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### By Susan Martin

Watching the joy of visitors to the Shores of Asbury delights owner Karen Alayne McCullough as she witnesses their excitement at all the Lake Hartwell attraction offers. The lake destination celebrated its inaugural year recently fulfilling McCullough's life-long dream.

"I remember as a senior in high school," she said, "I dreamed of a waterpark camping area where families could go and have fun."

McCullough has childhood memories of her aunt taking her to many of the state parks on Lake Hartwell including Asbury Park to camp, fish and just have fun.

"When we were little, my aunt Dona would call up my mama and say: 'let's go out to Asbury Park,'" she said.

McCullough graduated from Oakwood Christian School in Anderson, SC. She attended

## The Shores of Asbury Celebrates Inaugural Year

Crescent High School in the tenth grade and attended both Iva Middle School and Starr Elementary School.

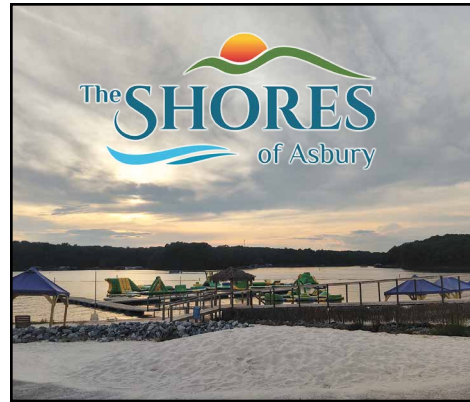
"The McCullough's and Dottry's are prominent in all types of business here," she said. "My roots are here. When McCullough retired from country music and her involvement in the music industry, she started looking for something she was passionate about.

Remembering her dream as a senior in high school, McCullough developed and opened the Shores of Asbury.

"I am thankful to be able to have it open up. I dreamed it, researched it and thought about it for 40 some odd years. It is a true blessing in my life," she said.

The Shores of Asbury opened last year with phase one and two,

of the four-part plan. This season opened at the beginning of the third stage with expanded camping sites,



additional waterpark units, and a full-service restaurant.

"While the RV and tent sites remain open year-round, the waterpark and restaurant opened May 1, 2023," she said. "We have beach tent sites, primitive sites, and group tent camping," McCullough said. "The restaurant will stay open

full time through November 15th, and the waterpark could go into October. If the community will support a restaurant on the lake during the winter months; they intend on staying opening year round."

"The original waterpark is almost the size of a football field.

"It is 268 feet by 139 feet wide," McCullough said.

"This year we have two waterparks. We purchased another park that is 75 feet by 65 feet for young people or adults that want to play with their young children."

With two independent waterparks and the added pieces, McCullough said The Shores of Asbury is bigger and better than it was the first season.

"We have added additional RV sites, an arcade, and additional bath houses which also serve as storm shelters," she said.

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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Hartwell Lake, Buoys Inspection Results

### By U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Savannah District

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, recently conducted an "Aids to Navigation" inspection on Hartwell Lake to inventory all buoys, shoal markers and other navigational aids to ensure proper placement, working condition and visibility. This annual inspection plays a vital role in boater and water safety for the millions of visitors to Hartwell Lake, and this year numerous unauthorized orange ball buoys were discovered adjacent to private boat docks. These buoys were primarily installed by dock owners to promote distance between vessels under operation and their moored vessels or docks. The Corps would

like to remind anyone on or around the lake, orange ball buoys are considered unauthorized structures subject to removal or impoundment. However, prior to impounding them, the Corps would like to ask those who have placed



orange ball buoys in the water to remove them voluntarily. Corps'

Park Rangers will conduct follow-up inspections in the coming weeks and any unauthorized buoy found at that time will be removed. Per Title 36, Chapter 111, Section 327.20 (Title 36), the placement or existence of any structure, i.e., buoys, docks, roads, trails, signs, non-portable hunting stands or blinds, and/or landscape features of any kind that are under, upon, in or over federal project lands or waters (Lake Hartwell and surrounding land) are prohibited unless a permit, lease,

license or other appropriate written authorization has been issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Commander. For the safety of boaters and others, all boat operators are encouraged to familiarize themselves with local, state and federal regulations. The existing state laws in South Carolina and Georgia require all vessels on Hartwell Lake to be at idle speed within 100 feet of an anchored vessel, wharf, pier, dock, or a person in the water (SC Sec. 50-21-870 SC Law and GA O.C.G.A Title 52, Chapter 7 GA Law). Additionally, a new South Carolina law prohibits "wake surfing" on all its waters when within 200 feet of a dock, a person in the water or an anchored watercraft. ■



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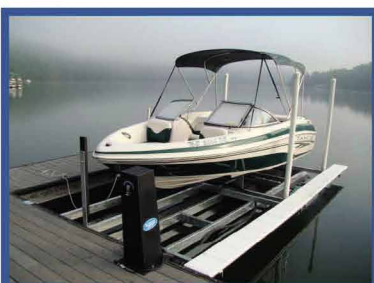
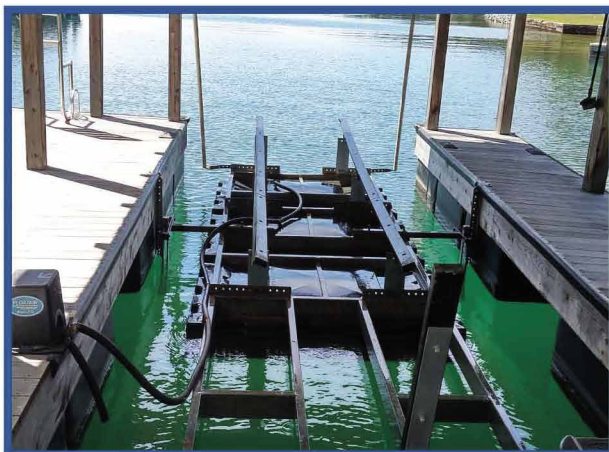


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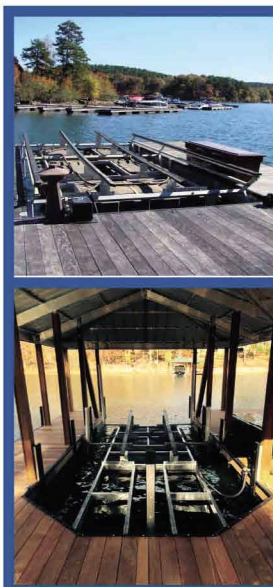


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**The Shores of Asbury Celebrates Inaugural Year – continued from pg. 1**

“We have a fishing pier with 28 courtesy slips for boats to come by water. El Arriero at the Shores Waterfront Bar and Grill is our full-time restaurant. What is really fun about El Arriero is the huge assortment of americano food including a wing menu, steaks, burgers, and seafood.”

McCullough describes the menu offerings as lake americano. El Arriero offers its entire Mexican menu including fajitas, tacos, burritos, and an adult beverage selection including craft beers and frozen drinks.

“We are really excited about the reasonably priced menu specials they brought to the

Shores, but the fact they are the first Mexican restaurant in history to grace the Shores of lake Hartwell makes me happy,” she said. “We are a kid friendly and family friendly location.”

One of the most remarkable characteristics of the Shores of Asbury is the sugar white sand.

“We tried tractor trailer loads of sand from here but it was coarse and burned our feet. So we brought in the white sugar beach sand and now have the Carolina’s largest inland white sugar sand beach.”

“You can have the look of the beach without the expense of taking your family to the beach,” McCullough laughs and says, “you may find a

few shells but you won’t find sharks or jellyfish.”

She plans musical and theatrical events on the boardwalk this year and continues to dream about the future.

“I am looking to eventually add treehouses and a yurt village,” she said.

“A yurt is a portable round tent. It’s really something precious staying with your family in a round room. It puts life in perspective. Your whole family is there. You’ve played outside all day in the sun. It’s a special experience to be together in the space to reminisce about the day or play board games together until one by one sleep overtakes each member of the

family.”

McCullough said she is looking forward to the many shows, birthday parties already booking, and both corporate and church events. There are no park entrance fees, and no gate fees to access the park. The park is open to the public from eleven am until ten pm during in season months.

“You don’t have to stay here to play or eat here!” McCullough said. “Come Play.”

For current events and upcoming concerts, like the Facebook page. Also go to [www.theshoresofasbury.com](http://www.theshoresofasbury.com) or call 864-844-9002. ■

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**Boat Franchise at Clemson Marina Offers Alternative Solution to Boat Ownership**

**By Susan Martin**

While boat ownership for many lake lovers might be a joy, boat ownership for some presents as a hassle. Freedom Boat Club on Lake Hartwell removes any hassle for boat enthusiasts by offering an alternative solution to boat ownership. Established on the lake in 2017, Freedom Boat Club, at Clemson Marina, is the world’s largest members only boat club offering a day on the water without the fueling, cleaning and maintenance of boat ownership.

“The club was founded in 1989 in Sarasota, Florida,” said Kim Aiken, Director of Development at Classic City Marinas.

“As the organization began its initial growth, Freedom Boat Club was sold to an investment group. It became evident that the best leadership

for this type of business model would require active engagement at the helm. John Giglio and Robert Day had both been working for the investment operator and negotiated to buy the enterprise in 2011. Mr. Giglio bought Mr. Daly out in 2012 and became the sole President.”

“Under Mr. Giglio’s watchful eye and passionate leadership, coupled with a committed crew of entrepreneurial-driven owners, Freedom Boat Club is thriving,” she said. “Today more than 50,000 boaters call Freedom Boat Club ‘home’ with hundreds of locations in the U.S., Canada and Europe with franchise operations situated coast-to-coast, and growing daily.”

In May of 2019, Freedom Boat Club was acquired by Brunswick Corporation. A leader in the marine space, Brunswick’s portfolio includes Mercury Marine engines along with boat brands

including Bayliner, Boston Whaler, Cypress Cay, and Sea Ray among several others.

“Today, the Club has more than 370 locations in the U.S., Canada and Europe,” Aiken said.

“Freedom to boat is at the very core of Freedom Boat Club. The great news is that we offer a variety of membership plans to fit your unique boating needs. Depending on where your Home Club resides, we’ll have a membership to fit your lifestyle. Everyone who joins the club enjoys unlimited access to your Home Club. Reservations are made using our proprietary, member-friendly online reservation system.”

Year-round Club members enjoy privileges at every Freedom Boat Club in the USA, Canada, and Europe.

“No other club has the number of locations, boat fleet size, and reciprocal benefits that Freedom

Boat Club offers,” she said. “And remember no matter which membership option you choose, you receive professional, on-the-water training to make you an educated, safe and confident boater.”

Freedom Boat Club on Lake Hartwell also offers Boat Class where participants receive a safe training experience.

“Participants do most of the driving in a three-hour course,” Aiken said. “Options are available for beginners and seasoned boaters.”

The classes are led by certified United States Coast Guard Captains. Boat Class teaches introductory boating skills including boat engine control; boat operation and handling; rules of the water; and docking.

For more information: visit <https://www.freedomboatclub.com/franchises/marina-boat-club-llc/lake-hartwell.html>. ■

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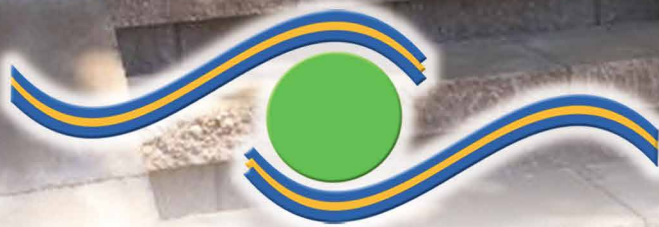
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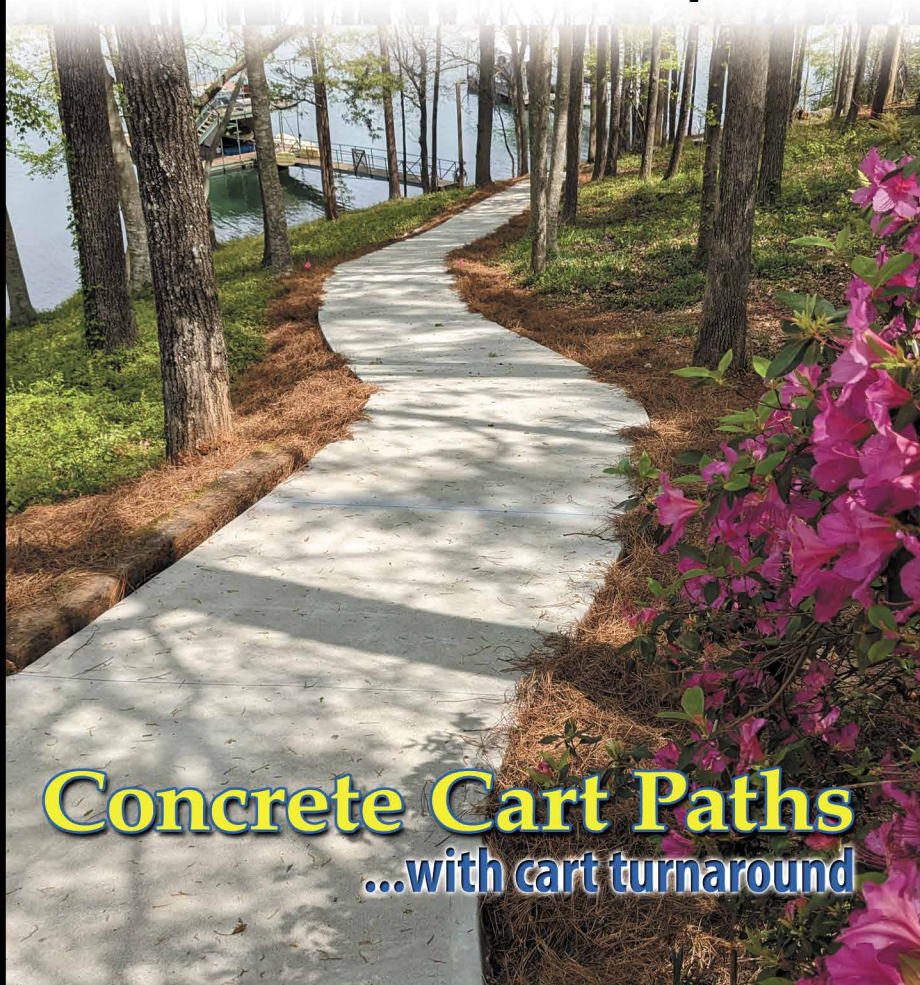
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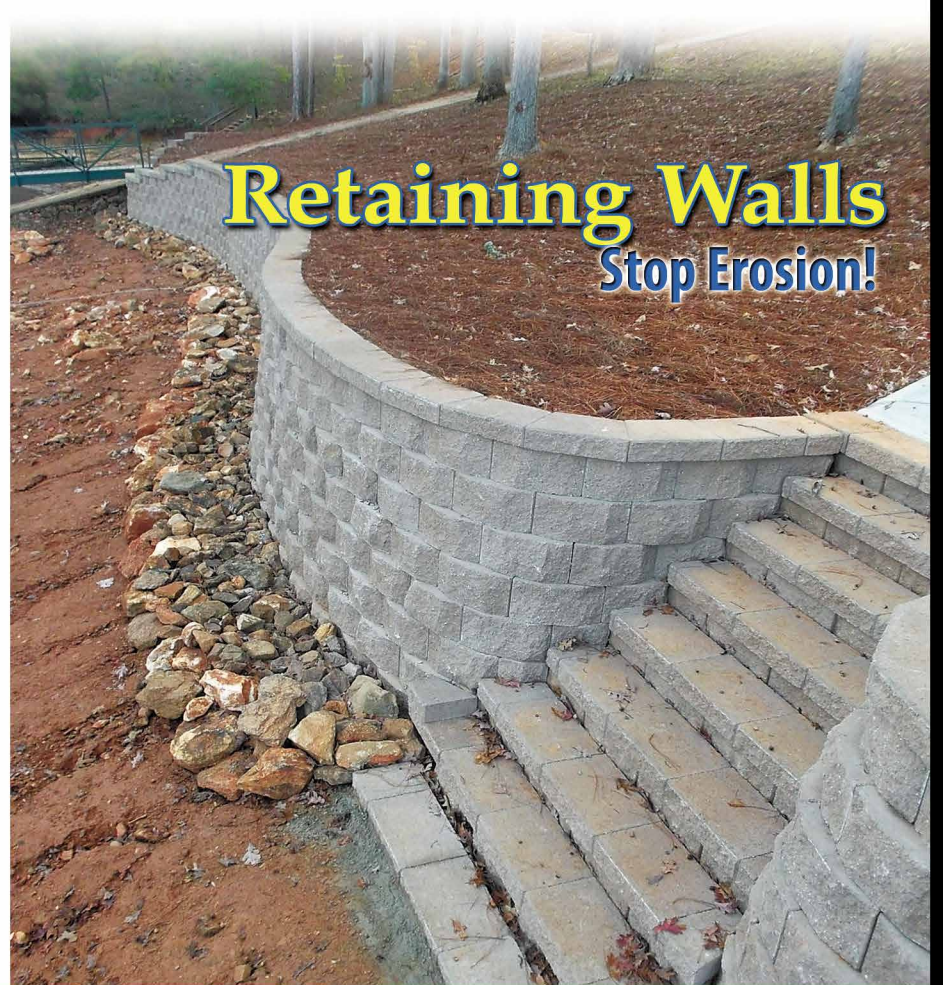
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## Help Combat Invasive Species! GADNR Launches New Online ANS Certification Tool

By Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Take the test! To educate the public about aquatic nuisance species and how they can be kept out of state waters, staff with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) developed an online certification tool to provide awareness about invasive species found in or near Georgia.

"Aquatic nuisance species, or ANS, threaten

many of our waterbodies around the state," said Jim Page, WRD Aquatic Nuisance Species Program Coordinator. "In an effort to bring this issue to the forefront of the public's eye, we have created an online certification tool designed to teach participants about various ANS in or near Georgia; provide insight on why these invasive species are a big deal; and give guidance on how the public can help prevent these species from being introduced."

Invasive aquatic species can cause significant ecological and economic impacts across the

state, from damaging vessels and other boating equipment, to impeding access to waterbodies to disrupting the natural ecosystem by displacing and out-competing native species. Ultimately, almost all these impacts are preventable, a message that the online certification training tries to convey.

"Prevention is the best tool we have to protect native species and minimize the impacts of invasive species. However, prevention requires help from everyone, so if you're reading this, we need your help. This training only takes a few minutes to

complete but can have a lasting effect if we allow the information to guide us and our future choices. The choices we make may be the difference in protecting and sustaining our ecosystems for generations to come," said Page.

Ready to get certified? Access the online ANS Certification Tool at [GeorgiaWildlife.com/ans](http://GeorgiaWildlife.com/ans). All individuals who complete the training will receive a certificate of completion, along with some fun outreach materials to enjoy. ■

## 2023 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship Returns to Lake Hartwell

By B.A.S.S.

Grass-roots anglers from around the country will take to the waters of legendary Lake Hartwell to compete for one of three berths into the 2024 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota during the 2023 TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship October 18-20 in Anderson, S.C.

"When Anderson County hosted our first B.A.S.S. Nation Championship in 2017, the leadership of Anderson County identified the Nation Championship as a must-have event in our community," said Neil Paul, executive director of Visit Anderson, which is hosting the events. "Many of the amenities that Anderson County has included in the development of Green Pond Landing were a result of hosting our initial Nation Championship. Our community enjoys a significant benefit from hosting the B.A.S.S.

Nation Championship, and our (Anderson) County leadership is to be commended for the resources they provide us to bring championship events to our community.

"We take great pride in being able to host anglers from all over the country and the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship is yet another opportunity to host a championship event in our championship facility on our championship lake!"

2023 will mark the first time the Nation Championship has been hosted on Hartwell since 2019 when Oregon's Cody Hollen caught the heaviest bag of the tournament — a five-bass limit that weighed 13 pounds, 12 ounces — to vault from 10th place to the tournament title. Alabama angler Will Davis Jr. is the most recent angler to hoist the Bryan J. Kerchal Memorial Trophy, winning the 2022 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship on Pickwick Lake.

"B.A.S.S. has had such great experiences in

Anderson, with Hartwell hosting incredible events at every level of Bassmaster competition," said GL Compton, tournament director for the B.A.S.S. Nation. "As in years past, the competition should be incredible.

"It is fun and inspirational to see the talented anglers coming out of the B.A.S.S. Nation and to watch as Nation champions go on to success at the Elite level, whether it's reigning Progressive Bassmaster Angler of the Year Brandon Palaniuk — the 2010 Nation champion — or Will Davis Jr., who has made the Semifinal Saturday cut in his first three Elite Series events."

Anglers will qualify via five regional championship tournaments. The Paralyzed Veterans of America Tour will also send its Angler of the Year winner to compete.

Not only will the Top 3 anglers from the overall standings realize a dream of competing in the Bassmaster Classic, but the Nation champion

will earn the title of "Nation's Best," which includes the use of a fully rigged tournament boat for a year, an invitation to join the Bassmaster Elite Series and a cash prize. The second- and third-place finishers and nonboater champion will each earn paid entry fees for all divisions of the St. Croix Bassmaster Opens with the opportunity to qualify for the Elites.

The B.A.S.S. Nation Championship is just one of several championship-level Bassmaster tournaments that will launch from Green Pond Landing in 2023. This year the national championships for the hugely popular Bassmaster High School and Junior Series will be decided on the renowned waters of Lake Hartwell. The 2023 Bassmaster Junior National Championship for second- through eighth-grade anglers will head to Anderson, S.C., July 21-22, while the Strike King Bassmaster High School Championship presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors will be held July 27-29.

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“Since Green Pond Landing opened in 2015, we have hosted numerous B.A.S.S. events across all platforms,” said Paul. “Anderson County recognizes that B.A.S.S. is the leader among

tournament organizations and our community has enjoyed a significant impact with each Bassmaster visit. The leadership of Anderson County has placed a great deal of confidence

in the leadership at B.A.S.S. such that B.A.S.S. has served as an integral part of the continued development of Green Pond Landing.”

The championship tournament is being

hosted by Visit Anderson.

Legendary Green Pond Landing in Anderson, S.C. will host the 2023 TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship Oct. 18-20. ■

## Historical Building Feeds Roots of Community

By Susan Martin

Following the closure of the Cleo Bailey Elementary School in Anderson County, several people envisioned different uses for the building. However, those endeavors were unsuccessful. The structure remained abandoned until a new dream of stewardship and service surfaced in early 2020. This dream became known as the Cleo Bailey Experiment (CBE), a non-profit community initiative, when Zephaniah and Whitney Smith purchased the property.

“The building’s origins trace back to 1913 when it was constructed as a modest neighborhood school catering to the education of children from the Toxaway Mill and Riverside Mill villages,” Zephaniah said. “Over the years, the school underwent multiple expansions, eventually reaching its current size of 33,000 square feet. Initially known as the East Whitner School, it was later renamed in honor of Mrs. Cleo Bailey Lomax, a teacher-turned-principal who served in various capacities for approximately 50 years. The school ceased operations around 1979-1980, marking the end of its educational tenure. Following its closure, the schoolhouse and the surrounding two-acre property changed hands numerous times before my wife and I purchased it.”

While the mission initially started with Zephaniah and Whitney, they realized they needed support from the Anderson Community.

“Therefore, we initiated discussions with city and county officials to assess the feasibility of our objective,” Zephaniah said. “Subsequently, we intended to participate in local neighborhood meetings involving concerned citizens. Unfortunately, our plans were unexpectedly hindered when, three days after finalizing the property acquisition, the Covid-19 pandemic compelled the closure of schools and all other in-person activities, much to our disappointment.”

Zephaniah said the aim of the Cleo Bailey Experiment is to provide essential services to a community that currently lacks access to them.

“The objective is to determine if we can achieve this goal without causing adverse effects on the community,” he said. “Our primary objective is to uplift the residents of this neighborhood, rather than displacing them from their own community.”

In the summer of 2020, the project took its first steps as the ground was broken for the installation of two raised planter beds.

“These beds were meticulously designed,” Zephaniah said, “considering various aspects to ensure inclusivity. They were crafted to be tall enough and shaped in a way that accommodated a wide range of populations, including aging

community members and individuals with differing abilities. The construction needed to strike a balance between strength, affordability, and simplicity, allowing volunteers with varying skill levels to participate in the building process.”

“During this initial stage, the project received



support from a dedicated group of individuals,” he said. “Friends, family, members of Boulevard Baptist Church, and even my employer at the time, Interstate Batteries, lent a helping hand to turn the vision into reality.

The inspiration for the garden was influenced by a range of factors.

“Firstly, the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of our planned community interactions, compelling us to reconsider our approach,” Zephaniah said. “Secondly, residing in a neighborhood classified as a food desert, where access to nutritious food is limited, underscored the urgency to take action. Lastly, during a productive brainstorming session with a close friend, the idea of a garden emerged as a viable solution. Through this initiative, we aimed to address food insecurities, facilitate safe and socially distanced community gatherings, and create a visible impact despite our limited resources. With a short video released on Facebook and a funding campaign initiated, the Oasis Garden was launched. The response from the community was overwhelming, with community members rallying behind the project, offering their support and encouragement.”

Through a partnership with the Anderson 1st Seventh Day Adventist Church and its food pantry program, the Cleo Bailey Experiment contributes to feeding nearly 100 families on a weekly basis.

“Additionally, our involvement with The Heart of the Community program, spearheaded by a dear friend of ours, has allowed us to establish new relationships and coordinate impactful community outreach events and programs that directly benefit the residents of CBE and its surrounding neighborhood.”

In addition to growing a garden, Zephaniah said an art inspiration struck him as he spent

time securing the building by boarding up windows.

“Initially, this action seemed necessary to prevent individuals from entering the building and risking harm. However, upon stepping back and observing the results, I realized that I unintentionally contributed to the visual blight.

Boarded up windows were not the solution I envisioned, prompting me to seek a more creative approach, which eventually led to the conception of Blight2Beauty (B2B). After considering various plans, we eventually settled on one led by my great friend and an invaluable resource to Anderson, Shea Abramo. Shea assembled a talented group of local artists, presented the idea, and thus, B2B was born.”

Abramo said she fell in love with the building on her first tour.

“It is difficult to accurately describe the artistic revolution I am planting in the small southern town of Anderson,” she said. “But the tremendous gains of sharing art in my community is the essential water that helps this revolution grow. Through my practices with murals, classes, and just being present with our homeless, handicapped, and children, it has been the essential water to help me grow. I believe that through participation and attention to the forgotten people and places of my town, and as an artist I can create murals in those spaces and call for this melting pot of people to join me. Art is a universal language that invites and speaks to everyone. Being in the position I am to create and gather; well that’s just the threshold to this colorful uprising.”

In the short term, Zephaniah said the primary goal of CBE is to sustain and expand efforts in the Oasis Garden, ensuring its growth and increasing community awareness. “We aim to welcome more community gardeners into our space,” he said, “allowing them to benefit from the opportunities we provide. Currently, we are in the planning stages of a program focused on improving pedestrian walkability and promoting bicycle-friendly infrastructure in our neighborhood. Our objective is to repair and maintain the overgrown and damaged

sidewalks, creating accessible paths that engage our neighbors directly. By transforming the community at their doorstep, we can offer safe walkways that avoid busy streets and impassable sections. Coupled with the gardens, this initiative will further contribute to promoting health and nutrition.”

Continuing the B2B art initiative, Zephaniah said CBE intends to involve more artists by filling additional boarded windows with inspiring works of beauty. “Additionally, we have considered the idea of incorporating larger sculptural installations throughout the neighborhood similar to those found in the downtown Anderson area,” he said.

“Another immediate short-term goal is to address the sections of the building that are exposed to the elements. While the overall structural integrity is solid, immediate attention is required to prevent further degradation caused by wind and water infiltration.”

In the long term, Zephaniah envisions the building being utilized by both for-profit and nonprofit entities, all dedicated to serving the surrounding community.

“Our foremost objective is to establish an afterschool and summer early childhood intervention program, providing a safe and nurturing environment for children to thrive,” he said.

“This comprehensive program would consist of academic tutorials, life skills training (including anger management, conflict resolution, financial literacy, and decision-making), and extracurricular activities such as dance and karate. We aim to collaborate with minority-owned businesses, housing their services within the school and offering the space either rent-free or at a reduced rate. Furthermore, we are open to accommodating other entities that align with our goal of providing impactful services to the community, making all additional spaces within the building available for their use.”

Zephaniah said to accomplish the goals CBE needs the engagement of everyday citizens, as well as the support of influential decision-makers.

“We require the participation of schools and universities and the expertise of general contractors and city planners,” he said. “Together, we can create a powerful force, united in our mission to rebuild a community. We implore you, the readers, to join us in this endeavor. Let us collaborate and harness the collective strength of a community that is ready to transform. Our vision cannot be realized without your active participation.”

For more information: go to [www.cleobailey.org](http://www.cleobailey.org). ■

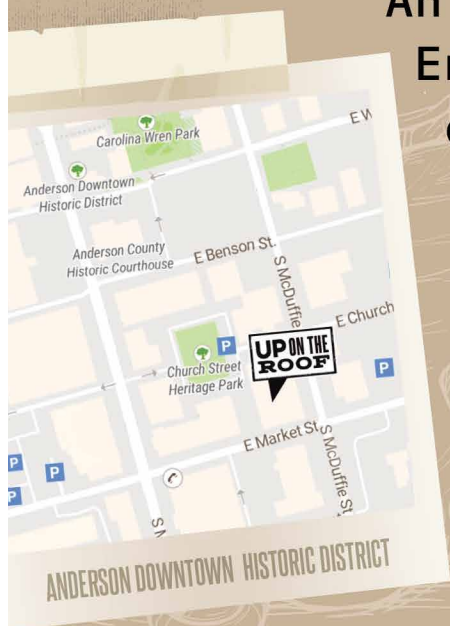
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## Gordons Marine and Lake Hartwell Marine Restoration are Making Waves

Gordon's Marine and Lake Hartwell Marine Restoration are making waves as the Pontoon boat and restoration industry is booming in North East Georgia. Rich Mewborn, owner of both businesses, was born and raised in Hartwell, Georgia.

Rich lived there until he went off to college. After graduation he worked throughout the U.S. and abroad until 2010 when he decided to come back home to Hartwell starting a different journey and

a new career path. He purchased A-1 Marine (now Gordon's Marine) in Lavonia. After owning the Lavonia location for only two years, in 2012 Rich went on to purchase Gordon's Marine in Hartwell. Gordon's Marine is renowned for selling Benningtons that most consider to be the best pontoon and tritoon on the water. Bennington pontoons feature superior quality and an unprecedented 10-year warranty from stem to stern. Gordon's Marine offers both Yamaha and Mercury motors at the Hartwell location and Mercury and Suzuki motors at the Lavonia location. Both locations offer boat storage as well. In addition to new sales, Gordon's Marine also has a full line of used watercraft.

Customer relations and service are a big

contributor to their success. Rich prides himself as having some of the best mechanics in the business and they service just about anything that floats on the water. Rich's newest endeavor and an obvious addition to his existing businesses is

Lake Hartwell Marine Restoration which opened in 2021 and was an immediate hit! Already doing a great deal of restoration and re-powering at the Gordon's locations, Rich could see a real need for a facility that

just concentrated on marine restoration. That would also help free-up shop space at both of

the Gordon's locations.

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Rich Mewborn is more than just his business. He and his wife are both committed to the community through their church, in the civic organizations and non-profits that they belong to and support. Rich is a past president of the Rotary club of Hartwell and his lovely wife Beth is the past president of the Service league. You'll never meet nicer people in a business or social situation. Buy a Bennington pontoon from them and you may wind up with new friends as well. ■



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By JD Perkins

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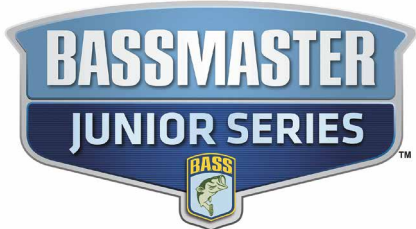


### Bassmaster Junior National Championship heads to Hartwell

By BASSMASTER

Talented young anglers from 32 states will converge on Lake Hartwell July 21-22 for the 2023 Bassmaster Junior National Championship for second- through eighth-grade anglers. This will mark the first time the championship has been decided outside of the state of Tennessee.

After qualifying for the tournament



through state events and four Opens held on Florida's Harris Chain of Lakes, Alabama's Lay Lake, Chickamauga Lake in Tennessee, and Louisiana's Red River, 127 teams will compete for the junior championship crown.

"I think people will be amazed, not only by the knowledge these young anglers have of the sport, but by the size of the fish they bring to the scales," said Glenn Cale, B.A.S.S. Nation tournament manager — College, High School and Junior. "What they know and how they perform at such a young age really shows how the sport of competitive bass fishing is

evolving — and gives us a good idea of the kind of competition we'll see at the higher ranks in the future."

In 2022, Mark Cerja Jr. and Gus Richardson of the Lone Star Junior Bassmaster's took home the title with a two-day total of 18 pounds, 5 ounces and were honored during the Night of Champions at the 2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota.

Each two-angler team is accompanied by a coach who runs the boat and can give advice on fishing techniques and patterns.

The full field of competitors will depart each day at 6:20 a.m. ET from Green Pond Landing and return at 1:20 p.m. for weigh-in. Full coverage will be available on Bassmaster.com.

The Bassmaster Junior Series National Championship is being hosted by Visit Anderson.

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The Bassmaster Tournament Trail includes the most prestigious events at each level of

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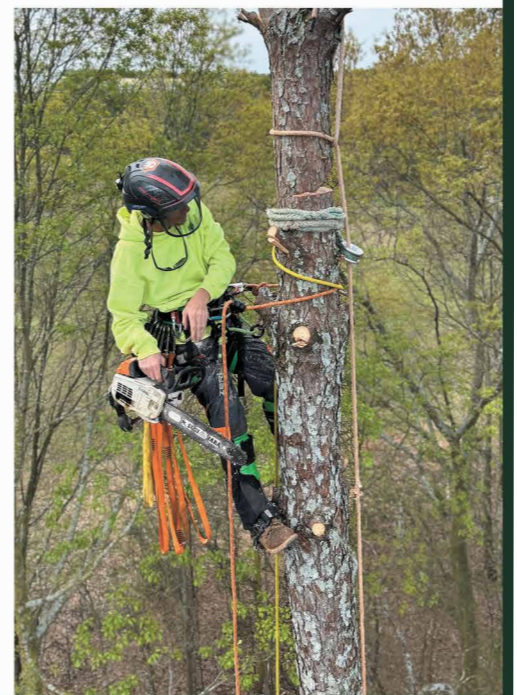


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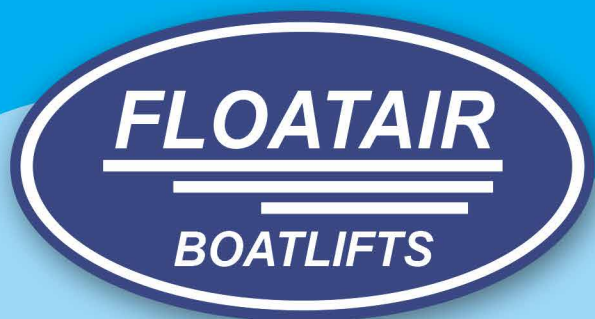
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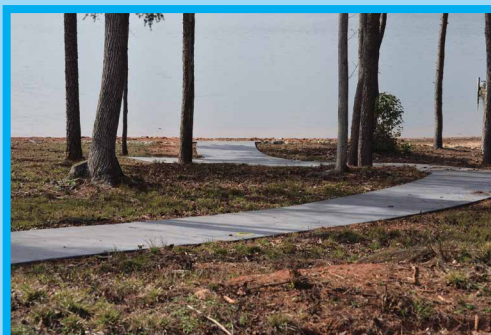


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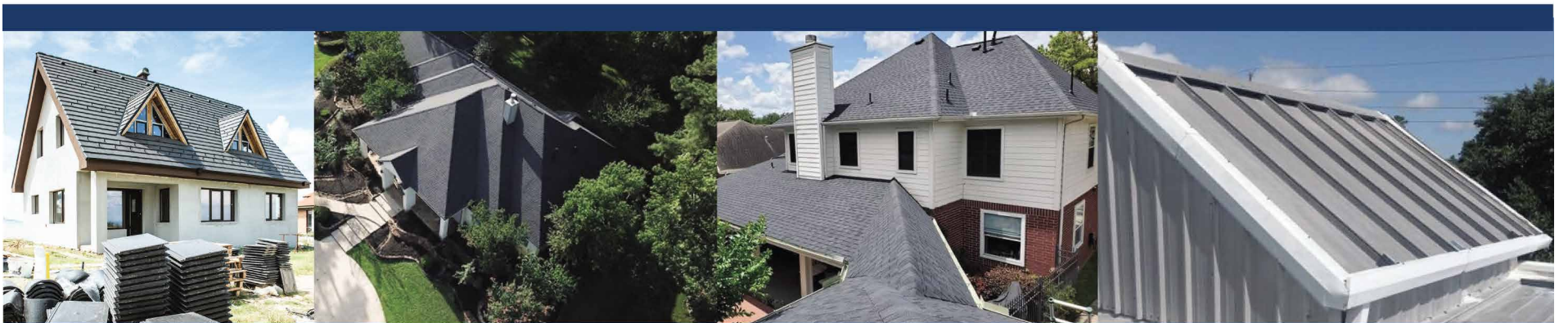
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As a family owned and locally operated business, the team at United Roofing understands the importance and value of family. United Roofing started as a husband and wife team and has now grown to multiple locations and dozens of employees, each employee serving the families of their community while supporting their own families. Serving their clients isn't just about providing quality products and workmanship, it involves guiding customers through the insurance claim process. Often, experience with insurance claims and documentation can make all the difference in achieving the best possible outcome.

United Roofing started in 2016 with a straight-forward motto- "if it has a roof, we roof it!". Throughout his time guiding and building United Roofing into what it is today, Jeremy has had to learn to wear many different hats, often simultaneously. One of the biggest lessons, which Jeremy carries into

every roofing project, is the quality of work performed each day is the insurance of a successful future. With offices in Clarksville, GA and Alpharetta, GA, and a stellar reputation all over the Southeast, Jeremy's commitment to his founding values has



served him and his team well. With Jeremy guiding his team, he has shared his desire to provide quality and excellent service, earning United Roofing a 5-Star Roofing Company rating.

When asked about growth and future plans, Jeremy shared "Growth is all about the people, our growth is limited to the caliber of people we have on our team. We are fortunate to have a large team of highly skilled and capable people and the goal is to continue to provide further opportunities to our team in whatever avenues God sees fit."

Part of serving the community, United Roofing is proud to offer free resources on RoofingUnited.com to help homeowners and commercial property owners make educated, informed decisions about their roofs and help avoid costly mistakes.

If you have an upcoming roofing project, whether residential or commercial, you can get in touch with the team at United Roofing by calling the office at 706-754-0071 or filling out a submission form on the contact page of our website, RoofingUnited.com. When you request a quote from us, you become a part of our family. We want to build long-lasting relationships with each client and family, repairing their home like it was our own. No matter the job, we are on your side to repair, complete insurance claims, and take all the headaches out of your roof replacement. ■

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## Welcome to RPM Theatre Company at The Shores of Asbury

By RPMTheatreCo.com

The RPM Theatre Company is thrilled to bring our second season to the residents and guests of Lake Hartwell and Upstate SC. Our Inaugural Season of "Lakeside Theatre Live" at The Green Pond Landing and Event Center was a great success. However, this season **RPM THEATRE COMPANY IS TAKING THE SHOW ACROSS THE POND!** No not the UK, just across Lake Hartwell.

For the 2023 season we are taking our Lakeside Theatre Live shows just on the other side of Lake Hartwell to The Shores of Asbury! RPM Theatre Co. is grateful to have held our inaugural season at Green Pond and hope to bring our Lakeside Theatre Live shows there again. Green Pond is a world class facility built primarily to host fishing tournaments. The fishing tournaments have become so popular that it has been a challenge to schedule premium show dates there.

Fortunately, The Shores of Asbury, also on Lake Hartwell, offers a magnificent facility with a beautiful setting. Located at 1600 Asbury Park Rd. Anderson SC., it is very close to Green Pond. By water it is a 3-minute boat ride, just under the Highway 24 bridge on the Anderson

side. Similar to Green Pond, they have a stage and Amphitheatre with plenty of room for theatre goers to set up lawn chairs, stadium seats, or blankets, so they can relax and enjoy the show.

Dave DiGeronimo, RPM Theatre Co's founder and Executive Director, is a homeowner on Lake Hartwell as well as a seasoned community theatre actor, director, and playwright. As premium dates at Green Pond became booked with fishing tournaments, he searched for an alternative venue on the lake. Well, he didn't have to look too far. As fortune would have it, The Shores of Asbury provided the perfect alternative. Dave reached out to Karen McCullough, owner of The Shores of Asbury and she was immediately on board. McCullough sees this as a win-win for RPM Theatre Company and The Shores of Asbury.

"The setting with its gorgeous backdrop will be a great place for people to enjoy quality, lakeside live theatre."

The Amphitheatre Stage: The shores of



Asbury: The Shores of Ashbury Rv Resort, Water Theme Park, Restaurants and Amphitheatre.

The Shores of Asbury offers a magnificent facility with a beautiful setting on Lake Hartwell. It is very close to our season one location, Green Pond Landing. By water it is a 3-minute boat ride, just under the Highway 24 bridge on the Anderson side. Similar to Green Pond, The Amphitheatre provides ample room for theatre goers to set up lawn chairs, stadium seats, or blankets, so they can relax and enjoy the show. The setting with its gorgeous back drop is a great place for people to enjoy quality, lake side live theatre."

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ABOUT THE SHORES OF ASBURY:

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**Tuesdays, 4pm – 5:30pm**, Adult Classes, Writer's Club, Aspiring Authors of all Skill Levels, Lavonia Carnegie Library, 28 Hartwell Rd., Lavonia, 706-356-4307

**Wednesdays, 5pm**, Adult Classes, Computer Classes, Lavonia Carnegie Library, 28 Hartwell Rd., Lavonia, 706-356-4307

**April – October, 7pm – 9pm**, Jazz on The Alley, Every Thursday, Ram Cat Alley, North Thompson Park, Main Street Seneca

**July Thursdays, 10am & 7pm**, Summer Mover Series, The Historic Ritz Theatre, Toccoa

**July 23, 7pm – 8pm**, Sunset Yuga in the Park, Anderson, Free [www.andersonyogacenter.com](http://www.andersonyogacenter.com)

**July 24, 9am – July 27, 4pm**, Basketball Camp, Abney Athletic Center, Anderson University, 909 E. Calhoun St, Anderson, Stephanie Williams, 913-901-7546

**July 26, 29, 7am – 11am**, Lavonia Farmers Market, Gazebo on East Main Street, Lavonia, 706-356-1926

**July 26, 1pm – 5pm**, Save Our Summer Blooddrive, Harbin Lumber Company, 11526 Georgia Hwy 17, Lavonia

**July 27, 4:30 am – July 29, 6pm**, Strike King Bassmaster High School, Green Pond Landing and Event Center, 470 Green Pond Landing, Anderson, Free, Neal Paul, 864-716-3660

**July 27, 5:30 – 10pm**, Free Bottle of Wine w/Purchase, Common House, 110 E. Benson St., Anderson

**July 27, 6pm – 8pm**, Thundergypsy Unplugged at The Fickle Palate, Sothern Soul Sounds, Downtown Anderson, 109 E Calhoun St., Anderson

**July 27, 5:30 – 6:30**, Join Us for Our Chick-fil-a Kid's Night, We Are Going To The Moon, Lavonia

**July 28, 29, 30, 6pm – 9pm**, Live Music, Big Water Marina

**July 28, 5pm – 10pm**, Southern Fried Circuit, A Charity Concert Featuring Musician, Philanthropist, and SC Native Darius Rucker and Music's Most Celebrated Female, Lindsey Ell, William A. Floyd Amphitheater, Anderson Civic Center, 327 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Anderson, 864-260-4444

**July 28, 4pm – 10pm**, WCTEL Concert, Anderson Sports & Entertainment Complex, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Anderson, 864-260-4819, Adrienne Cole

**July 29, 10am – 12:30pm**, Colonial Kids Day, What Did Colonial Children do for fun? Anderson County Museum, 202 East Greenville St, Anderson, 864-260-4737, Emily Wright

**July 29, 9am – 1pm**, Foothills Heritage Market, 2063 Sandifer Blvd., Westminster, 864-247-7843

**July 29, 10am – 1pm**, DIY-U by Lowe's Workshop, Lowes Home Improvement, 3515 Clemson Blvd., Anderson, FREE

**July 29, 10am – 1pm**, DIY-U by Lowe's Workshop, Lowes Home Improvement, 195 Bilo Place, Seneca, FREE

**July 29, 5pm**, Reed Creek Jam Festival, Brand New Relic Returns, Great Food, 1540 Reed Creek School Road, Hartwell

**August 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, 7am – 11am**, Lavonia Farmers Market, Gazebo on East Main Street, Lavonia, 706-356-1926

**August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30am**, Preschool Storytime, Anderson Library, 300 N McDuffie St, Anderson

**August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 8am – 1pm**, Anderson Farmers Market, 402 N Murry Ave, Anderson

**August 2**, All Day, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 W Queen St., Pendleton

**August 3, 4, 5, 6, 7:30**, Hello, Dolly!, Blockbuster Broadway Hit Bursts with Humor, Romance, High-energy Dancing, Staring Upstate Theater Veteran Mary Freeman as Dolly, Pelzer Auditorium, 214 Leiby St., Pelzer, 864-947-8000

**August 3, 10, 17, 24, 6pm – 8pm**, Thundergypsy Unplugged at The Fickle Palate, Sothern Soul Sounds, Downtown Anderson, 109 E Calhoun St., Anderson

**August 4, 5pm – 9pm**, Sip & Shop, The North Main Commons Outside of Magnetic South Brewery, 516 N. Main St., Anderson, Apply for Vendor Spots, [weekendsmarket.com](http://weekendsmarket.com)

**August 5, 12, 19, 26, 7pm – 10pm**, Ida Cox Music Series, Historic Downtown Toccoa, 92 North Alexander Street, Toccoa

**August 4, 11, 18, 25, 6pm – 9:30 pm**, Friday Night Music Series, Magnetic South Brewery, 516 N. Main St., Anderson

**August 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, Fridays 6pm – 9pm, Saturday and Sunday 12pm – 3pm** Live Music, Big Water Marina, Starr

**August 5, 12, 19, 26, 9am – 1pm**, Foothills Heritage Market, 2063 Sandifer Blvd., Westminster, 864-247-7843

**August 5, 10:30 – 11:30**, But Out at the Museum, Kids will focus on creepy crawlies found right here in Anderson and throughout South Carolina. Dr. Timothy Drake, State Entomologist and Professor at Clemson University will provide bug-filled lesson.

**August 7**, All Day, Anderson County Police Appreciation, Eggs Up Powdersville, 10919 Anderson Rd, Piedmont

**August 11, 7pm – 10pm**, Movie Night at Caroline Wren Park, 111 East Whitner Street, Anderson, Free, 864-231-2232, Mary Haley Thompson

**August 12, 10am – 1pm**, Steve Newton Live, Anderson County Farmers Market, 402 N Murray Ave, Anderson

**August 12, 10am – 1pm**, Kids' DIY-U Workshop: Rolling Toy Pickup Truck, Open the Tailgate and Unload the Fun for the Kids Workshop, Lowe's Home Improvement, 195 Bilo Place, Seneca, FREE

**August 12, 10am – 1pm**, Kids' DIY-U Workshop: Rolling Toy Pickup Truck, Open the Tailgate and Unload the Fun for the Kids Workshop, Lowe's Home Improvement, 3515 Clemson Blvd., Anderson, FREE

**August 12, 10am – 1pm**, Kids' DIY-U Workshop: Rolling Toy Pickup Truck, Open the Tailgate and Unload the Fun for the Kids Workshop, Lowe's Home Improvement, 408 Hwy 28 By-Pass, Anderson, FREE

**August 12, 9am – 2pm**, Jeep Pet Fest, Downtown Lavonia East and West Main Street, Lavonia

**August 13, 7pm – 8pm**, Sunset Yoga in the Park, Taught by Megan Schlobhm, ERYT500 Yoga Instructor, Carolina Wren Park, Anderson, FREE, [www.andersonyogacenter.com](http://www.andersonyogacenter.com)

**August 19, 10am – 2pm**, Mini Hippie Fest, Music, Vendors, Costume Contest, Art & Crafts, Foam Cannon, VW Cruise-In Tie-dye Station (Bring Your Own T-Shirt, Lavonia Gazebo, East Main St., Lavonia

**August 19, 11am – 12pm**, Every Third Saturday, American Girl Club, 202 East Greenville Street, Anderson, Emily Wright, 864-260-4737

**August 25, 26**, All Day, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 W Queen St., Pendleton

**August 27**, All Day, 5 Alive The Elite Series, Green Pond Landing and Event Center, Anderson

**August 29, 5:30 – 5:30pm**, Trotting Sally: The Roots & Legacy of a Folk Hero, John Fowler Blends His Powerful Storytelling and Traditional Musical Talents, Anderson County Museum, 202 East Greenville St, Anderson, Emily Wright, 864-260-4737

**September 1, 2, All Day**, Good Times Barrel Racing, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 W Queen St., Pendleton

**September 1, 2, 3, 4, 1pm – 6pm**, The Cancer Association of Anderson's Annual Hot Air Affair Spectacular, Anderson Sports & Entertainment Complex, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson, Angela Stringer, 864-222-3500

**September 2, 6, 9, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30**, Lavonia Farmers Market, Gazebo on East Main Street, Lavonia, 706-356-1926

**September 3, 5:30pm – 9:45pm**, Celebrate Anderson Free Concert with Martina McBride, Community's Largest Annual Outdoor Concert Focusing on Family, Fun and Camaraderie, Anderson Sports & Entertainment Complex, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson, Teresa Bannister, 864-934-6147

**September 5, 11am**, Rotary Golf Tournament, Westminster

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**September 7, 9am – 10am**, Apple Baking Contest, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

**September 7, 5:30pm**, Welcome Mr. & Mrs. Apple Festival Pageant, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

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**September 7, 14, 21, 28**, Thundergypsy Unplugged at The Fickle Palate, Sothern Soul Sounds, Downtown Anderson, 109 E Calhoun St., Anderson

**September 8, 6pm**, Pitbull, Rudy's Bluegrass in the Woods, William Floyd Amphitheatre, Anderson

**September 8, 11am – 8pm**, Arts & Crafts Show, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

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**September 8, 5pm**, Parade, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

**September 8, 9**, 62nd South Carolina Apple Festival, Downtown Westminster

**September 8, 6pm – 8pm**, Street Dance Featuring Second Time Around, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

**September 8, 8pm**, Westminster Championship Rodeo, Michael Hare Memorial Arena, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

**September 9**, All Day, Sheep Dog, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 W Queen St., Pendleton

**September 9**, Clemson University Tigers Football vs Charleston Southern Buccaneers Football, Clemson Memorial Stadium, Clemson

**September 9, 10am – 5pm**, Arts & Craft show, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

**September 9, 10am**, Kiddie Parade, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

**September 9, 10:15am**, Story Time with Miss Apple, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

**September 9, 8pm**, Westminster Championship Rodeo, Michael Hare Memorial Arena, Westminster, [www.scapplefestival.com](http://www.scapplefestival.com)

**September 14, 7:30 – September 25, 10pm**, Rock of Ages the Musical at Carolina Wren Park, 111 East Whitner St, Anderson, Mary Haley Thompson, 864-231-2232

**September 16**, Clemson University Tigers vs Florida Atlantic University Owls Football, Clemson Memorial Stadium, Clemson

**September 17**, All Day, Strike King 2023 Big Bass Challenge, Green Pond Landing and Event Center, Anderson

**September 22, 23**, All Day, SC Walking Horse State Championship, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 W Queen St., Pendleton

**September 23**, Clemson University Tigers Football vs Florida State Seminoles Football, Clemson Memorial Stadium, Clemson

**September 30, 9am – 4pm**, Lavonia Fall Festive, Food, Country Line Jazz, Vendors, Second Time Around Band, Cornhole Tournament, Lavonia, 706-356-1926

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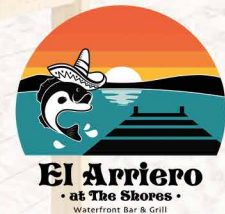
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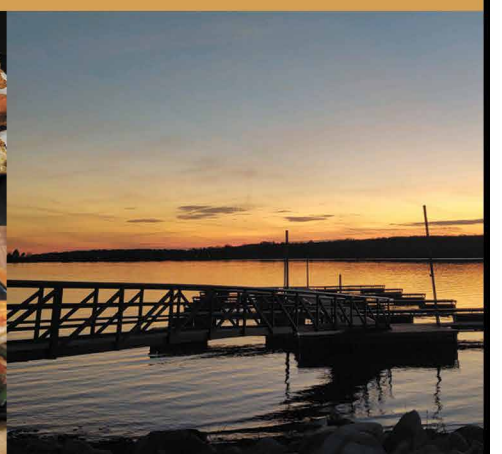
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## Consistency Leads Brannan to Victory in Bassmaster Kayak Series Event on Lake Hartwell

By B.A.S.S.

As a resident of Upstate South Carolina, Lowell Brannan has spent many days on Lake Hartwell. But the two days he spent fishing the Yamaha Rightwaters Bassmaster Kayak Series powered by TourneyX might have been his best yet.

With a two-day total of 183.5 inches — 92 inches on Day 1 and 91.5 on Day 2 — Brannan secured the victory on his home waters. Jamie Koza finished second with 181.25 inches and Tom Kazmierski finished third with 180.5.

Along with a beautiful blue trophy, Brannan earned \$10,000.

“I’m really at a loss for words,” he said. “I felt like I could do well at Hartwell, but I never really thought I could win it because it is so inconsistent. It means a lot to me. I have won on Hartwell before, but not on this level. To compete with these guys and gals and to come away with a trophy means a lot.”

Knowing most of the field was going to hunt for spawning bass in the shallows, Brannan decided to stay on the main lake and target spotted bass that were keying on the blueback herring spawn that is getting underway.

Using a Luhr Jensen Speed Trap squarebill and a 3-inch swimbait, he slowly and methodically worked his way around a specific set of points, including some that were just bare clay. Then on the final day, Brannan noticed that points with

bigger boulders were the most productive.

“I went with a more consistent pattern,” he said. “I would rake them over with a squarebill crankbait and get the fish sort of stirred up. If they bite it, good. If they didn’t, I would go back over it with the swimbait.”

The first day of the tournament was calm and sunny. But when storms and wind moved in on the final day, Brannan said the 360 Drive on his Hobie Pro Angler 14 was crucial for getting perfect boat positioning in less-than-ideal conditions.

While many anglers will shy away from where bass boats have just fished, Brannan used the boat traffic to his advantage. When the boats would crank up and go, he would quickly move to where they just left and usually end up catching a couple of bass.

“There is a lot of boat pressure here,” he said. “I choose my windows and when the boats take off, I shoot over there as fast as I can. A lot of the boaters fish the points wrong. They bring the boat right up on the point before they come off plane.

“They spook a lot of the fish. Then they power up there with the trolling motor, spin around a couple of times and take off. What they have done is scattered all that bait. As soon as they leave, the bait is trying to get back together on the point and that is when the bass come in and attack them.”

Although the idea was to catch spotted bass, some largemouth were mixed in.

“A lot of people want to fish Hartwell super

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fast,” he explained. “They feel like that is the only way the spotted bass will bite. Sometimes if you slow the approach, the largemouth will cruise through there sort of lazy and eat the herring the spotted bass have injured.”

On Day 1, the bite was consistent and he was able to catch around 25 bass throughout the day to cull to 92 inches with his best five. Sunday was a little slower, but he still caught close to 15 bass, including a 20.25-inch largemouth.

North Carolina angler Jeremy Heath caught a 25-inch behemoth largemouth on the final day to

take home the Big Bass of the Tournament award.

All 163 competitors this week earned points toward the Dakota Lithium Angler of the Year race. Those standings will be updated on Bassmaster.com later this week.

The event was hosted by Visit Anderson.

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**Boat House Grill:** Located at Hartwell Marina, 149 Hartwell Marina Drive, Hartwell, GA, 706-376-5150, Thur. & Sun. 11am - 9pm, Thur., Fri. & Sat. Live Music, Fri., and Sat. 11am - 9pm, [www.theboathousegrill.com](http://www.theboathousegrill.com), Live music & events every weekend, indoor & outdoor seating, a variety of games, and a sandy beach where the kids can hunt rocks or watch the fish! **Buoy MLC8**

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**Tilly's Tiki Bar & Grill:** Located at Harbor Light Marina, 1476 Harbor Light Marina Rd., Lavonia, GA, 706-356-0727, Mon. - Wed., Closed, Thur. 5pm - 9pm, Fri. - Sat. 12pm - 9pm, Sun. 10am - 9pm, [www.tillystikibargrill.com](http://www.tillystikibargrill.com). Serving fresh seafood, steak, salads & sandwiches. Team Trivia weekly Sun. 6pm - 8:30pm, **Buoy T51**

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## Safety and Courtesy Go a Long Way on Lake Hartwell

By TowBoatU.S.

There is a wide range of experience of those behind the helm, and no one is perfect. We learn how to boat every day we take the boat out, and each trip gives us the opportunity to do better when it comes to boating safety. That goes even for my experienced captains and crew at my TowBoatU.S. companies. No two days are alike, except for our need to make safety #1.

Here are some ideas you can take aboard your boat to make safety #1 the next time you head out on Hartwell and ensure an enjoyable day for everyone aboard.

1. Take a boating safety course. The reason I suggest this is incredibly simple: Statistics from the U.S. Coast Guard confirm that if you have a boating safety course under your belt, your chances of having the most serious accident – a fatality – go way down: 74% of boating fatalities occur on boats where the boat operator did not have boating safety instruction. Here's a tip: the non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water offers an online boating safety course at BoatUS.org/free that is recognized by both Georgia and South Carolina's Dept. of Natural Resources. It fits in with busy schedules so you can start and stop at any time, and you can even print your boating safety education certificate upon completion. Classroom courses may also be offered by local law enforcement, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons/Americas Boating Club.



2. We've already had a few drownings on the lake this year which brings up the topic of life jackets, which some are reluctant to wear. I get it, but if you haven't noticed lately, new styles of jackets are lightweight, especially inflatable types, and don't make you hot. When folks ask us about life jackets I tell them the best life jacket is simply the one you will wear. Being in an accident, or going overboard, are incidents no one can plan for. There are specialty life jackets out there today that make it easy to cast a line, paddle, or engage in other activities.
3. Our lake has many thoroughfares and channels bracketed by shoreline on

both sides. In general, staying to the right is always a good idea and provides some courtesy to fellow boaters. It will also help prevent a collision.

4. Lake Hartwell is chock full of blind corners when navigating. I can't tell you how many times I've seen vessels at high rates of speed run through or pinch these blind corners, only to have to make a sudden and unsafe evasive maneuver when they encounter unexpected traffic on the other side. It's better to first slow down on blind corners which can give you more time to make safe course corrections.
5. The Coast Guard says that operator inattention and improper lookout are two of the top five primary contributing factors in accidents. I see this everyday – boaters at the helm with their heads looking down, buried in their cell phone or sometimes distracted by guests aboard. The better you are at looking out and scanning your surroundings the more time you'll have to react and potentially avoid an accident.
6. Here's a tip about boating courtesy that also is based in law: South Carolina regulation (Sec. 50-21-870) on wake surfing says no person may "wake surf" in excess of idle speed within two hundred feet of a moored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier, or person in the water. Wake surf means to operate a vessel that is ballasted in the stern to create a wake that is, or is intended to

be, surfed by another person. Wake sports are an awesome way to enjoy Hartwell, but no one appreciates this activity so close to shore. Offer those around you some courtesy and others my do so in return. *It's everyone's lake.*

Lastly, after you have upped your on-water safety, you may want to consider getting an Unlimited On-Water Towing membership from us for \$99 annually. TowBoatU.S. Lake Hartwell will be there 24/7 with professional assistance and you won't have to stress about how you will get home safely. More can be found at BoatUS.com/towing or visit us at: www.HartwellLakeServices.com. Hope to see you out on the lake! ■



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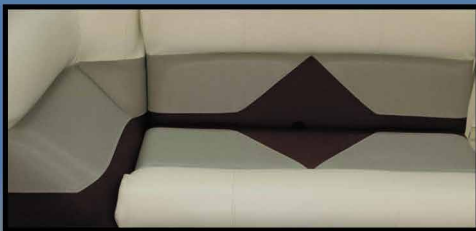
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## Coast Guard Auxiliary Stresses Importance of Boater Safety Class for Visitors to Hartwell Lake

By MJ Kneiser,  
92.1 Lake Hartwell Radio

Now that the weather has turned warm, people are now out on boats and personal watercraft on Hartwell Lake.

But many of those boaters are inexperienced and not familiar with Lake Hartwell.

And that's one reason why the local chapter of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 25 holds boating safety classes at their operations center at Portman Marina from March through October.

Jeff Cooper is a Flotilla Staff Officer with Flotilla 25 on Lake Hartwell.

Typically in the summer months, there are a lot of visitors to Lake Hartwell that are inexperienced boaters and Cooper says that's one reason why a USCG boater safety class is so important.

"We offer public education courses in boating safety and we work with the marinas that rent boats to educate their people so that they can at least provide information for those renting their boats to understand the proper rules of navigation on the water," Cooper said.

This month, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering classes on Personal Water Craft and the Boat America course which is a boating certificate class. Topics include boating law, safety equipment, boating emergencies, and Georgia and South Carolina regulations.

Cooper is also a Vessel Examiner for the Auxiliary.

He said the Auxiliary offers free inspections of rental boats and personal boats before people take them out on the water.

Cooper pointed out that if you are new to Lake Hartwell but have driven a boat on other lakes, you should not assume boating will be the same on Hartwell Lake.

"It's very different. Lake Hartwell is a very large lake, and there are quite a few major rivers, smaller creeks, and tributaries that are flowing into it. A lot of times when you get on this lake you lose your direction because there are a lot of islands that all look the same from the water," he explained. "The good thing about Lake Hartwell is they have navigational buoys and channel buoys. So, as long as you have a map on the boat, you can always discern where you are by matching up the buoy on the map with the buoy on the water."

But if you do find yourself lost on the lake or stranded, you can contact a marina or the Coast Guard Auxiliary and they will come out and find you.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Cooper said, does not do on the water boating safety but they do teach people about boats and boat safety at the Portman Marina in Anderson, SC.

For more information on the boating safety classes put on by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, you can contact Cooper at (864) 214-5625. ■

## Let's Go Catch A Catfish

By Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Angling for something to do this summer? Catfishing provides great opportunities for new and experienced anglers and there are plenty of locations in the state to land one, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

"Angling for catfish is a great option to get everyone outside this summer. The gear you need is relatively simple, and catfish are found throughout Georgia so angling locations are plentiful," says Scott Robinson, WRD Fisheries Management Chief. "Because the process to catch one is somewhat simple, it is a wonderful opportunity to take someone new, whether that is your child or a family friend or anyone. Get out there and make some memories as you Go Fish Georgia!"

Georgia's public waterways are home to several species of catfish, including channel, white, blue, flathead and bullheads (yellow, brown, snail, spotted and flat). Species that get larger, like blue or flatheads, can reach weights above 50 pounds!

### What to Use:

- If targeting channel and white catfish, fisheries biologists recommend eight to 14-pound test line and medium-sized hooks (size 2 to 1/0) under a bobber or fished on the bottom. Best baits for channel, bullheads and white catfish are worms, liver, live minnows, shrimp, cut bait and stink bait.

- For anglers trying to land a large blue or flathead catfish, heavy tackle is a must – large spinning or casting tackle with at least 20 to 50-pound test braid or monofilament line, large hooks (3/0 to 8/0), and heavy weights (1-5 oz) to keep bait on the bottom. Flatheads are ambush predators that prey heavily upon fish, so live or freshly killed

fish used as bait will increase your chances. Similarly, freshly caught gizzard shad increases your chances of reeling in a giant blue catfish.

- Other catfish catching methods include trotlines, limb lines, and jug-lines. Regulation info on these methods can be found in the 2023 Georgia Sportfishing Regulations Book found at [GeorgiaWildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources](http://GeorgiaWildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources).

**Where to Look:** In general, anglers should target rocky shorelines, rip-rap areas, points and outside bends of rivers or the submerged river channel. Catfish will stay in deep areas or "holes" during the day before roaming the shallows at night for food. When fishing rivers during the day, anglers should look to deep holes containing rocky or woody cover. During dawn, dusk and at night, anglers should concentrate on shallow sandbars, flats, and shoals near the deep holes fished during the day. Catfish, especially flatheads, love holding near downed trees, so look for these on outside bends.

Georgia's Public Fishing Areas ([GeorgiaWildlife.com/allpfas](http://GeorgiaWildlife.com/allpfas)) are great places to target channel catfish, especially as most of them are open 24 hours a day year-round. Looking for additional locations? Check out the Fishing Forecasts webpage for lake and river suggestions ([GeorgiaWildlife.com/fishing-forecasts](http://GeorgiaWildlife.com/fishing-forecasts)).

**When to Go:** Though most species of catfish are active throughout the day, the best summer fishing is at dusk and during the night. Catfish can be caught year-round, with the best bite typically from early spring through the peak of summer. Be prepared to fish multiple areas if you don't get a bite within 30 minutes.

Visit [GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com](http://GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com) to purchase a fishing license online or to view a list of retail license vendors or buy a license by phone at 1-800-366-2661.

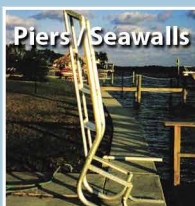
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