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The City of Marion recognizes Marion 10-U and 12-U Girls State Basketball Champions



The City of Marion recognized Marion 10-U and 12-U Girls on winning the 2014 State Basketball Championship on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at Withlacoochee Park. These talented players were a fierce competitive team. The 10 and under age group came together to become a force to be reckoned with and won the Eastern District Championship in Mullins. They put together an outstanding performance. The team was well organized and coordinated as they defeated Mullins in the State Championship Game in Cheraw.

The 10 and under players were: Kimbrie'l Faith Barnes, Carson Olivia Cribb, Ka'nyiah Lashaye Davis, Kendall Alexis Elliott, Jyshae Nikkiyah Pope, Tonja Nicolya Lester, Arriyona Laterrian Rogers, Tierra Shantel Gerald, Ja'mya Ty'chelle Washington, and Jonazia Denise Lewis. The coaches were Lakiesha Pee, Kimberly Elliott and Chris Cribb.

The 12 and under players rallied together as well and won their Eastern District Championship in Mullins. They put together an exceptional performance, defeating Dillon in the State Championship Game in Barnwell.

The 12 and under players were: Precious Davis, Tyeasha Crawford, Jakina Wright, Mariah Moody, Alerria Rogers, Kayla Washington, Keyla Britt, Ya'mzah Buey, and Kashonti Grant. The coaches were Tiffany McCummings, Leroy McFadden and Toya Riggins.

Mayor Bobby L. Davis opened the program with a welcome to everyone. He expressed heartfelt thoughts of how proud he was of all the girls on team. He left the girls with a valuable and memorable principle to employ whenever things seem a little challenging in life: "Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do anything. Look at the accomplishment you have done." It's so remarkable when someone of caliber actually takes the time out of their busy day to share resourceful knowledge to a new and upcoming generation.

We sincerely appreciate and love these youth. There is undoubtedly some championship level talent in Marion, SC. The Principal of Marion High School, Dr. Nathaniel Nelson was also present at the event. In his speech, he also expressed to everyone how proud he was of the team and their great accomplishments. He stated that he looks forward to watching them play again because it has been quite a while since Marion has been so triumphant to bring home such victory of winning a State Title.

Success stems from hard work, loyalty, cohesion and dedication. The basketball team definitely hold these characteristics. They are worthy of limitless acknowledgement from everyone around. Continue to drive and push harder for additional success. Never give up on anything that you desire in life. Remain forceful, resilient, and persevere. "It's hard to beat a TEAM who never gives up!!!"

Fun, Fun and More Fun!!! Come and enjoy the 22nd Annual FoxTrot Festival! May 15-17th

The festival again is hoping to attract over 20,000 visitors to the City of Marion. The event is schedule for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. **Thursday, May 15th**, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. will be Midway Rides at CD Joyner parking lot. 7:00 p.m. - until at the Opera House will be Kathy Grice -Soloist Performance, following by the Puppet Love Performance. **Friday, May,16th**, 7:00 p.m. Corn Hole Tournament at CD Joyner. 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Midway Rides at CD Joyner parking lot. **Saturday, May 17th**, 10:00 a.m. Parade, 11:00 am - 10:00 pm. Midway Rides at CD Joyner parking-lot. 11:00 a.m. The International Food Court, Arts and Crafts, Antique Car Show, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Designer Car Show, Train Rides for Kids, Children's Inflatables, Will the Mime, Carrie the Stilt Walker, Face Painting, Game Truck and much more. 11:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony at the Stage. 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm Entertainment at the Stage (across from Library) A variety of local talent will be featured on the Main Stage! 6:00 p.m. FoxTrot Closing Event with Music by Carl Brunson. 11:00 p.m. Fireworks at Fox Field!!!!!!





6:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Every Saturday in the month of May, HMRA Farmers' Market at the Market Place on Main Street will be open.

May 2nd - Friday

5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting: 6:00 p.m. HMRA Incredible Edible and Fun Stuff Auction.

May 3rd - Saturday

7:00 a.m. - until noon. Community-Wide Yard Sale at the HMRA Market Place on Main Street.

May 7th - Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine hosted by the FoxTrot Festival. HMRA Business Center, 103 E. Dozier Street.

May 12th - Monday

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Marion & Mullins Chamber of Commerce joint Business after Hours, at Marion Opera House. Sponsored by Duke Energy.

May 13th - Tuesday

6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

May 15th - 17th - Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Annual FoxTrot Festival.

May 16th - Friday

7:00 p.m. Join the Arts Council of Marion County for Dinner, Drinks and an Open Mic Story telling Show "THE ART OF A STORY". Magnolias on Main, 400 N. Main St. Tickets - \$20

May 20th - Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Art & Wine Stroll. Marion County Museum, 101 Willcox Ave. \$5 for Friends of the Marion County Museum or \$10.00. Come stroll by to see local artist work on display and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres.

May 28th - Monday

City & Marion County Offices closed for Memorial Day.

SAVE THE DATE

June

COMING UP

June 3rd - Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine at Marion County Performing Academy, 320 N. Main St.

June 2nd - 6th - Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Wildlife Action Adventure Camp. **Session 1:** SC Pioneer Day Camp. Co-Ed, ages 6-11. Deadline for application, 5/28/2014. Fee \$125.

June 10th - Tuesday

6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

June 16th - 20th - Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Wildlife Action Adventure Camp. **Session 2:** SC Pioneer Day Camp. Co-Ed, ages 6-11. Deadline for application, 6/18/2014. Fee \$125.

June 23rd- 27th - Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Wildlife Action Adventure Camp. **Session 3:** North Carolina Pioneer Day Camp. Co-Ed, ages 6-11. Deadline for application, 6/18/2014. Fee \$125.

City of Marion Recognizes Grant & Gibbons



During the March 11, 2014 City Council meeting, Di'ontrey Gibbons and Kevin Grant were recognized with a City of Marion engraved Foxhead. Di'ontrey won the Champion for the Lower State Class A/2A in Wrestling and Kevin won the Champion for the State Class A/2A in Wrestling and Most Outstanding

Wrestler. Congratulations on your accomplishment, the City of Marion and our Residents are proud of you!!

Employee of the Month



The City of Marion selected City Hall custodian and volunteer firefighter William Sanders as its March 2014 Employee of the Month. Sanders has been a full-time employee with the City of Marion since September 2011 and a dedicated volunteer firefighter and member of the Marion Rescue Squad for many years. Sanders is responsible for maintaining the building and grounds at City Hall, the Marion Opera House and various other locations. He also assists the Marion Fire Department with numerous tasks and has one of the highest participation rates in the department.

"William Sanders is a great employee and asset to the City of Marion," said City Administrator Alan Ammons. The Mayor and Council recognized William Sanders for his dedication and contributions to the City of Marion at the April 8th Council Meeting.

HMRA Aprilfest

More than 20 vendors participated in kicking off the Farmers' Market season on the morning of April 5th. Several folks enjoyed the bright sunshine, extremely pleasant temperatures, hand-made craft items, local foods and beverages. The event even hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones with prizes claimed for each egg found. And if you missed the morning activities, you really missed a crowd pleaser! The Mullins All-Star Sounds (M.A.S.S.) Band from Mullins High performed several melodies that appealed to all. Be on the lookout for more fun activities for everyone to enjoy in Downtown Marion!

5th Annual HMRA Frogmore Fest

HMRA hosted the 5th Annual Frogmore Fest April 5th on the Courthouse Square. This year's chefs were the "Three Js", Jamon Jordan, Jimmy Jordan and Jimmy Trussell. The HMRA Board was pleased with the event attendance of close to 200 either eating in or taking out their Frogmore Stew. And what better way to work off a few pounds after a meal than to play a round of Cornhole! Mark your calendars for next year. You don't want to miss it. Only in Downtown Marion!



Remember to Shop Local!!!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Annual FoxTrot Festival May 15-17. Hope to see you there!!!

MARION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES YARD OF THE MONTH



Robert and Harriet McFarland of 711 McEachern Heights have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for April 2014. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. The McFarland's will receive a gift certificate from Tru Green Nursery in recognition of this honor.

Door of Hope will host the celebration of National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, 2014

Bishop Michael Blue extends a cordial invitation to all pastors, their congregations, and members of the public, to join in this service at Door of Hope Christian Church. 401 Martin Luther King Drive Marion. 7:00 p.m. *Organizing committee members are Bishop Michael Blue, Karen Christmas, Rev. Chip Scruggs, & Morris Ward*
For more information call Karen at 843-229-0260. This year theme "ONE VOICE, UNITED IN PRAYER". Scripture - Romans 15:6

MARION SENIOR COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: APRIL 24, 2014 (THURS)
 SCHEDULE: 4TH Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted.
 TIME: 3:00 PM
 PLACE: Firehouse Meeting Room.
 WHO: Marion Senior 62 years and Older.
 GOAL: Address senior concerns, build a better vision for Marion and decide what our experience and wisdom we do to create a more unified community.

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Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

June 1- June 30th

Come celebrate "Adopt a Shelter Cat Month" - Paws to the Rescue/Marion County Animal Shelter adoption fees will be 50% off the regular fee.



NEED HELP?

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

- Mayor Bobby L. Davis**, (843) 423-5961, Ext. 21
- Alan Ammons**, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Pam Jones**, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown**, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Elizabeth Sanders**, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
- Elizabeth Fick**, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols**, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Ann Jackson**, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Jim Gray**, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper**, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans**, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Alemeta Mullins**, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

Downtown property owners, let HMRA help you in filling your empty buildings. We'll be glad to retain information about your properties to share with potential buyers and renters. Find the information form on the HMRA website at www.theswampfox.com under Establishments/Available Properties.

Shop and Dine Local...to keep YOUR town viable!!!

Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Mondays and Thursday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are FREE, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that Marion Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.



Marion Chamber ribbon-cutting Ceremony

In conjunction with Olde Towne Marion's monthly Rise and Shine the

Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Benny's Sandwich Shop on Wednesday April 2. Located 615 – B North Main Street, the shop is owned by Benny King. Marion Chamber President Laura White and Mayor Bobby L. Davis, City Administrator Alan Ammons along with Chamber Board members, Olde Towne members and friends welcomed Ms. King to our business community. For information on restaurant hours or for take-out orders call (843) 423-4233.

.....Sports & Recreation.....

Opening Day 2014

Opening Day 2014 was a huge success; over 400 kids participated on April 5th with approximately 1,500 spectators enjoying the festivities. The Marion Recreation Department would like to thank Councilwomen Odessa Gregg for coming out to offer the benediction before the ceremonies started, and Hannah-Pamplico's finest Shay Richardson and Amber Purvis for signing our National Anthem. Mayor Bobby L. Davis was also in attendance and threw out the ceremonial first pitch to start the season. Everyone was excited to see a very special guest from Disney World, Minnie Mouse.

There are 30 regular season teams participating in t-ball, softball and baseball this season in Marion. The Recreation Department is pleased to announce that Marion has been selected to host All Star Tournament play for Ponytails & Belles this year. The games will be held at Green Street Sports Complex on June 21st, 2014. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend the games and support our youth and volunteer coaches.



Senior Bingo
We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month. Bingo is FREE of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

CDJ Aerobics
Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

Associate yourself with people of good quality, for it is better to be alone than in bad company.