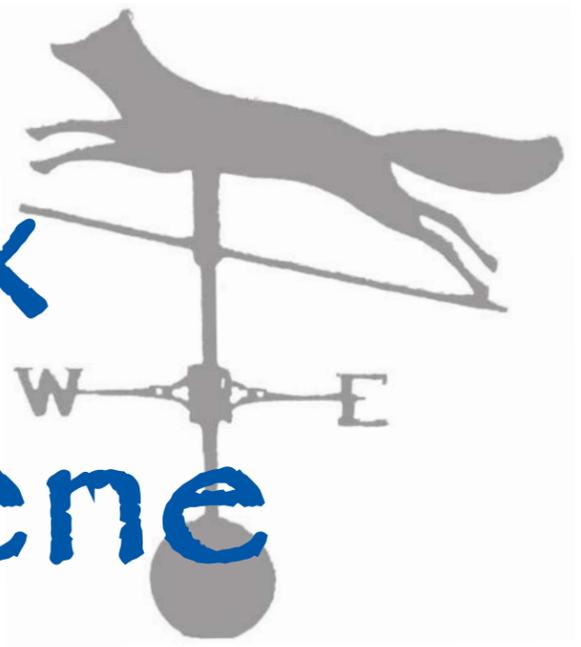


Swamp Fox Scene



A FREE monthly news magazine
for the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City



Halloween is frightfully close!

Marion residents will be able to have the Trick-or-Treating aspect of their Halloween celebrations from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31, Police Chief Jim Gray said. Whenever Halloween falls on a Sunday, county officials ask residents to offer Trick-or-Treating on Saturdays, but this year, with Halloween on a Monday, there will be no change, Gray explained.

Gray offers the following Halloween safety tips, taken from www.halloween-safety.com:

- ⇒ BE POLITE! ONLY park on the right shoulder of a road so you do not blind drivers in the oncoming traffic.
- ⇒ NEVER park unless there are spaces available. It is better to park on a side street and walk to houses than to park illegally, especially in certain blocks on Marion's Main Street.
- ⇒ NEVER go into a stranger's house unless your parents are with you and say it's okay.
- ⇒ ALWAYS make sure your mom or dad is within sight when you go trick-or-treating.
- ⇒ BE CAREFUL when you cross a street. Make sure to look in both directions and make sure there are no cars coming. It is always best to cross at crosswalks and street corners.
- ⇒ MAKE SURE your costume is light-colored or reflective (or put reflective tape on a costume or shoes) and travel with a flashlight and MAKE SURE a costume fits properly to avoid any accidents like tripping over a long dress or cape.
- ⇒ ALWAYS travel in groups and never go out alone.
- ⇒ MAKE SURE, when wearing a mask, that it is comfortable, has adequate eye holes and proper ventilation. If you have to cut the eye holes bigger, just use matching grease paint around your eyes to fill in where you have removed mask.

Firefighters continue to offer programs about Fire Prevention

City firefighters continue spreading their message, "Protect your Family from Fire!" during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15. Citizens are encouraged to take the steps necessary to update and maintain their home fire safety plan.

Anyone interested in having a safety presentation for a school, daycare or other organizational group, should call Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Skipper at 423-8602.



Woodmen give flag to fire substation

An "In Honor and Remembrance" ceremony was conducted on Sept. 12 at the new Marion Fire Substation on Sen. Gasque Road. Woodmen of the World presented the flag pole and flag to the city. Above, Julia Cooper addresses the crowd.



City planting fall gardens



City employees work to put in the fall community gardens. So far, collards, cabbage, mustard and turnips have been planted. For details about the gardens, contact City Administrator Alan Ammon at 423-5961. Shown are Glenn Bridgers, Jeneral Harps, Perry Mason and Clifford Williams. Not shown, but helping, were Eric Jones, Winky Fore and Ronnie Sanders.

Coming up

Keep up with what's going on ...

Saturday mornings in October ...

8 a.m.-noon: Farmers Market at the old Coca-Cola Bottling Plant on Bobby Gerald Parkway. Call Chuck at 423-9918 for details ... for a few more weeks, there may still be pumpkins!

October 1

Saturday: *Main Street Marion's Fall Yard Sale*, Baxley Hardware's Parking Lot; 6 a.m., set up to sell; \$5/space; 7 a.m. for buyers. Call Chuck at 843-423-9918 for details.

**October 1**

Saturday: *Movie at Grice's Recreation Center*, Time is at dusk; Movie to be announced or call Cheryl, 423-5410.

October 3

Monday: The Marion Music Club will present Anne Davis Glass in a piano concert at the Marion Presbyterian Church at 7pm. For information, call 423-4754.

October 5th

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m., *Main Street Marion's Rise & Shine*, Bridgers Drug Store, N. Main St.

October 8

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.: Awareness Walks to raise money for the Pee De Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer: Registration at 8:30 a.m., Walk begins at 9 a.m. Marion County Administration Building, 1305 N. Main Street. In the event of inclement weather, the walks will be in the Marion High School Gym.

October 10

Monday, 6:30 p.m.: *Citizens Advisory Committee meeting* (Second Monday each month), Fire Station, Bond St.

October 11

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: *City Council* (Second Tuesday each month), City Hall, 107 S. Main St.

October 15

Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: *Marion County Youth Day*, CD Joyner Auditorium, Elizabeth St.; Call 843-423-7117 for information.

October 17

Monday, 6:30 p.m.: *City wide Fox Watch meeting*, 332 N. Main St.

October 20

Wednesday, Noon: *Main Street Marion's Lunch & Learn*, Opera House, *Mayor's State of the City address*; Call Chuck at 423-9918 for tickets.

October 27

Thursday, 10 a.m.: *Fall Walk for Marion Children* along Main Street! Call 423-1308 for details. Rain Day: Friday, Oct. 28!

October 31

Monday, 6-8 p.m.: Halloween's *Trick or Treating* observed throughout Marion County: *Happy Halloween!*

Throughout October

Yoga classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays ... Call 431-2630 for details.

CITY NEWS**Council, Mayor recognize Collins**

The City of Marion selected Fire-fighter Jimmy Collins as its August 2011 Employee of the Month.

Jimmy has been employed full time with the City of Marion Fire Department since September 2004. He is also a member of the Marion Rescue Squad and is a past recipient of the Marion Rescue Squad Captains Award. He serves as a volunteer fireman with the Mullins Fire Department (Deputy Chief), Nichols Fire Department (Assistant Chief) and Horry County.

Jimmy is very active in the Marion Fire Department's public education and fire prevention programs, Marion Fire Department Assistant Chief Ryan Skipper said, adding that "Jimmy is always willing and able to lend a helping hand 24/7, and he dedicates his time during the Christmas season to play Santa



Claus year after year."

Mayor Rodney Berry, right, is shown with Jimmy during the Sept. 13 Council Meeting, when the Mayor and Council recognized him for his contributions to the City of Marion.

Sanders becomes full time firefighter

Longtime volunteer firefighter William Sanders accepted a full time position with the Fire Department effective Sept. 1.

William is a life-long resident of Marion County and a graduate of Marion High School. He currently lives in the Marion community with his wife Elizabeth, their three children and a dog named Sam.

William has 10 years of management experience in the grocery business and was employed with Blumenthal Mills for 15 years until they closed. He is actively involved with his church, St. Paul Baptist in Mullins, and throughout the community, volunteering as a coach with the Marion Recreation Department and serving as a volunteer firefighter and member of the Marion Rescue Squad.

"Mr. William has been a dedicated volunteer with the Fire Department over

the years," said Assistant Chief Ryan Skipper.

"He is passionate about public education and teaching children about fire safety."

Sanders says he is happy to be with the City of Marion Fire Department full time and looks forward to continuing to make a positive difference in the community.



Marion has been named a ... **Playful City USA**
Annual Play Day in our Parks is the third Saturday in September

**Come play with us!**

Kaboom.org has recognized the City of Marion for its increased emphasis on outdoor play! The City Recreation Department will be updating the city parks with outdoor play areas*
Grice's Park
Tilghman Park
Watsonia &
Withlacoochee Park



Celebrate your new tennis courts & new volleyball pit ...

... make sure you plan a little "PLAY" into each day!



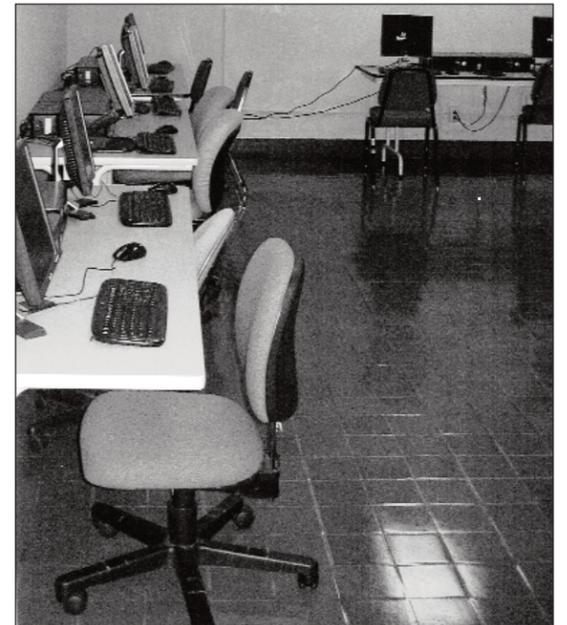


The City of Marion lost two thriving businesses to fire on July 8 and smoke and water damage caused three businesses to temporarily close. Champion Martial Arts, Betty's and Jus' Shoes & Things, at left, reopened on Main Street in mid-September. Below, the last of the debris is cleared from the fire rubble. Rebuilding is expected on the lots.

*Out of the ashes ...
Three businesses reopen after summer fire*



New city computer lab open for business



With free computers, donated from a closing workforce education center, the City of Marion has opened a FREE computer lab in the Swamp Fox Higher Education Center on Elizabeth Street. Open daily from 10 a.m. until noon and from 2-6 p.m., Robbie Johnson of the City Recreation Department oversees the center. For information about the computer lab, call 843-423-5410.



*'Tis the season
Fall Walk
& Scarecrow time!*

Each year, Marion's Historic Revitalization Association sponsors the "SCARECROW" contest. Also, at the end of each October, daycare centers and businesses cooperate to help youngsters enjoy a fall door-to-door walk to gather treats along Main Street. At left is the 2010 winner for the Most Original Scarecrow and at right is a scene from the 2010 walk along Main Street. This year's walk will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, with a rain date of Oct. 28. Call Chuck at 423-9918 for details.



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The newspaper is distributed by city employee Dennis Brown and may be found in City Hall, in the Marion Chamber of Commerce's office in the Historic Train Depot, in the Historic Marion Revitalization Association office on Main Street and in other spots around town. Call if you'd like to be a distribution point for the monthly.

The Marion Chamber of Commerce and Historic Marion Revitalization Association help offset printing costs. Call Mayor Rodney Berry or City Administrator Alan Ammons at 843-423-5961 for more information.

*Catch up with us online at www.marionsc.gov
or on Facebook at
City of Marion, South Carolina!*

Do you see an eyesore in your neighborhood?

If you have an abandoned house in your area, contact the Building Official's Office at City Hall.

We will inspect the property to determine if it can be repaired or needs to be demolished. The City will then work with property owners to make decisions that are acceptable to all parties.

If it is determined that the property needs to be demolished, the City will take care of the demo with a nominal charge to the homeowner for debris removal.

Let's keep our City beautiful! Anyone with questions can call City Hall at 423-5961.

Call:
Alan Ammons
or
Vickie Nichols
at 423-5961
to have a building or home looked at for possible demolition.

For sale: 'Steel Swamp Fox'

Call Dianne Owens (843-423-5961) about purchasing your very own Steel Swamp Fox ... Proceeds go to the Celebrating Gen. Francis Marion Days. Cost is \$30 each.



SPORTS & RECREATION

Students win supplies for Back to School

Marion's Recreation Department had a great turn out for its first Back-to-School Bingo & Movie day.

The children enjoyed a movie, hot dogs and hamburgers and played bingo. Winning prizes were back-to-school supplies. No child left without something in his or her hands. Organizers said everyone was a winner!

The City thanks the following business in Marion for helping make the event a successful one: Marion Paint, Parmar's IGA, Piggy Wiggly, McGill's Bundles of Joy, Seafood Deluxe, Nick's Meat & Grocery, Emerson's Barber Shop and Davis Hi-Styles Unisex. Additionally, some school supplies were given by people who wish to remain anonymous.

Fall sports season underway

Marion Recreation Department had its football scrimmage on Sept. 10. Football and cheerleading officially started Sept. 13 and soccer season started Sept. 19.

As we look forward to having another great year, keep in mind the following ...

Remember that kids play to have fun and that the game is for the youth, not adults.

Keep coaches informed of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of a child.

Remember to be positive role models and encourage sportsmanship.

Remember to teach children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts peacefully and

Remember to teach and show respect for other players, coaches, officials and spectators.

Aerobics begin again in Watsonia Rec Center

Senior aerobics classes are each Monday and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 in the Watsonia Recreation Center on Watsonia Street.

If you have never attended the class, participants will need to see Anna Rogers, instructor, for information on becoming a new member.

Call Cheryl at 423-5410 if you have any questions about this. The class is open to the public and is FREE, however, donations are appreciated to help with the program.

Senior bingo meets twice a month; Join today to play!

Senior bingo is played in the Watsonia Recreation Center on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Though we have a terrific turn out, there is always room for newcomers! We offer prizes for winners and refreshments for everyone to enjoy while they play.

Bingo starts at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 9:15. Anyone interested can join in this FREE activity. If you have any questions about bingo, call the recreation office at 423-5410.



'Stuff block,' 'dig,' 'ace,' 'kill!'

City of Marion Recreation Department has created a new "beach" volleyball court for playing. Play is first-come, first-served ... call 423-5410 for more information. Remember to plan a little PLAY into every day!

Chamber announces tournament results



Shown are Marion Chamber of Commerce 2011 Golf Tournament first place winners, from left, Jim McCormick Sr, Ansel Jackson, Randy Wesley and Jim McCormick Jr.

Dusty Hills Country Club hosted the 21st annual Marion Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and dinner on Aug. 27. The tournament was sponsored by American Waste Systems, Anderson Brothers Bank, First Charter Co., Inc, Marion Regional Hospital, Pee Dee Electric Cooperative and Pee Dee Federal Savings Bank.

Greens sponsors were Beneteau, USA, Industrial Solutions & Supply, Inc. and Craig Martin, CPA,PA. The Hospitality Cart sponsor was Herlong Insurance Agency, Inc.

A Captain's Choice format was played with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. After golf, awards were presented by Chamber Executive Director Judy John-



Shown are Marion Chamber of Commerce 2011 Golf Tournament second place winners, from left, Rick Swanson, Johnny Atkinson, Wayne George, and Rodney Rogers.

son and DHCC Club Professional Freddie Barkley. T'Roy's Restaurant catered a BBQ chicken dinner. Eighty-three players participated. Special thanks are given to Chamber member volunteers and sponsors for making this year's tournament and dinner a success.

Tournament Results: 1st Place (55) Jim McCormick, Sr., Jim McCormick Jr. Ansel Jackson, Randy Wesley

2nd Place (58) Johnny Atkinson, Wayne George, Rick Swanson, Rodney Rogers; 3rd Place (59) Kirby Anderson, Wayne McQuade, Ray Turner, Jack Weatherford; 4th Place (60) Byron Beck, Jerry Coleman, Larry McIntyre, Rodney Rogers; Closest to Pins: # 2 Richard Cook, # 18 Larry McIntyre

Marion Chamber announces Yard of the Month

Lino's Hair Designs, 602 East Godbold Street, has been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for September 2011. Lino Quijano is the owner. The Chamber is proud to recognize those businesses and individuals in our community that work so diligently and add so much to our community's unique character. These conscientious efforts are appreciated. Mr. Quijano will be receiving a gift certificate from Tru Green Nursery in recognition of this honor.

