BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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“**TASTE OF BLACKVILLE”**

It’s that time of year again, when we get to celebrate with our friends and neighbors in the “Heart of Downtown Blackville”.

The Blackville Downtown Development Association, with the direction and leadership of Mrs. Gwendolyn Littlejohn, is hosting its twelfth annual “TASTE OF BLACKVILLE” Festival, April 21, 2018 from 10:00am until 4:00pm.

Activities have been planned for the day, fingerprinting, pony wagon rides, scavenger hunt, face painting, horse shoes, corn hole, hula hoop contest, BHHS step team, just to name a few of the fun things to do. Prizes will be given for some events. Music by Victor Jones. The “Blackville Community Choir”, will also be performing musical numbers for your enjoyment.

Vendors will be preparing a variety of items to tempt the palate, bring your appetite, can’t really recommend, my suggestion get a friend and share some of everything.

Ladies: You will be able to get jewelry, fragrances, other accessories and maybe even a necktie for your significant other.

Gents: Mother’s Day is around the corner, how about getting your Lady that little something, that might be all that she wants, doesn’t have to be expensive, just thoughtful.

Blackville Area Historical Museum will be open from 10:00am-2:00pm, visit and see the treasures of our town. Your grandparents may be featured in an exhibit, go see. You can even take a guided Historical tour and experience the history of our town.

A handmade hope chest, made by Robert Johnson, everyone is familiar with his work, will be raffled off.

Vendor applications available at Shelton’s office on Lartigue Street or call 803 284-2196 or 706 993-0682.

**COME OUT RELAX**

**ENJOY THE DAY!!**

**TOWN OF BLACKVILLE PROCLAIMS**

**APRIL 2018 FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Fair Housing Act was passed by Congress four days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. This legislation prohibits discrimination by direct providers of housing (landlords and real estate companies) as well as other entities (such as municipalities, banks and other lending institutions, and home owner’s insurance companies). Discrimination in other housing-related activities such as advertising, zoning practices, and new construction design is also covered. As a result of this legislation, the practices of redlining and the writing of racially restrictive covenants into deeds were deemed illegal. When originally passed in 1968, the Fair Housing Act only covered four protective classes: race, color, religion, and national origin. Sex was added as a protective class in 1974. In 1988, disability and familial status were included as protective classes as well.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**The Blackville Community Choir** has been granted “The Jean Laney Harris Folk Heritage Award”. The award is given yearly to recognize exemplary artistic achievement/advocacy in their community. The award will be granted on May 2, 2018 at the State House.

The SC Arts Foundation will honor the recipients afterward with a luncheon at the USC Alumni Center, tickets are $50.00 per person.

**BARNWELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

The Blackville Music and Arts Festival, will be awarding a $500.00 Scholarship to a student that will be entering college this fall. The scholarship was established in 2017 to assist a talented student to further their education, skills and talents in music or art.

Details are available on the Blackville Music and Arts website - bmafestival.com or call 803 300-3486 or 803 450-8697. Deadline for applications is April 16, 2018.

**BARNWELL STATE PARK**

**E**aster egg Hunt, April 7, 2018, 2:00pm, $2.00per

Shelter 4, details, call 803 284-2212

**MEETINGS**

* **April 2,** Music and Arts Festival, Russell’s, 6:00pm
* **April 2**, Blackville Civic Club, Edwards Heating and Cooling, 7:00pm
* **April 5,** Blackville Community Dev.

Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm

* **April 9,** Blackville-Hilda Board of

Education, District #19 Office, TBA

* **April 10,** Neighborhood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm
* **April 10,** Barnwell County Council,

Agriculture Building, 6:00pm

* **April 16,** Town Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30pm
* **April 23,** Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Macedonia Baptist Church, 7:00pm
* **April 26**, Blackville Downtown Dev. Corporation, Russell’s, 6:00pm

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**April 1**, Alberta P. Williams

**April 1**, Ethel Faust

**April 3**, Roosevelt Elmore

April 3, Chasity Williams

**April 4,** James Myers

**April 9**, Carrie S. Butler

**April 9**, Pamela Olivia Rose Johnson

**April 9,** Payton Olivia Grace Johnson

**April 11,** Charles Dowling

**April 13,** Edward Smalls

**April 15,** Camron Brown

**April 15,** Fred Orr

**April 16,** Floyd Taylor

**April 20,** Ronnie Williams

**April 21,** Nigel Fisher

A**pril 21**, Morgan Kaigler

**April 22**, Elizabeth Reed

**April 21**, April Faust

**April 23,** Bralen Coleman

**April 24,** Bre'Niya Murray

**April 30**, Aleah Johnson

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Contact Miss Ruthie 803 284-2295**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**April 30,** Dennis and Ann Pernell

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**April 2-6, Spring Break**

**April 24-26, Benchmark Testing**

**April 27, Progress Reports Issued**

**MES**

April 19, SIC Meeting, 3:30pm

**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

April 10, 2018 – 7:00am - 7:00pm

Blackville Community Center

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***The Blackville Public Schools Alumni Association, Inc.***

*BPSAA 2nd Annual Hall of Fame nomination and Hall of Fame Selection Committee forms are* [*available@bvillepublicalumniassoc.com*](mailto:available@bvillepublicalumniassoc.com)*. Nomination & Selection Committee forms must be received no later than April 30, 2018 to*[bvillepublicalumniassoc@gmail.com](mailto:bvillepublicalumniassoc@gmail.com).

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CHURCH NEWS

Macedonia Baptist - Bible Study, 12noon – Wednesdays

**Pilgrim Rest Baptist – “Youth Empowering Hour”,**

6:00pm – Tuesdays

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**BLACKVILLE MUSEUM**

Open 2:00PM – 4:00PM Tuesdays

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COMING SOON

**MUSIC and ARTS FESTIVAL**

**May 18 and 19, 2018**

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