concerns, issuing speeding tickets at a rapid clip. Those of us requesting stepped-up enforcement of the new speed limit intend to keep requesting increased enforcement (and more speed limit signs) until we see some results.

Residents of the town of

Pawleys Island have long enjoyed the increased safety of a 25 mph maximum speed limit; residents of houses on the mainland need the same level of safety. There is no reason for any speed limit higher than 25 mph on the South Causeway or in the neighborhoods on the ocean side

of Highway 17 between the North Causeway and the South Causeway; we'll be working on those areas next.

Those Pawleys Island homeowners (including those who rent their properties), rental agencies and businesses whose vehicles frequent Pawleys Island via

the South Causeway should take note and spread the word that using the South Causeway as a raceway to and from the beach just got a lot riskier.

Tom Hudson
Pawleys Island

The writer is a member of the Pawleys Island Pedestrian Safety Association.

First responders

Time to raise pay for fire and EMS

To the editor:

It has recently come to my attention that our firefighters and EMS staff are understaffed due largely in part to the lack of competitive salaries and lack of step increases. It is my understanding, resulting from a deal of research, that firefighters in South Carolina average a salary of \$44,000 where Georgetown offers around \$36,000. Midway has 30 positions open.

I live at Pawleys Plantation and I can tell you that

Midway Fire and Rescue is an extremely busy department. They are called out numerous times each day as noted by the sirens heard in the neighborhood. Not only that, but they are one of the best.

I understand that the sheriff was able to secure merit raises of up to 3 percent for his officers, and I think that the fire department and EMS deserve similar consideration. Both departments are vital to the safety of our county. I also

think that the pay policy should be revisited and revised in order to provide step increases or performance increases each year.

As a taxpayer, I realize that this will impact my taxes, but I think that these people deserve to be recognized as a valuable asset to our community with the incentive to stay in our community instead of searching for a more lucrative position elsewhere.

Cheryle Fay Clark
Pawleys Plantation

Land use

'Interest groups' are citizens with concerns

To the editor:

We are deeply troubled by Councilman Steve Goggans' statement in last week's Coastal Observer. The article reported on the county land use plan update and mentioned that local citizens' groups, Keep It Green (KIG) and Preserve Murrells Inlet (PMI), had expressed concern about properly soliciting and incorporating meaningful public input as an essential part of the process. In response, Councilman Steve Goggans said, "I am leery about interest groups grabbing hold of it and steering it and pursuing their agenda."

Mr. Goggans' statement speaks volumes and clearly demonstrates the need for public input.

According to all reputable authorities on proper planning processes, public participation and input should be the very foundation and driving force of a land use plan. KIG and PMI represent the public. It is disturbing that Mr. Gog-

gans is "leery" about the public "grabbing hold of" and "steering" the update because that is exactly what is supposed to happen. The fact that Georgetown County has never done that and has historically made many decisions behind closed doors doesn't make it right.

Let's take a close look at the "agenda" of KIG and PMI.

• KIG and PMI are nonprofit citizens' groups comprised of thousands of people from all walks of life, all socio-economic backgrounds, all races, ages, ethnicities, religions, and genders. Some were born and raised here, and others moved here from other places. All are equally valuable and entitled to a voice about the future of our area.

• KIG and PMI are led by citizen volunteers who care deeply about our community and collectively donate thousands of hours of their personal time with NO compensation or financial benefit.

• The positions of KIG and PMI on land use issues are not tied to any economic advantage or special interests.

• The mission of KIG and PMI is to protect and preserve the natural character of our community by monitoring compliance with land use, zoning, and other laws. We support local economic growth, development, and landowner rights, all within the bounds of the law.

The agenda of KIG and PMI is to be the voice of the public for the protection, safety, and welfare of all citizens. KIG and PMI have nothing to gain from the work we do other than the satisfaction of representing the best interest of our community.

Let's contrast that with Councilman Goggans.

• Mr. Goggans is an architect and land planner/designer. He has had businesses in Georgetown County for many years and he and his businesses have

been involved in and profited from many development projects in the Waccamaw Neck.

• During his tenure as council representative for District 6 in the Waccamaw Neck, Mr. Goggans has voted in favor of matters involving former clients or former projects despite overwhelming opposition by his own District 6 constituents; refused to recuse himself on multiple occasions when requested to do so by his constituents; and voted to allow zoning changes that increase residential density contrary to the comprehensive plan and the desires of his constituents without a showing of public benefit.

Please compare the agenda of our citizens' groups with that of Councilman Goggans and draw your own conclusions about which is more worthy of concern.

Cindy Ranck Person
Litchfield Country Club
The writer chairs the board of Keep It Green.



Charles Swenson/Coastal Observer

The boat races are always among the highlights of the Wooden Boat Show.

EVENTS | Wooden Boat Show

City welcomes back October staple

By CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Take nearly 100 wooden boats, add in boat building contests, regattas and COVID-19 vaccinations, and you've got this year's Wooden Boat Show.

"People are excited and we're excited, we're ready to get the ball rolling," said Hope McFaddin, administrator of the S.C. Maritime Museum, the beneficiary of the show's proceeds. "The support has been overwhelming."

Now in its 32nd year, the event was canceled in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

McFaddin said face masks and hand sanitizer will be available for patrons, and the space between boats and vendors will be a little larger than

normal to allow for social distancing.

Staff members from CareSC Pharmacy will also be on hand to administer COVID-19 vaccinations.

The show kicks off with the Goat Island Yacht Club Regatta on Friday night, which will include the auctioning of "Old Georgetown," the painting by Pawleys Island artist Lee Arthur that adorns this year's T-shirts and posters.

Saturday's festivities center around the Wooden Boat Challenge. Seven teams have from noon to 4 p.m. to build a rowing skiff from scratch. At 5 p.m. the teams will check the seaworthiness of their creations during a race on the Sampit River.

Two regattas are on tap on Sunday. Graduates of the museum's Youth Sail-

ing Program will race Opti Prams on the Sampit at 11 a.m.

The corrugated boat building contest also kicks off at 11 a.m. Teams have three hours to build their cardboard boats without wood, metal or motors, before they head for the Sampit to see if they float.

Show hours are Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Along with the boat building contests and regattas there will be wooden boat displays, kids' activities, entertainment, and vendors selling crafts, food and maritime items.

"The vendors we have this year are exceptional," McFaddin said.

To see a complete schedule of events and vendors go to woodenboatshow.com.

EVENTS IN BRIEF

Halloween arrives

Oct. 31 may still be a few weeks away but the Halloween celebration starts this weekend.

The Georgetown County Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a night of spooky fun on Oct. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Rocky Point Community Forest off Choppee Road.

The event will feature a marshmallow roast, hayride, ghost stories, pumpkin painting and a costume contest.

Admission is free but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church is hosting its annual Trunk or Trail event on Oct. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The free event will feature trick-or-treating, snacks and a not-so-scary haunted trail.

Rain date is Oct. 30.

Spanish goats

The heirloom Spanish goats the Brookgreen Gardens has been breeding for the last decade will have a new home in the Floyd Family Heritage Farm.

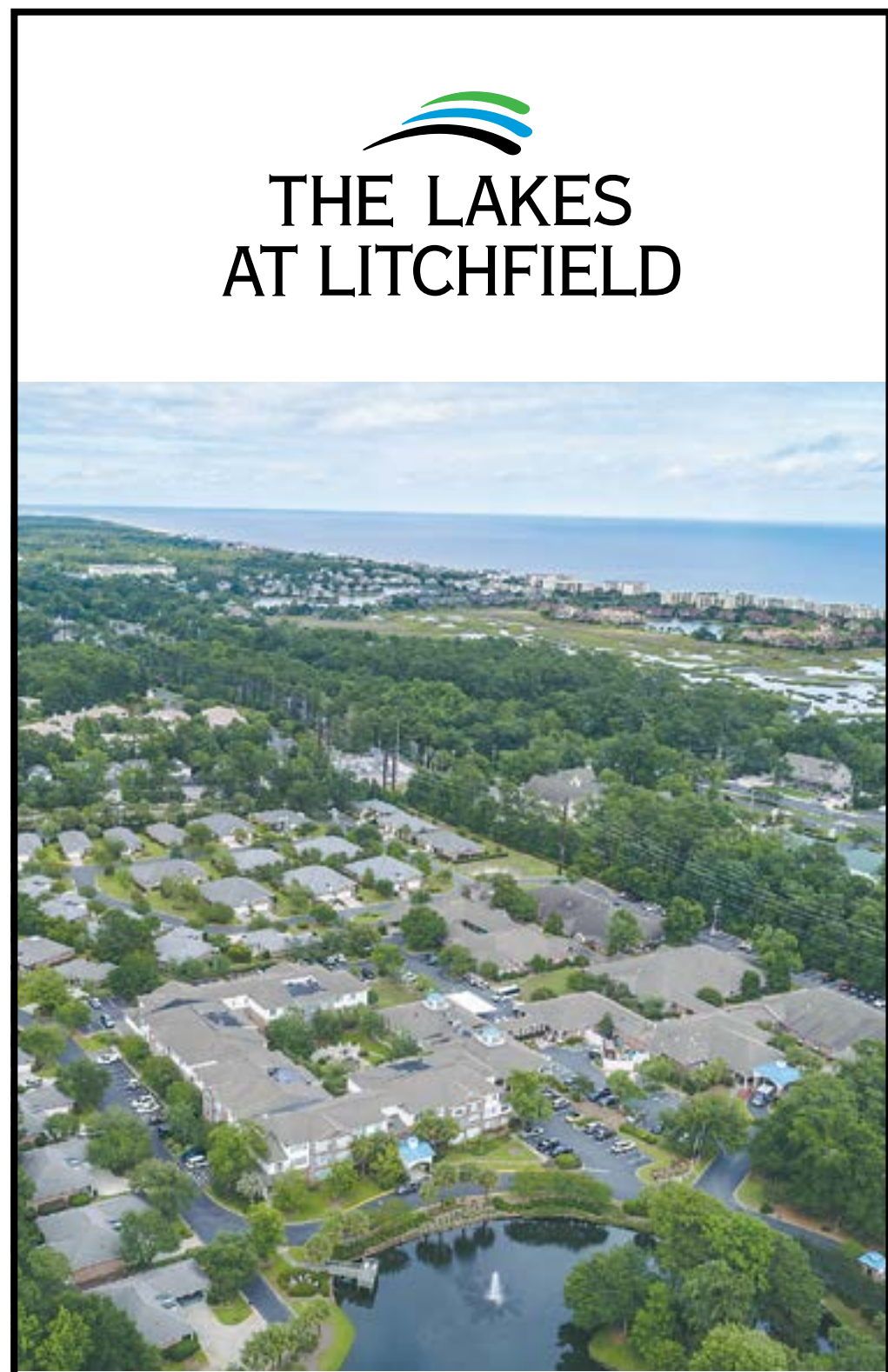
The exhibit of heirloom domestic animals opens Saturday.

History lesson

Richard Dimenstein will discuss "The Stores of Front Street: Stories of Jewish Merchants" on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Georgetown Library.

Dimenstein will be joined by friends and descendants of the families that operated stores in the second half of the 19th century through the 21st century.

The event, which is part of the Friends of the Georgetown Library's "First Tuesdays With ..." series, is free and open to the public.



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THEATER | 'Last of the Red Hot Lovers'

Vintage Neil Simon play helps mark 50th season

By CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

One man's three attempts at an extramarital affair is the basis of "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," the latest production of the Swamp Fox Players.

"It's funny and it's poignant," said Kathy Anderson, the director. "It will make some people uncomfortable in some places."

The play, written by Neil Simon, is the story of Barney, a middle-aged man who in 1969 believes the sexual revolution has passed him by so he decides to have an affair.

Failed trysts with three possible lovers in his mother's apartment are a learning experience for him.

Michael Caldwell, who plays Barney, was eager to be in a Neil Simon play.

"I love his sense of wit," Caldwell said. "He's a satirical comedy writer."

This is the Swamp Fox Players' 50th season. When planning the performance schedule, preference was given to plays such as "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" that the troupe had staged before.

Anderson made her Swamp Fox debut portraying Elaine in the play in 1995.

"I thought, this might be good to get it from the director's side instead of the actor's side," Anderson said. "And it's fun, and it's Neil Simon. People like Neil Simon."

There are three acts in the play and Caldwell is in each one with a different woman. He said the biggest challenge is the evolution of Barney from wanting to have an affair but not knowing how to talk to a woman, to what has he gotten himself into, to this is the right person.



Abigail Mims and Michael Caldwell rehearse "Last of the Red Hot Lovers."

"It is farcical the way he messes up every opportunity he thinks he is trying to get into," Caldwell said. "All three women are very different. But they're all fun."

For the women, there's a lot of down time because they're only on stage for one act.

"Usually when I do shows, when I get off from one scene I get look at my lines and then I go back on stage and get that build-up again and then come off and go back on," said Abigail Mims, who portrays Bobbi, the second of Barney's paramours. "With this one I'm on stage the entire time. So my challenge is remembering everything all at once."

"I've never done anything like this before, it's so different," said Josie Thames, who portrays Jeanette, the last of the potential lovers. "Normally you're there from the first scene, even if you're coming in at the end of the first scene. ... The biggest challenge is keeping your energy up because usually by the third act you've been on stage for

an hour or an hour-and-a-half and that's when energy kind of starts to wane. I've got to be ready at the beginning of the third act after the second intermission. I've got to have first-act energy."

Stephanie Eldridge, who portrays Elaine in the first act, said she may sneak out and sit in the balcony to watch the rest of the show.

Anderson has known Thames since she was a teenager and directed her in several productions, including "Hairspray" in 2014. She asked Thames to audition.

"Jeanette is a very different character than what I've done before," Thames said. "She's very anger, but also very sad. She's not quite sure how to process everything that she's gone through. ... But she's also very funny and I'm drawn to funny characters and quirky characters."

Eldridge, whose last Swamp Fox production was Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" nine years ago, was unfamiliar with play when she showed up at the audi-

tion.

"I'm having a fantastic time with it," Eldridge said. "The character I was cast as likes drinking, smoking and other people's husbands. So she's pretty entertaining to me."

Mims auditioned for the play because she really likes Bobbi.

"She's very funny and I relate to her a lot in my daily life," Mims said. "It's really fun to play an exaggerated version of myself."

Mims started acting on stage when she was in middle school.

"There's just something about performing, it's just fun," Mims said. "I love seeing the reaction of people."

ANDERSON AND the actors are thrilled that The Strand Theater is back to full capacity now that COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

"Last year was a little bit tough doing it on stage because there wasn't a lot of people because of COVID," Mims said. "I'm really excited to be back on stage and having a full crowd."

"Being on stage and hearing the audience's reaction, that's part of what gives you the energy," Anderson said. "It makes it more fun too."

"It's a huge difference and I can see everybody, I like to see their faces," Thames said. "It's a huge help because they give you that energy. If they're excited and happy and laughing, when you come on stage you're ready to give that back to them."

"Playing in front of a live audience is always so exciting," Eldridge said. "Ev-

ery audience is different and the energy that you get from the crowd and from your counterparts on stage it's just makes being in theater addictive."

If you go

What: "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" by Neil Simon

When: Oct. 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m.; Oct. 24 and 31, 2:30 p.m.

Where: Strand Theater, Georgetown.

How much: Tickets are \$19 at swampfoxplayers.com.

WACCAMAW LIBRARY

Lights! Camera! Politics!

Vote fraud, political bosses and romance kick off a new film series this week at the Waccamaw Library.

"Elections on Screen: Political Elections in Classic Hollywood Films" is a series of six films from the 1930s, '40s and '50s hosted by Charles Swenson, editor of the Coastal Observer. It is a sequel to his 2019 series of classic films with newspaper themes.

"The Great McGinty" opens the new series at 2:30 p.m. Friday. It was directed by Preston Sturges and features Brian Donlevy as a down-and-out man picked by a political boss for high office. The 1940 film was the first directed by Sturges, who had a string of popular comedies over next several years.

Other films in the series are:

Oct. 22 | "The Talk of the Town" (1942), starring Cary Grant and Ronald Colman, as a Supreme Court nominee who helps a man (Grant) framed for arson by

the boss of a New England mill town.

Oct. 29 | "A Foreign Affair" (1948), starring Jean Arthur as a congresswoman who investigates the state of GI morals in occupied Berlin. Marlene Dietrich co-stars as a nightclub singer with Nazi ties. Billy Wilder directs.

Nov. 5 | "The Farmer's Daughter" (1947), earned an Academy Award for Loretta Young a country girl who runs for Congress against a party hack. Joseph Cotton and Ethel Barrymore co-star.

Nov. 12 | "The Great Man Votes" (1939), starring John Barrymore as a drunken former college professor who holds the decisive vote in a city election.

Nov. 19 | "The Last Hurrah" (1958), directed by John Ford and featuring Spencer Tracy as a Boston mayor making one more bid for re-election.

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Cara Targonski competes in the 100-yard breaststroke at the Class 3A swim meet on Saturday.

WACCAMAW HIGH SWIMMING

Sophomore gets silver at State

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Waccamaw High's Nina Sitas capped off her sophomore season with a silver medal in the 100-yard free at the Class 3A State swimming championships on Saturday.

"I came into the meet ranked third and got second. It's a great day," Sitas said. "It's the highest I've ranked individually for State."

Sitas also finished seventh in the 50-yard free.

"Nina really proved what a strong competitor she is," Warriors coach Adam Dear said. She had a rough start on the 50 free, but she didn't let it get to her at all. She stayed focused and went on to get the silver in the 100 free, it was really great to see as a coach."

Ella Speir finished fourth in the 100-yard backstroke and fifth in the 500-yard free.

"I didn't hit my best time, but that's OK," Speir said.

"Ella came so close to bronze



Nina Sitas won a silver medal in the 100 free.

in the 100 back," Warriors coach Fabio Mauro Silva said. "I think next year she has a good shot at multiple medals."

Sitas, Spier, Micah Price and Savannah Jansky were fifth in the 400-yard free relay and sixth

in the 200-yard free relay.

"I think we did really well," Sitas said. "I didn't do as well as I wanted to and some of the girls feel the same."

Price also finished 10th in the 200-yard free and 11th in the 500-yard free.

Jansky finished 14th in the 100-yard backstroke and 22nd in the 200-yard individual medley.

Waccamaw's 200-yard medley team - Katie Key, Scarlett Van Bloem, Cara Targonski and Mirella Paglio - finished 13th.

Key also finished 13th in the 100-yard backstroke and 29th in the 200-yard individual medley.

Targonski also finished 25th in the 200-yard individual medley and 30th in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Waccamaw finished seventh in the team competition with 199 points.

"As a team we did really good," Price said. "People improved and if they didn't improve in their times they improved in their swimming. Competition in

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Chris Sokoloski/Coastal Observer

Anna Margaret Loftus cut 23 seconds from the previous school record.

WHS CROSS COUNTRY

Loftus sets record at county meet

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Anna Margaret Loftus broke the Waccamaw High School girls cross country record this week with a time of 18:21.

That bettered the record set by her teammate Gia Leone in September 2020 by 23 seconds.

"It's really exciting," Loftus said. "It shows that I'm getting where I wanted to be and I'm happy that I'm at this place."

Loftus said the past few years she's felt like she's not been progressing.

"I'm finally feel like I'm making progress and just trusting my body more and kind of letting go of the pressure or anything I put on myself and just seeing what I can do," Loftus said.

Loftus' time was good enough for a win in the Georgetown County Quad. She and her teammates took the top five spots.

Ross Fallaw (16:48) won the boys race for Waccamaw. It was the first time that Fallaw broke the 17:00 mark.

"I'm really excited but not satisfied," Fallaw said. "I'm going to improve from here on out. It's going to get harder, but I can deal with it."

Other Waccamaw times: Jalen Hoxie 17:04, Wade Leventis 17:15, Corrin Green 17:46, Ellis Quigley 17:56, Julian Bradley 17:58, and Charlie Withington 18:08.

Loftus and Gia Leone finished first and second to lead the Waccamaw girls to a win at the Coaches Classic on Saturday.

Loftus finished in 19:46 and Leone in 20:25 on the course at Hillcrest High School. Emma Whitaker (20:27) of Chapman was third.

Waccamaw dominated the team competition with 79 points. T.L. Hanna was second with 147 points and Stratford was third with 162.

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Region champions

Waccamaw High's girls golf team, from left, Anna Brown, Ella Bischof, Allie Bird, Kayla Holek and Victoria Gullo won its second straight Region VII-AAA title on Tuesday. Bird shot a 75 to lead the field and was named region Player of the Year. Brown, Holek and Bischof were named to the All-Region team. The Warriors compete in the Class 3A Lower State championship on Monday in Camden.



WHS TENNIS

Warriors prepare for playoffs

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Waccamaw High's girls tennis team won its last two Region VII-AAA matches without dropping a game in singles.

"They're playing like champions and like they're ready to take on the playoffs," Warriors coach Mary Cannon said. "They're mindset is playoffs."

Waccamaw hosts the first round of the Class 3A playoffs on Oct. 21.

"It's always nice to not have to jump in the car and go somewhere," Cannon said.

If the Warriors advance, a second-round matchup will be Oct. 26, likely at home.

Waccamaw swept Aynor on Tuesday. The score of every match was 6-0.

In singles, Kaiden Greer won at No. 1, Aynsley-Aimee Flowers won at No. 2, Addison Flowers won at No. 3, Stephanie Davis won at No. 4, and Elise Dozier won at No. 5.

In doubles, Piper Connor and Kattia Cantrell won at No. 2.

The Warriors swept Loris on Oct. 7. The score of every singles match was 6-0.

In singles, Aynsley-Aimee Flowers won at No. 1, Addison Flowers won at No. 2; Dozier won at No. 3, Connor won at No. 4, and Cantrell won at No. 5.

In doubles, Aynsley-Aimee Flowers and Addison Flowers won 8-0 at No. 1; and Izzy Dozier and Kate Harper won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2.

WACCAMAW hosts Georgetown today and Loris on Monday.

WACCAMAW HIGH VOLLEYBALL

Region title is just one win away



Chris Sokoloski/Coastal Observer

Lilly Javoroski gets a point for the Warriors against Dillon.

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

Waccamaw High's volleyball team remained undefeated in Region VII-AAA after sweeping Aynor on Tuesday night.

The Warriors beat the Blue Jackets 25-13, 25-14, 25-16.

Savannah Prox had 11 kills and five aces, Lilly Javoroski had seven kills and three aces, Breckin Lottchea had six kills and four blocks, Abby Moore had two kills, Aubrey Callahan had two aces, Abby Alot had one ace, and Max Dehaas and Sophie Moschgat each had one block.

The Blue Jackets were the only region team to claim a set from the Warriors last season.

Waccamaw was coming off a sweep of Dillon on Oct. 7. SEE "VOLLEYBALL," PAGE 20

SNOOZEFEST | BY TRENTON CHARLSON PUZZLES EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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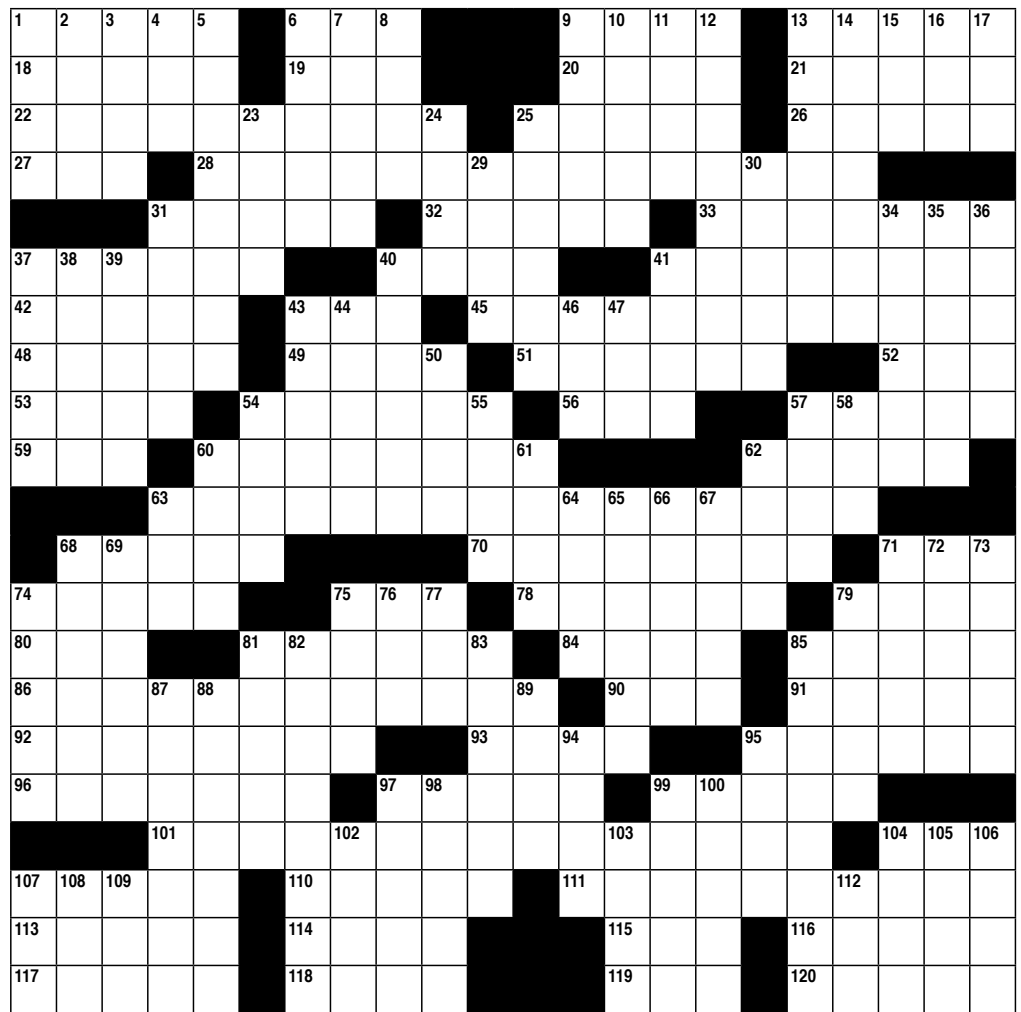
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- 9 Key with five sharps: Abbr.
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- 18 Harriet's partner on 1950s-'60s TV
- 19 China's Chou En-____
- 20 Paul Simon's "____ Rock"
- 21 Tree that Athena gifted to Athens
- 22 Inaply named bear of a tongue twister
- 25 Spanish rice
- 26 Letter-shaped construction piece
- 27 Endeavor
- 28 Winter weather hazard
- 31 Little black ____
- 32 Art of verse
- 33 Jurisdiction of a Catholic church official
- 37 Get closer and closer
- 40 Mapmaker's subj.
- 41 Literary traveler to Lilliput and Brobdingnag
- 42 Transfixed
- 43 Former telecom giant that merged into Verizon
- 45 Ostentatious display
- 48 Kicked back
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- 60 Ambrose Bierce defined it as "A minor form of despair, disguised as a virtue"
- 62 Totally over it all
- 63 Final creature encountered in "Dr. Seuss's ABC"
- 68 Far-right state
- 70 Buckskin, e.g.
- 71 Something stretched out in a yoga class
- 74 Has over
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- 78 Like varnished wood
- 79 "Pretty please?"
- 80 Sci-fi travelers
- 81 Pan-fries
- 84 Violated a code of silence

- 85 Sportscaster Jim with the classic opening "Hello, friends"
- 86 Opportunities to win a vacation on "Wheel of Fortune"
- 90 Stocking stuffer
- 91 Actress Ana of "Love, Victor"
- 92 "Alas ..."
- 93 Bistro sign word
- 95 Francis' tenure, e.g.
- 96 Lively, on a score
- 97 Collect little by little
- 99 Makes
- 101 "Which Disney Princess Are You?" and the like
- 104 Big Ten powerhouse, for short
- 107 Eye shade
- 110 Basic skateboard trick
- 111 Quick nap ... or a playful description of the 64-Down here
- 113 Conflagration
- 114 Diamond who went platinum
- 115 Scottish denial
- 116 Popeye creator Segar
- 117 Footnote abbr.
- 118 Icelandic work that influenced Tolkien
- 119 Key for getting out, not in
- 120 Like May through August, unlike the other months of the year

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- 1 What "piano" can mean
- 2 Côte d'____
- 3 Nickname for Isabelle or Isidore
- 4 Fashion designer Lange
- 5 Actress Amanda of 2012's "Les Misérables"
- 6 What B. B. King was king of
- 7 Rattles
- 8 Opposite of flatness
- 9 Members of bevs and broods
- 10 Tie the knot
- 11 Mine: Fr.
- 12 Many a collaboration between Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald
- 13 "C'est magnifique!"
- 14 Spanish composer Isaac
- 15 "How to ____ a ____"
- (popular Google search)
- 16 One of the Gabor sisters

- 17 Radiation unit
- 23 Member in the genus Troglodytes, so named for its tendency to enter dark crevices
- 24 "Jeepers!"
- 25 Generational divide
- 29 Former queen of Jordan
- 30 Nintendo princess
- 31 Order of roses
- 34 Kilt-wearing Greek infantryman
- 35 Fixed, as tiling
- 36 Northern California town once home to the palindromic ____ Bakery
- 37 Chain that sells chains
- 38 "Jeepers!"
- 39 Levels
- 40 Old fogey
- 41 Quiet valley
- 43 Partner of glamour
- 44 Comedian Fields
- 46 ____ garden
- 47 When repeated, one of the Gabor sisters
- 50 Mercedes- ____
- 54 Stupor
- 55 Multitude
- 57 Pac-Man navigates through one
- 58 Wood-shaping tool
- 60 They're taken out in alleys
- 61 Six-Day War leader Weizman
- 62 No-nonsense TV judge
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- 64 Sleep indicators
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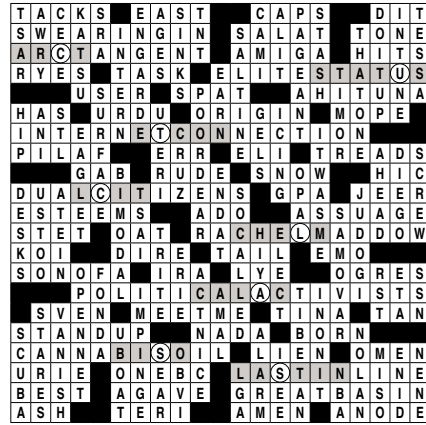


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- 72 Bit of tomfoolery
- 73 Nervous state
- 74 Seven: Prefix
- 75 Football sideline reporter Kolber
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- 77 Electric ____

- 79 Kvetches
- 81 Pointy-eared dog
- 82 Big name in car parts
- 83 Break away
- 85 Reason to hang up
- 87 Victoria Falls river
- 88 Uniform adornment
- 89 Center of L.A., once
- 94 Sufficient, informally
- 95 Aphids, to ladybugs
- 97 Beyond cold
- 98 Woman's name meaning "night" in Hebrew and Arabic

- 99 Pound and others
- 100 Worshiper of the rain god Tlaloc
- 102 Took off
- 103 One of the Nereids of Greek myth
- 104 Eleven, en français
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 Carolina Orthopaedic Holdings II to BT Docs LLC of Murrells Inlet; Lot 3, 92 Bandage Court; \$385,000.
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 CCH Invest SC01 to Qing Cheng and Jie Yu of Murrells Inlet; 4280-E Santolina Way; \$165,000.
 Estate of Bobby L. Womack to Randol and Suzanne W. Tilghman of Waxhaw, N.C.; 4373-C Crepe Myrtle Court; \$150,000.
 Michelle D. and Gerald S. Louk to Anne B. Lunn of Murrells Inlet; 45-D Sterling Pointe; \$195,000.
 Estate of Dorothy M. Chappell to Ronald L. Chappell of Greer et al.; Lot 5, Block 12, 369 Vaux Hall Ave.
 James A. Thomas to Vaux Hall Cottage II LLC of Murrells

Inlet; Lots 9 and 10, Block 6, 576 Vaux Haul Ave.; \$375,000.
 Judy and Herman Tolley to Vaux Hall Cottage LLC of Murrells Inlet; Lot 8, Block 5, 563 Vaux Haul Ave.; \$410,000.
 Alberto A. and Cathleen R. Ponce to Tonya A. and Paul C. McNeill of Kings Mountain, N.C.; Lot 10, The Orchard, 12 Saltwater Way; \$550,000.
 Michael R. Hogan to Encore Wachesaw LLC of Tampa; 1.6 acres, Bypass 17; \$1,100,000.
 Marion G. Matthews to Harold B. Dixon of Murrells Inlet; Two parcels at 410 Parsonage Lane; \$190,000.
 Mad Money LLC and Inlet Properties LLC to Gary R. Gardner et al. of Murrells Inlet; Lot 5, Block 2, Dines Point, 381 Morse Ave.; \$180,000.
 DM Holdings to Christopher Turner of Murrells Inlet; Lot 8, Block 1, Oak Hill, 1098 Palmer Place; \$267,000.
 Rebecca Weinberg to Stephen W. and Jamie L. Kay of Murrells Inlet; Lot 18, Block D, Oak Hill, 5078 Pee Dee Lane; \$170,000.
 Jams Investments to Tina M. Pritchett of Nokesville, Va.; Lot 2, Phase I, Woodlawn Planta-

tion, Deep Lake Drive; \$147,050.
 Kathy L. Stauffer and Jeffrey L. Patton to Marilyn B. and Frederick W. Genthner III of Murrells Inlet; Lot 3, Phase I, Woodlawn Plantation, Deep Lake Drive; \$140,000.
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 Jeanne Kelly to Robert J. and Margaret J. Demarco of Murrells Inlet; Lot 3, Phase I, Lakeshore, 86 Hyacinth Loop; \$384,900.
 Ronald G. and Elizabeth M. Blankenstein to Thomas and Stacy Eaton of Acworth, Ga.; Lot 32, Phase I, Lakeshore, 115 Hyacinth Loop; \$375,000.
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Michael R. and Susan R. Hupp to Roy J. Villegas and Marie F. Rancesellul of Murrells Inlet; Lot 6 Coral Bay, 818 Yellowfin Court; \$197,000.
 Dew Oil Co. to Bellona Properties of Myrtle Beach; Two tracts at 5146 Bypass 17; \$555,000.
Wachesaw Plantation
 Donald P. and Elizabeth W. Patenaude to Joanne Lombardozzi of Murrells Inlet; 11-B Carriage Run Cottages; \$375,000.
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GOLF | Local club results

John Felton aces No. 11 at Heritage Plantation

BY CAROL BULONE
FOR THE OBSERVER

Last week at Heritage Plantation, John Felton took on the par 3 11th hole which plays approximately 132 yards.

Felton selected his 9-iron for the shot to the elevated green guarded by sand traps.

He and his playing partners, Andy Rule, Davis Overton and Jeffrey Miller (all from Knoxville, Tenn.), watched as the ball hit the green just left of the hole, took a spin to the right, rolled about 4 feet and disappeared into the cup.

This is Felton's second hole-in-one; a little bonus added to a golf holiday with his buddies.

The Reserve

Stableford points was the weekly game for the ladies.

First, Kathy Hirsch, Maureen Torncello, Sue Bellas, Pam Lee; second, Renee Eckley, Kathy Vagelakos, Fran Heaton, Kathy Boyd.

Closest to the pin: Brenda Flythe on seven at 9 feet; Bellas on 12 at 85 feet; Torncello on 17 at 12 feet, 3 inches.

Birdies: Jeanne Saulsbury on four, Vagelakos on 12.

Wachesaw

The ladies hosted their annual Sadie Hawkins event, selecting a man other than their spouse as a playing partner.

Flight 1: first, Victoria Meyer and Larry DeCosmo; second, Gayle Hall and George Fahs; third, Peggy Martz and Sal Peretore.

Flight 2: first, Anne Pennington and Rick Mc-

Guinnes; second, Jane Swamer and Casey Darrah; third, Marlene Kurtz and Bob Lowe.

Flight 3: first, Karen Newsome and Gerald Mosher; second, Candy McCracken and Rick McCarthy; third, Rose Plesha and Paul Hill.

Closest to the pin: Lowe on three, Martz on seven, Karen Alber on 13; second, McGuinness on 17.

Tradition Club

The first Paul and Dottie Kelly Tournament was held to honor the founding members of the Gold Tee Association. The event was a captain's choice.

Front nine: first, Bill and Jeanette Renault, Al Britsch, Kathy Milne; second, Paul and Maureen Lempert, Frank and Pat D'Amato.

Back nine: first, Mike and Beth Thompson, Bob Caufield, blind draw, second, John and Celise McLaughlin, Dale and Sue Guzlas.

The men began their annual 36-hole Red, White and Blue Tournament. The format was individual stroke play. Red tee players moved up one tee box on even holes and back one tee box on odd holes. Gold tee players did the same on white and red tees.

The leaders after round one:

Gold flight: Bob Zuercher, 71; Dave Streeter, 73; Dan Molloy, Steve Johnson, Charlie Zelinsky, 74; Dick Pacella, Danny Ingram, Bud Phillips, 75.

Red flight: George Gabelman, Rudy Schwartz, 69; Craig Monaghan, 73; Dick Culver, Harry Stewart, Tom Swanson, Bob Wittig, 74.

Closest to the pin:

(gold) Patrick Tole on two, Pacella on five, Roger Byrne on 12, Molloy on 15; (red) Schwartz on two, Al Foderaro 12, Monaghan 15.

Field honors: low gross (gold), Streeter, 74; (red), Monaghan, 82; low net (gold), Zuercher, 71; (red), Schwartz, Gabelman, 69.

Pawleys Plantation

The ladies competed in "Lone Ranger," using two low nets of foursome

First, Dawn Wright, Janet Parsons, Linda Raymond, Joan Bertolucci, 135; second, Amy Swartz, Ceal Neally, Kathy Murray, Cathleen Fox (blind draw), 137; third, Betsy Nemeth, Carol Peters, Cathleen Fox, Dawn Anderson, 143; fourth, Kathy Judge, Patti Luckey, Vickie Bouvier, Sandra Aparo, 145; fifth, Té Andrew, Sue Durham, Peggy Muravnick, Pam Luers, 154.

Birdies: Anderson on 12; Peters, Bouvier, Murray on 13. Chip-ins: Peters, Bouvier on 13; Fox on 18.

True Blue

Modified Stableford points was the Sunday game of the week for the members and their guests.

Red flight: first, Dan Petry, +2; second, Bob Okun and Dan Hipsher, -1; fourth, Paul Patula, -4; fifth, Mike Milne, -5.

White flight: first, Chuck Todd, +5; second, Joe Ross, +4; third, John Espe, even par; fourth, Carl Rodgers and Phil Benincasa, -1.

Blue flight: first, DeAnna Davis-Okun, +5; second, Bruce Fritz, +4; third, Steve Okun, +2; fourth, Paul Patten, -1; fifth, Bob Phelan, -2.

Closest to the pin: Ross on three, Hipsher on four and 16, Patten on seven, Bob Turk on 11.

Swim | Young team sees medals ahead

FROM SECOND FRONT
general always tends to motivate a swimmer to try their best."

Oceanside Collegiate was first with 405 points, St. Joseph's was second with 387, and Christ Church was third with 343.

"There was definitely a lot of great competition," Sitas said. "I think we now have a better understanding of who all the teams are that we're going to be racing against since throughout the season we don't race against a lot of these teams."

"A lot of these teams have club swimmers and they're really competitive," Speir said.

"It was a great way to end an already great season," Warriors coach David Dear said. "We have a young and talented team. I would expect many more to qualify next year."

"It was a great meet, but I think next year we will have many more medals," Silva said.



Chris Sokoloski/Coastal Observer
Nina Sitas starts the anchor leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay.



Warriors fall | Waccamaw High's football team lost 55-6 to Dillon on Friday. The Warriors only points came on a touchdown pass from Jaret Yonker to Kam Green, at left. Waccamaw, 1-5 on the season, is off this week. The Warriors travel to Lake View on Oct. 22 host Socastee on Oct. 29 for Homecoming.

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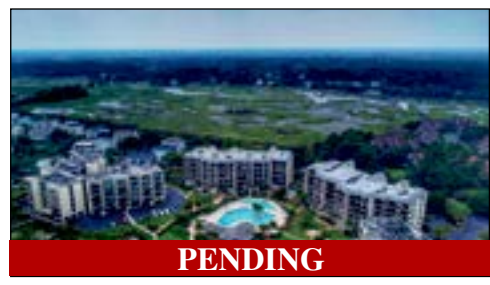
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The Marlins' Gigi Bohan was undefeated this season.

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LOWCOUNTRY PREP TENNIS

Marlins end playoff run in first round

BY CHRIS SOKOLOSKI
COASTAL OBSERVER

The Lowcountry Prep School's girls tennis team's season came to end on Tuesday with a loss to Carolina Academy in the playoffs.

"They were good," Marlins coach Blaine Harvey said.

Gigi Bohan had the only win against Carolina Academy. She went undefeated this season.

The Marlins, who compete in the S.C. Independent School Association, wrapped up the regular season with a 5-4 loss to Pine-wood Prep on Oct. 7.

"Big improvement since they beat us 7-2 last time, but still a tough loss," Harvey said.

Bohan, Abigail Condon and Sophie Elliott won in singles, and Bohan and Ada O'Halloran won in doubles.

It was the first win of the season for Condon, the team's only senior.

"It's very special," she said.

Condon was honored before the match for her leadership.

"We've got a lot of younger girls and it's good just helping them learn," Condon said.

Condon transferred to Lowcountry Prep from

Georgetown High the same week Harvey took the coaching job last year.

"From day one, before she even attended a class at Lowcountry, I made her my team captain," Harvey said. "I couldn't ask for anything more from a person, especially new to a school. She's helped me get this team to where they are."

Condon won a state title with the school's boys team last spring.

"It was very interesting," Condon said. "Guys play a lot different than girls and that was my hardest thing to have to learn. But it was so much fun."

It was an up-and-down

season for Lowcountry Prep, with many teams canceling matches because of COVID-19 concerns. Other schools didn't field teams this year.

INCLUDING THE playoffs, the Marlins only played seven times and two of the matches were scrimmages against the junior varsity teams from Waccamaw and St. James high schools.

"It was another season of progress for the Lady Marlins," Harvey said. "Despite scheduling difficulties that led to a tough schedule, we made the playoffs this season after three years of not qualifying."

Volleyball | One win away

FROM SECOND FRONT

"Overall we did well," Warriors coach Katie Wilson said. "We had some communication errors but once again everyone got to play. If you have somebody different next to than you're used to, things like that are going to happen."

"I think we did really well because we really came together as a team," Alot said. "There were a couple of times where we messed up but we brought it back, picked up our energy and executed what we wanted to."

The Warriors beat the Wildcats 25-7, 25-11, 25-10.

Moore had 10 assists, eight aces and four kills; Callahan had eight assists and four aces; Prox had six kills and five aces; Javoroski had four aces and four kills; Dehaas had two kills; and Lottchea, Danni Maxwell and Lexi Crowe each had one kill.

"I thought we played pretty well," Callahan said.

Waccamaw lost to Bishop England and James Island on Oct. 6.

"We definitely need to start pushing ourselves more because when we get down on ourselves we're going back to the same old thing and not playing as well," Callahan said.

Wilson said. "We need to keep up the energy and try to play to their level and not play down a level."

The Bishops won 25-10 and 25-19 and the Trojans won 25-17 and 25-16.

"We had so many errors," Wilson said. "We should have been some much closer with [B.E.] than we actually were. That was kind of frustrating."

Wilson said the three coaches scheduled the tri-match to get some much needed competition before the Lower State playoffs start on Oct. 21.

"It's just good, fast competition," Wilson said. "By the time you get to second and third round that's what you're seeing. It's helpful for all of us."

"A lot of teams around here aren't as good as them so when you see teams like that you know going into the playoffs you need to step it up," Callahan said. "The competition is definitely getting higher."

"In our region, we don't play schools at that level," Alot said. "So competing against them really brings up our energy and enhances us as a team when we play and exposes us to different levels of play, which we need."

Running | Record falls, confidence builds

FROM SECOND FRONT

Other Waccamaw times: Clare Fico 21:33, Lila Jennings 22:20, Kayla Sheedy 22:23, and Rachael Neill 22:23.

"It was a very good showing. I was really proud of the girls and pleased with how we performed," Warriors coach Brian White said. "We're trying to get to the point where we're going to hopefully get a little faster toward the end of the season. That's what we're after right now."

It the first time the girls have won the Eye Opener and the Coaches Classic in the same season.

"Those are two of the premiere races in the state other than the state championship," White said.

Fallow (17:53) placed eighth to lead Waccamaw's boys to a ninth-place finish at the Coaches Classic.

"I placed well but I didn't run fast enough," Fallow said.

"It was a real sloppy course and we drove five



Chris Sokoloski/Coastal Observer

hours to get there," Warriors coach John Jones said. "I placed well for him."

Other Waccamaw times: Bradley 19:09, Green 19:33, William Martin 19:51,

Ross Fallow set a personal best in the quad.

Rangeley Turner 20:20, and Quigley 20:47.

The boys and girls will compete at the CiCi's Invitational in Columbia on Saturday and then host the Region VII-AAA championship on Oct. 26. Lower State is Nov. 5 and State is Nov. 11.

"It's been a good year," White said. "I've got some great and very talented ladies."

Loftus is confident in her teammates.

"I believe in them a lot and they're really making a lot of progress," she said. "I feel like we are really deep and we're getting so much better."

Jones said you never know what to expect with teenagers.

"We've got some people who are doing well right now and some people who are not doing quite so good," he added. "It's just got to all come together. If we can get our best five to run their best race on the right day, we've got a chance to be as high in the state."

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