

# Swamp Fox Scene

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



## Officials planning Independence Day celebration ...

### July 1st & 2nd

Marion County's 4th of July Independence Day Celebration!

Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Marion County Museum, Willcox and Godbold Streets, Flying Tigers Radio-controlled model airplane exhibit and show.

Friday night reception in the Marion County Museum, 6-8 p.m., Maj. William McDaniel, guest speaker. Call 843-423-8299 for details.

Saturday, beginning at Noon, Activities for the whole family at the Marion County Airport. Fireworks at dusk. Call 843-423-8306 for information.

### July 4th

Monday: City, County offices closed.

### July 12th

Tuesday: City Council (Second Tuesday of the Month), Council Chambers, City Hall, 6:30 p.m., 107 S. Main Street.

### July 18th

Monday: Fox Watch (Third Monday of the Month) in the group's Main Street Headquarters building, 6:30 p.m.

Visit the City of Marion online at [www.marionsc.gov](http://www.marionsc.gov) and on Facebook under City of Marion, South Carolina.

## Coming up in August

### August 20th

Second annual Phillips Street Block Party Extravaganza! Set up, between Georgetown and Strawberry Streets, begins at 11 a.m.; Party starts at noon and goes until 10 p.m. Bring chairs, tables, food, drinks!

## Recreation Department plans summer programs, activities and camps

### Day camp to provide fun and games for 40 children

With the help of a Marion Intermediate teacher, a Clemson University student and a Marion High School student, the City of Marion Recreation Department will offer a day camp for 40 children from July 5-August 5.

Cost will be \$40 per week per child and there will be a limit of 40 children. Registration is underway at Watsonia Recreation Center. Nikki Naccarato, a physical education teacher, Meg Beck and Kayla Drose will be working with the day-campers, providing a lunch, overseeing free play, games of kickball or soccer, arts and crafts, board games and more activities in the various city recreation centers.

If you have questions about the day camp, call Naccarato at 843-855-1649. If you have questions about registration, call Cheryl at the Watsonia Recreation Center, 843-423-5410.



### Cheer Camp registration to begin after the fourth

The Marion Recreation Department is offering a Cheer Camp in early August. Any boy or girl, from 7 to 12 years old, will be allowed to participate. Sign up for the camp is from July 5th-15th. Cost for the camp is \$60.

Anyone signing up from the 15th until the 29th will pay a \$15 late fee. Walk-ins will NOT be allowed once sign-ups have ended.

"We will need that time to get everything in order for camp to start on time," organizers said. Camp will run August 1-5. Anyone with questions about the camp is asked to call Cheryl at 843-423-5410.

### City's first "12 & Under" QuickStart tennis camp set for July

Marion High School tennis coaches and players and Pee Dee Federal Savings Bank will conduct a one-week tennis camp for children 6 to 12 years old. Cost for the camp, which will be from 4-6 p.m., July 18-22 on the Withlacoochee Tennis Courts, is \$10 per player.

Participants must wear tennis shoes; There will be no exceptions. Some equipment will be available, however, if a player has a racquet, please bring it, coaches said. Players need to bring their own bug repellent and sunscreen, if they feel it is needed. Anyone interested in the camp should register at Watsonia, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Cheryl at 423-5410 about registration and call Iris Stackhouse at 617-9776 about the tennis camp.

Other sponsorships for the camp are pending. Call Keith Stewart at 423-0758 If you are interested in helping sponsor the tennis camp.

## CITY NEWS

### Gause is City's top employee for month of May



The City of Marion selected Police Lieutenant Bessie Gause as its May 2011 Employee of the Month.

Gause was hired by the Marion Police Department in February 2008 and serves the department as a shift supervisor.

Gause is well respected by her peers and in the community. She is known for her warm smile and calm, professional demeanor.

The Mayor and Council recognized Lt. Gause for her dedication and significant contributions to the City of Marion during the June 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.



#### FOX WATCH SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH:

*When doing yard work, be aware of your surroundings and lock your doors no matter how long you intend to be outside.*

The winner of the 50/50 raffle at the May FoxTrot festival was Pat Lovendoski. She donated her winnings back to Fox Watch. Congratulations on the win and thanks for the donation!

Chuck Funderburke will be returning to discuss the responsibilities of gun ownership at our July meeting. You will also have an opportunity to get information regarding concealed weapon permits.

*Have a great summer & be safe!*

**WHAT: Fox Watch Meeting**  
**WHEN: 6:30 p.m., July 21**  
**WHERE: 332 N. Main Street**

### Mark your calendar & plan to play! Support the Chamber golf tournament

The Marion Chamber of Commerce will be host to its 21st annual Chamber Golf Tournament on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at Dusty Hills Country Club.

Format will be Captain's Choice, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

"We cordially invite you to participate in the 21st annual tournament. This is one of the Chamber's most important fundraisers for the year," Chamber Executive Vice President Judy Johnson said, adding that money earned at the tournament goes to help

provide the Chamber's programs and activities. Tournament Corporate sponsors, Hole sponsors and Cart sponsors are welcome at this year's tournament.

To register or sign up for sponsorships for the tournament, visit Judy in the Chamber of Commerce office at 209 E. Bobby Gerald Parkway or call her at 423-3561. The 2011 Marion Chamber of Commerce Golf Committee is T. Carroll Atkinson III, chairman; Ashley Brady; Lucas Atkinson; Elaine Barkley; Freddie Barkley; and Craig Martin.

### Lt. Blue retires from city service

Congratulations to our newest city retiree, Lt. Farmer Blue of the Marion Police Department. Lt. Blue retired from the City of Marion May 31, 2011. His 18 years of service to the city began in 1993. The Marion Police Department hosted a retirement cookout for Lt. Blue on May 27 and many of Blue's fellow officers, family and friends attended the event to help celebrate his years of service to the community. At right, he is shown while making remarks and holding one of his grandchildren at his retirement celebration.



### City of Marion business license renewals are due!

All City of Marion business licenses expired on June 30. To avoid paying a penalty, renewals are due by 5 p.m. July 31.

Renewal business licenses will be issued once the application and payment is received in City Hall.

Anyone receiving the business license renewal form and no longer doing business in the City of Marion, should write "No Longer Doing Business" on the application.

Completed business license renewal forms can be faxed to Pam Jones at (843) 423-8620. For help or if you have questions, call her at (843)423-5961.

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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 Main Street Marion office on Main Street and in other spots around town. The Marion Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Marion help the city to offset printing costs. Call Mayor Rodney Berry or City Administrator Alan Ammons at 843-423-5961 for more information.

# BUSINESS NEWS .....

## Main Street honors Zeman at annual meeting

Main Street Marion's 18<sup>th</sup> annual meeting was dedicated to the memory of Freddie Zeman, one of the founders of the Historic Marion Revitalization Association. The event was conducted in early June in the Marion Auction House.

Business community members Laura White and Ashley Brady, also on the original board with Zeman, offered insights and told stories about working with him. Zeman's family attended the event and accepted a plaque commemorating his years of community service.

Zeman's name was added to the Bobby Gerald "Main Street Hero" award plaque, on display in HMRA's office on Main Street.

Everyone enjoyed good food, good fellowship and a recap of the past years accomplishments by Main Street Marion, HMRA, members. After the business meeting, there was the group's annual fundraising auction that provided fun for everyone and some good deals, Chuck Wiegert, Main Street Marion's executive director, said.

New Board member Tara Bennett was introduced and outgoing Board member Connie Andrews was thanked for her service to HMRA.

Kelli Noland, outgoing president gave an account of what the group accomplished during the past year, and incoming President Steve Pool gave a brief listing of what could be expected in the coming year. In addition to Pool, the 2011-12 officers are Anna Boatwright, vice president; Al Blake, secretary; and Ruth Brady, treasurer.

The group has also kicked off its 2011-12 membership drive. Wiegert asked that renewals be made as soon as possible and that members encourage others to join the group.

"All of us need to become more active in our community to make it grow and prosper," Wiegert said.

The group, whose mission is to preserve the historic essence through preservation, and stimulate and promote the economic vitality of the Historic Downtown District of Marion, seeks innovative ways to bring people downtown.

For membership information, visit [www.theswampfox.com](http://www.theswampfox.com) or call Wiegert at 423-9918.

*Below, the Zeman family is shown during the Main Street Marion annual meeting.*



## 'Lunch' conducts ribbon cutting

I'm going to "Lunch" took on a new meaning on June 1, when Carol and Bob Thomas celebrated the opening of their restaurant on Dozier Street.

Lunch features homemade salads, such as shrimp salad, and roasted meats, as well as sandwiches, including the classic Reuben. For information or to place an order to be picked up, call 843-423-7000.



## 'Paw Paw's' opens on Main Street

Cindy and Terry Ledbetter are shown with members of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, local artists and community members at the grand opening and ribbon cutting of their new art and framing shop on Main Street. Terry's woodwork, painting and framing work gave rise to Paw Paw's Art Gallery & Gift Shop, the couple said. They can be reached at 843-245-6956.

## Heritage brings founding family descendents to Marion for visit

Below, at right, Mayor Rodney Berry, shows John Godbold the key to the City of Marion.



Berry presented the key to Godbold in the Marion County Museum on June 14. The gesture was made on the occasion of Godbold's 50th wedding anniversary trip. The family, who spent time in Surfside Beach, made a trip to Marion to reacquaint themselves with their family's heritage. Looking on in the photo are Godbold's wife and two daughters. The John Godbold family are descendents of Thomas Godbold Sr. who donated several acres of land to create the city center of what is present day Marion, previously named Gilesborough. The family visited historic sites in Marion, starting at the Historic Train Depot and moving on to Montgomery Grove, the Inn on Harlee. After a lunch at Magnolia's on Main, the group of children and grandchildren visited the Archives and History Center on Godbold Street, posing along the way for a family photo in front of a Godbold Street sign. The Godbolds made the trip into Marion to revisit the family's roots, and Marion County Archivist Maxcy Foxworth walked with them to the Thomas Godbold Jr. house on Dozier Street, where they posed on the steps for another family photo. The family also visited the Marion County Museum as part of their heritage-tourism trek.

# SPORTS & RECREATION .....

## Junior BINGO offered on July 28

Children in the first through eighth grades are invited to the Watsonia Recreation Center on July 28 for a movie, snacks and Bingo! Bingo prizes will be back-to-school supplies. From 9 a.m. until noon students are welcome to come to the Recreation Center for food, fun and prizes! Marion Recreation staff will supervise the children, however, parents should pick up children promptly at noon. Call Cheryl at 423-5410 if you have questions.

## Stay fit: Exercise at C.D. Joyner

There is an aerobics class offered at C.D. Joyner Auditorium Monday thru Friday. The class is taught by Lille Ann Sanders and is only \$30 for each month; the class is from 5:30-6:30 pm. There are plenty of slots for new members to join the class. Join this group and keep moving! If you have any questions about this program call 423-5410.

## City has places to rent for events

If you are looking for a great place to have a birthday party, dinner or any other type of event, the City of Marion may have the perfect location. We have several venues from which to choose. Looking for a nice place to enjoy the outside, we offer Pop Dorsey Picnic Shelter. Maybe you are looking for a place to stay in, out of the heat, we offer Grice's & Watsonia Recreation Centers. All of these locations are popular meeting spots, so come by soon or call to check on their availability and prices. Call Cheryl at 423-5410.

## Let's play B-I-N-G-O!!!

The Watsonia Recreation Center has **FREE** B-I-N-G-O games each month on the first and third Thursday. There are plenty of seats for old and new players, of any age, to join in the fun. Refreshments are served and prizes are awarded to the winners. If you have any questions, call 423-5410.

## Advice: For best results in gardening, hoe your garden one row at a time!



## City's gardens are open for business!

Above and at right, Council members, community leaders and City of Marion employees stand at the signs of the two community gardens, planted by city workers for citizens' use. The gardens are on Reaves Street and Withlacoochee Avenue. Anyone with questions about caring for or getting vegetables from the gardens can call Pam Jones or Alan Ammons in City Hall at 423-5961.




**Downtown**  
**Farmers Curb Market**

Every Saturday June - September  
Beginning June 25th  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location:  
Downtown Marion at the  
Old Coca-Cola Bottling Plant  
on Bobby Gerald Parkway across from the  
Marion Chamber of Commerce (old Train Depot)

Sponsored by **MAIN STREET MARION**  
Fresh Locally Grown Produce

Questions?  
Call **Chuck Wiegert**  
843-423-9918.

## Chamber announces Yard of the Month

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gunnin, 1303 Warwick Avenue, have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for June 2011. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Mr. and Mrs. Gunnin will be receiving a gift certificate from Tru Green Nursery in recognition of this honor.

