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Leland "Corky" Miller

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Mike Sargent

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WATER/STORM
WATER/VEHICLE
MAINTENANCE**
Olen Hamlin

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CODE ENFORCE-
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RECYCLING MAN-
AGER**
Barry Chappell

RECREATION
Tony Boiter

**BUILDING
OFFICIAL**
Richard Davidson

CITY ATTORNEY
James C. Alexander

**MUNICIPAL
JUDGE**
Ken Roper

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

are held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Rosewood Center. The public is also welcome to attend the Work Sessions which meet the first Monday of each month. These meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Rosewood Center.

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Sweet Sweet Summer Time



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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

We welcome the summer of 2011 and are thankful we are here to see another wonderful season. Liberty has a balanced budget for the year 2011-2012. Although in order to balance the city's budget this year property millage rates simply had to be raised. I have not raised taxes in the six years I have been Mayor, but it was absolutely necessary due to all the state cuts and the cost of doing business continues to rise. Every option was considered by council and me in these decisions. The city was fortunate to purchase the Liberty Football Stadium with Hospitality Tax Funds and the County Recreation Funds. This will help our recreation department to expand and offers the city many other opportunities. We would like to thank Pickens County School Board in a unanimous vote to sell the stadium to the City of Liberty. Let me remind everyone to "Take Pride In Liberty." Please keep your yards clean and cut. The pride will show. Liberty Idol is going strong this year, with first night crowds rivaling last years last night crowds. People are participating from Raleigh, Asheville, Charlotte, Charleston, and Georgia. Come on out Saturday night (6pm—10pm) and enjoy an entertaining night. This is a family event, just bring your chair, and.....IT'S FREE!

The city was saddened by the loss of Roger Swords this past May. Our hearts and prayers remain with his family. He was a dedicated and loyal employee and will be sorely missed.

Brian C. Deese



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BRIAN C. DEESE



MAYOR

I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see.



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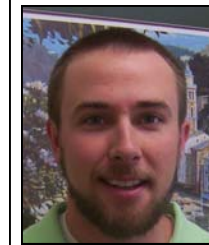
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SETH CROWE/STATE FARM INSURANCE HAS OPEN HOUSE



Seth Crowe, of State Farm Insurance held a drop in at his office on Thursday, June 2, He has a beautiful office and very friendly staff. The drop featured a nice array of finger foods with coffee, and other drinks. Not only that, but you could also sign up for door prizes such as a Nintendo. Everyone was having a nice time meeting Seth, his wife and staff. If you have any insurance needs or would like to get quotes to compare your insurance with, please call Seth or one of his staff at 864-843-1234. They will be happy to help you. We are so pleased they have made their office in Liberty.

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO DORIS ALLGOOD



Mrs. Doris Allgood turned 90 years old on May 17th of this year. She is a lifelong resident of Liberty. Mrs. Allgood worked for the Employment Security Commission in Liberty for 32 years. Sitting on her front porch talking with Mrs. Allgood was a real pleasure. She talked about how Liberty has changed through the years. Mrs. Allgood stated regarding the recent letter sent to all Liberty residents, that she remembered when they put the sewer lines in. Mrs. Allgood stated she loved Liberty and its citizens and stated it felt like one big family. Congratulations on turning 90, and Liberty wishes you many, many more. Liberty is blessed to have you!



LIBERTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**MIKE SARGENT
FIRE CHIEF**

The tool boxes for Brush 2 have been manufactured and installed by Tri Tech USA. Pictured from left to right is: Joe Bacigalupo – President of Tri Tech USA, Mike Sargent – Fire Chief, Ben Zander – Engineer, Brian Deese – Mayor, Will Bander – Fabricator/Welder. These boxes have two rollup doors on the driver side equipped with the Jaws of Life and other rescue equipment. We also installed a gage on the rear for a firefighter to safely stand and spray water from the truck onto brush/grass fires without having to drag 200 feet of hose. One rollup door on the passenger side is equipped with fire rakes and medical bags. This truck will now

respond to brush fires, wrecks/rescues and medical calls. Tri Tech USA did an outstanding job on these boxes. The Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) compressor we received from Clemson University Fire Department is up and running. This compressor fills our air cylinders we wear into smoke filled structures.

It has been almost one year since the completion of the bay expansion. The headquarters emergency generator is also complete with an external fuel tank. The department purchased an emergency generator for our radio repeater located at the city water tank on S. Peachtree St. Olen Hamlin installed the generators. I want to thank the Mayor and council for approving this construction project, especially Rick Clark for applying for the DOC grant. We are awaiting our ISO (Insurance Services Office) audit. We have purchased the remaining equipment that is required for our trucks to be fully compliant with ISO standards. The City has 20 new hydrants for better coverage and the surrounding water districts have installed 78 new hydrants. The City has improved the water lines and installed a loop system that has improved our water supply to hydrants. Due to this improvement, we have 132 hydrants in the city that supply more than 1500 gal/min, 14 with more than 1000 gal/min, and 9 with more than 500 gpm/min. The City and the Liberty Area Fire District have purchased additional trucks since our last audit in 1996. We now have 4 pumpers, 1 ladder truck, 1 new tanker, 1 service truck and 2 new brush trucks and a new substation three miles south of Liberty. This audit should lower our rating which should lower your homeowners insurance. Once we have received our new rating, all homeowners will be notified and you can contact your insurance company with the new rating. We have filled four volunteer slots at the station. We are happy to have David Greene, Patrick Roper, Andrew Hyde and Jason Moore. The paid firefighters have finished business fire inspections in the city and the rural district. We still need to follow-up on violation corrections. We have finished the yearly pump test on all the trucks and all the fire hose.



The 2nd Annual Wings & Wheels for Meals was a great success with over \$8,000 being generated for Pickens County Meals On Wheels through airplane and helicopter rides, food vendors, registration of classic cars, motorcycles and airplanes, T-shirt sales, photos, and raffle and silent auction items. Wings & Wheels for Meals was organized by Liberty businessman John Garner, and the event was managed by The Pickens County Airport, the Pickens County Aeronautics Commission and the Pickens County Pilots Association, with the participation and hard work of many volunteers. Raffle and silent auction items were donated by individuals and Pickens County businesses, and this newsletter would like to recognize the following Liberty businesses for their donations: **Bernie's Service Station, Celestial Flowers, DNT's Tanning Salon, Fiesta Grill, Great Clips, Hot Diggity Dogs, Ingles, Liberty Family Pharmacy, Little Bistro, Nail SPA, Nalley's, Mary Kay by Stacy McRae, Seth Crow State Farm Agency, and Yank's Place.** For more information on Pickens County Meals On Wheels, go to www.pcmow.org, or call Meta Bowers, Executive Director, at 855-3770.



BRICK ENGRAVING
Keep sending in your names for the brick engraving at Crowe Memorial Courtyard. We are going to continue to collect names until we have enough!



Remember to dispense of your used oil at the recycle center!



IF YOU CUT A TREE DOWN ON YOUR PROPERTY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL AND CLEAN UP!!

City Council Public Hearing Monday, June 13, 2011, at 5:45 pm



Welcome Bud & Lavinia Bryant

Bud and Lavinia receiving the keys to the property from John and Ruth Myers

Please welcome Virgil (Bud) and Lavinia Bryant to Liberty. Bud and Lavinia recently purchased the property at 643 West Main Street, Liberty, which Liberty old-timers will remember as including the car lot owned by Bill Watkins. The property was bought by John and Ruth Myers in 1996. Bud grew up in Catechee, and Lavinia grew up in Central. Bud attended Liberty High School, joined the army when he was 17, fought in Korea where he was wounded and received the Purple Heart. Bud remained in the Army, and served two tours in Vietnam with the Special Forces, retiring from the military after 20 years of service. After military service, Bud worked for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, retiring in 1994 and returning home to Pickens County. In 2001, Bud re-connected with his childhood sweetheart, Lavinia, and they were married in 2003. Again, please welcome this very patriotic couple to Liberty.



Green Berets



Combat Infantryman
Badge



Purple
Heart



WELCOME TO THE WORLD JULIANNA PAIGE BLACK



Congratulation to Chris and Misty Black on the birth of their first daughter. The Blacks have two boys, Ethan and Alex. Julianna is the granddaughter of Robbie and Councilman Dwight Yates and Gene and Rita Black.

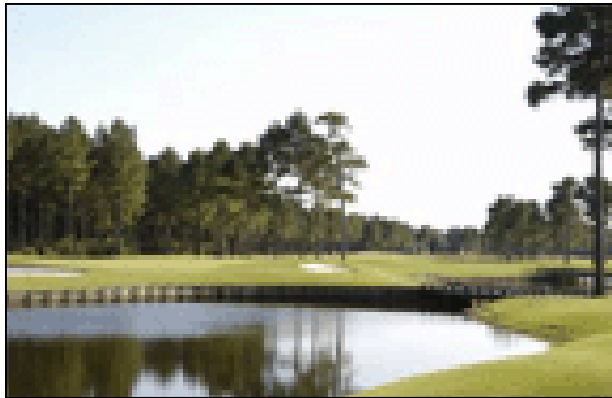


The city lost Roger Swords, one of our cherished employees, who passed away in May. He will be greatly missed. He was a hard worker who was very dedicated and dependable. The

City of Liberty appreciated his service to the city. Roger was a lifelong resident of Liberty. His family will remain in our prayers.



LIBERTY IDOL GOLF TOURNAMENT



THE
ROCK
AT
JOCAS-
SEE



Do you love to play golf??

If you do, get your team together and come to the 3rd Annual Liberty Idol Golf Tournament! It is Friday, July 1st, 2011 at The Rock At Jocassee. 10:00 am Shotgun Start! Sponsorships are available with 10% of the proceeds going to the MS Foundation. If you would like to play or be a sponsor, please contact Sue Woods at 864-843-3177 ext. 4. Take on Mayor Deese or some of your councilmen in a good game of golf!! Come on and play...win a trophy!! GREAT DOOR PRIZES, LUNCH, and FELLOWSHIP!!



FRED'S 6TH YEAR DONATING EASTER BASKETS

Fred's did it again this year with their donation of Easter Baskets! We are really blessed in Liberty to have Fred's who is so community minded. Again the Mayor and council wish to thank Donna Waters, her staff and customers for their generosity to Liberty.



CHURN DASH QUILT COMES TO LIBERTY



The new quilt that hangs on the old theatre building downtown on Front Street came to us through the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail. The Upstate of South Carolina has a rich quilting background and captures days gone by. Gerri Deese is responsible for getting the quilt to Liberty. She worked with the members of The Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail and the city appreciates her time in helping to bring this quilt to Liberty. The pattern, called Churn Dash, comes from a quilt belonging to Hayne Meyerson and has been in her family for approximately 100 years. It is in reference to a butter churn. Quilt patterns are historical and have many

unique designs. There are already quilts located in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. Soon Liberty may be getting one more of these beautiful quilts to grace our city.



Ready for the Idol!!



PRAY FOR RAIN!! (NO STORMS)



6th ANNUAL LIBERTY IDOL 2011

Are you following your favorite Idol contestant? The crowds this year are truly phenomenal. The first night crowd was almost as large as the later crowds. Everyone seems to be having a great time and the food and atmosphere is great. The contestants are giving it their all each week. Come out and enjoy an evening downtown. Visit with your neighbors, have some great food and relaaaax!!!



Pictures by Rocky Nimmons, The Pickens County Courier



LIBERTY RECREATION

NEWS & NOTES

Tony Boiter, Recreation Director

Baseball & softball season will be finishing up on June 3rd. This year we had 20 teams total, 15 in baseball and 5 in softball. Age divisions include tee ball, (6u), coach pitch, (8u), 10u, 12u, 14u Dixie Boys, 15u Dixie Girls, 15-16 Dixie Pre-Majors baseball. All star tournaments will start with sub districts for some age divisions by June 20. This year Liberty will host the sub district for 12u boys. The date for this tournament is July 5-9, to be played at Iselin & Morris fields. The new scoreboard looks great at the Morris field location. We hope to be able to equip the tee ball and coach pitch field with a scoreboard in the future. Flag football season ended May 20th with the finals of the regular season tournament. The Liberty 14u team coached by Chris Meinders and Danny Woodring won the 14u division. Cheerleading registrations will finish up the end of May. We may be able to take a few late signups the first week of June, but this should be the end of these as there will be a mandatory fitting on Saturday, June 11. Football registrations will start up May 30 through June 17. If your child is interested in participating in league play, it will be imperative that you get your child registered within the time window that is advertised. We have credential meetings to attend with proper paperwork needed to get everyone certified and placed in the proper age division. Everything looks good for the Recreation department to take over the old high school stadium for all of our games and special events this year. This is a huge pick up for the recreation department. We have been really strapped for playing fields for games and practices. We have a lot of plans in the works for football tournaments to enhance our special events. Fall baseball and softball registrations will start up June 20 through July 15. Please do not procrastinate. We need to get everyone registered in a timely fashion.



BUILDING CODES

Richard Davidson
Building Official

Pickens County has under construction 5 box hangers that are 60 ft by 60 ft. These are designed to handle small jets. The Pickens County Airport has needed more hangers for a while

and this will certainly help with people who want to make sure a hanger will be available for their plane.



GRASSCYCLE

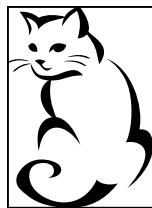
Grasscycling is leaving clippings on the lawn after mowing instead of collecting or bagging them for disposal. When done properly, clippings quickly decompose and return nutrients to the soil naturally. To grasscycle properly:

- Cut your grass when it's dry.
- Cut your grass regularly.
- Cut your grass no more than one-third of the grass height at any one mowing with a sharp blade.

Grasscycling helps reduce water use, water evaporation from the lawn and the need for chemical fertilizers. This helps protect local streams, rivers and lakes from runoff pollution from yards and gardens.



ANIMALS



LOOK OUT FOR YOUR ANIMALS IN THIS VERY HOT WEATHER. PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY HAVE PLENTY OF FRESH WATER AND KEEP THEM IN IF YOU CAN!

**COME OUT AND DINE!
CELEBRATE LIBERTY'S
VARIETY OF FINE RESTAURANTS!!!**



YANK'S PLACE
14 S. Commerce
St.
864-843-4446

HARD WOK CAFE
Ingles Shopping
Center
864-843-3383

LITTLE BISTRO
29 S. Commerce
St.
864-843-0001

Pancho's
29 Anderson Dr.
(864) 843-2346

**TONY'S PIZZA AND
SUBS**
25 S. Commerce St.
(864) 372-4610

LIBERTY BELL
325 W. Main St.
864-843-9446

DOMINO'S PIZZA
Ingles
Shopping
Center
864-843-6636

WALKER'S
Hot Diggity Dogs
25 W. Front St.
864-843-7291

FIESTA GRILL
Ingles Shopping
Center
(864) 843-2121

**INGLES DELI
INGLES
MARKETS**
864-843-1249

SUBWAY
919 Anderson Dr.
864-843-4626

**NINO'S Greek &
Italian Restaurant**
50 Commerce Street
864-843-5992

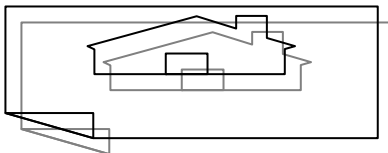
**"SMOKEY V's
BBQ and Grill**
208 Anderson Dr.
864-843-5664



GEECHIE REDS
42 S.
COMMERCE ST
372-4240

come out and enjoy a meal at one of our many establishments!! You have a wide variety to choose from so you will be sure to find just what you're craving.
You can check them out on the web at www.restaurant.com, just enter Liberty's zip code.

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