

TODAY'S SPECIAL:



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Howard Corley became emotional after learning he was the newest inductee into the Greenwood County Hall of Fame. His friends and family made a video about all he's done for the city and county that was presented during the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Howard Corley on Hall of Fame with extra large side of giving

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Many people know Howard Corley as the amazing sandwich maker and owner of Howard's on Main in Uptown Greenwood.

But Greenwood County would be a different place without his influence. Which is why he was inducted into the Greenwood County Hall of Fame on Thursday.

The award was presented to Corley during the Greenwood SC Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting, which this year, perhaps providentially, was a luncheon, not a dinner, event.

A presentation video began with Corley's name, which surprised him.

"I thought it was gonna be someone else, a friend of mine," Corley said.

When he heard his name, he was overwhelmed with emotion.

"I feel ecstatic. This award is more than I've ever accomplished in my life, and I love Greenwood so much, it's a great place," Corley said.

As was his wife, Glenda. She kept the award secret from him for two weeks.

"He's so deserving. He's such a good, kind-hearted man. I mean, you won't find a better man than Howard," she said as she teared up.

The Corley family and friends joined Howard on stage as he received the award.

"He's greatly deserving. Such a great guy, great Dad. He's always been supportive of us, so this is a well-deserved honor," said Jason Corley, eldest son.

Friends, Jim and Denise Manley, Steve and Dana Riley and Greg and Juli Gurley nominated Corley for the award.

"Our friendship has just grown over the years. Howard

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Howard and Glenda Corley smile with family after Howard was inducted into the Greenwood County Hall of Fame.



Jim and Denise Manley, Steve and Dana Riley and Greg and Juli Gurley nominated Howard Corley to be inducted into the Greenwood County Hall of Fame. The group sat together during the annual Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

D50 discusses middle school schedules, capital projects

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Greenwood School District 50 is modifying middle school schedules for the 2025-26 school year.

Chad Evans, interim executive director of secondary education, shared an update on the new schedule at this week's trustees' meeting.

Under the new structure, students will have one period for reading, one for writing and two for math, while science and social studies will remain unchanged.

Each class will be 48 minutes long.

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Greenwood School District 50 trustees pledged to improve public education in the community, represent the interests of the entire district and make unbiased decisions by signing the state's School Board Association's Board Member Ethical Principles. From left are Hillary Craig, John Kinard, Danielle Fields, Clay Sprouse, Ken Cobb, Tammy Brownlee, Sabrina Conner, Shelby Dominick Reed and Tony Bowers.

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LAKELANDS WEATHER

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sun, rain High: 72 Low: 42 Chance of precipitation: 90%	Sunny High: 66 Low: 40 Chance of precipitation: 0%	Sunny High: 64 Low: 41 Chance of precipitation: 0%	Sunny High: 71 Low: 47 Chance of precipitation: 0%	Sunny High: 74 Low: 48 Chance of precipitation: 0%	Partly sunny High: 66 Low: 45 Chance of precipitation: 0%

Lake levels (in feet)

Clarks Hill: 326.98 +/- full pool: -3.02	Hartwell: 657.09 +/- full pool: -2.91	Marion: 74.06 +/- full pool: -2.74	Russell: 473.49 +/- full pool: -1.51
Greenwood: 434.55 +/- full pool: -5.45	Keowee: 98.46 +/- full pool: -1.54	Murray: 355.37 +/- full pool: -4.63	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 of 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.

"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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CELEBRITY CIPHER

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