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## Pickens County Team Up & Clean Up

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Pickens County's "Team Up and Clean-Up" effort that kicked off on Friday and continued through the weekend "couldn't have gone better," county council chairman Roy Costner said. In county council meetings leading up to the cleanup, Costner said the county was expecting a lot of guests as part of its sesquicentennial celebration. "We wanted to clean up before we celebrated 150 years," he said. More than 300 Pickens County employees signed up to take part in the cleanup from 8 a.m.-noon on Friday.

"We had 100 percent participation from county council, the state delegation, South Carolina Department of Transportation, a lot of municipalities, churches, different organizations," Costner said Monday. The number of people participating in the cleanup "was probably close to 500," Costner said. The total number of tons of trash collected came in higher than originally reported. "On Friday, we thought it was 11 tons," Costner said. But officials later determined that 16.5 tons of trash were collected over the course of the weekend.

The county partnered with PalmettoPride for the cleanup. Sponsors included South State Bank, PET Milk and Chick-fil-A of Easley and Powdersville. "We had some great partnerships," Costner said. "It was a cool opportunity for everybody to come together." The county held a "pep rally" the night before and gave away some prizes. The big prize — "the Golden Ticket" — was hidden somewhere in the county for a participant to find during the cleanup. The person who found the ticket won a donated \$1,000 trip to Pigeon Forge, TN, Costner said. "What a great way to kick off the beginnings of our 150th anniversary," he said.

Officials hope to keep the enthusiasm going with the "Five on Friday" initiative. Based on county population numbers, "If everybody picks up five pieces of trash on Fridays, we'll pick up a half ton of trash every Friday," Costner said. "We'll get it clean and we'll keep it clean." Officials hope to make the cleanup day an annual event, he said. "We're going to look at how we can do that," he said. "Everybody had a really great time. It was work, but it was a lot of fun."

Pickens Revitalization Association is dedicated to the enhancement, preservation and sustainable growth of Pickens' historic downtown area.

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## LOCAL NEWS



### **Burgess and Taylor General Store Grand Opening**

Burgess General store, now known as Burgess and Taylor General Store held a ribbon cutting reopening on Saturday with new owners Jack and Katie Taylor.

The Taylor's daughter Emma is shown doing the honors as Pickens City council members, Patrick Lark, Lois Porter, Pickens Mayor David Owens, Pickens Chamber Director Kim Smagala along with her daughter Nola and patron Nathan Miller look on.

Burgess and Taylors General Store is located at 710 W. Main Street in Pickens. The store offers a wide variety of unique gift items with an old country store feel. The Taylors also have fresh hot dogs and barbeque. For more information or to place an order call (864) 878-4388.

# LOCAL NEWS

Holly Springs Center- 120 Holly Springs School Rd. Pickens, SC 29671

Register Online at: [www.hollyspringscenter.com](http://www.hollyspringscenter.com)

## Winter/Spring SOMA Classes

Date	Course Name	Details
April 7	Beginner Silversmithing	Taught by Joy Evans. 10-4PM. \$60 + \$20 for supplies. Learn design, layout, cutting, filing, stamping, polishing, creating a pendant and earrings. Bring lunch. Limit of 6 students.
April 14	Herbal Wisdom Strategies for Stress and Overwhelm	Taught by Reba Kruse-BSN, RN. 10-12 PM. \$20 + \$5 for supplies. Learn how our bodies respond to stress and remedies they can make.
April 21	Beginner/Adv beginner Dulcimer	Taught by Janet Hardin. 10-12 PM—Beginner (\$20) and 12-2 PM Adv Beginner (Know how to play a few songs already-\$20) If you want to come to both classes--\$40. Some rental instruments available.
April 21	Making Gourd Jewelry	Taught by Debbie Wilson. 10-2. You'll learn how to make 3 different pieces with different processes. \$40 for tuition and \$12 for supplies.
April 28	Setting stones (Silversmithing)	Taught by Joy Evans. 10-2PM. \$40 + money to instructor for supplies. Learn to set a stone while creating your own pendant or ring. You may want to set a stone from Gemology. Bring lunch. Limit of 6 students.
April 28	Gardening Your Gut with Botanicals	Taught by Reba Kruse-BSN, RN. 10-12 PM. \$20 + \$5 for supplies. Learn how to cultivate the right soil that supports a healthy digestive system.
May 12	Herbal Kitchen Remedies	Taught by Reba Kruse-BSN, RN. 10-12 PM. \$20 + \$5 for supplies. Learn to create traditional herbal remedies. Max of 12 students.
May 12	Beginner Spoon Carving	Taught by Ron Wilson. 9-1 PM. \$40 + \$5 for supplies. Max of 8 students. Ages 16 and up. Bring lunch.

# FEATURED EVENTS and PROMOTIONS

## 34th Annual Pickens Azalea FESTIVAL

April 20 & 21, 2018

Please Join Us for the Annual Pickens Azalea Festival!

Booths line Main Street with Arts & Crafts , Food, Local Civic Groups,  
Local Non-Profit Organizations, and Amusement Rides in Legacy Square.

**\*\* Live Entertainment at the Amphitheater Friday Night and Saturday! \*\***

In conjunction with City of Pickens & Pickens County Sesquicentennial Celebration  
at the Amphitheater. Look for the Annual Cruise In on Main Street on Friday evening.

For more information visit <http://pickensazaleafestival.com/>



# FEATURED EVENTS and PROMOTIONS

# 2018 Blue Ridge Fest

Featuring

## THE SPINNERS

*"Rubberband Man"*

*"I'll Be Around"*

*"It's A Shame"*

*"I'll Always Love You"*



*"Working My Way  
Back To You"*

*"Games People Play"*

*"I'm Coming Home"*

Also

## Jim Quick & Coastline

And MAGIC

An Upstate Premier Variety Band

## May 4, 2018

5:30 pm-10 pm at Blue Ridge Electric Co-op, 734 W. Main St., Pickens, SC

**ADULTS \$25 • CHILDREN \$15**

Discounted tickets purchased in advanced: Adults \$20 • Children \$12

Come in a classic car (1989 or older) and \$30 admits a carload of up to four! Line-up begins at 2 pm. Gates open at 3 pm for classic cars. Dash plaques are available for the first 400 cars. Proceeds benefit Upstate charitable organizations.

For more information, call 800-240-3400 or visit online at [blueridgefest.com](http://blueridgefest.com).



*"Largest Cruise-In in the Upstate"*



21st Annual

Great Times!

Great Causes!

# Blue Ridge FEST

# FEATURED EVENTS and PROMOTIONS

## Berkshop now at Holly Springs Center



The recent Chamber Member of the Month, Berkshop, is now open at Holly Springs Center! New location, more workshops, and always an advocate for our community! Thanks Doug and Miriam for all you do to make Pickens a special place to live and visit!!

**OPEN HOUSE** at The Berkshop - April 14th 10am-2pm

On Saturday, April 14, The Berkshop is participating in the Holly Springs Center's Open House. Stop by to see our new location, and while you are there, check out the many masks, see how masks are made, and try your hand at juggling. Doug will be on hand to answer questions about our Spring workshops.

**INTRODUCTION TO MASK MAKING**

Saturdays - April 21, April 28, May 5 and May 12

9am - 12pm

This workshop will introduce participants to general concepts of mask making, including design, sculpting with clay, casting and molding with plaster, forming masks with papier mache' and other materials, painting and finishing masks. Each participant will complete the workshop with a plaster cast of their face and at least one papier mache' mask. All materials will be provided. Fee: \$120

**"THROWING UP" (JUGGLING) AND OTHER CIRCUS ANTICS**

Saturdays - April 21, April 28, May 5 and May 12

2pm - 3pm

This workshop will focus on how to juggle with an introduction to other circus skills, such as balancing and unicycling. No experience necessary. All levels welcome. Equipment provided. Fee: \$40

For more information, contact Dough at [berkshoptheatre@gmail.com](mailto:berkshoptheatre@gmail.com)

# FEATURED EVENTS and PROMOTIONS

FREE!

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*Events at the*  
**PICKENS  
AMPHITHEATER**  
**2018**

## april

- 14<sup>th</sup> Shoal Creek
- 21<sup>st</sup> Pickens Azalea Festival
- 28<sup>th</sup> Taylor McCall

## june

- 9<sup>th</sup> Left Lane Bluegrass
- 23<sup>rd</sup> RetroVertigo

## august

- 4<sup>th</sup> Jamie Wright Band
- 18<sup>th</sup> Angela Easterling & the Beguilers

## may

- 12<sup>th</sup> The Hired Help
- 26<sup>th</sup> Carolina Highway Band

## july

- 4<sup>th</sup> 4th of July Celebration  
Jake Bartley Band
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jack Greer
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sweet Potato Pie Kids  
& Carolina Blue
- 21<sup>st</sup> Itchy & the Chiggers

## september

- 1<sup>st</sup> SplitShot

114 W. Main Street

7pm - 9pm  
LIVE MUSIC



[www.cityofpickens.com/amphitheater](http://www.cityofpickens.com/amphitheater)



# FEATURED EVENTS

GREATER PICKENS, EASLEY, CLEMSON AND LIBERTY CHAMBERS

## Business After Hours



The McKissick Center  
FOR SENIOR WELLNESS

• MAY 10, 2018 •

Join all 4 Pickens County Chambers as we network and explore the fabulous McKissick Center and learn about all the amazing things they do for our senior community!

MAY 10, 2018 • 5:50 - 7:30 PM • 349 EDMONT AVENUE, LIBERTY, SC

## GREATER PICKENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

27TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
OCTOBER 12TH, 2018

AT THE ROCK

9 AM SHOTGUN START



VISIT: [WWW.PICKENSCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.COM](http://WWW.PICKENSCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.COM) TO REGISTER

## THANKS MEMBERS!

Alexander Law Firm	Brock's	Corner Drug Store	Pizza Inn
AnMed Health Cannon	City of Pickens	Great Oaks Dental	Pace & Reeves
Pickens Senior Center	Edward Jones	Seth Crow - State Farm	American Legion
Pickens Dental Associates	Stockade Antiques	Lindsay Oil Company	TD Bank
Town & Country Florist	Pickens Savings & Loan	Nestfeathers	Shabby & Chic
Behavioral Health Services	Flowers By Virginia	GateHouse Restaurant	Mark Kaiser
East Main Treasures	Foothills Gun and Pawn	Roper Law Firm	9 Round
Pruitt Health	Blue Ridge Electric Coop	TTI/OWT, Inc.	Durham Greene
Oh Joy!	Pickens Federal Credit Union	Pickens Rotary Club	Domino's
South State Bank	Cornell-Dubilier	Buddy & Cisco's Bistro	Enrapt, LLC
Pickens Azalea Festival	Southern App. Outdoors	Appalachian Ale House	Morris on Main
Bee Well Honey	Serenity at Sunset	Martha's Marv. Munchies	Rustic Chic