

# The City of Marion, South Carolina

## SWAMP FOX SCENE



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

Volume 5, Issue 5

October 2014

### State of the City Address

All are invited to attend this year's Lunch and Learn event sponsored by Olde Towne Marion. The event is scheduled for **October 23, 2014** at **12:00 noon**. It will be held at the Marion Opera House. The honorable Mayor Bobby L. Davis will be making the annual State of the City address. Please make plans to attend this informative event. Seating is limited so please call (843) 423-9918 to make your reservations. The cost is \$5 per person and this includes lunch. We look forward to seeing you there!!

### Christmas Ornaments on Sale Now!!

**Historic Marion Revitalization Association Christmas Ornaments will be on sale beginning in October. Don't miss your chance to get one of these special ornaments, with the circa 1982 downtown Marion streetscape.**

### **Cornhole Event Heralded a Success!**

Close to 500 spectators and players enjoyed HMRA's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Cornhole Tournament on Marion's beautiful court house square September 20<sup>th</sup>. The weather could not have been better for such an event. This year's Official Event and Title sponsor was Sunbelt Roofing Services, Inc. of Marion with proceeds from the event going toward the construction of an outdoor open-air market/entertainment venue on Main Street (where Tio's Restaurant once stood). HMRA notified the crowd gathered that engineered drawings are in their possession and to expect construction soon on the vacant lots.

Other sponsors of this event assisting HMRA in reaching their construction goal were Anderson Brothers Bank as HMRA's Canteen Sponsor and American Waste Systems and Bridgers Drug Store as Entertainment Sponsors for the Charleston-based band, The Shutter Dogs along with the following Game Board Sponsors: Donny Gerald Auto Sales, First Charter Insurance Company, Precise Care Transport, Inc., First Citizens Bank, 76 Diesel and Auto Repairs, Williamson Printing, Duke Energy, Richardson Funeral Home, Richard's Restaurant, Accent Signs and Printing and Rep. Wayne George, SC House District #57. This event could not have been a success without all of our sponsors and without the support received from the City of Marion and general sponsors, Fred' Barber Shop and Palmetto Transport Systems.

Now to the important news: 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners of the Cornhole Tournament went to team The PK's, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners to team Copcorn and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners to team Off in the Corn. Congratulations!!!

### IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

September 11, 2014 Woodmen of the World Chapter 122 in Marion SC in cooperation with the City of Marion Fire Department participated in an In Honor and Remembrance ceremony at the City Fire Department.

"Woodmen of the World members and associates of nationwide organize In Honor and Remembrance ceremonies each year," said President Reave Alford. These ceremonies give members, family and friends a chance to grieve over the lives lost that tragic day and pay respect to the heroes who responded. It gives us a chance to thank local firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and members of the military."

The ceremony began at 10:00 a.m. at the Marion City Fire Department. Chief Trey Cooper received the flag from Mr. Bryan Brown. Chief Trey Cooper also raised the flag full and half mast.

Woodmen of the World along with the City of Marion Fire Department would like to thank each of you for attending In Honor and Remembrance ceremony. Woodmen of the World is proud to salute America's heroes, on the anniversary of an event that forever changed our nation.

The ceremony honors the heroes and victims of September 11, 2001, and fulfills our promise to never forget that tragic day, We also pay tribute to members of the military, both current and past who selflessly protect America's freedom and liberty. And on a local level, this ceremony also extends our unending gratitude to those who safeguard our community - the firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and other first responders who put their lives on the line for our safety.

Historic Marion Revitalization Association  
103 East Dozier Street, Marion, SC 29571  
[www.theswampfox.com](http://www.theswampfox.com)  
[www.facebook.com/hmrasc](http://www.facebook.com/hmrasc)  
843.423.9918

**MISSION STATEMENT:** TO PRESERVE THE HISTORIC ESSENCE THROUGH PRESERVATION, AND STIMULATE AND PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF MARION, SOUTH CAROLINA.



#### The Community Farmer's Market

109 Bobby Gerald Parkway  
Marion, SC  
Saturdays 10am-2pm  
May through December  
843.610.6246

Stop by and get your locally grown, baked or hand-made items from The Community Farmer's Market...Downtown Marion! Something special going on every weekend...don't miss it!

HMRA Says...



HMRA Christmas Ornaments are here! Get them from the HMRA office at 103 East Dozier Street or at select downtown retail Marion Merchants. Don't miss your chance to get one of these special ornaments, circa 1982 Downtown Marion streetscape...first in an annual series of 1982 Downtown Marion!

KEEP TRACK OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR TOWN... VISIT [www.theswampfox.com](http://www.theswampfox.com) AND [www.facebook.com/hmrasc](http://www.facebook.com/hmrasc)

### Church to host 10,000 Villages Festival

The Marion Presbyterian Church will be hosting another ten Thousand Village Festival in its Educational Building from October 16-18, beginning each day at 10:00 a.m. The various works of art and crafts created by artisans from numerous Third World countries will be showcased and sold at a fair and reasonable price. The event is a mission project of the church and the money from the sales is returned to the men and women who make the items.



\*\*\*\*\***CITY NEWS**\*\*\*\*\*

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Community Farmer's Market is open at 109 Bobby Gerald Parkway, now through December. For information, call (843) 610-6246. Stop by and get your local grown, baked or hand-made items.

Each month there is a Marion Foodie meeting and a Marion Film Club meeting, sponsored by the Arts Council of Marion County. Call Randy Floyd at (843) 992-1627 or email at [floydrandy@hotmail.com](mailto:floydrandy@hotmail.com) for information.

**October 1st - Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine hosted by Taylor's Barber Shop, 206 N. Main Street. Celebrating 100 years of service to Marion. Congratulations !!!!!

**October 14th - Tuesday**

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

**October 16th - 18th - Thursday - Saturday**

7th Annual Marion County Youth Day. "Stop the Bullying/Stop The Violence and Come Together." 10:30 a.m. Stop the Violence March (Marion City Hall), 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Youth Day Events (CD Joyner Auditorium). For more information call (843) 423-7117 or email: [mrvinhemingway@yahoo.com](mailto:mrvinhemingway@yahoo.com). Free food and free admission.

**October 15th - 31st**

It's Scarecrow Time! Take in the sites of the season and enjoy displays of traditional to no-so traditional scarecrows, ghosts, ghouls and goblins in and about Downtown Marion!!!

**October 16th - 18th - Thursday - Saturday**

Thur. & Fri. 10:00 a.m., Sat. 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Enjoy a unique, international shopping experience at Ten Thousand Village store, Marion Presbyterian Education Building, 208 S. Main Street.

**October 23rd- Thursday**

Mayor Bobby L. Davis State of the City Address, Marion Opera House, 12:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00, includes lunch. This is sponsored by Historic Marion Revitalization Association.

**Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month**

Mr. and Mrs. Malikiah Woodberry, 424 Kimball Drive have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for September 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. Mr. and Mrs. Woodberry will receive a gift certificate from Tru Green Nursery in recognition of this honor.

The Marion Lions Club is now accepting orders for the Annual Community Calendar. For more info call Charlotte @ 275-9959. The calendar will be for the YEAR 2015. This will be the 61<sup>st</sup> annual edition of the Marion Lions Community Calendar.

Lion' brooms are available at the MARION Chinese Restaurant and Anderson Brothers Bank on Main Street in Marion.

**DAVID HOLLANDSWORTH**  
(843) 275-9959

**Brad Altman is Employee of the Month**

The City of Marion selected Brad Altman as the August 2014 Employee of the Month. Brad has been working in the Street Department since September 2012.

According to his supervisor, Street Superintendent Ronnie Sanders, Brad is "a hard worker, very dedicated and dependable, who takes great pride in his work." Brad's duties include beautification projects such as planting trees and preparing flower beds, mowing grass in the summer and decorating the City for the Christmas season.

The Mayor and Council recognized Brad Altman for his positive attitude and significant contributions to the City of Marion during the September 9<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

**DAR helps promote Constitution Week awareness**

MARION, SC – On September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the document they had created. Constitution Week is the commemoration of the Constitution, America's most important document. Celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23, its purpose is to remind and educate the public of the importance of the Constitution to the nation's history and to its future generations. The goal of the celebration is to raise student awareness of the Constitution in the life of our country.

Members of the Blue Savannah-Swamp Fox Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution annually encourage citizens to observe this important day in our nation's history. For information, visit [www.constitutionday.com](http://www.constitutionday.com).

The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights. This celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1955, when DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Marion County Mayors Bobby L. Davis (Marion), Barbara Hopkins (Sellers), Bo McMillan (Mullins) and Marion County School Superintendent Dr. Dan Strickland each signed a Proclamation marking September 17–23 as Constitution Week in their municipalities and district. Nichol's Mayor Lawson Battle was unable to attend the ceremony, but signed a Proclamation on behalf of his citizens as well.

Throughout the week, local schools will be engaged in Constitution Week activities. The Blue Savannah-Swamp Fox Chapter provided 400 Preamble bookmarks to be given to eighth graders in Marion County public schools and at Pee Dee Academy. A Constitution Week display will be in the Marion County Library and its branches, with free handouts for the public. Additionally, Curtis Campbell with WJAY Radio, 1280 AM, will be giving Constitution spot announcements each day.



# 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 Ficik**, 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
- Almeta Mullins**, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

Questions about your water or sewer bill? Call Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority at (843) 765-4539 or Visit them in City Hall at 107 S. Main Street, Marion SC.

The Swamp Fox Scene is the City of Marion's Free monthly newspaper for citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City, Marion, South Carolina. Printed by Herald Multifarms in Dillon, city employees produce and distribute the newspaper.

The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Bobby L. Davis or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.



## Marion Chamber ribbon-cutting Ceremony

The Ribbon Cutting for Tractor Supply was held on Saturday, September 13th. Pictured are store manager Don Matthews, Alan Ammons, City Administrator, and Tim Harper, County Administrator. The grand opening event included a car show and the Hampton's Legion horseback riding group of Frank Slimmer, Cliff Weaver, Bobby Snyder and Jerry Chesser. Store hours will be Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Tractor Supply is located at 2565 East Highway 76, Marion, SC.

## Marion Chamber of Commerce 24th Annual Golf Tournament

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS DUSTY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Dusty Hills Country Club hosted the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Marion Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and Dinner on Wednesday, August 27, 2014. Tournament sponsors for this year were American Waste Systems, Anderson Brothers Bank, First Charter Co., Inc., First Citizens Bank, Palmetto Chevrolet, Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Pee Dee Federal Savings Bank, and Pee Dee Food Service. Greens sponsors were Group Beneteau, Bridgers Drug Store, Industrial Solutions & Supply, Inc., Jordan Scrap Metal, Robert E. Lee, Attorney at Law, Craig Martin, CPA,PA., Marion County Healthcare Foundation, Mark W. Richardson, Marion County Sheriff and Williamson Printing Company.

A Captain's Choice format was played with a 1 PM shotgun start. After golf, awards were presented by Golf Tournament Chairman, Carroll Atkinson and Chamber Executive Director Cindy Rogers. T'Roy's Restaurant catered a chicken bog dinner. 60 players participated.

Committee members were T. Carroll Atkinson, III, Chairman, Lucas Atkinson, Elaine Barkley, Ashley Brady, Judy Johnson, Craig Martin and Laura White. Special thanks are extended to Chamber member volunteers and sponsors for making this year's tournament and dinner a success.

**Tournament Results:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (59) Larry McIntyre, Byron Beck, Rodney Rogers, Steve Mace
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (59) Jim McCormick, Sr., Jim McCormick, Jr., Kevin Page, Matt Moody
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (61) David Stanaland, Ervin Page, Randy Johnson, Bobo Ammons
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place (62) Bradley George, Tommy George, Freddie Barkley, Chuck Doby

Closest to Pins: # 2 Mark Scott      # 18 Chuck Page

**Special Prizes:**

T- Roy's Restaurant sponsored the 4<sup>th</sup> place prizes, Palmetto Chevrolet sponsored a car for a Hole in One on #18 and Hulon Jewelers sponsored a diamond ring for a Hole in One on #11. This year there were no takers.

## Fire Prevention Week



The city's fire-fighters are always out and about discussing fire safety and prevention with students.

The week of October 6-10, will be National Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign will be **"Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives - Test Your Every Month."**

Marion City Fire Department will be doing Fire Prevention presentation throughout the week at schools, day-care and even at the Marion Fire Department on 107 E. Bond St. downtown.

Smoke Detectors need to be checked every month by an adult. If you are unsure how to check your fire alarm, please contact Marion Fire Department at (843) 423-8602.

**Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives**

**Test Yours Every Month!**  
Fire Prevention Week - October 5-11, 2014

.....RECREATIONAL CORNER .....

**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 Senator Gasque Road. Taught by Judy Johnson and Frances Bethea, the classes are \$5 each or \$30 per month. For information or details, call the Recreation Department at 423-5410.

**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.

**Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center**

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Monday 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.

**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.

**Looking for the right place to hold your next event?**

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone

**Computer lab open for all**

Need to use a computer to apply for a job or conduct research? The Swamp Fox Computer Lab has 12 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 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and after lunch 2:00-5:45 p.m. For more information, call 423-6447.

**Marion Recreation to Host 2015 State Tournaments**

The Marion Recreation Department is happy to announce that they will be hosting SWEETIES, ANGELS X-PLAY, BELLES AND DEBS in Dixie Youth Girls Softball State Championship Tournaments for 2015.

**Punt, Pass & Kick Competition**

On Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, we held a PPK Competition at Withlacoochee Park as part of Play Day 2014. We had a total of 6 participants show up for the competition and each of them went home with a first place ribbon. Pictures are posted on our Facebook page. The names of the participants were:

**Males**

Peyton Britt  
Tanner Askins

**Females**

Emily Britt  
Leah Johnson  
Anna Johnson



Daylight Savings Ends November 1st. Set your Clock Back..

Join Us! at Town of Sellers Raccoon Festival



Saturday, October 25, 2014  
Main St. Sellers, SC 29592  
10 AM - 6PM

Fun!! Parade Raccoon Cook-off Music Fun!!

**Town of Sellers Raccoon Festival**

Sellers will be having a Raccoon Festival on October 25th as a celebration for the newly built Town Hall, and the upcoming Sellers Recreational/Resource Center. There will be food, drinks, games and music for all ages. There are vendor spaces available for \$ 25.00. Please come out and enjoy this event on October 25th 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.