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HEART OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

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The Bluffton Historical Preservation Society, in Conjunction with the Town of Bluffton,
Hosts Year-Long Lecture Series

The Bluffton Historical Preservation Society/Heyward House, which is the official Welcome Center for the Town of Bluffton, is hosting a lecture series. The series features lectures and discussions every other month, and will be held the second Monday of the designated month from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the locations designated below. All lectures are open to the public. The Bluffton Historical Preservation Society (BHPS) will use the \$5 admission fee to help fund the preservation and digitization of documents, photos, maps, family histories and books. The Society plans to use these historic components to document Bluffton's history in a compilation known as the Caldwell Collection.

The lecture series is as follows:

- October 9, 2017/Town Hall Auditorium
Speakers: Emmett McCracken & Jacob Martin
Topic: What it was Like to be a Kid in the Late Fifties and Early Sixties in Bluffton
- December 11, 2017/Rotary Community Center:
Speaker: David Lauderdale, Local Opinion Column Contributor, *Island Packet*
Topic: Lowcountry Life & Times in Beaufort County
- February 19, 2018/Rotary Community Center:
Speaker: Air Force General Lloyd "Fig" Newton, Retired four-star general, Commander, Air Education & Training Command, first African-American pilot in the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and Ridgeland-native. Newton is also the founder/promoter of the new Polaris Tech Charter School in Jasper County.
Topic: Military Stories

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- April 9, 2018/Town Hall Auditorium:
Speaker: Jonathan Haupt, Executive Director, Pat Conroy Literary Center
Topic: Pat Conroy Literary Center and the legacy of Pat Conroy as a student, teacher and mentor.
- June 11, 2018/Town Hall Auditorium:
Speaker: Jeff Fulgham, Bluffton native, historian and author of, "The Bluffton Expedition: The Burning of Bluffton, SC, During the Civil War"
Topic: The Burning of Bluffton

"To keep Bluffton's history alive, we must tell and preserve the stories of those who contributed to what Bluffton is today," Mayor Lisa Sulka said. "The Town is pleased to give the Bluffton Historical Preservation Society a place for these stories to be told. Please come and enjoy the tales of our town's culture and characters. I promise these lectures will make you laugh and smile and you will leave proud you are a part of Bluffton's current chapter."

Anthony Barrett, organizer of the lecture series, said this program brings some of our region's best storytellers to a local audience.

"The Society's lecture series is geared to gather stories from the region's academia, local personalities and other local folks who have contributed to our rich cultural history through their personal stories and current or former positions. Our speakers will mix their personal anecdotes of their Bluffton experiences as well as stories from their lives elsewhere."

For more information about Bluffton's Historical Preservation Society's lecture series, please call 843-757-6293. Town Hall is located at 20 Bridge Street and the Rotary Community Center is located at 11 Recreation Court within Oscar Frazier Park (located in the Bluffton Park neighborhood.)