

Sundays at Four presents USC Concert Choir

By Carol A. DuFault

The Sundays at Four concert series begins Oct. 7 with the USC Concert Choir. Concerts are held at the Lutheran Church By The Lake located at 100 Twelve Oaks Drive, corner of Hwy. 378. Concert series is not for profit and held at Lutheran Church because of accommodation availability and terrific acoustics.

Tickets may be purchased at the MACK, 115 Main Street, by credit or debit for your convenience. You have a choice of purchasing a season ticket for \$75 a person or at the door the day of the concert for \$25 per person cash only.

The USC Concert Choir is our most select choral ensemble and re-

quires an audition to participate. It achieved international recognition under the direction of the late Árpád Darázs and continues the tradition of excellence under the direction of Larry Wyatt. The prestigious Concert Choir has performed both near and far, performing abroad in such countries as Spain, Italy and Austria.

This ensemble meets 4.5 hours per week and tours during the week-end before Thanksgiving and sometimes during spring break. Foreign tours occur during the break between semesters or during spring break.

Their performances have included:

- One of 17 university ensembles

selected to perform on the Mozart Bicentennial "Masses in Concert" series in Alice Tully Hall of Lincoln Center.

- Performed Handel's Messiah in Spain in a series of concerts.
- Selected members of the choir, along with the Left Bank Jazz Band, traveled to London and Paris to perform selections from the Sacred Concerts by Duke Ellington.
- Performed in Vienna, Salzburg and Munich.
- Performed in Beijing, Xian and Shanghai.
- Presented concerts with the Jerusalem Symphony under Lawrence Foster, Sergiu Comissiona and Krystof Penderecki.



Ribbon cutting

The McCormick County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Saturday morning for Ree's Florist & Gifts. Pictured (l-r): McCormick County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Charlotte Tallent; McCormick County councilman Byron Thompson; Katie Gunby, mother of the owner; Jordan Brown, son of Vanessa and Quincy Brown; Vanessa Brown, owner and operator; Quincy Brown, owner; and Town of McCormick councilman Calvin Chiles. Ree's Florist and Gifts is located at 126 N. Main Street, McCormick (next to State Farm). Hours of operation are Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., closed Sunday and Monday. Phone number is 864-852-6330. -Tomara Moss photo

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Dr. W. Walsh, DMD

Walsh Dental Associates

Some patients find themselves reluctant to make appointments because so much time has passed since their last exam. It can feel a little embarrassing to admit that you haven't had a cleaning in a long time. And, even if it has already been a few years, coming in now can mean a big difference for your mouth! If you haven't been to the dentist in a while - here's what to expect: Whether you're a new patient at Walsh Dental Associates or returning after a long lack of exams, be sure to arrive for your appointment on time or a little early. If you're already feeling a little stressed over the thought of sitting in the exam chair, you certainly don't want to add the worry of running late!



Also, new patients should expect to spend a few minutes prior to the exam filling out some paperwork so that we can get to know you - and your dental history - a little better. Don't forget to bring any important information that you need with you, including your insurance information and a list of any medications that you're currently taking. If you have any questions for the dentist or hygienist it never hurts to jot those down for us too! Regular maintenance and coming in for check-ups is required for keeping your smile healthy and bright. When you aren't able to come in to the office in a while, decay seizes the opportunity and goes to work! So, don't be surprised or disappointed if you need a filling or two; most adults develop at least one cavity in their permanent teeth during their lifetimes. Having a filling done is not as big of an ordeal

as you may imagine! Walsh Dental Associates are as gentle with, and as mindful of, our patients as possible. Hopefully, after you've been through your first appointment back in a while and found that it was not as scary as you had thought, you will feel much better about your smile! Now is the perfect time to get back on track with regularly scheduled exams and cleanings, so please be sure to make - keep and be on time for your appointment. We will keep you on schedule by setting another appointment for a checkup in six months. Aren't healthy habits so much easier to maintain once you know you're back "on the ball" with them? We hope to see you soon for your next appointment and regularly thereafter! Let Walsh Dental Associates help you take control of your oral health after having it neglected it far too long. Once you start changing things, noticing results, and taking an active role in changing your oral health, it can be incredibly fun while giving you a healthier smile.

Submit nominations now for Women in Business Award

It is that time of year to celebrate and recognize the great work that women do for our community. The 2018 Chamber of Commerce "Women In Business Award Luncheon" will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Learning Center, 1680 New Hope Road, McCormick. This year's keynote speaker is Vera Stewart, Southern TV show host and owner of VeryVera mail order cake and casserole business of Augusta, Ga. Tickets are on sale now at the

Chamber of Commerce Office, 100 S. Main Street or you can reserve a ticket on-line at mccormickschamber.org/events, credit cards required. Please reserve your ticket early to secure your attendance at this great event. The Women In Business Committee is taking nominations for the "Women In Business Award of Excellence". Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber office or you can call and ask for a form to be e-mailed to you by calling 864-852-2835.

Florence approach does not stop McCormick's Gold Rush Festival

By Bob Stockton

A forecast of hurricane rains did not stop McCormick's annual fall Gold Rush Festival last Saturday. One of the event's better parades began shortly after 10 a.m., and the Main Street sidewalk was packed with spectators. All kinds of vehicles and floats, one with a quartet of singers, participated. The McCormick High School Marching Chiefs paused to play and dance for the crowd. Athletic Director Gena Wideman described the participants for one and all. "I'd guess we have about a thousand folks here right now, and more will be coming soon," said Police Chief Bo Willis.

Vendors lined up in front of the McCormick Arts Council at the Keturah south of the railroad tracks and on down toward route 28. Various booths were set up in the park behind the MACK, and its Guild Shop was open to visitors.

Entertainment began shortly after noon in the band shell and continued until the rains finally came at mid-afternoon. (See page 9 and 12 of this week's Messenger for more Gold Rush pictures)



New in the Gold Rush parade was this float featuring the Good Shepherd Quartet Singers (l-r): Tom Popejoy, Joan Stockton, Kelly Geisel and guitarist Jim Giles. -StocktonPhoto



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Monday, September 24
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
McCormick Chamber of Commerce
100 S. Main Street/McCormick SC

and

Friday, September 28
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Lutheran Church By The Lake
100 12 Oaks Drive/McCormick, SC

Note: This is sponsored by the Committee to Elect Wilt & Martin



Meet Vera Stewart

Southern TV show host and owner of VeryVera mail order cake and casserole business.

You are cordially invited to attend the **Women In Business Luncheon**

Thursday, October 25, 2018
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Learning Center
1680 New Hope Road
McCormick, SC 29835

Ticket Cost - \$25.00
Reservation required to guarantee a seat. Contact McCormick County Chamber of Commerce at 864.852.2835 or register on-line at mccormickschamber.org/events, credit cards required. **Ticket Purchase Deadline - October 19, 2018**

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Child Support

The following individuals are delinquent in paying their child support. A Rule to Show Cause has been issued for their failure to pay as ordered. Past due child support court date is Oct. 1, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the McCormick County Courthouse. Failure to appear can result in a

- Bench Warrant.
- Antonio Anderson
 - Steven M. Beasley
 - Tristian R. Beauchamp
 - Dionte S. Brown Sr.
 - Maurice L. Brown
 - James Dale Bryant
 - Lamyron Quintell Burton
 - Everette Crawford
 - Floyd Curry
 - Devin Drennon
 - Kentrell D. Freeman
 - Eddie A. Gilchrist
 - Martreal V. Gilchrist
 - Kyle Golden
 - Kasseem Harris
 - Jesse Wright Hendley
 - Robert Jennings Jr.
 - Anton S. Knotts
 - Hykeem McGrier
 - Dianne Renee Meeks
 - Emanuel Moore Jr.
 - Leon Moore
 - Richard K. Moore
 - Ranji Morgan
 - Reginald K. Morton
 - Anthony Murray
 - Royssi Norman
 - Antonio D. Parks
 - Fredrick L. Perrin
 - Franklin L. Reid Jr.
 - Jeremy Sawyer
 - Ervin Marquis Talbert
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 - Gregory Turman
 - Lonnie Turman
 - Glasco Williams
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 - James Wright