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In Brief

Authors Night March 3

Maris Lawyer, the winner of the 2020 South Carolina Novel Prize will speak at the McCormick Library on Thursday, March 3 at 6 p.m. She will discuss her debut novel *Blue Line Down*, a breakneck tale of betrayal, loyalty, and unexpected homecoming that spans from West Virginia to South Carolina during the 1920s. The presentation will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments.

HSMC Store Wide Sale

Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thrift Store Building – everything will be 20 percent off regular prices – nothing held back. Furniture Showroom building will offer all furniture at a 10 percent discount with lots of great deals. 210 South Mine Street. Located across from Burger King and next door to Huddle House.

All proceeds benefit the dogs and cats of McCormick County.

Recreation News

The Recreation Department has extended registration for baseball/softball until March 7. This is for boys and girls ages 4 to 12. You may register at the Administration Center (next to Food Lion) Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Recreation Department along with volunteers are hosting a registration/practice day this Sunday at 1 p.m. at the baseball complex. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served.

Livestock Association

The next meeting of the McCormick County Livestock Association will be Tuesday March 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the S.C. Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe at the Education Center on Tomb Rd (the old Wilderness Camp). A cheeseburger supper will be served by the de la Howe farm crew. The topic of the program will be the new SCATE (S.C. Agricultural Tax Exemption) card that will be required for farm and forestry supplies and equipment. Aaron Wood with the S.C. Department of Agriculture will be the guest speaker. Guests are welcomed.

If you plan to attend, call the McCormick County Extension meeting registration line at 864-852-3259 by noon Friday, March 4. Please tell which meeting you are registering for and who will be attending.

Trip to Hamricks

McCormick Area Transit (MAT) will be taking a trip to Hamricks in North Augusta March 10. The bus will leave from MAT parking lot at 8 a.m. The trip is free of charge and space is limited. Please call 864-465-2626 to reserve your seat.

American Legion Post No. 19

Yard sale April 2, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. To secure a table, contact Mat Hardy, 864-602-0256 or Vivian Jennings, 864-602-0341. Inside table \$20; outside \$15.

Meetings

The American Legion will meet twice a month starting March 7 and March 21 at 7 p.m. on McCracken Street. Contact Commander James F. Burt, 864-391-7421 or Mat Hardy for more information. All veterans, past or present members and visitors are invited.

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.



New hosts of WZLA's Sunday Morning Gospel

Joy Bell Turman and her brother, Al Bell, are the new hosts of WZLA's Sunday Morning Gospel. The show airs from 7-11 a.m. every Sunday. Joy and Al are lifelong residents of McCormick. You can listen by tuning into 92.9 FM, WZLARadio.com, West Carolina Tel Channel 20 or by telling Alexa to, "Tune in to WZLA Radio." You can also call in to request your favorite gospel song or to simply show them some love by calling 864-366-0929.

Framed John de la Howe document presented to Tim Keown by Bob Edmonds

The South Carolina Governor's School for Agriculture at de la Howe (JDLH) is a public residential high school focused on providing a unique and challenging agricultural education program. Located in McCormick, SC, on 1,310 acres of forest and farmland, student's grades 10th-12th can receive hands-on training in the fields of agribusiness, forestry, equipment operation, land management, food science, and more.

Bob Edmonds presented this framed document to Tim Keown, president of the Governor's School. The tattered prescription and counsel was issued by Dr. John de la Howe to Patrick Calhoun and his wife Martha Caldwell Calhoun in c1790, parents of John C. Calhoun. The very rare document is the only existing medical document signed by Dr. John de la Howe. The document reads:

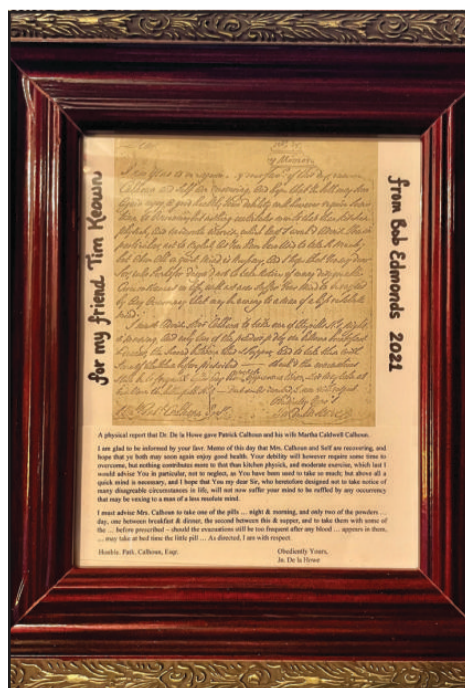
I am glad to be informed by your favor. Memo of this day that Mrs. Calhoun and Self are recovering, and hope that ye both may soon again enjoy good health. Your debility will however require some time to overcome, but nothing contributes more to that than kitchen physick, and moderate exercise, which last I would advise You in particular, not to neglect, as You have been used to take so much; but above all a quick mind is necessary, and I hope that You my dear Sir, who heretofore designed not to take notice of many disagreeable circumstances in life, will not now suffer your mind to be ruffled by any occurrency that

may be vexing to a man of a less resolute mind.

I must advise Mrs. Calhoun to take one of the pills ... night & morning, and only two of the powders ... day, one between breakfast & dinner, the second between this & supper, and to take them with some of the ... before prescribed – should the evacuations still be too frequent after any blood ... appears in them, ... may take at bed time the little pill ... As directed, I am with respect.

Obediently Yours,
Jn. De la Howe

Honble. Patk. Calhoun, Esqr.



Dr. John de la Howe document, a prescription to Patrick and Martha Caldwell Calhoun, parents of John C. Calhoun, c1790.



This very rare Dr. John de la Howe document (c1790) being presented to Governor's School president Tim Keown (left) was gifted to Bob Edmonds by Erskine College president Dr. J. M. Lesesne more than fifty years ago.

SBVFD looking for firefighters and support staff

By Bob Stockton

The Sandy Branch Volunteer Fire Department (SBVFD) is recruiting firefighters and support staff.

"The SBVFD was established in 1977 and serves the western section of McCormick County," said Chief Robert Morris. "In 1990, Savannah Lakes Village began to be developed, two volunteer fire stations were built and one fire truck was purchased."

Currently, Station #1 is located on Holiday Road and houses one ladder truck, one engine and a brush truck. Station #2 is located on Huguenot Parkway and houses one engine and one heavy rescue pumper as well as a hazardous materials response trailer.

The Sandy Branch District encompasses 45 square miles, but the department responds outside that area when needed.

"SBVFD relies solely on volunteers," Morris said. "Our department's roster includes 34 members consisting of 22 firefighters and 18 First Responders and includes six members that support a dual role of firefighter/First Responder."

The number of fire and first responder calls has risen consistently over the past few years.

"We are looking for team-oriented, community-minded people to serve with our team," said Morris. "We will provide the training recruits need to become either a firefighter or support staff member."

"Come and join us...be part of the tradition, the excitement and the community," Morris said.