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All information is provided for informational purposes. Dates and times are subject to change. Always check the website provided before heading to an event. If you have questions or comments, please email hereswhatspoppin@ outlook.com. Thank you! See you at the Festival!

Counting Down the Days



e are only two months away from the Marion Popcorn Festival and things are happening very quickly. From fundraisers to pageants, all the volunteers are working very hard to bring you the best possible festival.

The pageants have done a variety of fundraisers including putting little pigs in peoples yard to be corralled at a later day, to bingos, bowling, raffles and picture days.





The Little Wee Pop committee

just hosted their second successful bingo on Sunday, June 25th and are looking at the possibility of a third. Keep you eyes and ears open for further updates. The Mr. Popcorn pageant is holding a putt-putt fundraiser this Saturday, July 1st. More information available in this edition of the newsletter. Teeny Pop

is holding it's second Family Photo Day on Sunday, July 9th. If you missed it the first time, give them a call and see if there are any spots still open!

If you have not attended any of the fundraisers, we encourage you to do so. Go out and support the committees!

The Executive Board, Chairpersons and a multitude of volunteers are in full swing getting things done and working towards a successful 37th Annual Popcorn Festival. It



would be impossible to do without all the wonderful volunteers who put in countless hours to make this happen. If you, or anyone you know, would like to become a volunteer, please contact Director, Robb Koons at 740-360-6232, or Assistant Director, Cyndie Jackson at 317-417-7574. We are always looking for fresh faces!

We Wouldn't be Who we Are without All of You



want to start by saying "Thank You" to all the many volunteers who make this festival possible every year. We would certainly not be able to do this if we did not have all the help from the volunteers and the support of the community.

The front page hit on the need for volunteers. This year finds us without a chairperson for the Golf Committee as well as for the Fundraising Committee. If you or someone you know may be interested in

becoming a chairperson and joining in on the fun, please contact us for more information.

The golf committee puts together a golf outing each year. This person would be in responsible for locating the venue, setting up the date and details with the owner/operator of the golf course and ensuring we have participants for the outing. Many golf courses around the area will happily display a flyer about the event at their course. The chairperson may also utilize social media to spread the word. In years past, the chair has also put together door prizes, raffles and auction items. If you are interested we can give you more details upon meeting to discuss the opportunity.

Our fundraising chair, well, does just that! As the chairperson for fundraising, you would set up different events throughout the year such as the Paint Night which had been held in the past at BlueFusion, the Scavenger Hunt, Springfest, etc. You would also man the booth beside theme all three nights of the festival, to see raffle tickets. You can enlist volunteers to fill time slots at the booth as well. This is a fun committee and a great way to get involved with the festival! Please contact us for more information.

I'll leave you with this...the festival is approaching fast! We're very excited for the festival this year and we hope you are as well. Great things are happening and we'd love for you to be a part of it.

Again, thank you for all that you do to make this a success!



Thank you, Robert Baer, *President*



Did You Know?

This miniaturized sport has been popular since the 19th century.

The oldest mini golf course in existence can actually be found in Scotland: The Ladies' Putting Club of St. Andrews was formed in 1867 as a membersonly green for women golfers





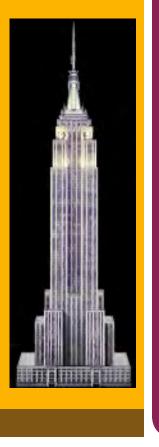
Show your support for the Mr. Marion Popcorn Pageant by coming out to Paradise Park this

Saturday, July 1 from 2-5 and putt-putt with the family!

A portion of putt-putt sales will go towards the Mr Popcorn pageant. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and raffle baskets!

Did you Know?

Americans eat so much popcorn — more than fifty popped quarts per person per year — that it could fill the Empire State Building 18 times!





The Marion Popcorn Festival Community Showcase Stage Presents.....



Lip Sync Competition

When: Preliminaries July 15, 2017

Finals July 22, 2017

Where: The Venue at Bluefusion Fun Center

1340 Mt. Vernon Ave
Marion, OH 43302

Time: Doors open at 5 pm and the First

contestant performs at 6 pm
Each night.

Cost: Preregistration before June 30, 2017

\$15, Day of \$20.

Admission: \$5 includes 2 tickets for People's choice voting additional tickets can be purchased for \$1 each.
Children under 3 are admitted free with no voting tickets.

Judging will be a combination of judges and people's choice so bring your friends and family to cheer you on. Proceeds to benefit The Marion Popcorn Festival and the Community Showcase Stage

For complete rules and guidelines and a registration form go to <u>www.popcornfestival.com</u> or https://www.facebook.com/communityshowcasestage/

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Thank you!

The pageants have been doing an incredible job with fundraising this year!

We want to thank everyone who has taken the time to go out and show these chairs your support.

Please continue to support your Popcorn Festival Events!

Raising Funds for the Miss Teeny Pop Pageant

July 9th, 2017 at the American Red Cross Building located at 1849 Summerset Drive Marion, OH 43302

> 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (reservations needed for sitting time)

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Contact Marissa Oliver for reservations

by calling 740-262-4533 or by emailing marissaoliver22@yahoo.com

\$25.00 Sitting Fee includes 3 poses of your choice and a CD of all photos taken.

Photos can be printed at any photo center in any size and quantity you choose.





You asked for it so here it is! Thank you for making our first Photoday such a success!

You asked for it so here it is! Family Photoday Take 2, sponsored by the Miss Teeny Pop Pageant. Photographers will be on site with doing photos inside with backdrops and props, and weather permitting, outside with props! Contact Marissa Oliver at 740-262-4533 to schedule your appointment. You'll receive 3 poses as well as an edited CD, sent to you after the shoot, of all photos taken with the rights to print as many photos as you'd like at any photo center!

CRAFT and **COMMERCIAL**

Contact Cheryl Huffman 740-360-5511 • clh161@aol.com

The Marion Popcorn Festival Craft, Community, & Commercial vendor area is located on Oak Street only. The area is open from 11am-9pm daily, rain or shine. Vendors will need to bring their own pop-up tent(s). Single booth spaces are 10 ft x 10 ft and double booths are 10 ft x 22 ft. Electric is included with your booth space. Please, no raffles. Craft vendors must make 75% of the items being sold in the booth.

Which booth type do I choose?

•Craft – Vendor or family member makes at least 75% of items to be sold in booth. Resale of large amounts non-handcrafted goods not permitted.

•Community – Vendor lives or works in the Marion area and presents some kind of service to the community, such as school organizations, boys or girl scouts, churches, OSUM, and other community organizations such as Marion Matters.

•Commercial – Companies such as Tupperware, Avon, Watkins or vendors reselling items such as t-shirts, jewelry, clothes, toys, or companies that are handing out information about services, events, or recruiting people. If you have home base products, please contact Cheryl first as we only allow one of ea*ch company*.

Frequently Asked Questions

•How are spaces assigned?

Spaces are assigned by the committee when money and contract has been received. If you are a returning vendor, FULL PAYMENT and contract must be received by June 30 to get booth space back.

•When can I set up?

Set up is Wednesday before the festival from 4-8 P.M. or Thursday from 8A.M. to 10:30 A.M. All vehicles MUST be off the streets by 10:30 A.M. Vendors should have booth ready by opening ceremony at 11:00 A.M.

•Who do I make my check payable to?

Please make checks payable to:

Marion Popcorn Festival Craft, Community and Commercial Area P.O. Box 1101 Marion, Ohio 43301-1101

We now have the availability to take Pay Pal or credit cards.

Please contact Cheryl for this option.

Did you Know?



Kernels that are too dry won't be able to create steam (or pressure) and won't pop. They're playfully called "old maids" or "spinsters."







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Bradshaw

She's grown up in Marion and now is Queen of the town!

Kim Bradshaw is a 2004 graduate from Pleasant High School and 2008 graduate from Wright State University. She is currently employed in Bucyrus at Ohio Mutual Insurance Group as a Quality Analyst. In the evenings and on the weekends she can usually be found with her loving husband and two daughters as they play dress up, make creations with Play-Doh, or attempt to make dinner without burning down the house. Yes- all of those are group activities. Other hobbies include dancing and singing – usually at the Marion Palace Theatre in any community show she can fit into her schedule – and this year representing Marion all around the state of Ohio as Ms. Marion Popcorn Festival!

"I've had a blast this past year representing the festival at various events in and outside of Marion. It will truly be something I will never forget. Thankfully, I'm not going anywhere yet! I am currently the co-chair of the Mr. Popcorn Pageant and plan to continue being a part of the festival in any way that I can for many years to come."



The 37th Annual Marion Popcorn Festival Parade will kick off on Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m.

The Parade Committee is looking for volunteers who would like to be work as parade marshals at this years festival. The parade marshals are responsible for covering one of the parade streets, making sure barricades are up, trash boxes secured, and lining up the entries who report to your street. You will then get them ready to go once you are told your street is getting ready to enter the parade. Once they have cleared your street, you will break down the barricades, take down No Parking Signs and move the trash boxes to the corner of your street.

> All volunteers receive 2 VIP tickets along with 4 beverage tickets to be used on the night of your choosing.

There will be an informational meeting the night before the parade at 5:30 at the old school administration building at the corner of Forest Lawn Blvd and Church Street. We look forward to seeing you there!



"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".

> ~Author Unknown

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