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Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce to Host Tax Reform Workshop

Join the Chamber as they host an informational workshop on the new Tax Reform Bill. Sponsored by Cassell and Hendricks, CPA, PA and hosted at the Pickens County Village Library at 9am on February 15th, 2018. Bring your questions as we cover both business and individual tax updates. E-mail GreaterPickensChamber@gmail.com to reserve a spot. This event is complimentary to Chamber Members and Chamber Member employees.

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LOCAL NEWS

The Reserve at Lake Keowee Announces Charitable Giving Record of \$150,000 to Local Charities

Each year during this season of giving, The Reserve at Lake Keowee's Charitable Foundation distributes a special donation to eight local Upstate charities. The Charitable Foundation unveiled another record-breaking year with a gift of \$150,000. Since the Foundation's inception in 2006 it has raised and donated \$691,000 to local charities. On Tuesday, December 5th, Representatives from each local charity gathered at Founders Hall in The Reserve's Village for the special announcement and funds disbursement. A special Christmas concert featuring music by Jenn Bostic and John Patti followed the charity check presentation.

The 2017 beneficiaries of The Reserve at Lake Keowee Charitable Foundation's annual gift include:

Helping Hands Children's Shelter	Ripple of One	Safe Harbor
Feed a Hungry Child	Samaritans Health	Family Promise
Pickens County Meals on Wheels	Pickens Senior Center	

"The good these eight charities accomplish is inspiring," said Anita Arms, Chairman of The Reserve at Lake Keowee Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees. "The entire Reserve community appreciates the dedication and effort these organizations put into helping people in Pickens County. The Reserve Charitable Foundation is proud to give back to our community."

Three fundraising events throughout the year make this \$150,000 gift possible: The Reserve at Lake Keowee's 2017 Charity Golf Classic and Auction, the community's Garden Club Home Tour, and its Swine and Dine Dinner & Auction. These events are made possible through hundreds of volunteer hours, sponsorships and donations from local businesses and individuals.

Kathy Brazinski, Co-Founder and President of Feed a Hungry Child says, "If ever there was a fairy tale come true, The Reserve Charitable Foundation is the fairy tale that has given hungry children the opportunity to eat nutritious food on the weekends. Since the Reserve Foundation has been so generous over the years nearly \$100,000 has been donated to our organization, this has provided 16,667 meals for children in Pickens County. We believe in blessings and The Reserve Foundation has been a blessing to children in need. There can never be enough thanks and appreciation given to the residents of The Reserve." Leslie Flynn, Board member for Family Promise, stated, "We are deeply grateful for the Reserve's generosity in helping those in need in our community."

The Charitable Foundation in partnership with the Reserve's Garden Club recently held an "Evening of Christmas Inspiration" home tour event at The Reserve at Lake Keowee to kick start the fundraising for 2018. Reserve Residents, the Neely's and Moorcroft's opened their exquisitely decorated homes and shared decadent hors d'oeuvres as part of this fundraising event for the Charitable Foundation. Funds were raised from donated raffle items.

To be considered as beneficiary non-profit charitable organizations may apply by November 30 each year via The Reserve at Lake Keowee's website at <http://www.reserveatlakekeowee.com/life-here/community-foundation/>. The Foundation's Outreach Committee reviews applications, and all members of The Reserve at Lake Keowee vote upon a vetted list of finalists. Selected beneficiaries are notified in March, and The Reserve disburses funds in December.



LOCAL NEWS

Pickens Christmas Parade Winners

Christmas cheer filled the air on Saturday afternoon December 16th in Downtown Pickens as the reschedule parade flowed through Main St with over 30 floats and crowds lining the sidewalks. From old timey cars from Barry Thornton and Gang, to a 6-foot metal sculpted dinosaur from In2Go Fabrication, to a singing ensemble with a suspended 10 foot angel in the air performed by Faith Lutheran Church.

“Our judges had a very difficult time this year choosing between such good floats and participants. They all deserve an honorable mention for their enthusiasm, generosity, and commitment to providing our community with such a fun and exciting day.” stated Kim Smagala with the Pickens Chamber of Commerce.

The winners for the 2017 Pickens Christmas Parade are:

Best Theme Adaptation and Overall - Pickens Rec. 9 & Under Volleyball

Best Religious – Faith Lutheran Chapel

1st Place Commercial - Graceland Portable Buildings

2nd Place Commercial – McConnell’s Grading Services

1st Place Non-Commercial – Pickens Rec. Football

2nd Place Non-Commercial – Barry Thornton & Gang

Pickens City Council would like to thank all those who came out and supported our re-scheduled parade. “It was nice to see so many come together and celebrate the season, we look forward to making next year even better with live music and activities for the children at our amphitheater” stated councilmen Fletch Perry, Donnie McKinney, and Patrick Lark.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter Bluegrass Jubilee
FLATT LONESOME
 CAROLINA BLUE - EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY - WEST END STRING BAND - MOUNTAIN BRIDGE BAND - LEFT LANE - SWEET POTATO PIE KIDS - YOUNG APPALACHIAN MUSICIANS
 January 20, 2018 - Pickens High School - Doors Open at 10:00 AM
 Artisan & Craft Fair - Appalachian Life Workshops - Food Vendors - Jam Rooms (sponsored by Bluegrass at Oolenoy) - Silent Auction - Raffle
 WBJ is a fundraiser for the YAM program.
 Learn more at www.winterbluegrassjubilee.com
 tickets \$12 in advance / \$15 at the door

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JANUARY

20th

Winter Bluegrass Jubilee

10am; Pickens High School Auditorium

FEBRUARY

15th

Tax Reform Workshop

sponsored by **Cassell & Hendricks, CPA, PA**

9am; Pickens County Village Library



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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-Dublier	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