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## In Brief

### From Religion to Reality

On Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the McCormick County Library, retired minister Jim Willis of Plum Branch will present his program entitled: *From Religion to Reality: The search for meaning in the world of religion.* Everyone is invited.

### Lasagna Dinner

The Mission Outreach Committee at the McCormick United Methodist Church will host a Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 5 until 7 p.m. The public is invited. The dinner will include appetizer, salad, lasagna, bread, dessert and drink. The proceeds will be used to support the "Rise Against Hunger" food packaging program and their missions and outreach projects. The cost for the meal is \$13 per person, or 2 for \$25. Tickets for the meal are available in advance. Call or stop by the church office at 852-2394, Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. You may also purchase tickets by contacting Bruce Motsinger at 391-3090, Linda Kidd at 852-2407, Barb Shelley at 391-4346, Connie Tremsky at 391-8312, Bob Struck at 391-8494, or Gail Gore at 391-8999.

### Pancake Breakfast

The Good Shepherd Men's Club is having an all you can eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will again be serving their famous blueberry, chocolate and regular pancakes along with regular or spicy sausage. Also included will be peaches and cream, coffee and tea. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Good Shepherd Church is located on Hwy. 221 on the way to Greenwood. Hope to see you there.

### Setting Up an Email Account

The McCormick Library offers free basic computer classes on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Join them on Sept. 26 for "How to set up an EMAIL account". Please call or stop by the library to register: (864) 852-2821.

### School Board Forum

A forum for the seven candidates running for McCormick County School Board of Trustees will be held Monday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Light of Life Community Church, Hwy 28 S., McCormick.

The candidates are Al Bell, Vertheema Chiles, Ansel Fambrough, R.C. Holloway, Janie Martin, Frank Kenny Puckett and Melody Wilt.

The election will be held Nov. 6 and voters will be able to vote for up to three candidates that appear on the ballot. Absentee voting will begin on Oct. 5.

The forum is cosponsored by the *McCormick Messenger* and the Public Affairs Committee at Savannah Lakes Village and is open to the public.

### Chamber Breakfast

The Oct. 2 monthly McCormick County Chamber of Commerce breakfast will be hosted by NHC Homecare of Greenwood and will be at the Chamber office, 100 S. Main Street, McCormick, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thanks to Matthew Johnson and Chris Price from NHC for hosting this event.

### National Life Chain

The National Life Chain in McCormick is Sunday, Oct. 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. McCormick is one of over 1,900 cities and towns participating across the U.S. and Canada in this year's National Life Chain.

The goal of the Life Chain is to show peaceful solidarity in our community for the sanctity of human life by standing for one hour - in silent peaceful witness and prayer.

Everyone is encouraged to join the McCormick Life Chain as they silently line the sidewalks at the intersection of Hwy 378 and Hwy 28.

Approved National Pro-Life signs will be held as messages of hope, forgiveness and love.

Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome. Bring the whole family. Small children need close parental supervision.

The National Life Chain in McCormick is a public witness of Pro-Life Americans standing for all life. Organizers can be reached at (864) 391-4420.

### Railroad Trail

Founders Day will be Saturday, Oct. 13. The Savannah Lakes Outdoor Adventure Club will meet at 10:45 a.m. near Huguenot Parkway and Rt. 7 entrance. An informative talk will be given by one of the members (Barry Russell). After your walk, enjoy hot dogs, homemade ice cream and refreshments at Kibby's Cottage. Your tax deductible donations are always appreciated, which help for maintaining and adding amenities to the trail. Everybody is welcome to come and enjoy the day.



People really got into it (the pool) for the ribbon cutting of the Talmadge Fitness and Wellness Center's new therapeutic swimming pool. Front and center are McCormick Senior Center Board Chair Arthur Banks and Executive Director Becky Moon with the scissors. -StocktonPhoto

## Fitness center cuts ribbon for salt water swimming pool

By Bob Stockton

"This has been a 10-year undertaking, and we've had to keep encouraging Becky for the past six or eight years," said McCormick Senior Center Board Chair Arthur Banks.

Banks was referring to the center's indoor swimming pool at a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating its grand opening last Friday afternoon.

The pool was planned to be opened with the Talmadge Fitness and Wellness Complex two years ago, but construction delays and meeting various requirements kept delaying completion.

"We've had a lot of setbacks," said Becky Moon, executive director of the senior center. "I never thought that it would take so long."

The finished pool is 40 feet long and 15 feet wide with depths ranging from 3.5 feet to 6 feet. It holds salt water heated to 92 degrees thought to be helpful for ar-

thritic joints.

"We'll have all kinds of water aerobic classes: yoga, thai chi and more," Moon said. "We have a staff of certified instructors and new membership rates and are looking forward to using the pool."

"This is a great accomplishment for McCormick and the surrounding area," said Banks. "Our board is elated to have a therapeutic pool for the community."

The center announced new membership rates: \$20 a month for the gym; \$40 a month for unlimited classes and the pool; \$60 a month for an adult and four dependents for classes and the pool; and \$70 a month for two adults and four dependents. Qualified Silver Sneaker members are free. There is 24-hour access to the gym.

The center is now offering a child watch program for parents with small children and offers rentals for its dining room and the fitness and wellness complex. For further information, call Josh Bentley, 864-852-3758.



This staff of certified fitness instructors stand ready to help Talmadge Fitness and Wellness Center clients get into and stay in shape (l-r): Chloe Findley, Jordan Stumbo, Makenzie Josey and Dee Tutt. -StocktonPhoto

## Bark in the Park set for October 6

The Humane Society of McCormick County's Bark in the Park will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the park behind the MACK.

Some of the activities include:

- Blessing of the Pets, 10 a.m.
- Agility Runs (try to finish or try for the top time)
- Ying and Yang Items (shop for free items)
- Spay/Neuter Information (check out for your pet or someone you know)
- Kitty Kakes - DogGone Good Goodies (for people)

for sale. They really are the cat's meow.

Canine Good Citizen Testing - Can your pet pass all 10 items on the official American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Test? They will have an official AKC evaluator. You can try to give your pet an official title.

BBQ plates for \$10 (with two sides). Tickets may be purchased at Lee Builders.

For more information, email aubie4854@yahoo.com

## McCormick author Wilson publishes first of four books about Revolution

By Bob Stockton

A lot of folks think that the Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party and Paul Revere's ride led up to the Battle of Bunker Hill and the American Revolutionary War, but McCormick's very own Terry Wilson has just published a book that tells about many other events and people that led up to the more famous ones.

A couple of dozen people came to the McCormick County Public Library last Thursday evening to hear Wilson talk about his *Genesis of Martyrs*, his fourth published book.

"I've written a book about my uncle, who was shot down over Burma in World War II and in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp for 14 months, and one about disabled American Viet Nam Veterans, but this is the first one about the American Revolution," Wilson said. "This is about the 'whys' that led up to the war."

He researched many books, documents, letters and old newspapers in Boston, Philadelphia and New York. This book, the first of what he plans to be a series of four novels, spans a period from the mid-1700s up to the Boston Tea Party of 1773.

"I was surprised by the many events that led to war, and there were many less famous people who played major roles," Wilson said.

Of course he mentioned Ben Franklin, John Adams, Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, but he considers Dr. Joseph Warren of major importance.

"Warren basically controlled Adams and was the leader of the Boston caucus that was the Sons of Liberty," Wilson said. "Warren also introduced a smallpox vaccine when that was a deadly disease. He was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill."

Other interesting events: Sam Adams never brewed beer (he sold malt to brewers); Patrick Henry's speech inspired a young student named Thomas Jefferson, and the British Parliament was considering abolishing the tea tax on the very same evening of the Boston Tea Party.

The man whose signature is the largest on the Declaration of Independence, John Hancock, made his fortune by sending ships all over the world to smuggle goods into the colonies and avoid British taxes.

"The southern colonies were not as oppressed by the British as the northern colonies, but once the independence movement began, they quickly joined in," Wilson said. "George Washington had a great deal to do with bringing support from the south."

South Carolina contributed mightily during the war, and also leading up to it. "The coiled snake with 'Don't Tread on Me' flag was created by a South Carolina man," said Wilson.

After his talk, Wilson sold and signed copies of his book. He can be contacted by e-mail at terrywilson@wctel.net



McCormick author Terry Wilson presented his new book, *Genesis of Martyrs*, about people and events leading up to America's Revolutionary War with Great Britain at the McCormick County Public Library. Wilson sold and signed copies last Thursday night. -StocktonPhoto

### Tour of Cemeteries

On Saturday, Oct. 13, Willington on the Way will sponsor a tour of five historic cemeteries: Noble, Willington, Guillebeau, Badwell and Calhoun. The tour will be guided by Wayne Sears and Marion Sturkey and will leave from Willington in two groups at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Tickets for the tour are \$15. To reserve tickets or for more information, call Sara Juengst at 864-391-2218.