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In Brief

Livestock Association

The next meeting of the McCormick County Livestock Association will be Tuesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the SC Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe. A hamburger supper will be served at a cost of \$5 per plate for members and \$10 per plate for non-members.

The topic of the program will be "Fertilizer, Fuel, Feed Grains and Forages: Cost Management." Matt Fischer, agribusiness agent, with Clemson Extension Service will be the guest speaker.

If you plan to attend, call the McCormick County Extension meeting registration line at 864-852-3259 by 12 noon Friday, April 1. Please tell which meeting you are registering for and who will be attending. Guests are welcome.

American Legion

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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.

CWP Class

Police Chief Bo Willis will conduct a concealed weapons permit class on Saturday, April 2 starting at 8 a.m. at the sheriff's office on Augusta Street Extension. For more information, call 852-2985.

MACK Groundbreaking

A Red Ribbon Ceremony to celebrate the groundbreaking of the MACK Rehabilitation Project is scheduled for Thursday, April 7 at noon, 115 S. Main Street.

The McCormick Chamber of Commerce and The McCormick Arts Council (MACK) will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for all interested stakeholders to participate in this milestone project. Phase I of the MACK Rehabilitation Project was made possible through a generous contribution from the Yoder Rosenberg Family Foundation.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Their team will be onsite to invite you to tour the historic Keturah hotel. You are encouraged to see the facility.

Please contact Heather McNally, Director of Programs and Development for additional information: mcmccormickarts@gmail.com / (864) 602-0331.

Cursive Handwriting

The McCormick County Literacy Association still has a few cursive handwriting workbooks for adults. Call 852-3172 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Also, if you need a copy of your ID for voting purposes, come by the office at 700 S. Cherry Street.

Save the Date

The next author's night at the McCormick Library will be Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m.

Local author Linda Heuring, a fiction writer known for her character-driven stories, will be at the library to talk about her writing career and to discuss her book, *A Woman Walked into the Bar: Stories*. Light refreshments and a book signing to follow. Everyone is welcome!

Save the Date

Saturday, June 11, "Bob White" 22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Monticello Golf Course. Sponsored by the Lutheran Church By The Lake.



Library announces new grant project

By Paul Brown
Library Director

The McCormick County Library is excited to announce a new grant award project with funding provided by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in conjunction with Tangled Bank Studios and PBS/Nature.

This spring and summer, the library will join an initiative to help audiences across the country better understand and appreciate the role native bees and other pollinators play in healthy ecosystems. We will be encouraging the planting of native wildflower seeds at your home and throughout our county to help support pollinators.

The grant will fund a series of related programs for children and adults. With the help of the McCormick Garden Club, the grant will also fund the establishment of both annual and perennial bee gardens on the library grounds. And finally, the library will be distributing thousands of free seed packets containing a mix of beautiful wildflowers native to the southeast.

Stay tuned for more info and a schedule of events!

Together again: Lincoln Journal, McCormick Messenger and Washington News-Reporter merge

The venerable Washington News-Reporter, Lincoln Journal, and McCormick Messenger newspapers will on April 1 be under the same ownership roof – again.

The Lincoln Journal has purchased the Messenger and News-Reporter, with all three papers to be published together starting Thursday, April 7 in a larger, expanded edition, committed to prompt coverage of all government activity in all counties.

The three papers were previously owned by Smythe Newsome, publisher of Washington News-Reporter in the 1970's and 80's. All are historic publications serving their respective counties, with the Lincoln Journal founded in 1893, The News-Reporter in 1896, and the McCormick Messenger in 1902.

All three will continue that tradition in

the new and expanded Lincoln-McCormick Journal Messenger and Washington News-Reporter beginning next Thursday, April 7.

All current subscriptions will continue unchanged. All subscribers to any one of the three papers automatically receive the new larger paper. The McCormick Messenger office will remain in its downtown building; the Washington News-Reporter will continue in their current office at 3 W Robert Toombs Ave., having long since moved from its location (pictured); and the Lincoln Journal will move to new offices at 1059 Global Drive as the old Journal building on North Peachtree Street has been sold by owner Wilkes Publishing, Inc. with plans for a complete renovation by the new owner.



McCormick Media, Inc., President Bobby Edmonds (left) and Lincoln Journal Publisher John Stone sign sale agreement.

Free Spring Fling event April 9

It's time to Hop into Spring with the upcoming McCormick Spring Fling Family Fun Day. This event will be an opportunity for families to spend quality time together at a safe and fun event in McCormick and everything will be free.

The Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Dorn Mill Complex, located in the town of McCormick. There will be free snacks, games, prizes and many activities for kids of all ages and their families. If you have any questions, please call Dana Brock at 864-852-1042.

The McCormick Spring Fling Family Fun Day is sponsored by the McCormick County Community Coalition, which consists of many local agencies and community organizations to include the McCormick County Chamber of Commerce, Clemson Extension 4-H, Clemson SNAP-Ed, Cornerstone, McCormick County DSS, McCormick First Steps, McCormick Sheriff's Office, McCormick Police Department, McCormick Recreation Department, McCormick Department of Social Services, McCormick Library, McCormick School District and many more.

Trunks of Gold returning May 7

By Shaaron Kohl

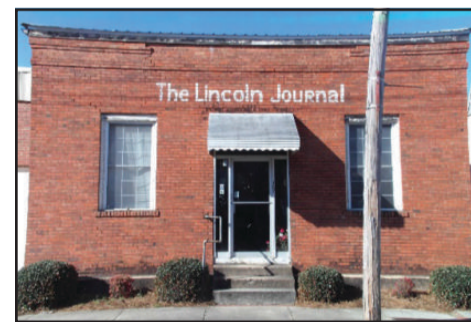
Yes, by popular demand, the refreshingly simple Trunks of Gold (think flea market) is scheduled for May 7, from 8 a.m. to noon, on the Main Street of McCormick!

Local residents are invited to load the trunks of their cars or the beds of their pickups with "clutter," park and sell on Main Street. No fee, either! All that is required is to call 864-378-7032 to register for a space. First come, first served.

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Long abandoned original Reporter building.



Current Lincoln and McCormick facilities.

