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By Susan Martin

In the current real estate market, property seekers view Lake Hartwell as a premier home and land ownership destination. Sandy Campbell, Natural Resource Program Manager with the Army Corps of Engineers, said this real

Lakefront Property Ownerships Rise Rapidly

estate market has been the most aggressive in the last two and a half years.

Last year, we had a 203% increase in brand new permits," she said.

"Last year reassignments of existing dock permits were up 83%. We are as much as six months behind

doing reassignments."

Campbell said there have been circumstances where property sold with an existing boat dock. The Corps was processing the reassignment of the permit and before the permit was issued, the property sold again.

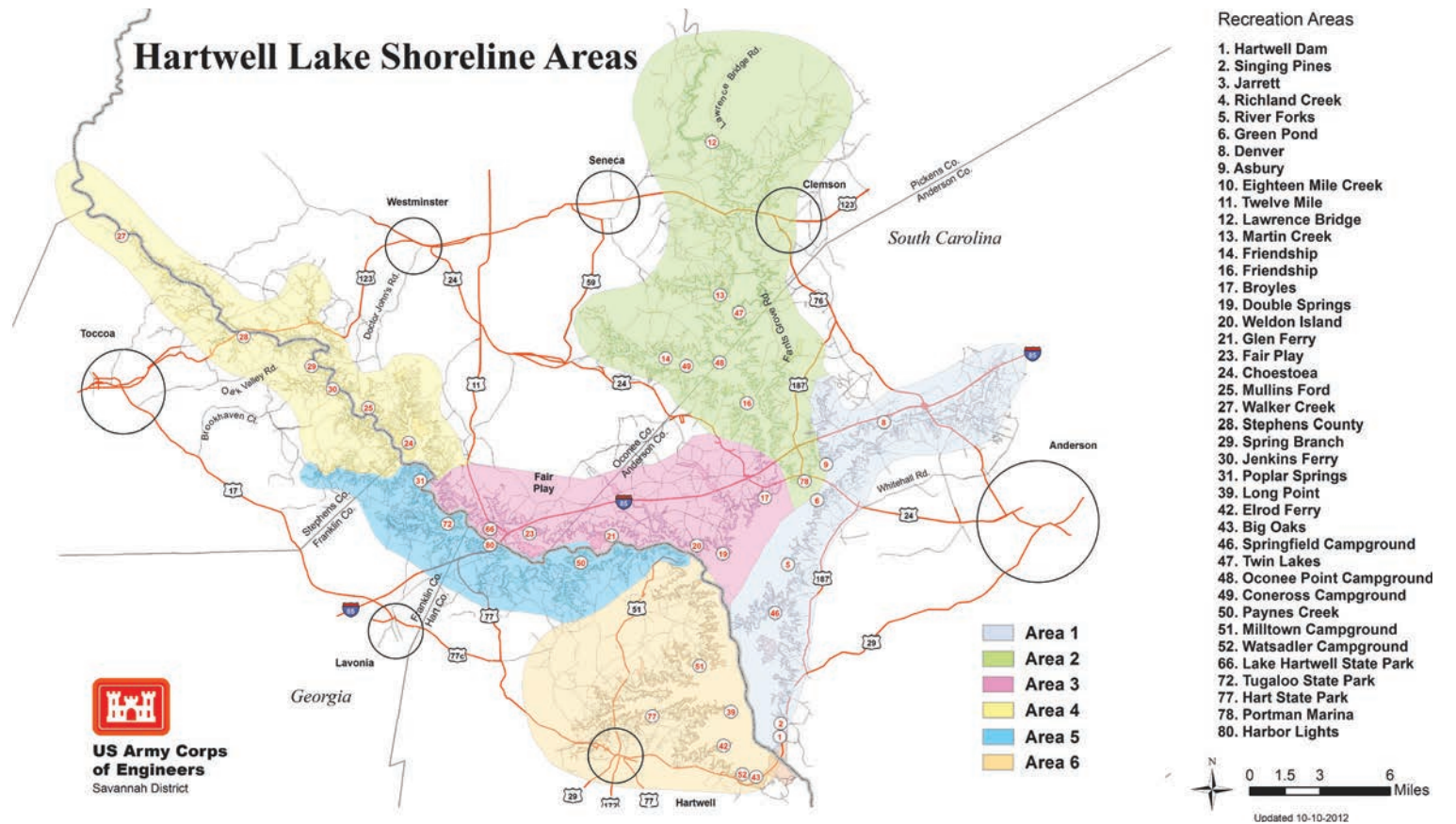
"It has been overwhelming to keep up with the permits" Campbell said.

"We have two hundred to four hundred permits that renew every month."

"If you keep your property and you're not selling; every five years you will get a renewal notice for another five-year term."

Permits are issued on a five-year term.

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New Ownership to Redevelop Tiger Cove Campground

By Susan Martin

In late August, new ownership took over operations of the Tiger Cove Grill and Campground on Lake Hartwell. The property now belongs to Hartwell Resort LLC located in Anderson, SC.

"The property had been listed for sale when our development team put the property under contract early in

the year," said Dayton Diemel, principal owner of Hartwell Resort LLC.

"Over the course of many months, we worked with Anderson County and local stakeholders to put together a first-class redevelopment plan for the property. All of the parties involved worked extremely hard to ensure the plan created would be an asset not



only to our customers, but to the surrounding community."

The new ownership will be restoring and revitalizing all facets to this property including the restaurant.

"The restaurant will be reopening in 2023," Diemel said. "We are very excited to have that as one of our focal points to the resort and an additional

amenity to our guests."

"More than likely the name of the restaurant will be changing," Diemel said. "We plan to keep a similar atmosphere for the bar and grill on the water. However, we do not plan for it to be a private club. We will welcome boaters as we plan to clean up the shoreline to allow for easier access."

The redevelopment of the property

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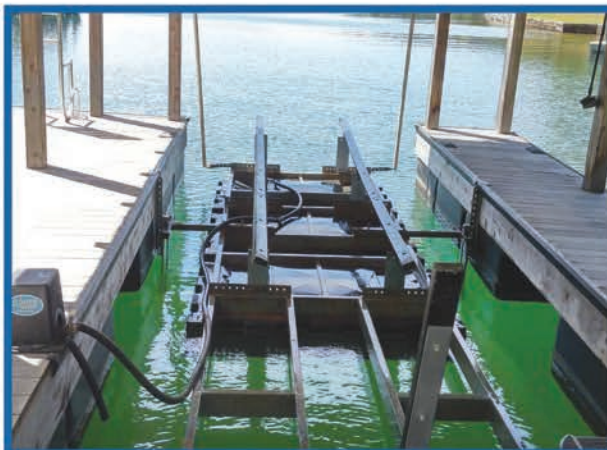
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“If property sells during the five-year period the new owner does not inherit the remaining term. The new owner’s term starts on the date they purchase the property.”

Lake Hartwell has 962 miles of shoreline in two states and six counties. In addition to making sure permits are accurate and in compliance, Campbell said it is important for lakefront property owners to be aware of the shared boundary lines.

“Our neighbors are very close since our shared boundary line is so close to the water,” she said. “A lot of people don’t know where private property ends and public property begins.”

Campbell described public land as a buffer zone protecting the water quality while providing a habitat for wildlife and vegetation for a natural aesthetic appearance. “When people buy a house or property on the lake, sometimes they think they own to the water,” Campbell said. “They have to look at the plat and understand where their shared boundary line with the Corps is located.”

Without checking with the Corps before purchasing lakefront property, new property owners could inherit encroachments or violations unknowingly.

To ensure an existing boat dock permit can be reassigned to a new owner, prospective buyers should contact the Corps about the status of the permit.

The boundary line around Lake Hartwell is marked with concrete monuments or iron pins. Property owners might notice orange marks on trees around the lake. Those marks designate the general proximity of boundary lines. The

Hartwell Lake Office has a brochure explaining the markings and meanings. The Corps boundary line delineates public land the Corps of Engineers owns and is responsible for protecting.

The Hartwell Project has 840 miles of boundary line designated by 9800 monuments identified by latitude and longitude coordinates.

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will be done at one time with the resort opening soon after the restaurant.

“The development of Hartwell Shores Resort will be a first-rate RV Resort that will attract guests from all over the East Coast,” Diemel said.

“We look forward to being a strong community partner with Anderson County, Green Pond Landing, and all of Lake Hartwell. We have had tremendous support and assistance from both Anderson County, local businesses,

and residents who are extremely excited to see this development get off the ground.”

At this point the development group is fully focused on getting the resort up and running.

“We do not have any current plans for other developments on Lake Hartwell but are always looking for new development opportunities,” Diemel said.

For more information, contact Diemel at (715) 584 - 6052 or Dayton@HartwellShoresResort.com. ■

LOVE HIM LOVE THEM Spreads Message of Hope

By Susan Martin

Spreading joy with a message of hope weaves through the nonprofit Love Him Love Them. That thread of hope began eleven years after David and Linda Gunter visited Haiti with their five adopted Haitian children.

“In 2004, a tragic event occurred that left five children who just happened to be Haitians without a mom and dad,” Linda said. “On the 17th day of the seventh month of the year 2007, the family living in the Gunter home grew from two to seven with these children who were then the ages of seven to seventeen.”

The idea of creating the nonprofit began several years earlier.

In 1998, David and Linda worked as real estate investors in Vine City, a neighborhood in Atlanta, GA.

“Vine City was the fifth worst crime ridden neighborhood in America,” Linda said.

As real estate investors at that time they saw homelessness, drugs, and prostitution daily.

Wanting to make a difference in the lives of the people in the community, the Gunters turned one of their rental properties into a homeless shelter.

“Because funding came from friends and family and not government grants, we were free to operate and share Jesus on a daily basis,” Linda said.

That year, Love Him Love Them began as a nonprofit social services organization spreading the gospel.

Because of their adopted children, the Gunters and Love Him Love Them increased their focus to include Haiti. After their first trip, Linda said Jesus spoke to her about taking her nonprofit resources to the Haitian children.

“Our first trip to Haiti was in 2011, which was the year after the devastating earthquake” Linda said. “We took gifts that first year for seventeen girls in an orphanage named HUG. What we saw, smelled, and experienced completely wrecked us. We knew something had to be done.” They have been back every Christmas since providing gifts and food for over 1700 children and families in

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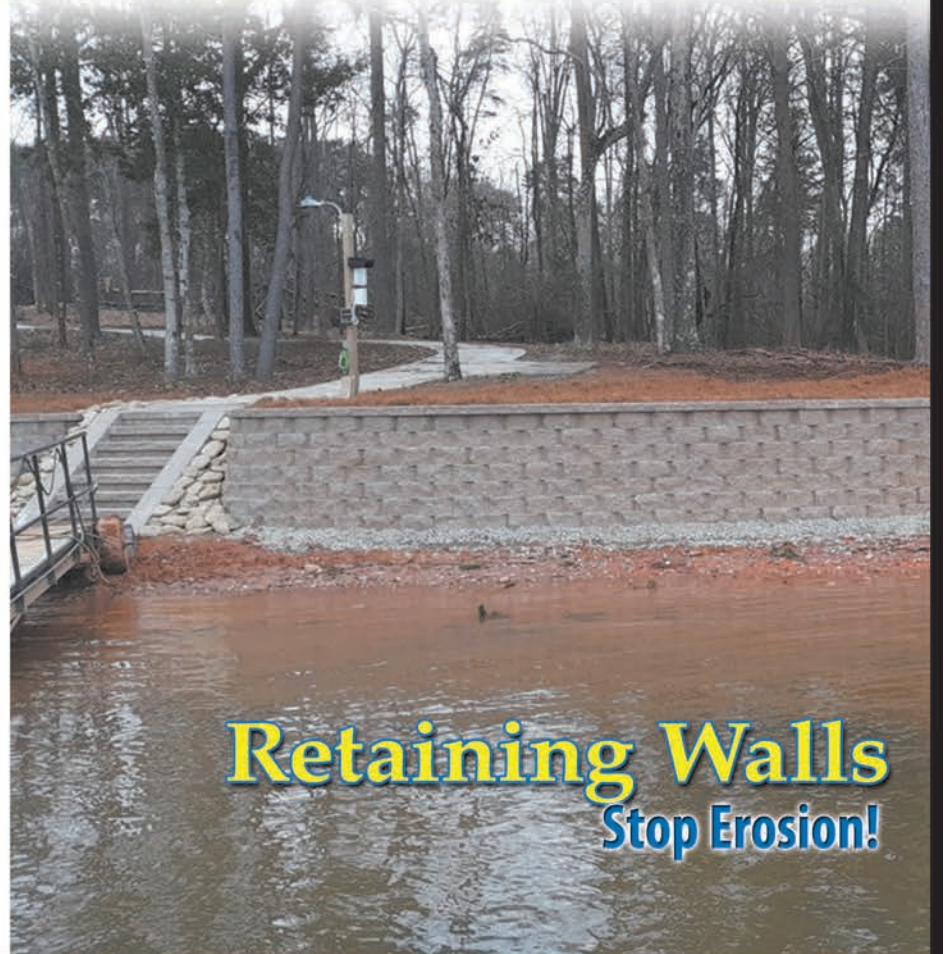
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New Boat and RV Storage Facility Offers Automated Slips

By Susan Martin

A sense of paradise awaits Lake Hartwell boaters at the new Exit 4 Boat & RV Storage. From the palm tree logo to the roped stanchions at the entrance, owner Shane O’Fallon expects his new storage facility in Oconee County to be a fun place for boaters and campers on Lake Hartwell.

“Rent a slip and rest assured boats and RVs are secured in my automated and fenced in nautical themed storage facility Exit 4 Boat & RV Storage,” O’Fallon said.

Located at 849 East Fair Play Boulevard in Fair Play, SC the new storage facility offers 130 slips for boats, RVs, jet skis, trailers and more. The facility opened in September after O’Fallon saw a need for more storage slips on the lake.

“Our boat and RV storage will provide the community with a much needed safe, clean, and easy to use facility to store their boats and RVs,” O’Fallon said.

“With new communities coming to the Fair Play/Westminster area, it will provide an alternative to boats & RVs being parked in residents’ driveways or on the side of their home developing a positive impact on property values over time.”

O’Fallon created the storage facility using two acres of his property he has owned since 2004.

“I have been working on this facility for over a year and a half,” he said. “Even though I had fun creating this business, it was a long arduous journey. Getting permits and work done at this time is challenging.”

With its proximity to the mountains, Highway 11, and I85, O’Fallon said Exit 4 Boat & RV Storage offers an easy solution for Lake Hartwell users because of the 24-hour video surveillance and real time automation. Storage users will be able to control their accounts using personal computers and phones.

“People that like automation will love it,” O’Fallon said. “I have designed the business to be a clean business with no pollution or debris and to be a positive impact on the lake and the interstate. It provides a convenient and safe place for residents of the community to store their boat or RV, while providing easy access as needed for recreation.”

“This added ability to access the natural beauty of the area will increase the quality of life for the residents of our community. Our business is in harmony with and should be a clear asset to the community.”

For more information about Exit 4 Boat & RV Storage call O’Fallon at 404-808-3415 or go to www.exit4storage.com. ■

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Hartwell Lake Services LLC Offers Towing and Other Services

By Susan Martin

Lake life images include relaxing, leisurely boat rides on pristine water. While those images actually happen for many people, unforeseen troubling experiences often occur, including boat breakdowns or sunken vessels.

“Breakdowns can be anything from a bad battery, water pump, fuel pump, running out of fuel or any number of things,” said Seth Owens, owner of Hartwell Lake Services LLC. “And they happen just as much on newer boats as they do older boats.”

Owens owns Hartwell Lake Services LLC with his wife, Cayla.

“Boats seem to sink mostly from bilge pumps not working,” Seth said. “The thru hull fittings can fail also which is always a possibility. Pontoons will over time get stress cracks and slowly fill with water.”

Seth, has a degree in horticulture and moved to the lake to be a fishing guide.

“I started towing for the previous owner of Hartwell Lake Services LLC part time and ended up buying the business from them,” he said.

“My family had a lake house in Fair Play; so I grew up on Lake Hartwell.”

Seth and his wife have four boats on Lake Hartwell and two boats on Lake Keowee. In addition, they have a boat that stays on a trailer

so they can respond quickly to nearby lakes.

“We started with Lake Hartwell in the spring of 2019 and added lake Keowee in 2021,” he said.

“We tow any type of watercraft, deliver fuel, jump start vessels, provide ungroundings, recover sunken boats, provide environmental cleanup and offer diving services.”

Seth said Hartwell Lake Services LLC can transport boats when necessary for repairs.

“We have learned to always expect the unexpected,” Seth said. “The day you think the weather is too bad or it is too late at night for someone to need help on the water: you will get a call.”

“We have also learned how to try and calm people down when they are stressed out over break downs or even a sunken vessel. It can almost always be worse.”

With more people moving to the area and the lakes getting busier, Seth said his business is growing.

“We are the only business offering 24/7 response,” he said. “If you are a member of BoatUS your tow bill is free.”

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the local community.

Today, Love Him Love Them continues to grow and minister to the families of Northeast Georgia and Haiti through four major events.

This Thanksgiving, Love Him Love Them will feed 5,000 homeless and homebound individuals in Georgia.

thirty children toured from Ft. Lauderdale, FL to the White House singing about that joy.

Linda said Love Him Love Them has six locations in Haiti responsible for 5,000 children. Volunteers will package the rice and beans at Franklin County High School.

In addition, Love Him Love Them provides



Above: A few of the Volunteers who came to pack meals of rice and beans to go to Haiti! You can join us this year on Sat. Nov 26th

“Our first Thanksgiving as a family of seven, I spent five days cooking our meal,” Linda said. With food left over, Linda and her family made eleven plates and gave them to people not celebrating Thanksgiving. “That was 15 years ago,” Linda said. “Now we are doing 5,000 meals.”

In addition to the meals, the nonprofit gives away blankets, bibles, and laundry detergent all from the location of Franklin County High School. Volunteers are needed to make desserts, donate laundry detergent, and deliver meals.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving, 25,000 meals of rice and beans will go to Haiti on behalf of Love Him Love Them.

“In 2011, we ran into thirty children in a makeshift orphanage,” Linda said. “I had never been on a mission trip before. On Christmas day, after hearing thirty children who lost their families in an earthquake sing with smiles, I realized they had the joy of Jesus. I left as a completely different woman.”

In 2016, Linda and her husband and those

gallon size bags filled with Christmas gifts for Haitian children.

“Our goal is that we have a bag for every child we meet at every orphanage, school, church and even on the road that would include essentials and fun things,” Linda said.

The fourth event to spread the gospel is America’s Night of Hope on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

“This event is for children who have a parent incarcerated,” Linda said. “We identify children with an incarcerated parent in Franklin, Stephens, and Hart counties. We have a big night where the children receive Christmas gifts.”

Linda said Love Him Love Them shows the incarcerated parents videos of the children receiving the Christmas gifts.

“When the hardened criminals see the excitement on their children’s faces,” Linda said, “they are ready to receive the gospel.”

For more information visit www.lovehimlovethe.org or call 706-599-7525. ■



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Clean Cut Tree Care LLC Gives Back

By Susan Martin

Projecting a positive influence on the Lake Hartwell community is important to Ben and Janna Brown, owners of Clean Cut Tree Care LLC. With hearts for service, the Browns find ways to give back to the community using lessons they learned from growing up in small towns in Indiana and Virginia and time Ben spent in the Marine Corps.

Brown began his tree business in 2018 after moving to Hart County in 2017.

“Our goals were to provide a professional service and also to grow relationships with members of our community.”

Brown said his company believes in honesty in every aspect of business.

“You respect people’s time and follow through with your promises to build a strong reputation and earn the trust of your community,” he said.

“I want people to see a change in our community. A positive change where we become more like a close-knit group who watches out for each other.”

When Brown started his tree business, he said he did not expect it to grow as quickly as it has.

“Now we can afford to help other people,” he said.

Brown focusses his efforts on first responders

and less fortunate individuals.

Having served in the Marine Corps for four years, Brown said he often experienced times where he did not have specific gear he needed.

Using that experience, Brown reaches out to local departments, including the Hart County Fire Department, which may not be able obtain grants or purchasing funds.

“We have supplied several lunches and dinners for first responders,” Brown said.

In addition to meals, through his company, Brown has supplied chain saws, hose reels, electrical drop cords, medical gear and professional trauma kits.

“I find out the needs of the different

departments and find ways to supply them,” he said.

“We are planning a holiday dinner for firefighters who can’t be with their families.”

With the holiday dinner in mind, Brown also plans to contact the Division of Family and Children Services in Hart County.

“We would like to identify children in less fortunate families and take them Christmas shopping,” he said.

Brown is planning the details about the event he is calling, Christmas with Clean Cut.

For more information or to offer resources, visit www.cleancuttrecare.net or call 706-424-5933. ■

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Annual Fundraiser Donates to Local Cancer Association

By Susan Martin

With heartfelt gratitude, Angela Stringer, breast cancer survivor since September 2013 and the Executive Director of the Cancer Association of Anderson since January 2016, said she was “blown away” by the efforts and success of the Hartwell Lake Ladies Jet Ski Crawl participants.

“On behalf of the Cancer Association of Anderson’s Board of Directors, staff, and especially our wonderful cancer patients, I want to thank the fabulous Jet Ski Crawl ladies,” Stringer said. “The funds they raised will go a long way in assisting local cancer patients with transportation, prescription medications, medical equipment, and nutrition.”

The idea for a jet ski crawl began several

years ago while Laura Thompson and friends were having dinner at the Galley Restaurant on Lake Hartwell.

“My husband and his guy friends do an annual jet ski ride each year in remembrance of his father that passed away from cancer 10 years ago,” Thompson said. “A couple of my friends and I decided we could do this too and have a ladies’ jet ski ride. 2022 was our fourth annual Hartwell Lake Ladies Jet Ski Crawl.”

“Most of us were not real comfortable on our jet skis so we decided to call it a crawl as we said we were going to go slow, ride and have fun together.”

Because the event grew each year, Thompson said it turned into a fundraiser so participants could ride for a purpose.

“So many of us have had family or friends that have been touched by cancer,” she said. “We decided to raise money for The Cancer Association of Anderson.”

With over 26 corporate sponsors this year and over 50 female riders, we raised over \$11,000.” GrandSouth Bank, where Thompson is the Anderson Market President, is the Presenting Sponsor.

“GrandSouth has supported me in my fundraising efforts from the beginning” Thompson said.

“We all meet at Party Island and ride together to The Grill at Clemson Marina where GrandSouth Bank provides lunch for all registered riders. We eat lunch, hang out and then ride back to Party Island.”

“GrandSouth Bank also paid for the cost of the event t-shirts so that 100% of the proceeds goes to The Cancer Association of Anderson” Thompson said. “Smart Marketing owner, Tonya Childs, provides all marketing for free along with the rider bags.”

Thompson said it warms her heart to see a great group of strong women, local businesses and friends rally together for a great event to raise money for such a worthy cause.

The Cancer Association of Anderson is a local charity that has served the Anderson County Community since 2003.

“It is important to note that the Cancer Association of Anderson receives no funding or support from the American Cancer Society or any Relay for Life events” Stringer said. “All our funds

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the burden on Anderson County residents battling cancer, every cancer, every day.”

For more information visit www.cancerassociationofanderson.org. The fifth annual Hartwell Lake Ladies Jet Ski

Crawl is scheduled for Friday, August 4, 2023. To sponsor or participate in the event, contact Laura Thompson at 864 934-4721 or email laura.thompson@grandsouth.com. ■

Rogue Floats Create Safety Issue

By Susan Martin

During periods of high or low water on Lake Hartwell, debris gets stranded on the shoreline. Debris presents a challenge for nighttime boaters and lake cleanup volunteers.

Sandy Campbell, Natural Resource Program Manager with the Army Corps of Engineers, described the debris issue as an ongoing challenge.

Scott Perkins leads Friends of the Sadlers Creek State Park, a small nonprofit group that helps with trail maintenance and park projects. The group also plans shoreline cleanup days and sees the debris issue.

“As part of the shoreline cleanup in 2020,” Perkins said. “The group towed in rogue dock floats that were on the shoreline of the park.”

Over the past year and a half, the group has towed in and disposed of thirty rogue floats.

“When encapsulated flotation blocks come loose from a dock and become adrift, they end up as litter around the lake which poses a boating hazard because the

blocks are not visible at night,” Campbell said.

She added some companies working on docks replacing flotation blocks do not properly dispose of the used flotation blocks and let them drift around the lake.

“There is no way to track down what dock or location the flotation blocks originated from,” she said. “Old flotation blocks should be taken to a landfill for proper disposal. However, disposal costs are by

weight. Because the blocks can be waterlogged and very heavy: no one wants to pay the cost for proper disposal.”

Campbell said the Corps contractor picks up debris along the shoreline at Corps managed boat ramps and parks; but everyone needs to be accountable for their private property.



“These rogue dock floats can be dangerous when they are on the lake,” Perkins said. “Especially at night when people can’t see them. They usually wash up on shore in coves. Our theory is that the floats come lose from docks during storms, but also when people replace old floats. They discover how heavy they are and let them go. We’ve noticed an

increase in the floats over the past few years as more people have moved to the lake area and there has been an increase in new dock construction.”

The dock floats range in size from a couple of feet to four by eight feet. Most of them are Styrofoam encased in black plastic casing. Some are missing the plastic casing.

“Some years ago, the Army Corps banned dock floats without the plastic casing,” Perkins said. “The waterlogged Styrofoam is extremely heavy, making it a challenge to dispose of them.”

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The group shared on social media this summer about alerting the park ranger and Friends of Sadlers Creek Park group about any floats spotted in the Sadlers Creek area.

“We would tow them in and pile them on shore at the park ramp area,” Perkins said. “But it requires resources, equipment, time and money to dispose of them. They have to be disposed of at a specific dump site.”

The floats are in various stages of decay and are not usable any longer as dock floats.

If boaters come across a float, they can transport it to an Army Corps ramp, however this cleanup is taking Corps resources. For more information, contact Ranger Felton at rfelton@scprt.com or <https://www.friendsofsadlerscreek.org/>. ■

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Current Events Around the Lake

October 27 – November 14, 7:30 PM, RENT, The Market Theatre, 110 Federal St. #6, Anderson.
November 1, 10 AM - 5 PM, Tissue Art Contest Exhibit, Anderson Art Center, 110 Federal St., Anderson

November 2, 3, 9, 10, 10 AM – 5:00 PM, Fall Festival, Denver Downs Farm, 1515 Denver Road, Anderson

November 3, 10, 17, 24, Food Truck Thursday, Lunch & Dinner, Anderson

November 4 – 5, Free Trees in Seneca,

November 2, 10, 17, 5 PM – 8 PM, Winter Nights, Got the Jazz Blues? Enjoy the Seneca City Museums for an Evening Under the Stars, Food and Cash Bar, Tickets @ senecacitymuseums.org

November 3, 10 AM, Quilting 101 Beginners Class, Anderson County Museum,

November 4, 5, 11, 12, 10 AM - 9 PM, Fall Festival, Denver Downs Farm, 1515 Denver Road, Anderson

November 4, 4 PM – 8 PM, Mistletoe Market, Anderson County Museum, 202 E. Greenville St., Anderson

November 5, 10 AM – 3 PM, Veteran's Day, All Proceeds go to Supports local Veteran's, Vendors, Food Trucks and more, Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson

November 5, 7 PM, Bennie Wheels: Walkin' the Line, Tribute to the Man in Black, Johnny Cash, Ritztheatretococa.com, 706-244-0039

November 6, 13, 10 AM – 6 PM, Fall Festival, Denver Downs Farm, 1515 Denver Road, Anderson

November 7, 8, 11 AM – 5 PM, Fall Festival, Denver Downs Farm, 1515 Denver Road, Anderson

November 8, 5 PM – 8 PM, Opening Night, Holiday Market 2022, Handmade Gifts, food and more. Belton Center For the Arts, 306 City Square, Belton, 864-338-8556

November 9 – December 10, 10 AM – 2 PM, Holiday Market 2022, Handmade Gifts, Belton Center for the Arts, 306 City Square, Belton, 864-338-8556

November 9, 11, 10 AM – 5 PM, Parade of Trees, Silent Auction, Hartwell Art Center

November 10, 4 PM, How to Protect Yourself from ID & Online Shopping Scams with the Dept. of Consumer Affairs, Lander Memorial Library, 925 Greenville Drive, Williamston

November 11, 10 AM, Andersonians in War Exhibit Opens, Anderson County Museum, Anderson

November 12, 9 AM – 4 PM, Christmas Vintage Market, Vintage, Antique, Art, Handcrafted Festival, Downtown Lavonia, 706-356-0274 or 706-460-5224 for Vendor or Booth

November 12, 10 AM – 4 PM, Hartwell Markers Festival, Premiere Curated Artisan Event, Arts & Handmade Artisan products. Carolina Street, Hartwell, www.hartwellmakersfestival.com

November 17, 7 PM, Top Gun: Maverick at the Ritz, \$1, Toccoa, 706-244-0039

November 18, 3 PM – 9 PM, Holly Jolly Holiday Fair, 200 Homemade, Holiday & Vintage Shops, Live Music, DIY Classed, Santa, Food Trucks & More, Anderson Civic Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Anderson, Buy Tickets Online at hollyjollyholiday.com

November 19, 10 AM – 6 PM, Holly Jolly Holiday Fair, 200 Homemade, Holiday & Vintage Shops, Live Music, DIY Classed, Santa, Food Trucks & More, Anderson Civic Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Anderson

November 19, 10 AM – 4 PM, Pelzer Christmas Market, Crafters and Local Artisans, Food, Picture with Santa & Petting Zoo, 112 Leppy St., Pelzer

November 20, 11 PM – 5 PM, Holly Jolly Holiday Fair, 200 Homemade, Holiday & Vintage Shops, Live Music, DIY Classed, Santa, Food Trucks & More, Anderson Civic Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Anderson

November 21, 5 PM – 7 PM, Hartwell Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas Village, Music, Caroling & Santa, Downtown Hartwell. Don't Forget an Unwrapped Toy for the Toy Drive.

November 24, Andersons Light Opening, 150 Cherry Blvd. Anderson.

November 25 – December 10, 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Village Green, Festive Shopping, Lights, Local Makers, Food & Sweet Treats

November 27, Toy for Tots, Anderson Sprots & Entertainment Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Anderson

November 28, 6:30 PM, The Magic of Christmas Annual Christmas Parade

November 29 – Tree Lighting, Candyland Christmas, picture with Santa, activities for the children and a Cookies Crawl, 706-356-1926

December 1, Food Truck Thursday, Lunch & Dinner, Anderson County Farmers Market, 402 N Murray Ave, Anderson

December 2, Toccoa on Ice Opens, Fridays: 5 PM – 9 PM, Saturday: 12 PM – 9 PM, Sundays: 1 PM – 6 PM, Historic Downtown Toccoa

December 2, 5:30 PM, First Friday in Downtown Anderson, Retail Shops Open Until 8 PM with Special Treats and Specials. South Main Street, Anderson

December 2, 7 PM, Christmas First Night, Extravaganza of Dance & Song, Celebrating the Birth of our Savior, Henderson Auditorium, Anderson University, 316 Blvd, Anderson, 864-918-4496

December 2, 6 PM, Anderson Christmas Tree Lights, Courthouse Square, Downtown Anderson

December 2, 5 PM, Holiday Ice Opens, Carolina Wren Park, Anderson

December 2, 6 PM – 9 PM, ChristmasFest & Lighting of the Tree, Historic Downtown Toccoa, 706-282-3309

December 3 – January 6, Festival of Lights, Gingerbread Lane on Railroad Street, Hartwell

December 3, 11 AM – 4:00 PM, Christmas Party and Vendor Fair For 2/263rd Soldier & Family, December 4, 3PM, City of Anderson Christmas Parade, Downtown Anderson

December 4, 3 PM, Lavonia Christmas Parade, 706-356-1926

December 9 – 11, "Christmas in Lavonia, Country Style" at Savannah River Playhouse, 706-376-7397

December 10, 10:30 PM – 4:30 PM, The Hartwell Service League's Christmas Tour of Homes, Tour Six Homes Beautifully Decorated for the Holidays, 706-376-8590

December 10, 7:30 PM, One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall, eight intertwined stories in a Midwestern, Electric City Playhouse, 514 N Murray Ave., Anderson, 864-224-4248

December 11, 4 PM, Hartwell Christmas Parade Gingerbread Lane, W. Franklin Street, Hartwell

December 23, 7 PM, The Night Before the Night Before @ Hart County Community Theatre, Free for a Gift to Our community, Hot Coca, Cookies, Singing, Dancing and more, Hart County Theatre, 80 Depot Street, Hartwell

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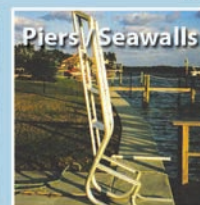
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Freshwater Striper Fishing Class Offered at Tri-County Technical College

By Susan Martin

The fall semester at Tri-County Technical College (TCTC) in Pendleton, SC offers a new Freshwater Striper Fishing Class for local anglers. Developed by John Sawyer, the class began September 15 at the Oconee campus location.

"The course is tailored for those that may only have an introduction to fishing," Sawyer said. "Newcomers to our lakes; those that have just bought a fishing boat; youngsters wanting to learn basics of reservoir fishing, etc. will find it helpful."

Sawyer said he struggled years ago trying to learn on his own.

"If we want our outdoor sports to endure, we have to get more folks involved," he said.

"The Savannah River chain of lakes is a great resource for our states. The class will help folks become more familiar with them as well."

In 2014, Sawyer published a handbook for freshwater striper fishing. That handbook is included in the class fee.

"In April of this year I decided to retire from my job of 32 years with Duke Power," he said. "With some time on my hands I contacted TCTC and proposed using my handbook as a text to teach a continuing education class in the evenings."

Sawyer plans to use the chapters in the handbook as discussion points for teaching the class. Class participants will learn the basics of using a SONAR/GPS; reading a topographical map; seasonal fish movements, and much more that can aid in the pursuit of a variety of freshwater fish such as largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, and perch.

"Lots of demonstrations will figure in with the equipment being discussed," Sawyer said.

Born and raised in Durham, NC, Sawyer



grew up fishing the Kerr Reservoir at Buggs Island on the North Carolina/Virginia border. He earned a master's degree in engineering from North Carolina State University. Upon graduation in 1989, he

took a job with Duke Power Company in Charlotte, NC. During the 1990s, John lived in the Mooresville, NC area and learned to fish for reservoir stripers on Lake Norman. After moving to the Lake Keowee, SC area in 2001, Sawyer has fished for reservoir stripers on several southeastern lakes including Lake Hartwell. He has fished in many reservoir striper tournaments with several major tournament wins. While fishing regularly on the Savannah River chain of lakes, Sawyer mainly targets trophy stripers and takes time to occasionally long line for crappie in the spring and fall. For more information go to www.ReservoirStripers.com or www.tctc.edu. ■



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