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29th Annual Lake Hartwell Antique Boat Festival

By Nicki Myers, Hart
Chamber of Commerce

Take a walk back to the lake days of yesteryear at Lake Hartwell on Saturday, April 21st in Hartwell, Georgia. For the 29th year in a row the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society will hold the Lake Hartwell Antique Boat Festival at Hartwell Marina. With the help of the Hart County Chamber of Commerce, the festival will feature an arts and crafts show, a cruise-in with antique and classic cars, music, food, and kids' activities. The highlight of the festival is the 50+ hand-crafted boats on display. Each of the boats has been meticulously restored by their owner, a result of many hours of sanding, painting, and work. Owners are excited to tell the stories behind their boats and show them off to admiring attendees.

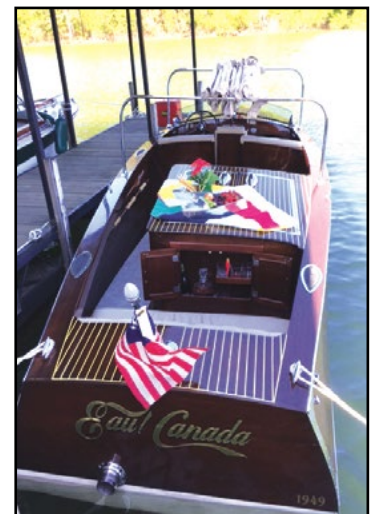


This festival marks the official kick off of the lake season. Come join the thousands who come out to see and experience this fun and free event. The festival goes from 10-3pm

on Saturday and parking for the public is available at the Marina. A shuttle bus can take you to the main docks for all the activities. Hartwell Marina is located just minutes from downtown

Hartwell at the end of North Forest Ave.

The Art and Craft show is open to vendors from all over region, just contact the Hart County Chamber to reserve your space at 706-376-8590 or hartchamber@hartcom.net ■



The American Couples Series National Championship Returns to Lake Hartwell

By Neil Paul, Visit
Anderson

The 2018 American Couples Series National Championship, presented by American Bass Anglers, will be hosted by the Anderson Convention & Visitors Bureau and will take place Sept. 16-21, 2018 at Green Pond Landing and Event Center on Lake Hartwell in Anderson, SC. The onsite registration and dinner will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018.

"We are so excited about the opportunity to have the ABA Couples Championship back in Anderson County, Green Pond Landing and Lake Hartwell after hosting them in October 2016. In hosting the Couples Champi-



onship, we found that the participants traveled to Anderson and made a significant economic impact to our community in addition to being able to enjoy our great facilities and our championship lake. With that, we wasted little time in wanting to bring them back to our community. Our community continues to be very supportive of fishing and with the commitment that Anderson County has made to improving

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By Neil Paul, Visit Anderson

The 2018 Ram Trucks American Fishing Tour Championship, presented by American Bass Anglers, will be hosted by the Anderson Convention & Visitors Bureau and will take place Oct. 21-26, 2018 at Green Pond Landing and Event Center on Lake Hartwell in Anderson, SC. The onsite registration and dinner will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.

Since opening in December 2014, Green Pond Landing has hosted the ABA Ray Scott Championship, the ABA American Fishing Tour National Championship, the GEICO Bassmaster Classic as well as the Wal-Mart FLW Tour. The Anderson community provides a multitude of

excellent lodging and dining options close to Green Pond Landing for the competitors, as well as many activities for the families and participating anglers. The competitors will fish Lake Hartwell, the 56,000 acre reservoir along the Savannah and Tugaloo Rivers, which spans part of the South Carolina-Georgia border.

"We are extremely excited about the opportunity to have the ABA AFT Championship back in Anderson County, Green Pond Landing and Lake Hartwell after hosting such a memorable championship in October 2015, where a local angler won the championship in a borrowed truck and boat. The AFT Championship was the first ABA event that we hosted at Green

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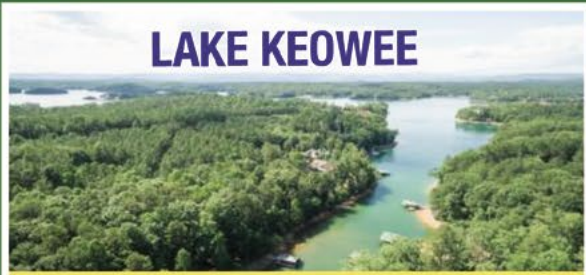
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Residential Lake Lots	59	\$6,888,999

All sales since January 1, 2017 as reported by WUAR MLS.

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Letters **to the EDITOR**

Just read Editor letter in recent News and cannot understand how the lake level, with all the rain we have had, has not increased the lake level in any positive way! The Anderson Independent Mail shows over 8" of precipitation YTD. Your article stated that the Corps said the inflow was 3500 cfs and outflow was 3429 cfs. Where do they get outflow #s from?? Is that water through the dam? Does it include water pulled from the lake by factories, water departments, etc, etc, etc. those

Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District, says inflow into Hartwell Lake is measured by the amount of rainfall in the lake's sub-basin. In other words, rain has to fall in Easley, Seneca, NW Georgia and only a small part of Anderson in order to impact lake levels. Birdwell said inflow is currently only about 60 % of what it should be in order for the lake to fill to full pool. Outflow is water released through Hartwell Dam and is measured

withdrawals need to be included in outflow numbers. Please investigate??

Thank you,
L T Brawn
Anderson.

Mr. Brawn, Mr. Billy Birdwell, senior public affairs specialist with the US

in that manner. Water withdrawn for municipal water supplies, industrial water needs and residential lawn irrigation is factored into outflow and is well within normal usage levels, according to the Corps. During the summer months riparian growth (trees and vegetation along the lake's edge) draw heavily upon inflow preventing that water from reaching the lake. Releases through Hartwell Dam are used to balance the three lake system of Hartwell, Thurmond and Russell for power generation. ■

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 with this edition. 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.

The American Couples Series National Championship Returns to Lake Hartwell— continued from pg. 1

Green Pond Landing, we expect to raise the bar on the service that our guests experience each time they visit Anderson County," said Neil Paul, Executive Director of Visit Anderson.

This event will be open to couples that have competed in four, one day events. These couples will be competing for the first-place prize of \$4000, and bragging rights for the year.

"Returning to Lake Hartwell is always a pleasure and our Couples love the fishing and the community support. Anderson County is the most angler friendly of any host community we have been associated

with, their support for the fishermen is second to none." said Morris Sheehan, President of American Bass Anglers.

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Since Lake Hartwell sits on the South Carolina-Georgia line, anglers can fish the lake with a license from either state. For Anderson County area information, call the Anderson County Convention & Visitors Bureau at (864) 716-3660 or visit www.andersoncountysc.org.

For more information on this tournament, call ABA at 256-232-0406 or see www.americanbassanglers.com.

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each competitor an upward path for individual angler progression. For more information about American Bass Anglers and the American Fishing Tour, the Truck Open Series, the 100% Plus Team Tour, or the American Couples Series visit www.americanbassanglers.com

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Pond Landing. In hosting the AFT Championship, we found the participants made a significant economic impact to our community in addition to being able to enjoy our great facilities and our championship lake. Since that successful event in 2015, we have been very grateful of the relationship we have with the great team at ABA. Our community continues to be very supportive of fishing and with the commitment that Anderson County has made to improving Green Pond Landing, we expect to raise the bar on the service that our guests experience each time they visit Anderson County," said Neil Paul, Executive Director of Visit Anderson.

This event will be open to anglers that are in the top 500 points standings nationally. There will be three new Triton Boats with Mercury Outboards, Garmin electronics, T-H Marine products, and Carlisle Tires on the line for anglers from over 30 states that qualify for this event.

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Hartwell Lake Seeks Used Christmas Trees for Fish Attractors

Reprint from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, www.sas.usac.army.mil

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Hartwell Lake Project Office will accept natural Christmas trees (no artificial trees) for recycling Dec. 26, 2017, through Jan. 25, 2018.

The recycled trees will be used as fish attractors in Hartwell Lake. Trees will be tied in bundles, weighted with concrete anchors, and then submerged in various locations marked with fish attractor buoys. All ornaments and tinsel must be removed before dropping the trees off. Wire-bound wreaths are not accepted.

"Small trees and brush provide cover for fish, particularly as nursery areas for juvenile fish," Corps Park Ranger Jess Fleming said. "In addition, they provide habitat for aquatic insects – essential food during the early stages of most fish species."

Christmas trees can be dropped off at Big Oaks Recreation Area and Poplar Springs boat ramp in Georgia. Trees can also be dropped off at Twin Lakes and Friendship boat ramps in South Carolina.

"These trees can be picked up by fishermen any time for personal use in other areas of

Hartwell Lake," Fleming said. "Trees should be anchored in 8 to 12 feet of water. Do not place Christmas trees in the main lake channel or around private docks."

Mount Lebanon Elementary in Pendleton, S.C. will also be a drop-off location. Trees can be dropped at the school from Dec. 26 through Jan. 18, 2018. The drop-off area will be roped off near the entrance to the school.

For more information, contact the Hartwell Lake Manager's Office toll free at 888-893-0678, or visit their website at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell>. For a list of fish attractor locations and GPS coordinates, visit them online at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell/fishing.htm>.

Share lines:

Don't trash your tree after Christmas. Donate clean, natural trees to Hartwell Lake for use as fish attractors. To find drop-off locations and details read more. #RecycleChristmasTrees <http://ow.ly/yasM30hjYqI>

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Animal Inn, Dead Trees Have Life! Animals Need Dead Trees Too...

By **Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Brochure**

About 75 percent of these drillers' diet consists of insects. The birds cling to trunks

and branches with their strong toes using their straight, hard bills to chisel out beetle grubs or flake loose bark in search of insect cocoons and eggs. Many destructive insects are consumed, such as the southern pine beetle, click beetle,

woodborer, pine weevil, carpenter ant, tent caterpillar, gypsy and coddling moths, chinch bug, aphid, grasshopper, and spider. There is evidence that woodpeckers and other insect predators help control outbreaks of some insect populations.

Carolina chickadees will hack out nest cavities in soft snags in a late stage of decay, but like many other species of birds, they nest in abandoned woodpecker holes and natural cavities in dead trees.

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Wood ducks, sparrow hawks, screech owls, tufted titmice, white-breasted nuthatches, and bluebirds are all secondary users of old woodpecker residences and cavities caused by decay and disease.

Snags provide more than homes and roost sites for birds. Fungi, mosses, and lichens grow on the decomposing wood. Insects chew and bore their way through the tree, providing food for woodpeckers, shrews, fence lizards, and even bears. Mice, flying squirrels, and raccoons den in trees. Bats, voracious consumers of insects, hide under the loose bark.

As the tree decays further and falls, its usefulness is not ended. Decomposition continues and it provides burrowing space for small mammals and some reptiles.

The skink and ring-necked snakes consume grubs, worms, and resident bugs. If the log is hollow, skunks, opossums, and rabbits may use it for shelter. Further breakdown yields rich woodland soil that nourishes the entire system of plant and animal life.

Most animals prefer snags rather than handmade structures for their homes, but too many people think snags are ugly or dangerous and cut them down. If a dead tree isn't a threat to your house or property, consider leaving it. Be an Animal Innkeeper.

When a tree dies due to disease, damage, or any number of possible causes, its "life" is far from over. Dead trees (also called "snags") are hosts to many species of wildlife. Saving these trees where possible can be very beneficial. These benefits extend not only to snag inhabitants but to all of us. Woodpeckers are primary excavators of hard snags or snags with sound wood and many branches left. Downy, red-headed and pileated woodpeckers as well as common flickers drill snags to construct their gourd-shaped nest holes. Hairy woodpeckers prefer the dead or dying branches of living trees.

Please remember, permits are required to cut or trim trees (live, dead or diseased) on public lands at Hartwell Lake. ■

Green Pond Landing Receives Grant from Fish and Wildlife Service

Anderson County recently announced the awarding of \$650,000 in Sports Fish Restoration Act funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service. Plans call for using the funding for expansion of the dock facilities at Green Pond Landing and Event Center, according to news reports.

Green Pond Landing and Event Center opened on December 19, 2014 featuring a three-lane concrete boat ramp measuring more than 280 feet in length to accommodate historically high and low water levels. It also has 166 truck and trailer parking spaces, and 113 single parking spaces for spectators and co-anglers. The facility is Americans with Disabilities Act compliant and is located at 4710 Green Pond Road in Anderson, SC.

News reported have highlighted Green Pond Landing in recent years as one of the country's top tournament fishing locations. Thousands of boaters from across the region visit Green Pond each year, primarily due to the quality of its facilities and easy access to I-85. The planned improvements will benefit Anderson County as the county strives to attract world-class fishing events each year. Green Pond will be the host site of the upcoming 2018 Geico Bassmaster Classic. The facility has hosted 15 major fishing tournaments since opening as a tournament facility in February 2015. These events have generated an economic impact of over \$27 million and attracted more than 16,000 partici-

pants since inception.

"In my mind, Green Pond Landing has met or exceeded our expectations on practically every level," said Anderson County Council Chairman Tommy Dunn. "We are attracting visitors and making new friends many weekends each year, and our local merchants are seeing a tremendous benefit from all the increased tourism. And our residents have access to a great boat launch facility free of charge! Everyone's a winner here."

On December 7, the Anderson County Legislative Delegation endorsed a request from Anderson County for \$350,000 in funding through the State's Water Recreation Resource Fund for additional infrastructure improvements at the Green Pond Landing and Event Center. Green Pond Landing also serves as a free-to-the-public lake access facility open to boaters and visitors year-round. Read about upcoming fishing events on Hartwell Lake in the Hartwell Lake News each quarter.

During December, Green Pond Landing and Event Center's three-lane boat ramp and hillside truck/trailer parking area will be closed for a three-month facility expansion as part of the planned renovations. The ramp will close until about March 9, 2018, but will be operational for all planned fishing tournaments. For more information contact Rusty Burns, Anderson County Administrator 864-260-4031. ■

Pennies 4 Premies Polar Bear Plunge

By Susan Martin

Grace Cromer, founder of the nonprofit Pennies 4 Premies, invites people to join her for the fourth annual Polar Bear Plunge into Lake Hartwell.

February 10, Lake Hartwell area celebrities and professionals will join Cromer in the fundraiser at Big Water Marina, a change in location from previous years.

"We changed the location this year because the number of plunge participants keeps growing," Cromer said.

Big Water Marina is located at 320 Big Water Road in Starr.

"Registration begins at 9 am," she said. "The plunge begins at 10 am."

Plungers can register now until February 1st by paying \$25 and will receive a free long sleeve T-shirt. After February 1st, registration is \$30 and shirts will be sold onsite.

"The purpose of the plunge is to raise money for families who have children with special needs and children who are born premature," Cromer said. "The money raised

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Tract 30 Chateau Estates, Lavonia, GA



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Lot 19 Vassar Lane, Hartwell, GA



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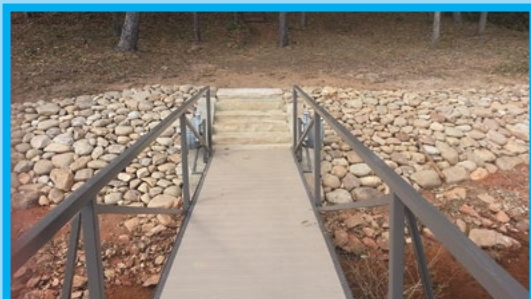
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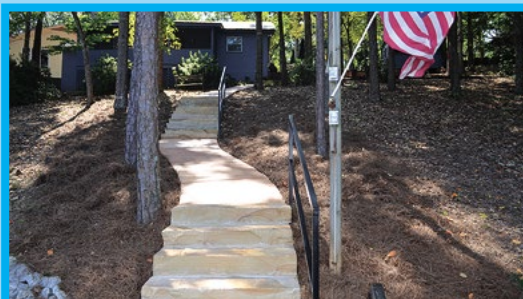
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Pennies 4 Preemies Polar Bear Plunge – continued from pg. 9

helps them get things that insurance does not cover. Last year we raised over \$22,000.”

Cromer created Pennies 4 Preemies because she and her two brothers were born premature.

“I wanted to be able to give back and let families know that there is someone who wants to help them.”

Cromer started Pennies 4 Preemies by taking small jars to local businesses and schools where she collected pennies and loose change.

“God gave me a clear vision that He had bigger plans for Pennies 4 Preemies,” Cromer said. “I knew that my story could be used to help so many.”

“I am a triplet. When we were born our parents were not sure if we would even live. My parents were told we might never walk or communicate. We are now very healthy and active. I knew that taking Pennies 4 Preemies to a bigger level could help so many people.”

Pennies 4 Preemies received its nonprofit status in August of 2014.

“I now have a board of directors and am an official 501c3 non profit,” said Cromer. “I am able to help The Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, Pediatric Therapy Works, Family Connection and many families with children that have been faced with prematurity or fami-

lies with kids with special needs.”

Through her nonprofit, Cromer is able to purchase hospital beds, wheelchairs, cribs, car seats, baby food, formula and other items that insurance will not cover.

A freshman at Wofford College, Cromer plans to graduate with a business economics degree.

“My plans for the future are to continue Pennies 4 Preemies and to start my own company after college graduation,” she said. “I love entrepreneurship.”

She plans to one day take Pennies 4 Preemies nationwide and help thousands of children and also plan to continue with her passion of entrepreneurship.

“I have learned to always stay focused and to follow my heart,” Cromer said. “I have learned that not everyone has the same vision as me, but that I have to stay committed to what God has called me to do. God has called me to minister to these children and to help change their lives for the good. I love these kids; and they are my best friends. Special needs children are always so happy and they make people feel loved. That’s what we should all do: make people feel loved.”

To register for the plunge, contact Pennies 4 Preemies at pennies4preemies@yahoo.com. ■

The Swingin’ Medallions Return to Clemson for Benefit Concert April 28, 2018

The Greater Clemson Music Festival and Clemson Sertoma Club are proud to announce the return of America’s favorite Beach Music band, the Swingin’ Medallions, on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Garrison

Arena. The Medallions have performed to enthusiastic audiences all over the southeast and beyond earning the moniker The Party Band of the South.

Writer and humorist Lewis Grizzard once said, “When I hear the Swingin’ Medallions sing ‘Double Shot of My Baby’s Love’ it makes me want to stand outside in the hot sun with a milkshake cup full of beer in one hand and a slightly-drenched 19-year old coed in the other.”

The Medallions provide the dance music and fun-filled atmosphere many of us remember from the 1960s. Don’t miss this opportunity to see and hear this legendary group sing all your favorite songs.

Tickets go on sale February 15, 2018 and are available online at clemsonmusicfest.org or by email at vincejackson529@att.net. \$25 per

person, couples \$45, limited number of tables for six for \$175. Those interested in sponsorships and donations are encouraged to contact us at this time.



The Medallions event is a fund raiser for Camp Sertoma providing a summer camp experience each year for disadvantaged and hearing-impaired children on beautiful Hartwell Lake. Both Clemson Sertoma Club and the Music Festival are 501c3 non-profit groups staffed by volunteers. We appreciate your support! ■

Freeze-out Domestic Violence at the Polar Bear Plunge

The Northeast Georgia Counsel on Domestic Violence, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable agency dedicated to the intervention and prevention of domestic violence, will host its 22st Annual Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, February 24. The Plunge gets underway with registration at 11:00 a.m. and the participants jumping in the cold water about 12:30 p.m., say event organiz-

ers. Minimum donations of \$150 are requested from each participant.

The Counsel provides a 24/7/365 domestic violence shelter for victims and dependent children seeking safety from abusers. This safe environment provides the time needed to formulate a plan of action to deal with the abuse situation.

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Hartwell Lake Fishing Forecast Winter 2018

By Preston Harden

As of January 1, water level is 8 1/2 feet below full pool and water temperature is 50°.

Fishing Lake Hartwell in the winter can be tough, especially if the water temperature drops below 50°. Crappie will still bite no matter how cold it gets. They taste better from cold water. I like to target them in the shade of docks and bridges. Brush is also a good place to look, especially around docks and bridges. They move into the major creeks in late January and February in preparation to spawn. I look 20 to 30 feet deep till late winter and then I will look shallower further back



Above Photo: Rare Lake Hartwell Walleye.

I use a 1/32 ounce jig and 4 pound test line. I like to use monofilament as it lies on the surface and it is easier for me to detect a strike as the jig falls. I fish vertical till late winter and then I shoot the jig into the darkest cover.

Stripers and hybrids become less active as the water cools below 50°. Small thread fin Shad imitations work best. By March they become more active, especially in the afternoon. March is my favorite month to fish

in the Creek. Fishing slow is the key to getting bit.

Largemouth and spotted bass will become more active as we move towards March and the water starts to warm. Get ready for the bass master classic returning March 16 to the 18th for the third time in nine years. That speaks a lot about how good bass fishing is in Lake Hartwell.

Please wear a life jacket while boating in cold water. Hypothermia sets in quickly. Your body goes numb within one or two minutes. Pick a pretty day, stay safe, and you might be rewarded with a mess of fish. ■

for stripers and hybrids and bass as they all move shallow to feed. We fish small jigs and flukes on light spinning rods and catch fish consistently with no bait.

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Freeze-out Domestic Violence at the Polar Bear Plunge – continued from pg. 12

The staff and trained volunteers offer immediate crisis support to victims of abuse through a 24-hour emergency hotline, as well as, TTY for the hearing impaired, and Spanish and other language translation services. Victims may call the 24-hour crisis line, 706-376-7111 or toll free 1-800-334-2836. All conversations and services

are confidential. Started in 1995, the mission of the group is to promote and preserve healthy non-violent, non-abusive interpersonal relationships through intervention, prevention, and education. Currently, the agency operates an eight-bed shelter for women and children with hotel/

motels provided for male victims. The Counsel provides domestic violence education, emergency shelter, case management, advocacy, therapy, criminal justice and emergency legal advice to those residing in Hart, Elbert and Franklin Counties.

The Teens 4 Teens program promotes healthy and respectful relationships, healthy choices and dating safety. The group deals with dating violence; basing their programs on Centers for Disease Control's Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships.

The Polar Bear Plunge will happen at

Hartwell Marina, 149 Hartwell Marina Road, Hartwell, Georgia on February 24. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes, oldest and youngest polar bear participating in the jump, with a special prize for the contestant contributing the most money to the event. Food vendors will be on hand providing good food. A chili cook-off is planned, along with face painting, balloons and more. For more information contact officemanager@negacdvr.org by email or by phone 706-377-4141. If you know of someone who needs help with abuse you are encouraged to call the 24-hour hotline at 706-376-7111. ■

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2018 Fishing Regulations Now Available

By Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division

Anglers can find all necessary 2018 fishing information in the new Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations Guide announces the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

"Any angler that is looking for new places to fish, changes to laws and regulations or other information should begin with this publication," said Matt Thomas, Chief with the WRD Fisheries Management Section. "Our biologists and staff do their best to make sure this guide book has the most current and accurate information and anglers can easily access it online, from our Outdoors GA app or in the printed copy."

The 2018 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations Guide provides helpful information, including color fish identification charts for both freshwater and saltwater fish, license purchasing information, contact information for Wildlife Resources Division and Coastal Resources Division fisheries management offices and DNR law enforcement offices, trout stream listings, public

fishing area information, state record fish listings, fishing regulations for Georgia and more.

The 2018 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations may be found online at <http://www.eregulations.com/georgia/fishing/>, or through the Outdoors GA app (free app for iPhone or Android users). Anglers also can pick up a printed copy at any Wildlife Resources Division fisheries management office or DNR law enforcement office or at fishing license vendors throughout Georgia. Office address listings at <http://georgiawildlife.com/about/contact>.

The Angler Resources page on the WRD website, <http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources>, is a great place to start when learning about fishing. New or experienced anglers can find information about taking kids fishing, reservoir and river fishing tips, fish ID information and much more. Additional resources include the Wildlife Resources Division blog (www.georgiawildlife.wordpress.com), where anglers will find current and "hot" fishing reports for different parts of the state.

For more information about Georgia's fishing regulations, visit <http://georgiawildlife.com/regulations>. ■



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Coyotes Released for 2018 Coyote Harvest Incentive Program

By S.C. Department of Natural Resources

For the second year in a row, the S.C. Department of Natural Resources has tagged and released 16 coyotes. Four coyotes have been placed in each game zone as part of the coyote harvest incentive program. The incentive program was created by a Budget Proviso (47.10) passed by the S.C. General Assembly in 2016 and 2107. This proviso directs SCDNR to develop and imple-

ment a coyote tagging and reward program.

Anyone who kills one of the tagged coyotes, saves the carcass for verification and contacts SCDNR will receive a complimentary lifetime hunting license. This lifetime license may be issued to a designee of the winner's choice.

Eight of the 16 tagged coyotes from last year have been reported thus far. Potentially, 24 tagged coyotes still remain that would be eligible for the lifetime license incentive. ■

Hunters: Help Control Coyotes and Save Our Deer!

By S.C. Department of Natural Resources

Coyotes first appeared in SC about 30 years ago and continue to expand greatly in numbers. Coyotes are negatively impacting our official State Animal, the White-tailed deer, by preying heavily on deer fawns.

Since 2002, the SC deer population has declined by more than 30%. While our deer population is still healthy, we do not want to see it decline further.

The Coyote Facts

- Average adult coyote is 35 pounds, but can exceed 50 pounds. Coyotes are mostly grayish-brown to reddish-tan; nearly all black is not uncommon.
- Coyotes reproduce in late winter, have a 63 day gestation period, and produce 5-7 pups per litter.
- As evidenced in other states with long established coyote populations, expanding coyote populations are likely to impact local deer and small game. However, overtime coyote populations are expected to stabilize allowing deer, turkey and small game to still exist in healthy numbers in South Carolina.

Where did they come from?

- Coyotes first appeared in the upstate in 1978, they are now present in all counties of South Carolina.
- Coyotes were illegally imported into South Carolina for hound running. SCDNR and Federal law enforcement has and will continue to prosecute for this activity.
- Eastern migration of coyotes has also resulted in natural expansion of the species in South Carolina.

What can be done to control coyotes?

Coyote Biology and Control - Upcoming Programs and Workshops contact: Jay Butfiloski, Furbearer & Alligator Program Coordi-

nator Certified, Wildlife Biologist®, TWS SC Dept. of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 167Columbia, SC 29202 Ph:803-734-4024 Fax:803-734-3691, <http://dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/coyote/control.html>

Hunting/Shooting

- No closed season on private lands
- No hunting license or permit is required to shoot coyotes on your property within 100 yards of your home*
- Electronic calls are permitted
- Night hunting is permitted on registered properties, or with a depredation permit. Certain restrictions apply, see Night Hunting Registration
- Check local laws and firearms ordinances.

Trapping

- Trapping season is open from December 1 through March 1
- Property owners with coyote damage are eligible for a depredation permit from SCDNR
- No license or permit is required to trap a coyote within 100 yards of your home. However, trapped coyotes may not be relocated.

Depredation Permits to Shoot at Night

- SCDNR Law Enforcement may issue a shoot at night permit with less stringent weapons restrictions under certain circumstances, such as damages to personal property. Please contact SCDNR for more information.

Warning: There are currently no registered toxicants for coyotes; therefore, the use of any poison to attempt to control coyotes is a violation of Federal and State law. The use of poison indiscriminately kills other wildlife and pets, and may be fatal to humans that come in contact with the substance. ■

Daylight Savings Times Coming in March

Some historians say Daylight Savings Time in the United States was originally proposed by Benjamin Franklin in a letter to the editors of the Journal of Paris concerning getting up early and going to bed at dark. "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 directed DST begin in the spring and end in the fall. The idea was to ensure more daylight hours for outdoor work activities during the summer months. The extra hour of daylight now means more leisure time to spend on the lake enjoying fishing, boating and other watersport activities. Early spring is the best time to do the required maintenance on boats and fishing equipment to get ready for a summer of fun and enjoyment.

Boat owners should be aware of the following checklist to ensure their boat is in top condition for the summer season: Inspect the fuel system for any leaks and replace defective fuel hoses that are too soft or are brittle and cracked. Check the electrical sys-

tem making sure connections are tight and corrosion free. Charge the battery and do a load test to make sure the battery can hold a charge. Inspect propellers and the boat hull for damage. Make sure drain plugs are secure before launching. Check cables, belts and hoses for cracking and brittleness that may have occurred during the winter. Swelling on the outer jacket of throttle, shift and steering control cables may be a sign of corrosion resulting in failure of the cable. Check all fluid levels and change the engine oil. Inventory the boat for life jackets, outboard fire extinguishers, cabin carbon monoxide detector, and become familiar with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Power Squadron guidelines.

Now, you are ready to enjoy that extra hour of daylight and feel assured you can do so safely on the water. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2:00 a.m. and will end on Sunday, November 4, 2018. ■

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Local Author Seeking Information About Seneca River Valley

By Vince Jackson

Before there was Hartwell Lake, there was the Seneca River Valley. An area rich in history where the Cherokee lived for eons, the Revolutionary War was fought, palatial homes and plantations lined the banks, and a University was founded.

Local real estate broker Russ Hebert III is gathering maps, photos and local lore about the time before the lake existed. Hebert is asking for help in compiling this important historical information. If you have any information such as; photos of events and gatherings on the Seneca River, where the popular swimming holes were located, hunting and farming practices, photos of bridges that no longer exist, and other structures that were lost when the lake was built, Hebert would like to communicate with you.

Using several poems by David U. Sloan as inspiration, Hebert hopes to chronicle the scenes that once existed along the river and explore why they are important. Sloan writes,

“On Seneca’s banks so often fished, Her woods and fields all I wished; There drove the deer, knew every stand, And chased the fox through brake and strand.”

Hebert believes that much of the history of the Seneca River Valley is being lost to time and those who have passed on and can no longer tell the story. The Seneca River originates

in northern Oconee County in the Blue Ridge mountains of northwest South Carolina. The river is approximately 50 miles long. Flowing southward through the Lake Keowee reservoir it mingles with the Keowee River near Clemson at the northern end of Hartwell Lake. Joining the Tugaloo River near Anderson the waters continue southward meeting to form the Savannah River. Most of the original riverbed now lies underneath the reservoir lakes. A short stretch of the original river still exists on Clemson bottom lands near the baseball stadium and football practice fields. The original river bed was isolated by two diversionary dikes built in the late 1950s, as part of the Hartwell Dam project that protected university property. Without the dikes; university land, including Memorial Stadium, could have been inundated when the lake was built. The original covered road bridge over the Seneca River on Old Greenville Highway was known as Ravenel’s Bridge after the family that owned property immediately west of Clemson College.

If you have any of the information being sought, or know where it is located please contact; Russ Hebert III, 864-356-1152 or by email russellhebertiii@gmail.com. ■



Poster Contest’s 28th Year Highlights Georgia’s Wildlife Diversity

By Georgia Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division

Teachers and students across the state are invited to honor Georgia’s wildlife and students’ artistic interests by participating in the 28th annual Give Wildlife a Chance Poster Contest.

The goal of the competition, open to grades K-5, is to generate a greater knowledge and appreciation of Georgia’s diverse and increasingly threatened nongame wildlife and their habitats. Nongame species (those not legally hunted or fished for) vary from rare animals and plants such as Barbour’s map turtle and dwarf trillium to common species such as the Carolina chickadee and tulip poplar.

This popular art contest is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the State Botanical Garden of Georgia and The Environmental Resources Network (TERN), friends group of DNR’s Nongame Conservation Section. The theme for the 2017-18 school year is “Nature at Night.” The topic highlights the various adaptive behaviors of wildlife as well as their interactions with plants.

Depending on when wild animals are most active, they are considered diurnal, crepuscular or nocturnal. Diurnal wildlife (including the chipmunk, green anole and most songbirds) usually are awake during the day but asleep at night. Crepuscular animals (like the big brown bat, common nighthawk and fireflies) are most active at twilight but may be awake during the night, too. Nocturnal animals (such as the southern flying squirrel and most owls and frogs) typically are active at night but asleep during the day.

Some native plants cater to nocturnal insects to ensure pollination. For example, yucca flowers produce most of their sweet-smelling nectar at night to attract the yucca moth. Sundrops, a type of evening primrose, keep their flowers open at night so hummingbird moths, green lacewings and other pollinators can visit.

After creating artwork based on this year’s theme and within contest rules, participants will enter their drawings and paintings at the local school level. Top school-level entries then proceed to the state contest at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens. First-, second- and third-place winners are chosen there for four divisions: kindergarten, first and second grade, third and fourth

grade, and fifth grade. The deadline for schools to submit state-level entries is April 13, 2018.

The top 12 state-level winners’ artwork will be showcased on DNR Wildlife Resources Division social media sites and displayed at the State Botanical Garden in Athens May 8-16. The State Botanical Garden offers a fascinating variety of plants as well as opportunities to view wildlife in the fields and forests. Admission is free, although donations are accepted. For directions, operating hours and a garden map, visit <http://botgarden.uga.edu>.

As a special perk for supporting this contest, each state-level winner’s teacher and one parent will receive a free bald eagle license plate, courtesy of TERN! For contest rules, awards, entry forms and other information, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/PosterContest.

The Nongame Conservation Section, part of Georgia DNR’s Wildlife Resources Division, is charged with conserving nongame wildlife, including native plants and natural habitats. Only a deep concern and commitment to these natural resources will ensure their existence for future generations. The Nongame Conservation Section depends primarily on fundraisers such as sales and annual renewals of the eagle and hummingbird license plates and the Give Wildlife a Chance state income tax checkoff.

Learn more at www.georgiawildlife.com or call Nongame Conservation Section offices in Social Circle (770-761-3035), Forsyth (478-994-1438) or Brunswick (912-264-7218).

Give Wildlife a Chance Poster Contest

- Theme: “Nature at Night”
- Emphasis: Generate a greater knowledge and appreciation of Georgia’s diverse and increasingly threatened nongame wildlife and their habitats.
- Teacher instructions: Have students design artwork that includes nongame wildlife and/or native plants. Hold a school-level contest. First-place winners in each age division progress to the state-level contest.
- Deadline for state-level contest entries: April 13, 2018.
- Top 12 state-level winners’ artwork will be showcased on Wildlife Resources Division social media sites and displayed at the State Botanical Garden in Athens May 8-16, 2018.
- Details: www.georgiawildlife.com/PosterContest ■

ACC Rowing Championship Returns to Hartwell Lake in May

By Vince Jackson

The Atlantic Coast Conference Rowing Championship will happen on the lake on May 13, 2018. With 56,000 acres of water and 962 miles of shoreline Hartwell Lake provides the necessary open water to support college rowing competitions. Views of the racing are available from the rowing boathouse located near the baseball stadium on East Bank Drive free of charge. Contact Clemson University for more information.

During 2017 the University of Virginia rowing team won the Atlantic Coast Confer-

ence Championship event on Hartwell Lake. The Cavaliers will be looking to repeat as champions during 2018, but other ACC teams, such as Clemson hope to have something to say about that.

Stephen Frazier Wong, head coach of the Clemson University rowing team, begins his fourth year at the helm in 2018. “Stephen is one of the top young coaches in the nation, and we’re excited to have him lead our program to the next level,” said CU Athletic Director Dan Radakovich.

Before arriving at Clemson Frazier Wong

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The organizers of the 2018 Bill and Jo Trent Anderson Regional Airshow, in partnership with the Anderson County Council are pleased to announce that the Royal Canadian Air Force Snowbirds demonstration team will be returning to our community as the headline attraction for next year's airshow.

"I can't begin to describe how excited I am to learn that the Snowbirds are coming back," said Anderson County Councilman Tom Al-

len. "What a gift to the citizens of Anderson County! My thanks to the Airshow committee members for all their hard work in getting the Snowbirds back."



"Anderson loves the Snowbirds, and they love Anderson! They're a perfect fit for our show", said Airshow Committee Chair Butch Jones. "We always get such a positive response from their appearances here, and we were thrilled to learn that they will once

again be joining us."

Joining the Snowbirds will be the US Air Force A-10 Demo Team and several other exciting acts.

Due to overwhelming demand, the 2018 Bill and Jo Trent Anderson Regional Airshow will be extended to two days! The 2018 airshow dates are Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th. More details will be issued as the show dates grow nearer. Make plans now to attend! ■



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was twice named Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year at Nova Southeastern. He tutored nine national scholar athletes in two seasons, five All-Americans, and his squad posted a 3.30 team grade point average each year.

Frazier Wong went to NSU after seven years at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He started out as an assistant coach in 2005 working primarily with the Tar Heels novice crew. In 2008, he was promoted to associate head coach.

Frazier Wong said, "Clemson has first-class facilities and a commitment to be a top-level rowing program. I'm excited for the future of Clemson rowing and look forward to building a nationally prominent squad."

Frazier Wong's first season (2014-15) with the Tigers saw Clemson rowers compile a program-record 3.4 team GPA and place eight on the All-ACC Academic Team. Seven rowers were named CRCA National Scholar-Athletes, while two others earned All-ACC and all-region honors. ■

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