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Lake Hartwell Coast Guard Auxiliary Celebrates 30th Anniversary

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 25 at Lake Hartwell celebrates thirty years of service to the Coast Guard, recreational boaters and the local community in 2018.

The Lake Hartwell Flotilla represents the U.S. Coast Guard with the primary mission of promoting recreational boating safety in order to reduce boating accidents, save lives and save property. Auxiliary members are the uniformed civilian volunteer



Above Photo: CG Auxiliary members practice a stern tow.

component of the U.S. Coast Guard, authorized to train, qualify and perform many of the same missions as the Coast Guard. Lake



Above Photo: CG Auxiliary members from three area Flotillas take a shoreside break at Lake Hartwell Green Pond Landing during a qualification mission. Todd Orr on dock and Bruce Lindsey plan the next operation.

Hartwell Auxiliary members have volunteered more than 5,000 hours each year.

Authorized by Congress in 1939 as the Coast Guard Reserve, the name was changed to Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1942 when the Coast Guard Reserve was au-

thorized payment status. During WWII, the Coast Guard Auxiliary provided essential assistance to the homeland by escorting convoys using private boats and performing shoreside security missions.

Locally, Lake Hartwell Flotilla's goal is to provide our Aux-

iliary members with the training and qualification opportunities to achieve their personal objectives in boat operations, education, communications and public service.

You will see Auxiliary boats providing safety zones at popular

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Report Says Anderson County Leads the State in Economic Development, Recruitment

In a report released by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Anderson County led other counties in the state in Top 10 economic development projects during 2017. Anderson County expansions to existing operation facilities by Electroflux (\$200M), Robert Bosch (\$152M), and orthopedic medical device manufacturer Arthrex (1,000 new jobs forecast) continues a trend that brought more than \$3.3B in capital investment and about 5,300 new jobs to the county in less than 10 years.

"The success we've had in economic development recruiting in 2017 and over the past several years is unprecedented in the history of Anderson County, and we are establishing a new standard to which

communities across the Southeast will now aspire. This new standard requires even more attention to our efforts with partners like Tri-County Tech to develop our workforce, providing our workers the training and education they need to continue to be the engine that drives our progress as a community. We have more than 200,000 people in the County now, and there is no sign that our growth is going to slow down anytime soon. In 2018, the County's primary aim will be to encourage continued economic development through strategic, efficient modernization of our technology and public services infrastructure," said Anderson County Council Chairman Tommy Dunn.

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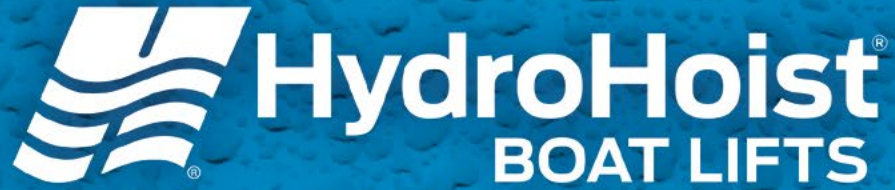
Corps Expected to Share Shoreline Management Draft Plan in the Fall

By Vince Jackson

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the review of the 2007 Hartwell Project Shoreline Management Plan is continuing. The Corps expects to present a draft of its new proposal online for a 30-day review period sometime this fall. Public comments will be accepted at that time. Anyone currently holding a permit should expect to receive a notice by postal mail alerting them of the public comment period, according to Scott Lusk, Park Ranger, Hartwell Dam and Lake Project. After the comment period closes the new Shoreline Management Plan is expected to be approved within six months.

Last year the Corps held three workshops where the subjects of docks, zoning, and tree and brush cutting were raised by scores of lake residents. At the time, residents indicated they wanted more control over shoreline management, such as clear-cutting near the lake for sight views. Many residents feel the 2007 guidelines are too restrictive and are seeking a moderated solution. The states of Georgia and South Carolina make the rules and the Corps enforces the rules about Hartwell Lake. The water in the lake belongs to the states and the lake basin belongs to the Corps. Management of the water and shoreline has taken on added significance in recent years due to recurring drought conditions and lower lake levels.

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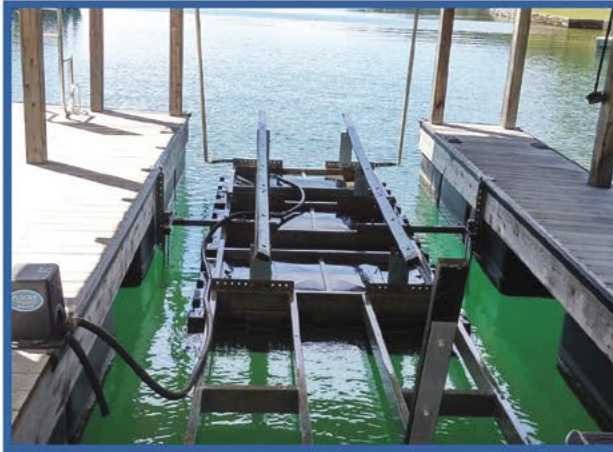


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Letters to the EDITOR

I am new to the area and I hear that "crappie" fishing can be really good on Hartwell this time of year. My question is what the heck is a crappie? I looked in a book of fishing pictures and a "crappie" looks just like what up north we call a "croppie," or a white perch. What gives?

—Luther Van Meer

Dear Luther, up north you may well call a perch a croppie, but in the south, we call them a perch, and here is why. Crappie and perch are not closely related, and the crappie have their own genus, Pomoxis. White crappie, *P. annularis*, are closely related to sunfish, small-mouth and large-mouth bass. Now, here is some more information that you may find of interest; the black crappie is known as *Pomoxis nigromaculatus*. So, the real question is not croppie vs crappie, but black crappie vs white crappie. How do you tell the difference? White crappie have distinct

striping, while black crappie have spots and flecking. Black crappie have seven dorsal rays and whites only have six, but enough of all that. Get you some minnows and cast into some brushy areas during the day and fish with lanterns under a bridge at night and you can help us reduce the population of this abundant pan fish. ■

Editor's note: The Hartwell Lake News is interested in your comments and suggestions about the lake. We are starting a new feature LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. Please send your comments by email to: info@hartwelllakenews.com. Please include your name to any comments or your letter will not be accepted for publication.

Lake Hartwell Coast Guard Auxiliary Celebrates 30th Anniversary – continued from pg. 1

community events such as the annual Lake Hartwell Poker Run in June, a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels, and the Dragon boat races for Greenville Health System, a cancer awareness fundraiser. Auxiliary members train to Coast Guard standards to qualify and certify as Boat Crew and Coxswain, which allows them to operate under Coast Guard orders. The Coast Guard Auxiliary uses private boats that are equipped to Coast Guard standards and the owners are reimbursed for operating costs when conducting missions under Coast Guard orders. In addition to power boats, Personal Watercraft (PWC) owners and operators are also in demand for Lake Hartwell boating safety operations and work in conjunction with other authorized watercraft.

Radio communications are provided by trained and certified Auxiliarists who not only

support the boat patrols but can also train at Coast Guard stations for radio watch and dispatch.

Lake Hartwell Vessel Examiners conduct free recreational safety checks on boats and paddle craft to certify that all required safety equipment is on board. Vessel Examiners advise boaters of any local or state equipment requirements, so they can safely boat without concern for fines or penalties.

Boating safety education is a primary mission. Lake Hartwell Auxiliary instruc-

tors teach several About Boating Safely classes each year in Georgia and South Carolina. The

one-day course is certified by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators, Georgia and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Upon passing the exam, a Boater Education card is issued by

South Carolina, and is recognized by both law enforcement agencies.

The Lake Harwell Flotilla was chartered in January 1988 and has operated


out of Portman Marina since at least 1999. Plans are in process for a public celebration of the 30 years of Coast Guard Lake Hartwell operations.

Membership in the Auxiliary is voluntary and open to all U.S. Citizens over 17 years old. Coast Guard Auxiliary members enjoy the educational and training opportunities, support of the coast Guard mission, feeling of accomplishment from public service, and fellowship with other members.

Additional information on the Coast Guard Auxiliary Lake Hartwell Flotilla, it's services or membership can be found at our Facebook page CGAux Lake Hartwell Flotilla 25 website at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-02-05>, e-mail at CGAuxHartwellLake@gmail.com or phone 404-579-7676. ■



Above Photo: CG Auxiliary, Lake Hartwell flotilla members in joint training CG Station Charleston staff at Lake Murray with CG Auxiliarists from throughout SC.




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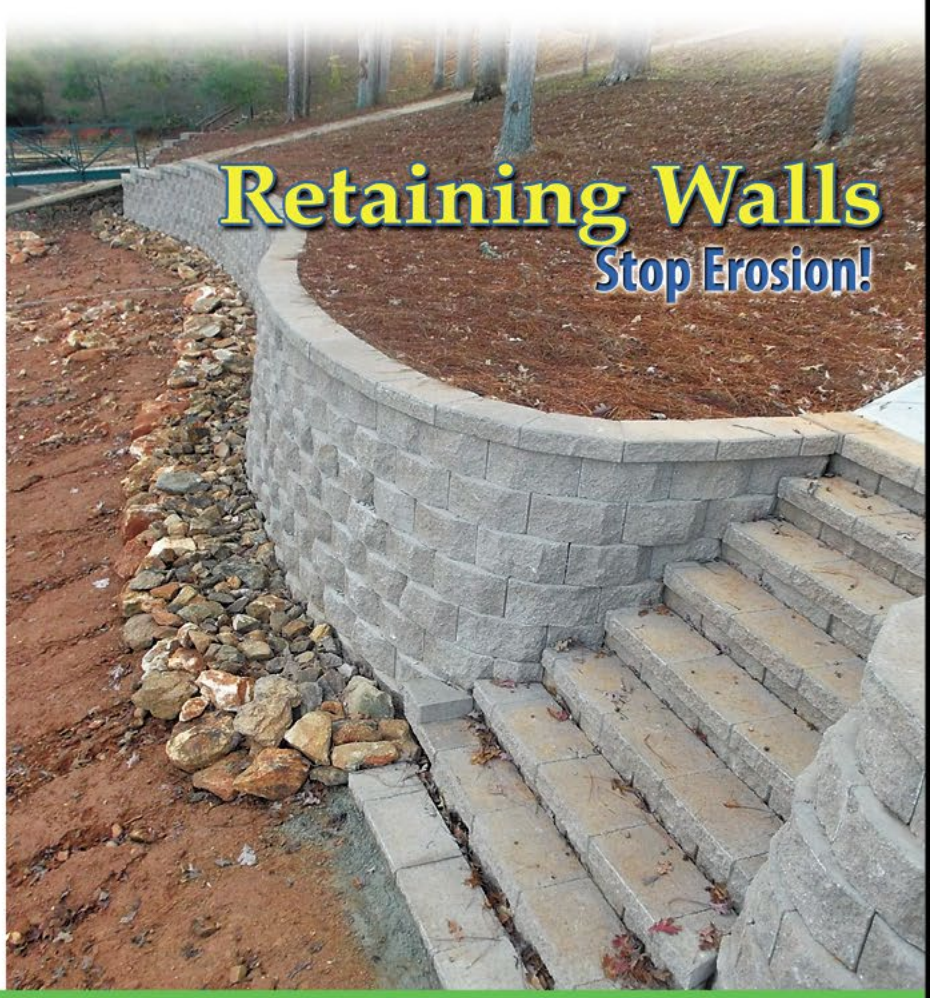
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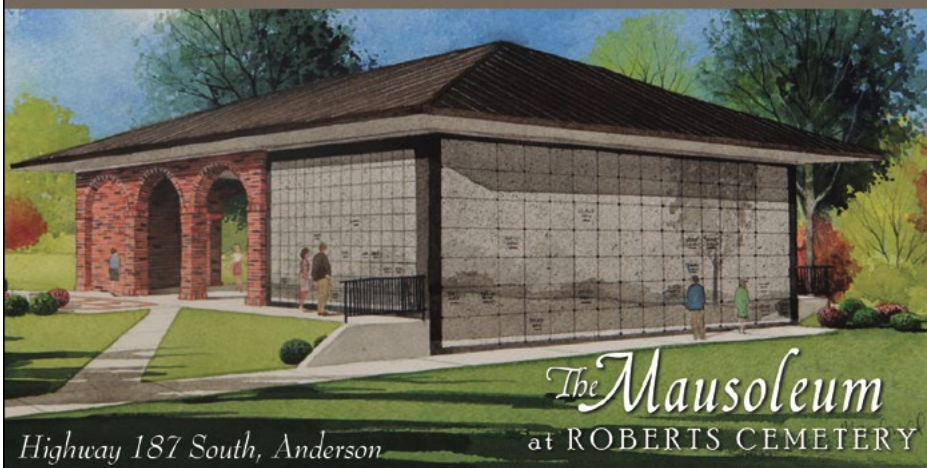


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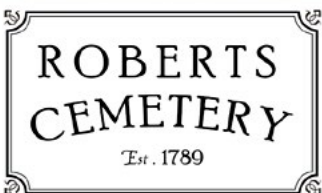


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Report Says Anderson County Leads... - continued from pg. 1

South Carolina Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt said the state has become an "Industrial powerhouse" resulting in more than \$5B in capital investment last year alone. The collaboration of business, state and county governments involves many part-

ners and has been the major factor in the increased economic activity, according to county officials. During 2017 South Carolina saw 157 development projects, which accounted for 18,445 new jobs for workers across the state. ■

Corps Expected to Share Shoreline... - continued from pg. 1

"Typically, people use the shoreline management plan to apply for a dock permit or to seek permission to remove underbrush along the shoreline," Sandy Campbell, natural resources manager at the Hartwell Lake project

said last year. The plan provides direction on how to add electricity, water, docks and pathways at the shoreline. The shoreline plan, last revised in 2007, is due to be updated and that is what the current review is all about. ■

Water Authority Hopeful Water Taste and Smell Issues Are Over

By Vince Jackson

Recent news reports indicate the Anderson Regional Joint Water Authority plans to complete construction of an ozone pretreatment water processor by late April, just in time for the annual algae bloom that has plagued area drinking water in recent years.

The ozone processor should improve the musty, earthy taste and smell associated with the water in Clemson, parts of Anderson and other areas that receive their drinking water from the Water Authority. Experts say the advanced treatment process will improve the taste and smell of Hartwell Lake water when levels of algae increase during the warm summer months. In the past, activated carbon and algacide treatments have been used to control the algae, but results have been mixed and uneven. The naturally occurring compounds associated with algae blooms, decaying leaves and other organic material found in the lake, are often difficult to remove, according to

SCDHEC, but they are not considered a health threat. The ozone process is supposed to greatly improve the water's palatability.

The ozone processor is a two-chambered concrete structure that pre-processes water taken directly from the lake for 15 to 20 minutes before it enters the water treatment plant for purification. Upon entering the treatment plant, the water is filtered removing 99 percent of the particulate matter and chlorinated to control bacteria. The Water Authority says pre-treating with ozone and peroxide eliminates the need for adding algacide and carbon to the lake surface, reducing the impact on fish and wildlife in the lake. Instead of treating large areas of Hartwell Lake, only water used for drinking is treated, a generally more efficient process.

The Water Authority's nearly 200,000 customers may look forward to drinking better tasting and smelling water of the over 30-million gallons treated by the facility each day when the warm summer months arrive. ■

Twelve Mile River

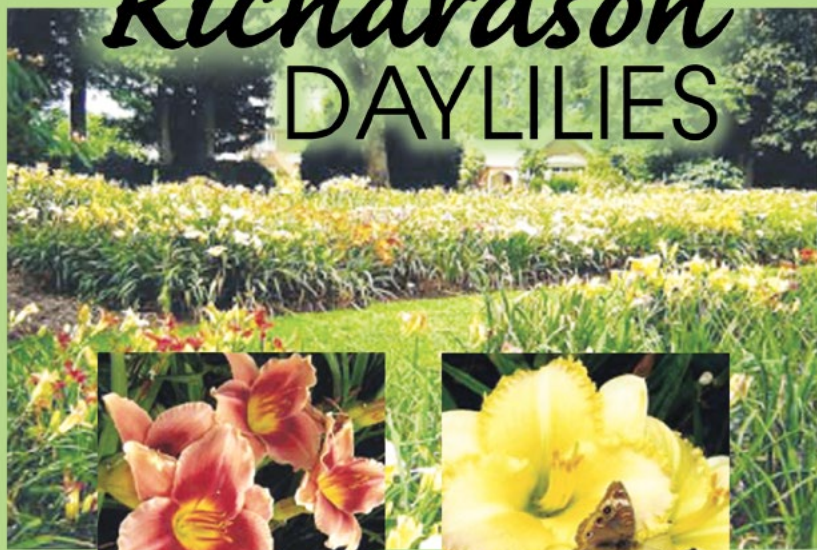
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The Twelve Mile River is a 30-mile tributary of Lake Hartwell in Pickens County, South Carolina. Characterized by sections of whitewater rapids and flatwater, the Twelve Mile River is ideal for paddlers of all skill levels. Whitewater paddlers can experience a nearly two-mile-long stretch of Class II-III rapids, while beginners will find lake-like paddling conditions as the river enters Lake Hartwell. With nearby historic landmarks, scenic waterfalls, hiking trails, fishing opportunities, and parks, the Twelve Mile River offers an abundance of recreation opportunities. The Clemson Experimental Forest borders the River as it enters Lake Hartwell, offering activities from boating and fishing to hunting and biking.

The Twelve Mile River was the focus of an EPA Superfund cleanup to remove PCB contamination and restore the health of the river until January 2015. Contaminated sediment was removed from behind two dams known as Woodside I and II, and the dams were dismantled to

allow clean sediment to cover and encapsulate the contaminated sediment to help naturally restore the Twelve Mile arm of Lake Hartwell. Historically, the dams impeded flow on the river, and their removal has opened up enormous opportunities for recreation. Because of the historical PCB contamination, fishermen are advised not to consume fish caught in the Twelve Mile River and upper reaches of Lake Hartwell due to a PCB Advisory still in effect.

Recreation opportunities along the Twelve Mile have significantly increased during the last few years. Future plans include two new riverside parks that will continue to improve recreational access to the river. Pickens County has been a key partner in the improvement of recreation along this scenic river. Unofficial river accesses are ones that are widely used, however, are not officially constructed river accesses. While the Twelve Mile River can be accessed under any SCDOT-maintained road, the accesses included on the map are ones that are most often used and family-friendly. There are many great options at all skill levels for a fantastic day on the river. ■

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Rowers Come Back to Clemson Each Year for Training

By Vince Jackson

CLEMSON—Although the wind has been fierce at times and the temperatures have been cooler than usual, visiting rowing teams are still happy to cruise the ice-free waters of Hartwell Lake. The alternative is not good. Just look at the frozen landscape (and waterscape) of the northeast and mid-west this year and you can readily understand what makes Clemson a desirable destination for rowers.



Above Photo Courtesy of Clemson University. Rowers strain to finish a close race on Hartwell Lake

Kade Herrick, tourism director for the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce, said during 2017 over 25 colleges and high schools sent their rowing teams south to the lake. Those teams represented more than 1300 rowers. Rowers and coaches filled local hotels and ate in local restaurants for one to two weeks at a time during the winter and early spring. During 2018 those numbers have increased by several hundred and the number of teams has increased as well. Herrick says he won-

ders where he can find more accommodations and rowing facilities for the large number of students who want to come to the lake. The economic impact of the influx totals several millions of dollars for the area.

Joining the visiting teams on the lake in March, Clemson University participated in events finishing third behind a tough Duke team, who earned the win, and being edged by North Carolina for second.

Beginning April 14-15, the Tigers will compete in the Clemson Invitational, an all-day rowing event. On May 13 Clemson hosts the ACC Championships with the top ACC rowing teams competing for the title on Hartwell Lake. The NCAA Championships happen in Sarasota, Florida May 25—27.

The rowing action may be viewed from the shoreline at the Clemson Boathouse. For more information about rowing on Hartwell Lake visit the Clemson University Rowing website and Facebook pages. ■



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In Georgia, Eclipse Marine has three locations: Eclipse Marine at Sinclair Marina serves the Lake Country in middle Georgia, Eclipse Marine at Clarks Hill Marina serves Augusta and east Georgia, and Eclipse Marine at West Georgia Boat Center serves an area from Peachtree City and Newnan

to Columbus in western Georgia. In South Carolina, Eclipse Marine at Clemson Marina serves the Upstate, Lake Hartwell, and Lake Keowee as one of the area's leading boat dealers. Throughout all locations, Eclipse Marine takes pride in partnering with the finest brands including: Tracker, Ranger, Veranda, Xpress, Avalon/Tahoe, Monterey, Mercury, Yamaha and Suzuki. According to Matt Henry, General Sales Manager, "Being affiliated with these brands is an honor. We absolutely love the products and know our customers see the same quality and value as we do."

Second to providing superior products, Eclipse Marine strives to deliver a hassle-free boat buying experience. Eclipse Marine is rapidly expanding to better meet the needs of the customers while actively acquiring new dealerships around the southeast. Better availability and consistency amongst dealerships is the overall goal. "If we don't

have the exact boat that you are looking for near you, we can find it," says Callie Schau, Marketing Manager.

By rolling out their new innovative and fully integrated website with the help of ARI Network Services, Inc., Eclipse Marine now provides a user-friendly experience on a platform that connects all their dealership locations throughout the southeast. Eclipse Marine is thrilled to provide this new buying experience to their customers, and they believe this new site provides endless opportunities to get customers in the boat that they have always wanted. Allen Revak, President of Eclipse Marine stated, "We strive to be the industry leader in technology by adopting systems and processes that allow us to provide the best buying experience possible for the customer."

Along with the launch of their new website, Eclipse Marine is planning continual growth

throughout 2018 and are striving to acquire new dealerships. "Doing business in prime locations with the right brands and maintaining laser focus on the customer makes all the difference," explains Allen Revak, President. Eclipse Marine strives to provide quality products and convenient services to their customers.

About Eclipse Marine Group: Eclipse Marine Group owns a network of boat dealerships and is based in Athens, Georgia. Formerly part of Classic City Marinas, founded in 2010, Eclipse Marine has several industry leading boat dealerships whose mission is to "Create Raving Fan Customers as Your Partner in Boating."

To find out more information about Eclipse Marine Group, please visit: www.EclipseMarine.com. To learn more about dealership acquisitions or job opportunities, please email: info@eclipse-marine.com ■ See ad pg 24

Toast of Toccoa

The 2nd annual Toast of Toccoa will be held on May 5th from 12 noon until 5 p.m. in historic downtown Toccoa. This year it will feature more than 40 artisans from the Currahee

Artists Guild and other regional arts organizations who will display their artwork in separate booths in addition to live music, craft beer, regional wine tastings and local food.



The event is held in beautiful historic downtown Toccoa, GA. Admission to the event itself is free. Tokens will be sold for craft beer and regional vineyard wine tasting purchase.

Various breweries like the world famous Creature Comforts in Athens, GA to our headliner, Currahee Brewery in Franklin, NC, named after the famous mountain in Stephens County,

will be there. Several well-known North Georgia wineries including Cartecay Vineyards of Elijay, GA, Sweet Acre Farms of Alto, GA, Tiger Mountain Vineyards of Tiger, GA and Toccoa's own Currahee Vineyards will also offer wine-tastings as well as bottle sales.

Selected local area restaurants will also have booths featuring their specialty food items



for sale. There will be two large covered tents with tables and chairs so that visitors will be able to enjoy any purchased food and drinks in a relaxed, informal environment and listen to the music.

The entertainment includes "Nick and the Grooves" at 12:00 PM and the increasingly popular "Grassland String Band" at 2:30 PM. ■

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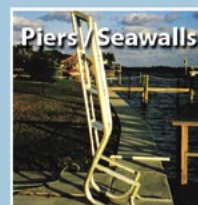
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Junior Master of Ceremonies

Headlining this year's Dam Dog Walk Pooch Parade will be Presley Berryman, 7, in what organizers say will be the best doggone pageantry event ever. Berryman has been selected to be Junior Master of Ceremonies for the



Pooch Parade on April 28th, all part of Saturday's 11th Annual Dam Walk and Pageant. The judges will be looking for your best pageantry outfits and winning talents, so dress and come prepared accordingly. A \$25-dollar preregistration fee ensures participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt and a spot in the event. The

walk is a fundraiser as well as an opportunity to raise awareness of the many homeless dogs and cats in the community. Proceeds will be used to benefit the medical treatment of shelter animals. During the afternoon the Hart County Humane Society and the Northeast Georgia Animal Shelter will have many dogs available for adoption. Participants are urged to walk foster dogs during the festivities on the dam. For more information and registration details call 706-436-0965 or email hartcohumane@yahoo.com.

Participants may compete in the following categories: Best Dressed, Cutest Canine, Most Talented, Best Strut and Friendliest Furry Friend during the Pageant portion.

This year's Dam Dog Walk is sponsored by the Purina Company, makers of dog food products. Organizers say generous give-a-ways, gifts and education awareness will be provided by Dezi and Roo Cat Behaviorist, Sit Happens Dog Obedience, Lake Hartwell Veterinary Clinic, Royston Animal Hospital, Hartwell Animal Hospital, Blow-It Up Inflatables, Satchamo's BBQ and Jimmy Massey Funnel Cakes and more.

Registration is from 10 am–2 pm, Pooch Parade at 10:30 am, and Best Dog by a Dam Site Pageant at noon at Big Oaks Recreation Area on Highway 29 near the Hartwell Dam. Local veterinary offices may have the registration forms, if not obtained online. ■

Memorial Day Weekend, Time for Annual Hartwell Kiwanis Club Bike Ride

By Vince Jackson

Hartwell, GA—The annual Challenge of the Centuries bike ride is 28-years old. Held over the Memorial Day weekend on May 26 and 27 the event offers 35-mile, 100K and 100-mile rides over Saturday and Sunday beginning at 8:00 a.m. Riders will depart from the Hartwell, Georgia YMCA each day with an expected group of 350 to 400 riders.

Saturday's ride will move east along the Hartwell Lake dam into South Carolina over "gentle" terrain and will consist of the Smith-McGee Sojourn of 39.7 miles, Ruckersville Route at 67.3 miles and Calhoun Falls Century ride at 99.6 miles. On Sunday riders will head west, then north for more challenging rides: Ridge View



Venture at 31.2 miles, Pleasant Hill 59.3 miles and Assault on Dick's Hill 98.9 miles. Riders of all ages and styles are invited to participate.

Registration is online at imATHLETE.com or bikereg.com and registration is now open. You can save \$10 by registering before May 1. Just search for Challenge of the Centuries on the registration websites. Organizers say family members are welcome to wait for riders at the YMCA. Camping is available on the site and a pool is available. To reach the location from I-85 take Exit 177, near the GA/SC state line. Travel south on GA 77 and arrive in Hartwell, a distance of about 12 miles. Once in Hartwell turn R on to US 29—GA 8—Athens Street and travel .8 mile, turning L onto Opal Extension. The organizers of the ride, the Hartwell Kiwanis Club, say the event benefits the Hartwell YMCA, Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Boy Scouts of America.

Riders may choose to mix and match their bike routes to tailor the two-day weekend to prepare for the 2018 Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (www.BRAG.org) Training Ride. ■



Hartwell Lake Dam Run Set for Saturday, May 5

Billed as one of Georgia's most scenic road races, the Hartwell Lake run features 5K, 10K and Run/Walk events. Participants can enjoy the beautiful lake course while running atop Hartwell Dam. The 5K course begins at Singing Pines Recreation Area

in South Carolina and finishes in Big Oaks Recreation Area in Georgia. The 10K participants will start in Big Oaks, travel down Highway 29, crossing the Savannah River Bridge and continue to Singing Pines in South Carolina. At that point, they will continue on the 5K course to the finish.

Again, this year, Classic Race Services will provide result timing using an electronic system utilizing chip-on-the-racer's-bib technology. The system has been very effective in providing accurate and timely race results for everyone, according to race organizers. The 5 and 10K courses are USATF certified and sponsored by the Hart County Running Club.

Online registration is available at active.com or a mail-in registration may be obtained from the

Hartwell Chamber of Commerce. Registration must be completed by April 29, 2018 as registrations will not be accepted the day of the race. The registration fee is \$30 per person with a no t-shirt option fee of \$20.

Bus transportation to the race sites is being provided in front of the Corp of Engineers' office located about 100 yards from the Big Oaks pavilion. Buses will run every 10 to 15 minutes beginning at 7:00 a.m. to transport participants to the race course. The race is now in its 40th year and draws runners from across the country.

The top male and female runners for the 5K and 10K events will receive awards, along with the masters and grandmasters winners. Organizers say camping and lodging is available nearby along with restaurants, marinas and beach facilities. For more information call 706-376-8590. ■



Photo by Bill Powell



Photo by Bill Powell

Boat Poker Run to Benefit Meals on Wheels-Anderson

The Hartwell Lake Poker Run benefiting Meals on Wheels will bring more than 200 boats to Hartwell Lake and Big Water Marina the weekend of June 8-9.

Entering its 9th year, the Hartwell Lake Poker Run kicks off the summer boating season in the area. Boaters from all over the Southeast will converge at Big Water Marina, then visit five different scenic locations on the lake to collect poker cards. At the end of the day, boaters gather back at the marina to see who has been dealt the best hand. A cash prize of \$1,500 will be awarded to the best hand, with second and third place hands winning prizes of \$750 and \$500.

In addition to the action of the poker run itself, a morning boat "fun run" to Clemson and a night time sponsor party featuring a live auction and local favorite, The Eric Scott Band, will be held on Friday, June 8. Saturday, June 9, poker run day, will feature Radio Rebellion and Tailgate Home-

boys with music from 11:00 am until, including an after event party on Saturday night. Both Friday and Saturday will offer great music, great food and a great time! Even if not participating in the actual boat poker run, the community is invited to join in the festivities, all being held at Big Water Marina. Join in the fun and help support a worthy cause!

Online registration for boaters is available through Monday, June 4th for \$75. After the 4th, onsite registration is required and increases to \$85. Visit the Hartwell Lake Poker Run website at www.hartwelllakepokerrun.com or call 864.225.6800 for event and registration information.

All proceeds from this event will help feed the homebound elderly and disabled of Anderson County through the Meals on Wheels home delivery meal program. Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers over 400 meals each week-day and approximately 500 volunteers give their time to assist in this mission. ■



Dragons Are Coming... Dragon Boats, That Is!

May 5th, Portman Marina will be closed to the public for a private Dragon Boat Festival. This event, now 12 years in the running, is expecting around 30 teams of paddlers to take to the waters in a benefit for Cancer Institute of Greenville Health System (GHS). There will be as many as 1,000 participating in the event.



Partnership at GHS. Since its inception in 2006, more than \$2.6 million has been raised – money that has stayed in the community to develop transformative cancer treatments and to provide new patient survivor programs. This year, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the new Cancer Center for Prevention and Wellness.

Dragon Boat Upstate Festival is the brain child of Mary and Caleb Freeman, who partnered with the Dr. Larry Gluck of Cancer Institute of GHS and the Office of Philanthropy and

For more information, or to give to the cause, contact www.dragonboatupstatesc.org or contact the event coordinator, Rhea Adkins at radkins@ghs.org. ■

Hartwell Planning Big Events for Pre-4th of July Weekend

Mark your calendar for June 22nd and 23rd in Hartwell, Georgia. Beginning on Friday, June 22. Then, early Saturday morning the Lake Hartwell Olympic and Sprint Triathlon happens at Big Oaks Recreation Area, followed at 8:30 a.m. by the Pre-4th Festival with craft and food vendors, capped by the Fireworks Show at Big Oaks with music and food vendors from 6:00 until 9:30 p.m. The fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m. at Big Oaks Recreation Center-Hartwell Dam. A big weekend with something for everyone.



Participants must complete in less than four hours. Judges reserve the right to disqualify anyone who appears to be unable to keep pace. You must be at least 14-years of age to participate. The Triathlon is part of the Georgia Endurance Series, a calendar of triathlons across the state of Georgia geared for seasoned triathletes, age group endurance athletes and novices.

Each year the Bell Family YMCA in Hartwell, Georgia hosts the Lake Hartwell Olympic and Sprint Triathlon at Big Oak Recreation Area in Hartwell. This year the event in being held on June 23 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

The Sprint is slightly less intense and features a 500-meter swim, 15K bike ride and a 5K run. This event begins at 7:30 a.m. For registration information about both events online go to goraceproductions.com.

The Triathlon is comprised of a 1500-meter swim, a 40K bike ride and a 10K run, which par-

Hartwell, where memories are made, has a full complement of entertainment activities throughout the summer months. For more information contact the Hart County Chamber of Commerce at 706-376-8590. ■

Uncle Si Coming to Anderson Civic Center



If you are a fan of the television show Duck Dynasty you will want to mark your calendar for June 23, 2018. Silas Robertson, or Uncle Si, as he is affectionately known, is coming to the Anderson Civic Center along with his band the Sicotics (get it?)

The band is known for doing unusual things

as part of their act and will perform some of their songs including, “The Yee-Haw Song,” “Throwback Man,” and perhaps “Huntin’ Somethin.” Their website says to expect “a journey through music with straitjackets, rubber chickens, rhinestones and eclectic entertainment.” The band consists of Uncle Si, daughter-in-law, Marsha Robertson and songwriter Bridgette Tatum. The Sicotics claim they were raised on “good” country music, rock n’ roll and southern gospel and that their background propelled them to create a sound all of their own. This is the band’s

first tour and Anderson is on the tour schedule. Tickets will be available beginning March 23. This might be a hot ticket, so don’t wait too long if you want to see the Sicotics. Tickets are \$20—25 and go on sale March 23 through Ticketmaster (ticketmaster.com.) Showtime is 7:30 pm.

The website, unclesianandthesicotics.com, says “you never know what’s gonna happen, ‘cause they don’t know what’s gonna happen, or who just might show up! Welcome to the show filled with Faith, Family and Fun.” ■

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By GADNR,
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What's often called the Give Wildlife a Chance checkoff helps native species as varied as bald eagles and gopher tortoises, and eastern hell-benders and Georgia aster wildflowers. Here's how.

Conservation of Georgia's nongame wildlife – native animals not legally hunted or fished for – as well as rare native plants and natural habitats is supported largely by the Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund. The lifeblood of this conservation fund, created by state law to support nongame work, is fundraising.

The checkoff has been key in conservation

successes, including the recovery of bald eagles and a growing effort to keep gopher tortoises, Georgia's state reptile, off the Endangered Species list.

But checkoff contributions to the Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund are declining. They hit a new low of only \$113,600 in fiscal year 2017. Reversing this decline is critical to Georgia's nongame and habitats.

One reason why is that contributions boost the potential for the Nongame Conservation Section to obtain and match grants. DNR receives up to \$3 in grants for every \$1 spent from the fund.

This leveraging ability makes every contribution valuable, said Nongame Conservation Chief Jon Ambrose. "Donations to the tax checkoff are critical for getting additional funding from other sources," he said. "Even by giving just a little, Georgians can provide critical support and make a big impact."

Georgia's State Wildlife Action identifies about 640 plant and animal species of conservation concern in the state. The Nongame Conservation Section, which is charged with conserving nongame wildlife statewide, depends primarily on public support. Much of that support comes through the sale and renewal of DNR's eagle and hummingbird license plates, and through the wildlife income tax checkoff.

Help Georgia's nongame wildlife soar, crawl, swim and grow! Check the checkoff. ■

Young Wildlife Does Not Need to be "Rescued"

By GADNR,
Wildlife Resources Divisions

During the spring, it is not unusual for people to come in contact with seemingly "orphaned" young wildlife and want to help – but it is best to leave them where you find them, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

"When you take wildlife into your home, you often take away that animal's ability to then survive in the wild, where they belong," explains

John Bowers, Wildlife Resources Division chief of the Game Management Section. "In most instances, there is an adult animal a short distance away – even though you may not be able to see it. Adult animals, such as deer, spend most of the day away from their young to reduce the risk of a predator finding the young animal."

The best thing people can do when they see a young animal, or in fact any wildlife, is to leave it exactly as they found it. Situations become much more complex, and sometimes pose a danger to the wildlife or people, when an animal is moved or taken into a home.

What If the Animal is Injured?

Persons not licensed and trained in wildlife rehabilitation should not attempt to care for wildlife. In fact, Georgia law prohibits the possession of most wildlife without a permit. If you encounter a seriously injured animal or an animal that clearly has been orphaned, please contact a local, licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

A list of licensed rehabilitators is available at www.gadnrle.org (select "Special Permits" from the right hand side of the home page and

scroll down to "Wildlife Rehabilitation").

Why Wildlife Does NOT Belong in Your Home

Handling of any wildlife or bringing them into the home poses health risks for both people and domestic pets. Despite the fact that they may look healthy, wildlife can transmit life-threatening diseases such as rabies and can carry parasites such as roundworms, lice, fleas and ticks. Certain ticks transmit diseases such as 'Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever' and 'Southern Tick Associated Rash Illness' to humans.

Protect yourself and your family. Contact

the local county health department and/or Wildlife Resources Division office if you encounter an animal such as a bat, fox, skunk, raccoon, coyote or bobcat that appears to show no fear of humans or dogs, or that seems to behave in a sick or abnormal manner (i.e. weaving, drooling, etc.). The animal may be af-



flicted with rabies, distemper or another disease. Do not attempt to feed or handle animals. Pets, livestock and humans should be kept away from the area where the animal was observed.

The two most important steps you can take to protect yourself and your pets from rabies is 1) get pets vaccinated and 2) avoid physical contact with wildlife. As another precautionary step, adults should instruct children to NEVER bring wildlife home.

A video about this topic is available at www.youtube.com/GeorgiaWildlife, click on "Videos" to find the title "Orphaned Wildlife in Georgia."

For more information, contact a local Wildlife Resources Division office (www.georgiawildlife.com/about/contact). ■

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What You Do Today Can Reduce Nuisance Goose Issues This Summer

By Georgia Department of Natural Resources

The Canada goose is an adaptable bird and can live in a variety of locations, including open farmland and rural reservoirs to suburban neighborhood ponds, office complexes, parks and other developed areas. According to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division, any increase in the goose population, especially in urban areas, typically brings an increase in nuisance complaints.

"Geese that have adapted to people, either because they are being fed or because they are so close to humans on a daily basis, can become aggressive," says Greg Balkcom, State Waterfowl Biologist for the Wildlife Resources Division. "When you have resident geese nesting near developed areas like office complexes or apartment buildings, the geese will defend their nest against all intruders, and that in-

cludes chasing or charging people."

PREVENTION METHODS

• **Harassment:** Landowners who don't want geese on their property should first try a variety of harassment techniques, including chemical repel-

lents, mylar balloons, wire/string barriers, and noise makers. These methods are proven to help reduce goose problems. However, they do require consistency from the property owner and are not always 100% effective. Now is the best time to act because geese are just beginning to select their nesting sites. Scaring the geese away now will reduce problems in the future.

• **Reduce Goose Reproduction:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued regulations that allow for additional control measures, apart from harassment techniques and traditional hunting, to help address nuisance goose problems. One of those regulations is a permit for reducing goose reproduction through nest and egg destruction OR egg addling or oiling which prevent the eggs from hatching.



ditionally, it is a way to keep a minimum number of adult geese on the property without the population growing too large through years of unchecked reproduction."

The permits are available at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's website at <https://permits.fws.gov/eRCGR/geSI.aspx>. The website also contains useful information on the methods for addling or oiling the eggs or destroying the nests and when each method may be appropriate.

The nesting season for geese is just getting underway, and landowners and land managers who have problems with geese (homeowners, golf course managers, city/county managers, etc.) - especially during the summer molting season - may be able to act now and reduce their nuisance problems later this year.

It is important to remember that Canada geese are a protected species under state and federal law. It is illegal to hunt, kill, sell, purchase or possess Canada geese except according to Georgia's migratory bird regulations or other federal permits.

For more information, visit the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service website at <https://permits.fws.gov/eRCGR/geSI.aspx>. ■

The Courtesy Docks at the Green Pond Landing's Mega Ramp Have a Green Halo

By Matt Schell, Parks Manager

Green Pond Landing has gone green, iridescent green. Hydro Glow fish attractant LED lights now illuminate a green halo around the courtesy docks at the Green Pond Landing Mega Boat Ramp. Designed to attract all spectrums of fish to the cove, this pier lighting project will also draw anglers and onlookers to Lake Hartwell's brightest spot on the water after the sunsets.

"It is exciting to see projects completed that support recreational fishing and provide the public with

good access to the 56,000-acre of Lake Hartwell," said Anderson County Council Chairman Tommy Dunn.

It is important that we preserve our natural resources and maintain the public's enthusiasm for fishing and boating and provide a quality experience for folks utilizing our facilities.

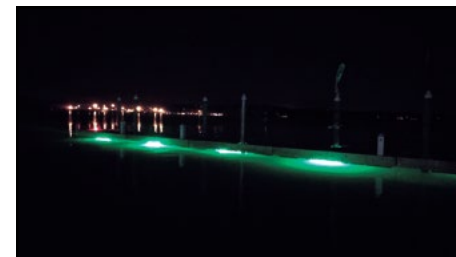
Hydro Glow Fishing Lights enhance and accentuate the circle of life in a fishery. The green lights boost microorganisms in the water column which are the food base for Shad and Herring; bait fish population in the area. The result is a localized variety of fish feeding or passing through the light

and dark water.

"This is the second virtual aquarium exhibit on the waters of Lake Hartwell. The Hydro Glow fishing lights were also installed in April 2017 at the Brown Road Bridge boat ramp," said Matthew Schell, Parks Manager. "Hydro lights are clearly visible on the water and from the Double Bridges on Highway 24, creating ambience for our local anglers and visitors to Lake Hartwell."

Project partners include Hydro Glow, Inc. and locally owned Isom Electric. Darrell Keith, President of Hydro Glow, is a 19-year veteran business in the angling world. Both of these organizations have been dedicated to Green Pond Landing & Event Center and Visit Anderson since the grand opening in December 2014. Craig Isom, like many, grew up playing

and fishing on the banks of Brown Road and was generous with his assistance to engineer the



one-of-a-kind lighting project on Lake Hartwell. Anderson County greatly appreciates their individual contributions.

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Time To Get Started on Getting Your 2018 Georgia Bass Slam

By GADNR,
Wildlife Resources Division

Catch five different bass species and you have a Georgia Bass Slam! The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) introduced the Georgia Bass Slam last year to recognize anglers with the knowledge and skill to catch different species of bass in a variety of habitats across the state, while also stimulating interest in the conservation and management of black bass and their habitats and 15 anglers managed to grab their own Slam - will you get one in 2018?

"Black bass are the most sought after group of species in North America, and for the Georgia Bass Slam we recognize ten different black bass," says Matt Thomas, Chief of WRD Fisheries Management. "The Slam challenges anglers to explore new habitats and different techniques to go beyond the species they normally target."

Georgia's ten (10) recognized native black bass species are largemouth, smallmouth, shoal, Suwannee, spotted (Alabama or Kentucky), redeye, Chattahoochee, Tallapoosa, Altamaha and

Bartram's. Anglers can find out more about these eligible bass species, including images, location maps and more at www.BassSlam.com.

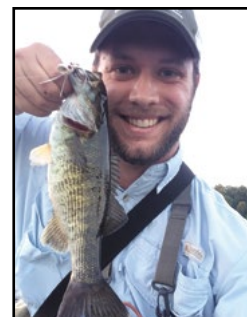
How Can You Participate? To qualify for the Georgia Bass Slam, fish must be caught within a calendar year, must be legally caught on waters where you have permission to fish, and anglers must provide some basic information on the catch

(length, weight-if available, county and waterbody where caught) accompanied by several photos of each fish. Anglers will submit information to Georgia.BassSlam@dnr.ga.gov for verification. Complete rules posted at www.BassSlam.com.

What is Your Reward? Well, besides bragging rights among all the anglers and non-anglers you know, you will receive a certificate worthy of framing, two passes to the Go Fish Education Center and some fantastic

and fun stickers (for vehicle windows/bumpers) to advertise your achievement. Anglers will be recognized on the WRD website, at the Go Fish Education Center, and through a variety of social media platforms. In addition, all successful 2018 submissions will go into a drawing for a grand prize!

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Hartwell Lake Fishing Forecast Spring to Summer 2018

By Preston Harden

As of early April, the Lake is full and the fishing is great. Stripers and hybrids are moving shallow and eating aggressively. Crappie and bass are also very shallow, especially around the flooded grass. I like to throw a scrounger quarter ounce jig head and a white ice Zoom super fluke Junior. The fluke imitates a Herring and comes through the grass without getting hung up. Soon we will be casting a white Sebille magic swimmer and by summer we will be throwing top water plugs such as a Sammy in ghost minnow. Crappie



Above Photo: Group from Michigan casting flukes in March, catching six at a time...

are very shallow and will eat tiny jigs and flukes under a small float twitched around brush and also crappie minnows

work great. Bass are on the banks and eating an assortment of lures.

As we move into summer, most game fish will migrate to deeper and cooler water. Stripers and hybrids migrate towards the lower Lake. Bass moved to cover 15 to 25 feet deep. Look for brush piles around points and humps. They are placed by fishermen and lots of them will hold bass. Lake Hartwell is loaded with hard fighting fish waiting to challenge all fishermen. I think Lake Hartwell is the best bass, striper, crappie fishing Lake in the South. ■

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Upcoming Fishing/Boating/ Recreation Events Scheduled for Hartwell Lake 2018

(Events may be subject to change and/or cancellation. Call Hartwell Dam and Lake Office for up-to-date information 888-893-0678.)

- 4-14-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing--Dawn to 3:00 pm
- Clemson University Invitational Regatta @ University rowing course 7:00 am—11:00 am
- 4-15-18 Clemson University Invitational Regatta @ University rowing course 7:00 am—11:00 am
- 4-17-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing 5:30—10:30 pm
- 4-24-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing 5:30—10:30 pm
- 5-1-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing 5:30—10:30 pm
- 5-8-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing 5:30—10:30 pm
- 5-13-18 ACC Championship Regatta @ Clemson University rowing course 7:00 am—8:00 pm
- 5-15-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing 5:30 pm—10:30 pm
- 5-19-18 Cowboy's Castaways Tournament @ Twin Lakes Landing—Dawn to 3:00 pm
- 5-22-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing 5:30 pm—10:30 pm
- 5-26-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing—Dawn to 3:00 pm
- 5-29-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing 5:30 pm—10:30 pm
- 6-23-18 Lake Hartwell Triathlon @ Big Oaks Recreation Area 5:30 am—1:00 pm
- 7-28-18 Cowboy's Castaways Tournament @ Twin Lakes Landing 6:00 pm—midnight
- Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing 6:00 pm—1:00 am
- 8-25-18 Cowboy's Castaways Tournament @ Twin Lakes Landing-- Dawn—3:00 pm
- 9-22-18 Cowboy's Castaways Tournament @ Twin Lake Landing—Dawn—3:00 pm
- 9-29-18 Tri-City Bassmasters Tournament @ Broyles Landing—Dawn—3:00 pm

Broyles Landing is in Townville, SC near I-85 and exit 11 Twin Lakes Landing is located on Twin Lakes Road in Pendleton, SC Clemson University Rowing may be viewed from the university boat house on the campus ■

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Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) Danger Lurks Closer to Home Than You Think...

By www.electricshockdrowning.org

ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING (ESD) Q & A

Never swim around docks and boats powered with electricity! Electricity Is a Swift Killer Invisible - Odorless - Silent. Consider these simple questions:

- Would you plug in and use an electrical appliance while taking a bath?
 - Do you realize that a boat with an electrical cord is a "plugged-in" appliance? And the water around the boat is like the bathtub?
 - Can you see any inherent dangers in running electricity to docks exposed to the harsh marine environment?
 - How well do water and electricity mix? Not very well, as we all know.
1. **What is ESD?** It's a drowning resulting from paralysis caused by electrical currents in the water. If the electric current is high enough, electrocution occurs.
 2. **What causes ESD?** Electricity leaking into

water around boats and docks using electrical power. These leaks come from faulty electrical equipment and wiring, and improper grounding. Beware, it may come from a neighbor's dock.

3. **How much electricity causes injury or death?** As little as 10 milliamps (1/50th the current used by a 60 watt light bulb) can cause paralysis/drowning. Sixty milliamps in the body can cause heart failure.
4. **Is ESD a common problem?** Hundreds of injuries and deaths have been documented (could be many, many more). It is only by witness reports or investigation that these events can be attributed to ESD.
5. **Why is freshwater more dangerous?** In freshwater the human body is much more conductive than the water itself. So, more current flows through the body in freshwater than in saltwater.
6. **Why are we swimming around docks and boats powered with electricity?** It's our culture. We have always used lakes, rivers,

and ponds for swimming. Then we added electricity to the docks for lights, boats, appliances. But swimming persists in light of the danger electricity presents.

7. **If you feel a tingle? Stop!** Turn around. Go back to where there was no tingle. Swim away! Warn others. Get out and turn off power any way you can.
8. **If you witness an ESD?** Turn power off, throw a life ring, try to move the person away with a nonconductive pole or object. Don't pull the person toward the dock. **DO NOT JUMP IN TO HELP** (you will become a casualty). Call 911!
9. **How can ESD be prevented?**
 - a. **Don't swim around docks and boats using electricity! Consider the ENTIRE dock dangerous.**
 - Find a swimming location at least 50 yds from any electrically-powered docks.
 - Post signs around your dock to notify others of the potential dangers.

Example: "NO SWIMMING, DANGER OF ELECTROCUTION"

- b. **Follow current codes and standards.** NFPA 70 (NEC) and NFPA 303 (Marinas and Boatyards) address electrical standards and inspection requirements for dock and marina safety (www.nfpa.org). The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) covers electrical standards for boats (www.abycinc.org).
 - Codes and standards protect when water is entered accidentally.
 - Install ground fault protection on all electrical systems used by docks and boats.
 - Inspect all dock and boat electrical systems annually and after periods of violent weather.
 - Only allow electrical work and inspection by licensed or otherwise qualified personnel.
- c. **Spread the word about this danger in your local community.** Visit the Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association website (www.electricshockdrowning.org) for more information and resources. ■

Boating Safety Classes Offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary



The Coast Guard Auxiliary Lake Hartwell Flotilla offers a 1-day nationally accredited boating safety class, About Boating Safely. The course starts with basics of boating but moves into navigation rules that apply on Lake Hartwell as well as navigable waters such as rivers, the Intercoastal

Waterway and coastal waters.

The course is tailored to either SC or GA and is honored by both states. The class cost is \$15 per person, with the book provided for the class, and \$15 for the book if desired to be purchased. On completion of the course a Boater's Education card and Course Completion Certificate are provided; and in SC a SC Boater's Card is also provided by the SC DNR. In SC this card is needed for youth between the ages

of 12 and 16 to operate a watercraft, and in GA the card is needed by anyone born after Jan 1, 1998. Most insurance companies will grant a discount of 5 to 15% on boat owner's insurance for having passed a boating safety course.

The scheduled course dates are on Saturdays, April 21, May 19, June 16 and July 21. Additional classes can be scheduled for groups for other dates and locations.

For additional information or to sign-up



for classes e-mail to CGAuxHartwellLake@gmail.com or call 706-886-6320. ■

It's Time for the Georgia Coyote Challenge; Participate to Earn a Chance to Win

By GADNR,
Wildlife Resources Division

Coming back for the 2nd year, the Georgia Coyote Challenge highlights how citizens can effectively handle nuisance coyote issues. This year, entering will be even easier, and participants can earn up to 10 entries in three separate drawings (between March and August), according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

"Negative interactions with coyotes are an ongoing issue for many citizens, from rural land managers to suburban homeowners," says John Bowers, Chief of Game Management for WRD. "While many hunters, trappers and landowners already make use of

the fact that coyotes can be taken year round, the Coyote Challenge emphasizes the utility of removing these non-native predators during the critical spring-summer period for landowners concerned about native wildlife."

Georgia Coyote Challenge

The program will run from Mar. 1-Aug. 31, 2018. There will be three drawings for a life-

time license (or the equivalent of \$750 of credit for hunting and fishing licenses or a prize of similar value). Participants may submit up to 10 coyotes (creating 10 contest entries) during each drawing period. Coyotes must be taken in Georgia to be eligible.

How do you enter? Take a photo of the coyote with your phone. Email that photo to coyote.challenge@dnr.ga.gov. Photos should include the entire, intact carcass. You will receive an autoreply that will provide a link to the entry form. Be sure to fill out the form and include your email address.

What is not accepted? Road-kills, spoiled carcasses, coyotes that have been ear-notched, and live coyotes are not eligible. Metadata on all submissions will be

analyzed to determine the date and location of the provided image(s).

The sponsor of the prize for the first drawing is Ace Hardware of Social Circle (www.socialcircleace.com).

For more information, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/resources/CoyoteChallenge. ■





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Cones are a Corps Cash Cow

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There's a saying that money doesn't grow on trees, but foresters at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Forestry Resources Office at Fort Stewart, Georgia, may beg to differ. They generate thousands of dollars every year from something that grows on trees – pine cones.

Next to timber, pine cones are one of the biggest generators of revenue on the installation, accounting for roughly \$80,000 last year according to Resident Forester Josh O'Neal, who is responsible for managing the land, timber harvesting and forestry program at Fort Stewart.

The installation is heavily populated by longleaf pine trees, which is native to the southern United States. These trees are typically sought out by farmers for their pine cone seeds.

"The cones do not look like your typical pine cones used for holiday decorations," said O'Neal. "Instead they resemble a long green banana. The seeds are used to grow young long leaf pine trees, which are ultimately planted all throughout the Southeast United States and on Fort Stewart."

Self-sustaining Program

Pine cones are not the only revenue generator. There's also pine straw, timber, pine stumps, palmetto berries, willow stakes and pine resin.

"When you think of a tree, you just think of wood products, but there's all these other resources they extract from a tree that can be used in products like cough syrup, bubble gum and medicines," said O'Neal. "I don't think people realize that we try

to utilize and harvest almost every portion of the tree."

Combined, O'Neal said these resources generate more than \$3.5 million annually at Fort Stewart, which helps support the forestry program.

Corps-wide, the Savannah District has the largest program in terms of staffing and revenue produced. In fiscal year 2017, the entire district program generated \$7.2 million, which includes sales from Fort Stewart and the district's two other field offices at Fort Bragg and J. Strom Thurmond Dam and Lake, according to Ean Jones, supervisory district forester. "The most responsible thing in a land manager's eyes is to make sure the land is productive," said Jones. "We try to manage our lands in a way that promotes forest health. Having our lands sit idle and allowing Mother Nature to manage it on our behalf, for the most part, is counterproductive to the Army's needs." The district hosts approximately 100 product sales throughout the course of an average year at forts Stewart, Jackson, Gordon, Benning and Bragg, and at civil works projects Thurmond Dam and Lake, and John H. Kerr Reservoir, where forestry products are widely advertised and sold competitively to the highest bidder. In addition to routine sales, Jones said the district also hosts emergency sales due to pine beetle outbreaks, storm damage, and to remove trees from construction sites that have severe time constraints.

"The revenue goes back into sustaining the program," said O'Neal. "We generate enough money to pay our salaries and improve the land, to build new roads, perform prescribed burns, etc."

Because the Corps' primary Real Estate

mission at Fort Stewart and other installations and civil works projects is to support military training lands, O'Neal and his team strive to be good stewards of the land.

"When we harvest these products, our goal is not to cut down a bunch of trees to make money," said O'Neal. "We make money, but it's just a byproduct of what we do. We are really just managing the forest to meet the Army installation's training needs and to help facilitate the betterment and restoration of any identified threatened and endangered species population located on the installation."

Habitat Management

The extensive piney woods acreage at Fort Stewart is also critical habitat for endangered species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker, a bird species that is specific to ecosystems where longleaf pines exist.

According to O'Neal, the birds live in cavities inside longleaf pines.

"In addition to enhancing military training lands, most of the timber sales are for the purpose of restoring habitat to support the red-cockaded woodpecker," said O'Neal.

Many woodpecker species build their nests in dead trees, but red-cockaded woodpeckers are unique because they are the only species that build in live long leaf pine trees."

"It is unique, because the two can't survive without each other," said O'Neal. "That's why we keep replanting longleaf pines, so that in 50 or 60 years the area will have grown up so the woodpecker can continue to have viable habitat," he said.

"Without foresters, the forest would decline



and endangered species would be extinct, so we are trying to make sure they are around and thriving for generations to come."

Money may not grow on trees, but when trees are managed to support military installations and endangered species, money is a happy by-product that sustains responsible land stewardship. ■

Secretary Zinke Announces More than \$1.1 Billion for Sportsmen & Conservation

This Year Marks \$20 Billion in Hunter and Angler Conservation Funding

By GADNR
Wildlife Recourses Division

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced more than \$1.1 billion in annual national funding for state wildlife agencies from revenues generated by the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration (PRDJ) acts.

To date, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has distributed more than \$20.2 billion in apportionments for state conservation and recreation projects. Allocations of the funds are authorized by Congress.

"American sportsmen and women are some of our best conservationists and they contribute billions of dollars toward wildlife conservation and sportsmen access every year through the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts," said Secretary Zinke. "For nearly eighty years, states have been able to fund important conservation initiatives thanks to the more than \$20 billion that has generated nationwide. Every time a firearm, fishing pole, hook, bullet, motor boat or boat fuel is sold, part of that cost goes to fund conservation. The best way to increase funding for conservation and sportsmen access is to increase the number of hunters and anglers in our woods and waters. The American conservation model has been replicated all over the world because it works."

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division manages more than one million acres of land, and helps

oversee fisheries management on over 500,000 acres of reservoirs, and thousands of river miles. Almost every project completed includes PRDJ dollars, including prescribed burning, invasive species treatments, wetland berm maintenance, prairie seeding and restoration, and timber stand improvement.

The funds, which are distributed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, support critical state conservation and outdoor recreation projects. They are derived from excise taxes paid by the hunting, shooting, boating and angling industries on firearms, bows and ammunition and sport fishing tackle, some boat engines, and small engine fuel.

Georgia hunters contribute to a \$1.6 billion effect in yearly economic impact. Angling creates an economic impact to the tune of \$2.1 billion each year. Together, hunting and fishing support almost 40,000 jobs in the state.

"These funds are integral to our ability to provide hunting and fishing access, restore habitat and manage species at the state level," said Rusty Garrison, Director of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division. "We greatly value the partnership we have with the Service and the Department of Interior."

The recipient state wildlife agencies have matched these funds with approximately \$6.7 billion throughout the years, primarily through hunting and fishing license revenues.

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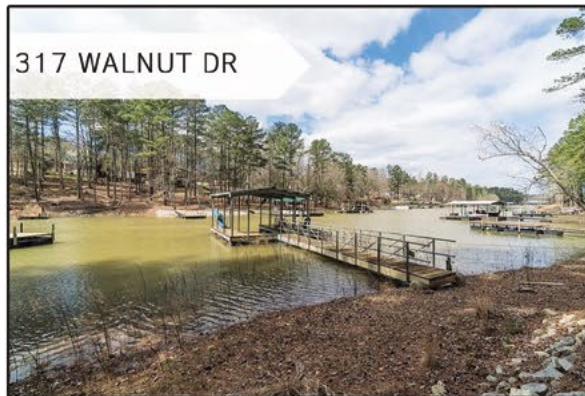
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