



Dock Bowick and Aeriell Corbett

Couple to wed Dec. 14

Sally Corbett of McCormick and Thomas Corbett of Lincolnton, Ga. announce the engagement of their daughter, Aeriell Christina Corbett of McCormick to Leslie Dock Bowick, son of David and Karen Bowick, of McCormick.

Aeriell is a 2012 graduate of Lincoln County High School and is employed by the Greenwood County Assessor's Office. Maternal grandparents are Sally Bowes and the late Douglas Bowes. Paternal grandparents are the late Roland and Ida Corbett.

Dock is a 2008 graduate of Long Cane Academy and is employed by the McCormick, SC Department of Transportation. Maternal grandparents are Katie Willis Lindley and the late Guilford "Gip" Kennedy Lindley. Paternal grandparents are Effie Louise Bowick and the late Leslie "Doc" Curry Bowick.

The wedding is planned for 2:30 p.m., Dec. 14, 2019 at The Barn at Sanderlin's Horse Farm in Appling, Ga.

Family and friends are invited to attend.

HSMC first big sale of the new year!

The Humane Society of McCormick County (HSMC) will be hosting an indoor "garage" sale at their two buildings at 210 South Mine Street in McCormick (right next door to Huddle House) Saturday, Jan. 5 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Nice selection of furniture, appliances,

exercise equipment, lighting, linens, kitchenware and decorative items with new merchandise arriving daily! All proceeds benefit the dogs and cats of McCormick County.

For further info or to donate, please call Rosemarie at 864-391-5001.

Birthdays/Wedding Anniversaries

January 4 - Steve Cameron, Royce Grizzard, Kristi Moore, Melissa White, Lee Banks, Malcolm Jones, Sheree Hill, Tameka Polly, David Young, PFC Derrick Worden, Ida Lowe, Bryden Wolfe.

January 5 - Lauren Baggett, Elizabeth Willis, Vernon Ramsey, Tim Wines, Steven Trantham, Danny Coffee, Bill Kelsey, James Crosby, Sherri Lee, Gail Russell, Greg Parks, Christopher Adam Johnson, Robert Cooper, Alda Brady, Eddie M. Harris, Kenneth and Deborah White.

January 6 - Adrian Brown, Rucia Cobb, Bobbie Lewis, Helen Ann King, Jackie Brown, Kristen Murphy, Susan White, Hannah Bertzfield, Michael Dansby, Louella Thomas, Giesela Stanton, Landarius Houston, James Mavity.

January 7 - Vera Robertson, Ronnie Smith, Naomi Andrews, Benji Garrett, Pamela Thomas, Edwin Lumpkin, Joe Slone, Herbert Wiggleton, Shaquetta Robertson, Barbara Hoffman, Bennett McCarron.

January 8 - Frances Corley, Mike Stribling, Martha Mueller, Lateidrya Mims, Thomasa Rodgers, John Allen Campbell, Candace Lester, Henry and Nina Young, Tracy Jester.

January 9 - Anissa Ann Parker, Zim Cannon, Alicia Mims, Janet and Scott Wilkins, Barb Barritt, Bob Rennie, Wanda Rogers, Nicholas Bowick.

January 10 - Daniel Lewis Dukes, Susan W. Buck, Wayne Reifsnnyder, Samantha Joe Quattlebaum, Yvonne R. Quattlebaum, Michael Cochrane, Lou Lee, Jan Panka, Sue Lundy, Burt Claytor, Jerry and Barb Berton,

Barnaryous Drennon, Shedrick Williams II.

Donations go to homeless

On behalf of the Upstate Continuum of Care, Meg's House is collecting donations for the 2019 Point-in-Time Count (PIT Count) which takes place from Jan. 23-29.

Donations of unused backpacks, blankets, handwarmers, pen and notepads are needed. UHC has a goal of packing and distributing 600 bags of supplies to persons experiencing homelessness during the PIT count. Please consider donating to help those in need of shelter. Donations can be dropped off at the United Center for Community Care 929 Phoenix St. Greenwood, SC 29646 through Monday, Jan. 7.

Want to volunteer? Point in Time Count (Jan. 23-29, 2019) in McCormick SC contact: Candace Timmerman Greenwood County Coordinator at 864-980-9405 or ctimmerman@megshouse.org.

Want to donate supplies? Contact: Candace Timmerman @ 864-980-9405 or ctimmerman@megshouse.org.

DSS expresses appreciation

The McCormick County Department of Health & Human Services & Department of Social Services would like to thank the following for their generous Christmas donations to the citizens of McCormick County: Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Buffalo Baptist Church, Mt. Zion AME Church of McCormick, McCormick EMS, McCormick Dive Team, McCormick Senior Center & those who gave anonymously. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by our agencies and the families that received your gifts of love. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!



Washbasin candles. -Tom Poland photo

Across the Savannah

The things we keep

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Hollywood props,

of all things, took

me back to family

roots in Georgia. I

was bored, a rare

malady, for which

the cure is a Clint Eastwood spaghetti western (so named because

Italians directed them). A scene in

Pale Rider featured a familiar sight,

a washbasin and pitcher. Familiar,

because I now own my late mother's

washbasin and pitcher.

Mom kept things from the past.

Many of the things she kept, I now

keep with good reason. They connect

me to the past, my family's past.

Outside of visiting family members' graves, owning some of their possessions remains the best connection.

They turn a bit of my home into a museum of sorts. They add something to my life that's hard to explain. It's more a feeling than anything, an awareness, if you will.

In those westerns something about a washbasin and pitcher seems inviting. They bring a touch of civilization to a Dry Gulch outpost. Add candles or a kerosene lamp and a man has light to shave by. Sharpen that straight razor against leather, lather up the brush, and go from a dusty cowpoke coming off the trail to gallant gunslinger. Head to the saloon, toss back a shot, and see if a lady needs company or a bad guy needs dispatching. No doubt both if you're Clint Eastwood.

A washbasin and pitcher sufficed until tubs came along. Some of you will recall *The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly*, where Tuco (Eli Wallach) is taking his first bath in many a week. A pistol-packing one-armed desperado walks in to wreak revenge on the man who cost him an arm. He's got Tuco right where he wants

him - in a bubble-filled tub. As he lords over Tuco, gloating, Tuco fires through the bubbles and another bad guy bites the dust. "When you have to shoot, shoot, don't talk," says Tuco.

Well, Mom's pitcher and washbasin never appeared in a Hollywood western but she kept them as memoirs. Growing up, she lived in a home without plumbing, something we take for granted in this gilded age of running water and electricity. Perhaps my grandfather shaved with that bowl. Perhaps it is merely a replica, but an authentic connection nonetheless remains.

Mom also kept two old wooden bread bowls. I have one. Its scars and scratches confirm how love staved off hunger. Hands long dead kneaded dough in that bowl and many a loaf of bread and skillet of hot cornbread came out of my grandmother's old wood stove. People still make fresh bread, of course, but they seldom use old wooden bowls, opting for stainless steel bowls and electric mixers. As for candles, they remain in vogue. Those cozy, flickering points of light create ambience in restaurants and add a festive touch to home come winter and special occasions. Paraffin has given way to glass bottles filled with oil, but unlike washbasins, pitchers, and kerosene lamps, we still find uses for candles.

I view my collection of Mom's keepsakes with no small degree of feeling. Besides being beautiful, the things she kept remind me of a time when everything was difficult, though folks at that time couldn't know how easier things would become. Today, we look at washbasins, water pitchers, candles, and kerosene lamps as relics of primitive days. We're glad those antiquated times are behind us, still we need to remain aware of how vital they were to our forebears.

I know that my great-grandparents and, for a while, my grandparents didn't have running water or electricity. Most everything they did required hard labor. The things Mom kept helped them live; they weren't props in a movie. They were essential to a way of life, a way of life we can only guess about as we flip switches, turn faucets, and pull a loaf of bread off the shelf.

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The McCormick Weather Report

By Bob Edmonds Measurements taken at Cedar Hill Rd.

	Lows	Highs	Rain/Etc.
Tuesday, December 18	33°	59°	
Wednesday, December 19	38°	55°	
Thursday, December 20	47°	56°	1.25"
Friday, December 21	50°	52°	0.96"
Saturday, December 22	40°	53°	
Sunday, December 23	32°	60°	0.13"
Monday, December 24	39°	55°	

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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 Jan. 14, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the McCormick County Courthouse. Failure to appear can result in a Bench Warrant.

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Tristian Ray Beauchamp
Demarcus Tavon Blocker
Dionte S. Brown Sr.
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