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LAKELANDS WEATHER

Today



Sun, rain
High: 72
Low: 42
Chance of precipitation:
90%

Saturday



Sunny
High: 66
Low: 40
Chance of precipitation:

Sunday



Sunny
High: 64
Low: 41
Chance of precipitation:

Monday



Sunny
High: 71
Low: 47
Chance of precipitation:

Tuesday



Sunny
High: 74
Low: 48
Chance of precipitation:

Wednesday



Partly sunny
High: 66
Low: 45
Chance of precipitation:

0%

Lake levels (in feet)

Clarks Hill: **326.98** +/- full pool: **-3.02** Greenwood: **434.55**

+/- full pool: **-5.45**

Hartwell: **657.09** +/- full pool: **-2.91** Keowee: **98.46** +/- full pool: **-1.54** Marion: **74.06** +/- full pool: **-2.74** Murray: **355.37** +/- full pool: **-4.63** Russell: **473.49** +/- full pool: **-1.51** Wateree: **95.96** +/- full pool: **n/a**



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Howard Corley was joined by his wife, Glenda, his children and grandchildren as he spoke after being inducted into the Greenwood County Hall of Fame at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting.

CORLEY

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is just a very dear friend who will do anything for us," Denise Manley said.

While many were excited for Corley, not many people were surprised he received the award.

"His energies with the booster club, to Howard's Market and Grill, to being the first domino to fall to create the Uptown that we have now, that it's still growing. There's really nobody more deserving," said Mayor Brandon Smith.

The award is given to residents for their achievements in civic, cultural, social economic, educational, nonprofits, career and spiritual leadership within Greenwood County.

Steve Riley has known Corley since 2003 and considers him one of his best friends. He said Corley has hit all those markers.

"If you don't know Howard, he's always been a Greenwoodian. He loves Greenwood, and he wants to see Greenwood do well," Riley said.

Riley said Corley has had a hand in building the city into what it is today.

He worked to develop a parcel of land on the 72 bypass, which is now home to several restaurants and retail establishments. He was involved in the project that developed into Publix Pavilion and the Lowe's location, a feat Manley said many people do not know.

"Because of Howard, we have Publix, we have Chili's, we have Lowe's, because he owned all that property," Manley said.

Corley served on the Uptown Greenwood Development Corporation board for six years. During his time on



A wave of shock overcame Howard Corley as his name was called as the newest inductee into the Greenwood County Hall of Fame. His wife, Glenda, left, kept the secret for two weeks.

the board, he became a driving force in the recruitment of new businesses to Uptown.

In 2009, he opened "Howard's on Main," one of Uptown's early established restaurants.

By doing so, City Manager Julie Wilkie said new businesses and restaurants were drawn to Uptown.

"Howard Corley is a true believer in investing in the community he loves so much. As one the original investors in the 'new' Uptown Greenwood, he took a risk on a city vision and promise to revitalize and revive our City Center," Wilkie said. "Most know the hard work Howard puts in day in and day out. But most likely don't realize that Howard has slowly and silently paved the way for countless small businesses in Greenwood."

Corley also had a hand in creating the art, food and music hub in Uptown we have today.

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"Because of his care for the local music scene, his venue has evolved into a

safe haven for many other musicians like myself to create and build their own local legacies," musician Granger Smith, Bad Weather States founder and Local Focal event manager, said of Corley.

"He has greatly aided in the 'rebirth' of this town's music scene — hosting scores of largely attended music events that have enabled many of us to showcase our talents in a capacity that was

previously unavailable."

In addition to all his work, Corley

makes time in his schedule to support sports at the high school and college level. He served on the Greenwood High Booster Club, helping to raise thousands of dollars for student athletes there. He also works to provide meals for multiple sports teams, donor events and homecoming festivities at Lander University.

"Howard Corley is a Hall of Famer in our eyes at Lander University Athletics. A huge supporter of Lander Athletics for many years," said Brian Reese, executive director of athletics at Lander.

Every year, he serves up hundreds of meals for high school and Lander athletes. You can find him providing meals for multiple sports teams, donor events and homecoming festivities.

"What makes Howard great is that he doesn't support just one team, he supports all of our teams, each and every year," said Van Taylor, Lander athletics director of development.

When Corley isn't working, he and his friends can be found at Clemson tailgates and football games with the Manley, Riley and Gurley families. Denise Manley said she hopes now residents in Greenwood County will know Corley for more than his famous #5 sandwich.

"He's so much more than a sandwich maker... He has that business mind and gives back to the community. His question has always been 'what do you need?" she said.

And Corley says he has no plans of stopping anytime soon.

"I can't quit because if I quit, I'll fall down," Corley said with a smile.

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FRIDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Previous Solution: "I don't think comedy is something you learn. I think it's something that's either there or it's not." — Jessica Walter