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## In Brief

### Poll manager applications being accepted

The county Board of Voter Registration and Elections is accepting applications from individuals who are interested in filling possible poll manager vacancies in the 2022 elections. Applicants must be registered to vote in South Carolina to be eligible. Applications are available by calling the Election Office at (864) 852-2089 or in person at the Voter Registration and Elections office in the County Administrative Office Building, 610 South Mine St.

### Fish Fry

Good Shepherd Men's Club will be holding its first Lenten Fish Fry Friday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for the menu of deep fried fish, French fries, cole slaw, and cookies will be available for the price of \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. For tickets, please call David McKloskey 391-4445 or Jack Nickol 391-5556. Good Shepherd is located on highway 221 going to Greenwood.

### Book Club

The McCormick County Library Book Club will meet in the library meeting room on Tuesday, March 15 at 4 p.m. They will be discussing *American Dirt* by Jeannine Cummins. All in the area are welcome to attend. Discussions are casual and interesting.

### Public Meeting

Dr. R.C. Holloway will hold a public meeting at the McCormick County Library on Tuesday, March 15 from 5-7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

### CTC

The McCormick CTC will hold their regular meeting on March 17 at 9 a.m. at the McCormick County Administration Center, 610 S. Mine Street.

### Notice of Meeting Town of McCormick Planning Commission

The Town of McCormick Planning Commission will meet Monday, March 21, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the McCormick One Stop Conference Room, 109 West Augusta Street, McCormick, with regard to a request of McCormick County regarding its property known as the "County Office Building", located at 201 East Augusta Street. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

### Mardi Gras Street Festival

March 26, 4-9 p.m., downtown Main St. and Peachtree St., Lincolnton, Ga. Live band, cajun music, entertainment for all ages, food trucks, food vendors, craft vendors, decorative masks, family friendly costumes are welcomed.

For vendors info, contact JoAnn Ward 609-649-2463 or Tootsie, 910-224-4756.

### 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 in March. The next meeting will be 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.



MACK 2016. -Carol Grady photo

## MACK Board authorizes contract for Phase I for MACK Rehabilitation Project

The McCormick Arts Council at the Keturah (MACK) Board of Directors took action to authorize the Executive Director, Janice Grizzard, and MACK Board Chair, Roberta McKee, to enter into a contract with Solid Structures, LLC of West Columbia, SC, not to exceed the contract sum of \$1,269,292.00 as presented by MACK staff with unanimous support.

Solid Structures, LLC provided the competitive bid and is highly recommended for the scope of work. The bid for construction services proceeded into negotiations. Modifications to the essential project plans have been ongoing since late December. BOUDREAUX will continue to provide architectural oversight and act as the project liaison with Solid Structures.

This project would not be possible without the generous support of the Yoder Rosenberg Family Foundation. The foundation gift of \$1.1M was restricted and designated for the purpose of providing critical support to aid the MACK Rehabilitation Project. This gift is the largest contribution the MACK has received in 37 years of operation.

The MACK is in communication with our various municipal and community partners and will disseminate official communications to all various stakeholders beginning this week. The MACK wishes to express sincere gratitude, especially to the MACK membership, community members and municipal partners for valuing the investment of the arts and extending support and patience as the organization recovers from the pandemic and remains focused on the essential investment in the historic facility from which they operate.

The Phase I portion of the project will provide a substantial portion of the essential infrastructure for the building which will support all current and future project

needs. This phase will advance the utility and structural deficiencies, improve accessibility, address mechanical and electrical needs in order of priority. Future needs will include installing a 4-story stair to support an elevator and providing egress, life safety needs and code compliance. In addition, future investments will include improved event space, a youth and young adult art studio and a commercial kitchen to further the ability to serve and provide high-quality, safe and accessible programs.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to ensure access to the arts for generations to come. There is more work to be done – but this is a huge milestone for our organization and community. Today, we celebrate, tomorrow we continue the efforts to complete this critical investment for our community." - Heather McNally, Director of Programs & Development

The MACK also wishes to encourage all MACK Members, MACK Kids, families, and community partners to be prepared to join us for a Red Ribbon / Celebration in the near future.



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## Garden Club hosts clubs from SC Western District

By Bob Stockton

The McCormick Garden Club, along with the Abbeville Garden Club Council, hosted an annual Western District Meeting at McCormick's Lutheran Church By The Lake last week.

"It is a first for our McCormick Club to host such an event," said McCormick Garden Club President Phyllis Roth. "We are hosting 120 members of our district."

Ben Powell, agriculture and pollinator program coordinator at Clemson Extension,

was the guest speaker for the morning. Powell spoke about the importance of pollinators, their status and protection in SC and the world.

National Garden Club Accredited Floral Judge Mary Reeves from the Greenville area conducted a workshop. Members from 23 clubs and officers from the state Garden Club were in attendance.

Visions and Dreams Catering provided

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## Remains of man found in McCormick

By Bob Stockton

Six months after he was reported missing, the skeletal remains of an Abbeville man were found near Old Charleston Road in McCormick County.

Forensic evidence has confirmed the remains of Adam Harvey which were found on Saturday, Feb. 12. Harvey had been reported missing on Sept. 11 of last year.

Squirrel hunters found the remains on a piece of property off the roadway, which is 2.9 miles from where Harvey was last seen and 1.7 miles from his home. McCormick Sheriff's deputies and Abbeville officers responded to the discovery by squirrel hunters.

Officials performed an autopsy on Monday, Feb. 14. They found no blunt force trauma to his remains, and the cause of death remains unknown. DNA was collected and taken to the Greenwood Genetic Center which confirmed the remains.

Law Enforcement, see page 2

## Urgent need for blood donors is a focus of Red Cross Month

By Dave Lorenzatti

Blood Program Leader

March is Red Cross month as proclaimed yearly by every president since Franklin D. Roosevelt to recognize volunteers, blood donors and other supporters who provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

This year, Red Cross is struggling with a critical blood shortage, its worst in more than a decade. A significant drop in donated blood during the pandemic, weather conditions and staffing limitations, have resulted in the cancellation of blood drives across the state and the nation. The shortage is a severe risk to patients who rely on donated blood, and in some cases, forced postponement of elective surgery procedures.

Red Cross executives said they are grateful to McCormick County residents for stepping up to help replenish blood supplies by donating 217 units at eight blood drives in 2021, and 53 more at two drives in January and February of this year.

Other blood drives are scheduled in McCormick in the next three months: at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Thursday, March 17, and at Lutheran Church By The Lake on April 13. Appointments for both drives can be made online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

The McCormick Rotary Club is a new sponsor and its members will host a blood drive on May 26. Details of the Rotary drive, including appointments, are yet to be finalized.

In recent months, many hospitals have been overwhelmed with patients who are critically ill with the COVID virus or its variant. New clinical trials show that patients who are immunocompromised may benefit from COVID convalescent plasma.

Red Cross has responded by resuming testing all donated blood for the presence of antibodies that can be manufactured into convalescent plasma. Testing is free and blood donors could obtain information about their COVID antibody status within one or two weeks by checking their Blood Donor account online. Testing is not meant to diagnose the virus, but to screen for antibodies in levels that meet FDA requirements for producing convalescent plasma. More information on testing and donating blood in general is available at 1-800-REDCROSS.

Red Cross leaders in South Carolina have extended their thanks to the thousands of people who are helping the region carry on its life-saving mission by donating blood, volunteering their time and energy across a wide range of programs and services, and making financial contributions.