

# Swamp Fox Scene

A FREE monthly newspaper  
for the citizens and visitors to the Swamp Fox City



## VOTE! District 4 election set for July 19

Three Marion citizens have filed as candidates and are running for the City's District 4 Council seat.

The seat was left vacant after the recent election of long-time council member Bobby L. Davis as Mayor.

Joseph Frazier, Robert Woodbury, and Jackie Yates are the three running. This is the first time the District 4 seat has been vacant in 25 years.

The election will be on Tuesday, July 16. For information about the upcoming election, contact the Marion County Voter's Registration and Election Commission at 843-423-8268.

## THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, June 28

Withlachochee Park, Marion  
3:30-10 p.m.

*Rides, Inflatables, Music, Food,  
Petting Zoo, Shag and Line Dancing & more!*

First time: Bar-B-Q Cook-off

Cash prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners

### FIREWORKS

performed by Pyrotechnico at 10 p.m.

For information,

call Ogleretta White at 843-423-3203, Ext. 120

ALSO, in the

Marion County Museum

7-9 p.m.

Military displays and speaker

Call Rosanne Black at 843-423-8255

## Business workshops planned

The Marion Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Center for Entrepreneurship at Francis Marion University, will be having brown-bag lunch seminars to help business owners. "Bring your bag lunch and learn valuable skills to help improve your business," Brianna Zhang, Center manager said. Judy Johnson, executive vice president of the Chamber, is taking reservations for the classes at 423-3561. Call her to reserve your spot.

Courses are as follows:

### June 12, Social Media

The Social Media session will help demonstrate the proper usage of social media from the "who," to the "how," to the "why." The session will explain the necessity for a website.

### July 24, How to Identify and Attract Customers

Many small business owners fall victim to thinking everyone is their customer. This type of thinking will lead to failed marketing attempts and wasted money. This session will teach how to identify and reach customers.

### August 14, Customer Service and Sales

Good customer service and sales can lead to a strong customer relationship. In fact, good customer service and sales can really create longevity for a small business. This session will provide techniques to improve customer service and sales.

Each class is from 1-2 p.m. in the Swamp Fox Education Center on Elizabeth Street. Call Zhang at 843-661-1112 or Johnson at 843-423-3561 for more information.



## Church helps citizens

Mayor Bobby Davis, right, is shown at the May food distribution at Grice's Recreation Center on Green Street sponsored by the Tabernacle of God Ministries Mobile Food Bank. Rev. Larry Williams, pastor, orchestrated the event. Photo by Winky Fore

# CITY NEWS

## Harps is top employee for April

The City of Marion selected Jeneral Harps as the April 2013 Employee of the Month. Jeneral has been working in the Street Department since November 2004. He became licensed to drive commercial vehicles in May 2012 and is responsible for operating the City's vacuum truck to service our storm drainage system.

According to his supervisor, Street Superintendent Ronnie Sanders, Jeneral is "a dedicated young man with a lot of enthusiasm who takes great pride in his work."

There is no task within the department that is too large or too small for Jeneral. In addition to the cleaning out storm drains, Jeneral's duties include beatification projects

such as planting trees and preparing flower beds, mowing grass in the summer, and decorating the City for the Christmas season.

Jeneral also serves the city as a volunteer firefighter and is a member of the Marion Rescue Squad. He is enrolled in an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course to obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to work as a first responder in an emergency, to help sustain life, reduce pain and minimize the consequences of an injury or sudden illness until more advanced medical help can arrive. The Mayor and Council recognized Jeneral for his positive attitude and significant contributions to the City of Marion during the May 14 City Council Meeting.



## SPORTS & RECREATION

### City plans summer cheer camps

MRC All Star Cheer will be hosting Open Gyms, inviting any boy or girl between the age of 8 and 18 interested in All Star Cheerleading.

The cost for Open Gyms will be \$15 per weekend event, or \$30 for anyone participating in all three clinics. Those interested may register early with Cheryl Askins at Watsonia Recreation, or you may register the day of the camp until 8:45 a.m. Open Gyms will be held on the weekends of July 19-20 (Basic), July 26-27 (Intermediate), and August 2-3 (Advanced). Gym will open at 9 a.m. and will run until 1 p.m. both days of clinics. Camps focus on level appropriate jump, stunt, and tumbling techniques to prepare participants for the upcoming All Star Try-outs, and the 2012-

2013 All Star Season. All Star try-outs will be on Saturday, Aug. 10 for our upcoming season. All who are interested in participating in the program must attend at least one open gym weekend to learn try-out material.

### Book Club open to all

The Marion Recreation Department's Book Club meets the third Thursday of each month in the Watsonia Recreation Center from 6:30-8 p.m. Anyone interested in more information about the group, call Ronda Todd at 843-340-7904.

### Aerobics meets nightly

A city-sponsored aerobics class meets in the Swamp Fox Higher Education Center Monday through Friday from 5:30- 6:30 p.m. Taught by Lillie Ann Sanders, cost for the class is \$30 each month.

Anyone interested in this class should show up and check it out!

### Join the friendly fun at Senior Bingo!

Marion Recreation offers "Senior Bingo" the first and third Thursday of each month in the Watsonia Recreation Center. Bingo is free and newcomers are welcome! There are prizes for the winners and refreshments to enjoy while playing. There is a two-card playing limit. Come join us and bring some friends!

### Ping Pong Club helps improve your game

The Marion Recreation Ping Pong Club meets every Monday and Wednesday in the Watsonia Recreation Center from 6 - 8 p.m.

Come by and freshen up on your table tennis skills,

watch a few matches or learn to play the game!

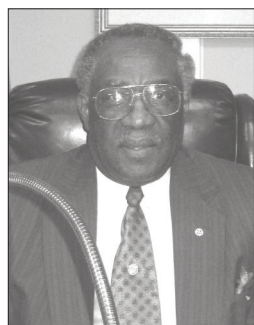
### Yoga classes set

Yoga classes are offered each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the fire department sub-station on Sen. Gasque Road. Taught by Judy Johnson and Frances Bethea, the classes are \$5 each or \$30 per month. For information or details, call the Rec Department at 423-5410 or Judy at 423-3561.

### Flexibility classes offered twice a week

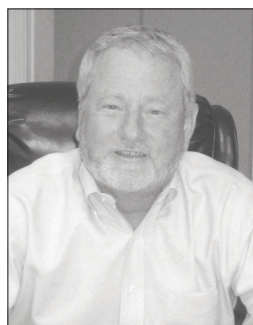
Marion Recreation offers Senior Flexibility classes every Monday and Thursday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Watsonia Recreation Center. The class is taught by Anna Boatwright and is free; donations appreciated.

## Get to know your City Council



**BOBBY DAVIS**  
Mayor

Mayor Bobby Davis was elected in April 2013. His term ends in April 2017. He formerly represented District 4 for more than 20 years. He can be reached by calling his office telephone at **843-423-5961**.



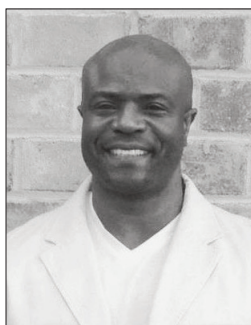
**RONALD ATKINSON**  
Mayor Pro Tem  
District 2

Councilmember Ronald Atkinson was re-elected in April 2011. His term ends in April 2015. He can be reached by telephone at **843-230-0072**.



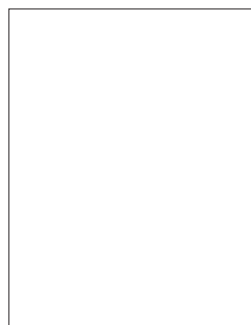
**RALPH ATKINSON**  
District 1

Councilmember Ralph Atkinson was re-elected in April 2011. His term ends in April 2015. He can be reached by telephone at **843-250-0446**.



**EMERSON HUNT**  
District 3

Councilmember Emerson Hunt was elected in April 2013. His term ends in April 2017. He can be reached at **843-423-8889**.



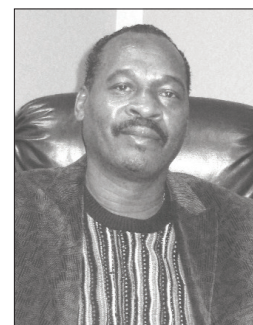
**BOBBY DAVIS**  
Former Councilmember  
District 4

Former Councilmember Bobby Davis was elected as Mayor in April. A special election will be held to fill his unexpired term that ends in April 2015.



**ODESSA GREGG**  
District 5

Councilmember Odessa Gregg was re-elected in April 2013. Her term ends in 2017. She can be reached at **843-423-4847**.



**MICHAEL BAKER**  
District 6

Councilmember Michael Baker was re-elected in April 2013. His term ends in 2017. He can be reached by telephone at **843-597-3617**.

# City business license renewal notices are in the mail; Deadline to renew is July 31

The City of Marion has issued its renewal notices for business operators for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The city business license ordinance reads as follows.

Section 1 of the Business and Professional License Ordinance for the City of Marion, South Carolina requires every person engaged in any calling, business, occupation or profession within the limits of the City of Marion to renew the annual Business License fee and obtain a license. The City of Marion Business License Renewal Applications were mailed on May 24. Current Business Licenses expire on June 30, 2013.

To obtain a 2013-2014 Business License, a completed renewal application and remittance must be received in the City of Marion Business License Department by July 31, 2013 to avoid a penalty. Penalties for late payment will be assessed on August 1, 2013, and will increase each month thereafter.

**FAILURE TO RECEIVE A RENEWAL NOTICE DOES NOT RELIEVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENSEE FROM OBTAINING A BUSINESS LICENSE.**

If you have any questions please contact Pam Jones in the Business License Department at 843-423-5961.

## Mayor signs proclamation in support of Teachers Appreciation Week



City of Marion Mayor Bobby Davis signs a city proclamation endorsing Teacher Appreciation Week. Davis is surrounded by local school administrators, from left, Heather Hasty, assistant principal at Easterling Primary School; Angie Grice, principal at Easterling Primary School; Chris Price, principal at Marion Intermediate School; Shalah Sweeney, principal of Johnakin Middle School; Alfred McFadden, principal at Marion High School; Dr. Dan Strickland, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Kandace Bethea, Deputy Superintendent of Schools; and Nathan Indergaard, Honor Roll teacher at Marion Intermediate School. *Photo by Winky Fore*

## Coming in June ...

Keep up with what's going on around Marion!

**11th, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.,**  
City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

### Open each Saturday ...

Olde Towne Marion's Farmers Market & Market Place on Main Street, as well as the Community Farmer's Market on Bobby Gerald Parkway.

Olde Towne Marion's Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m., and welcoming new farmers Louie Perkins and new crafters Claudine Prosser and Heather Smith.

Claudine bakes breads, muffins and cookies and sells them every Saturday.

Along with Olde Towne Marion's own produce, the Farmers Market offers a wide variety of produce and vegetables for everyone. Brent and Bob have new plants as well!

## Library's programs for children continue through summer

- June 19th** - John Tudor Magic
- July 17th** - Columbia Marionette Theater Aquarium Show
- July 31st** - "Fun Fables" with Library staff and friends
- August 8th** - USC's Cocky's Reading Express

For more information contact Cathy Pruet, Youth Services Librarian, Marion County Library 101 E. Court St., 843-423-8300.

## Computer lab open for all

Need to use a computer to apply for a job or conduct research? The Swamp Fox Computer Lab has 13 computers for public use, free of charge and is in the Swamp Fox Higher Ed Center in the C.D. Joyner Fine Arts building on Elizabeth Street.

Hours are 10 – noon and after lunch 2 – 5:45 p.m. For information, call Robbie Johnson at 423-6447.

### Questions about your water or sewer bill?

Call Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority at **(843) 765-4539** or visit them in City Hall on Main Street.

## NEED HELP?

Call City Hall, 843-423-5961, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you...

**Mayor Bobby Davis**, 843-423-5961, Ext. 21

**City Administrator, Building Official**  
Alan Ammons, Ext. 19

**City Clerk** Pam Jones, Ext. 10

**City Treasurer** Patricia Brown, Ext. 18

**Municipal Court Clerk**  
Heather Evans, 843-423-8616

**Personnel, Purchasing Director**  
Elizabeth Ficik, 843-423-8614

**Planning & Zoning Admin Assistant**  
Elizabeth Sanders, Ext. 11

**Recreation Admin Assistant**  
Cheryl Askins, 843-423-5410

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## IT'S IN OUR HANDS! SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN.

Together, we can make a difference ... The City of Marion has a **TEXT A TIP** line ... See a crime happening? Have a TIP? **Text it to 430-0938.**

T-A-TIP: (843) 430-0938 \* TEXT-A-TIP: (843) 430-0938 \* TEXT-A-TIP: (843) 430-0938 \* TEXT-A-TIP: (843) 430-0938 \* TEXT-A-TIP: (843) 430-0938



# GET & OUTSIDE & PLAY!



It's official! Marion joins 217 cities and towns across the nation to earn recognition, for the 3rd year in a row, from national non-profit KaBOOM! as a 2013 Playful City USA. We have again been recognized for our efforts to increase and improve play opportunities for children.



## FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Marion Recreation posts game schedules, cancellations, photos, more photos, such as the one below, and much more!



### Marion Chamber of Commerce announces April Yard of the Month

Mr. and Mrs. McLendon Moody, 808 Georgetown Street, have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for May 2013. 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. Moody will be receiving a gift certificate from Tru Green Nursery in recognition of this honor.