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In Brief

Anniversary of Massacre

Friends will gather in Troy at Lower Long Cane ARP Church at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, for the 262nd Anniversary of Long Cane Massacre. Eric Williams will present his new painting of Patrick Calhoun and unveil an Interpretive Wayside Marker. Chip Tinsley of Greenwood Historical Society will speak on the importance of the massacre in local history and its place in South Carolina.

Contact Jenny Hagan Kelly at 864-379-2753 for more information.

Blood Drive/Health Fair

Michelle's will host their semi-annual blood drive on Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the MACK Park. This year a mini-health and wellness fair will be included. Cornerstone will provide information as well as free Narcan. The sheriff's department will have a collection box to turn in all your unused, expired and unwanted prescriptions. Other vendors such as the police department and Rotary Club will also be available.

All blood donors will receive free pizza at Michelle's as well as a gift card.

Fundraiser

TFC Cafe, 1319 South Main Street, McCormick, will host a Valentine's fundraiser on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Enjoy dinner with a performance by Elvis impersonator, Jacob Eder.

The menu includes baked chicken, broccoli casserole, green beans with potatoes, rice with gravy, side salad, roll, red velvet cake and drink. Singles \$20, couples \$35.

Please call 864-852-3755 for reservations.

All proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels.

Bees Don't Bug Me

The next program at the McCormick Library is for ages 10-17 and will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10 until 11:30 a.m. This free class will cover the importance of pollinators, beneficial plants for bees, and a basic beekeeping lesson with a local beekeeper.

Every participant will receive a mason bee house kit and seed packets to take home. Live bees are not part of this class. Register soon, seating is limited. Email: mccormicklibrary@hotmail.com Phone: 864-852-2821

Cursive Workbooks

The Literacy Association now has cursive handwriting workbooks for adults, "Learning Cursive with Positive Affirmation & Inspirational Quotes." Call 864-852-3172 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to obtain one.

Open Enrollment

McCormick County School District will begin open enrollment for CERDEP/PRE-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact Pam Turman with any questions at 864-852-0620.

Wreaths Across America coming to McCormick

To find out all about this program to honor veterans, come to visit the Mobile Education Exhibit on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Food Lion parking lot. It is free.

American Legion

McCormick American Legion Post #19 is now open for event rentals. For booking information, contact James Burt at 864-391-7421 or Mat Hardy at 864-602-0256.



The Huguenotes Barbershop Quartet from left to right are Bill Updegraff, Bob Osterman, Gary Knight and Roy Phillips.

"Singing Valentines Delivered" returns

After a pandemic-related break in 2021, McCormick's own Huguenotes Barbershop Quartet will once again be delivering Singing Valentines on Monday, Feb. 14 in McCormick, Abbeville and Greenwood counties to raise money for charity. Over the years, the Huguenotes have raised over \$50,000 for such charities as the McCormick Children's Home. With that now closed, 100 percent the money raised will go to the Connie Maxwell Children's Home

which does continue to serve all of our local counties, caring for vulnerable children and their families. (For more information about Connie Maxwell Children's Home and their mission, please visit <https://conniemaxwell.com/who-we-are/about-connie-maxwell/>)

When you select your Valentines recipient and make a donation directly to the Children's Home, the Huguenotes will go to their specified location at a specified time, present the recipient with a lovely rose

bouquet and sing a couple of touching love songs to warm their heart. (Male recipients receive chocolate roses instead . . .)

It's easy to get on the "Singing Valentines Delivered" schedule. Just call Bob Osterman at (864) 391-5312 and have the name and location of your recipient ready. So, do yourself, your loved one and a very worthy charity a Valentine's Day favor and order your Singing Valentine(s) today!

Abbeville Area Medical Center and Abbeville YMCA form partnership

Abbeville Area Medical Center (AAMC) and the Abbeville YMCA announced recently that they have signed a partnership agreement that will allow the YMCA to lease the hospital's Wellness Center effective March 1. AAMC's patient rehabilitation services will continue to be housed in the area adjacent to the Wellness area and will not be affected.

The multi-year agreement will allow the Abbeville YMCA and hospital to provide additional health and wellness programming to the community. Facility hours will be expanded to 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and members will have access to all Lakelands YMCA facilities.

YMCA personnel will be on-site to assist current AAMC Wellness Center members to move memberships to the Abbeville YMCA beginning this week. Existing membership fees will remain in place through the end of 2022.

"This collaboration will help AAMC further meet its mission to provide quality healthcare and inspire healthy living," stated Cindy Buck, AAMC Interim CEO. "We are excited to have the opportunity to connect both our patients and community with more programs and services that will have a real and lasting positive impact on our area's health and wellness."

"We are very excited to partner with Abbeville Area Medical Center to expand the Y's programs and services to the Abbeville community," stated Brian Harlan, CEO, Lakelands Region YMCA. "By leveraging our combined resources, expertise and passion, we can truly move the needle on diabetes, obesity, heart disease, and so many other preventable conditions."

"The benefits of being a member of the Abbeville YMCA will only grow as collaborative programming is created and offerings expanded to meet the existing and future needs of the Abbeville community," stated Johnathan Bass, Lakelands Region YMCA VP of Advancement. "I'm excited by the opportunities that will develop as a result of a partnership between two mission based organizations."

If you are interested in finding out more about membership to the Abbeville YMCA,

call 864-366-8439, email info@abbevilleymca.org or visit www.AbbevilleYMCA.org.

About Abbeville Area Medical Center:

Abbeville Area Medical Center has been meeting the region's healthcare needs since 1919. The hospital offers a full range of services including a 24-hour emergency department, an inpatient and outpatient surgery center, radiology services including MRI, wellness center, diabetes education, wound care center, laboratory, physical, speech and occupational therapy, swing bed inpatient rehabilitation, Direct Health-Industrial Medicine, behavioral health and home health care. The medical staff includes board-certified primary care physicians and surgeons as well as specialists in urology, plastics, ear, nose and throat (ENT), and podiatry. For

more information about Abbeville Area Medical Center, please call the Marketing Department at 864-366-3364 or visit AbbevilleAreaMC.com.

About the Lakelands YMCA

The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the US, nearly 2,700 Y's engage 21 million men, women and children - regardless of age, income or background - to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Anchored in more than 10,000 communities, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.



Five generations

Beatrice (Bea) Wideman Gilliard (standing left) recently gathered five generations for a family photo. Sitting is Bea's granddaughter, A'Dayshae Truman, Bea's mother, Zelma L. Wideman and Bea's great granddaughter Jordyn Kennedy. Standing next to Bea is her daughter, Bena Thompson.