

## Farm Bureau Interest Meeting set for Feb. 26

McCormick County Farm Bureau will host an interest meeting on Saturday, Feb. 26 from noon until 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Education Center at the SC Governor's School for Agriculture located at 192 Gettys Road in McCormick. Lunch will be provided. Presentations will consist of membership opportunities and benefits, the Young Farmers & Ranchers Program, Women's Committee, Youth Programs, and more.

McCormick County Farm Bureau is actively involved in grassroots advocacy through the Women's Committee and the Young Farmer's & Ranchers Program. The goal is to increase activity in the county.

For more information regarding the McCormick County Farm Bureau Interest Meeting, please contact Cadie Giba at [cadie.giba@delahowe.sc.gov](mailto:cadie.giba@delahowe.sc.gov).

The South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation is a grassroots, non-profit organization that celebrates and supports family farmers, locally grown food and our rural lands through legislative advocacy, education and community outreach. The organization, founded in 1944, serves more than 90,000 member families in 47 chapters. For more information, please visit [www.scfb.org](http://www.scfb.org).

## Life Line Screening coming to McCormick

Residents living in and around McCormick can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Good Shepherd Catholic Church will host this community event on March 4. The site is located at 1401 Greenwood Highway in McCormick.

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retrieve the marijuana which she produced from her pants pocket, and it weighed approximately two grams.

Deputies conducted a search of the vehicle and recovered a meth pipe. The drivers and passengers' information was run through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and dispatch advised the driver's license was suspended for driving under suspension, third offense.

The driver was arrested and transported to the detention center for booking and processing. The passenger was written a citation of simple possession of marijuana and released.

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Deputies were traveling southbound on highway 28 south near Parksville when they observed a white van driving at a high rate of speed and passing on a double yellow line. They locked their radar unit in at 62 miles per hour in a 40 mph speed zone, stopped the vehicle and approached the driver.

The driver informed deputies he did not have a driver's license and provided a fictitious name, but deputies identified him by a credit card he had in his possession. Deputies confirmed the driver had no driver's license through DMV.

The subject was arrested and transported to the detention center for booking and processing. A passenger in the van who held a valid driver's license was permitted to drive the van from the scene.

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Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Airport and Whitetown Roads for a stop sign violation. The driver informed deputies his license was suspended. Dispatch confirmed that the license was suspended, and he was adjudicated as a habitual offender for driving under suspension.

Deputies advised the subject he would be arrested and his vehicle towed. The driver informed deputies there was a handgun in the glove box of the vehicle, and deputies removed a 9 mm pistol from the glove box. They ran the weapon's serial number which came back clear.

An NCIC check of the driver indicated he was prohibited from possessing a firearm in the State of SC. The subject was arrested and transported to the detention center for booking and processing charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and driving while adjudicated a habitual offender.

## Al-Anon and AA meetings

• **Al-Anon Meeting at 5 p.m. on Fridays at McCormick United Methodist Church\***

Al-Anon members are people just like you who are worried about someone else's drinking or addiction issues. Family members and friends of an alcoholic or addict have the opportunity to learn from the experiences of others who have faced similar situations.

• **Happy Hour Group-AA Meeting at 5 p.m. on Fridays at McCormick United Methodist Church\***

Speaker/Discussion: These meetings are for anyone who has a desire to stop drinking.

\*Entrance for either Friday meeting is through the fellowship hall located behind the church.

• **McCormick Group-AA Meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at The Talmadge Center, 1319 S. Main St.\*\***

Step Study: Closed meeting for anyone who has a desire to stop drinking.

• **McCormick Group-AA Meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at The Talmadge Center, 1319 S. Main St.\*\***

Big Book Study: Open to anyone who wants to learn more about alcoholism.

\*\*Use the main parking lot and entrance.



The Geechee Gullah Ring Shouters entertained a sold-out house at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church last Saturday afternoon. The cast of two men and six women were equipped with just a washboard, rhythm stick and their own clapping as they sang, shuffled and stomped in the manner of African slaves in the West Indies and US. The ring shout, or praise break, was Christianized and practiced by Gullah people in the coastal islands and in some churches. -StocktonPhoto

## Sell-out crowd comes to hear Ring Shouters

By Bob Stockton

The Geechee Gullah Ring Shouters paid another visit to McCormick last Saturday afternoon, but it was different than their previous visit about eight years or so ago.

Internationally known for their historical and educational performances, the Geechee Gullah Ring Shouters have performed at cultural festivals all over the US and Europe. They've been featured in movies, TV documentaries and at the Vatican on World Family Day.

The Shouters have appeared on the same bill with Aretha Franklin, in the new Roots movie and before a crowd of more than 20,000 people.

Every one of the six women and two men performers can trace their lineage to ancestors in Africa. They danced, sang, clapped and played their instruments: a washboard and rhythm stick.

"Education is what we do," a cast member said.

Their earlier celebration of culture years ago was at the Mims Community Center, which was a presenter of this most recent one. The Willington African American Cultural Center shared in the presentation, this time at the New Hope Baptist Church Learning and Development Center.

The Shouters sold out all 150 tickets. A supper of soup, cornbread and cake concluded the event.



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ready been removed.

"Demolition will require heavy equipment and one-to-two weeks time," said Robert Bradley. "Our goal is to have a clean, safe, level pad for future development.

"The point will be developed," Bradley said. "We still think a condominium is a good project, but there are a lot of other projects to consider, too. It's probably going to take a couple of years before something will be there."

New builder Impresa has moved into a 250,000 square foot facility in Greenwood and will be delivering modules at the rate of one home per week by the end of February. When its two production lines will be in production, the company will be able to complete 700 homes annually for the southeastern US.

The Impresa high-end modules are particularly suited to the Village's "downslope" lots, and many of those were "just sitting" because of increased construction costs. Impresa's first module is expected this week.

The developer is working with local builders Lee Builders and Capital Home Builders and four others. It now employs 15 people: a broker in charge; four support staffers, and 10 full-time agents.

It has represented the Village at the Ideal Living trade shows in Chicago and New York, which generated 800 new leads each, and will be in Washington, DC and New Jersey in the next month. It is advertising in SC and GA newspapers, local media beginning Masters week and with Ideal Living, which named the Village one of the top 100 best places to live.

It was also announced that Savannah Lakes Village recently received the 2022 Top Community designation by Private Communities.com – one of the most popular online portals featuring master-planned developments from across the country.

A membership communications survey confirmed the value of Neighborlink, SLV's twice-daily communications media. It's the primary medium for 81 percent of Villagers, and 79 percent of them read it twice daily. Just 54 percent log onto the Village website and say it needs to be more user-friendly.

Fifty-five percent would like a weekly newsletter and an improved monthly events calendar. There is a preference for meetings to be both in-person and virtual and the ability to send suggestions electronically.

## Literacy Association

If you need help with resumes or information on resume building and copying for the upcoming job fairs, call the McCormick County Literacy Association at 864-852-3172 for an appointment.

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