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**“AN ICON IS RETIRING”**

I am writing this in honor of one of the leaders in the Town of Blackville. No, she doesn’t hold that official title, but she is the “GLUE” that holds our town together and has held the town together for almost 33 years.

Mrs. Harriett P. McKnight started her career in 1985, as a Water Utility Clerk her first position, over the years she elevated her status to Town Clerk, a position that is both an intense and an influential position.

She has served under the following Mayor’s: Eugene Fickling 1985-1987; Carroll J. Johnson Priester 1987-1991; Richard Lamar 1991-1995; Jackie T. Holman 1995-1999; David Kenner 1999-2003; Jackie T. Holman 2003-2007; and 2007-2010; and Michael L. Beasley 2010 to present.

“Harriett” as she is known to us here in Blackville and throughout the state is known as being knowledgeable, understanding and thoughtful.

This “LADY” is a combination of old school and new school in so many ways, ethically and morally and it is always a pleasure to be in her company. We can say a truly virtuous woman.

Harriett’s parents, Bowman, Jr. and the late Rachel Patrick and we must include her grandfather Mr. Bowman Patrick, Sr., prepared Harriett, the oldest of eight, to take life by the horns and go out and conquer any and all obstacles head on. As a product of their training and their influence it has certainly paid off.

Her role as a Mother to Andre’, Trina, Treva and Chandra is also a tribute to her abilities as a loving and giving soul and her grandchildren all ten of them worship and adore her.

Harriett has served many organizations throughout the years, Board of Registrations and Elections for Barnwell County, Blackville (CDC) Community Development Corporation, Blackville Civic Club, Allendale-Barnwell Disabilities Human Rights Committee, Barnwell County United Way and the Together Sisters Club. She is a Life Member of Barnwell-Blackville NAACP and her church affiliation is Ned Branch Baptist Church, Barnwell, SC where she is a faithful member.

Ms. Harriett, the Mayor, Members of Council your co-workers and friends when asked to describe and define your character, these were the words they used: **“CALM, AWESOME, SWEET, KIND, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, INSPIRATIONAL, INTELLIGENT, SPLENDID, CONFIDENT, HUMBLE, EFFICIENT, BEAUTIFUL, GENUINE, COMMITTED, DEPENDABLE and ANGELIC”.**

GOOD LUCK and ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT

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**FINANCIAL WORKSHOP**

Thursday, June 7, 2018@10:00 am and 5:00 pm

B. T. DeLoach Building

201 Jackson Avenue, Hampton, SC

**WORKSHOP TOPICS**

Debt Reduction, Money Management, Banking and Asset Building, Budgeting, etc.

For registration, contact: (803)284-0735 or

e-mail – info@BlackvilleCDC.org

Blackville Community Development Corporation will meet at 4:00 pm prior to workshop

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**SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS**

**“SAVE THE CHILDREN”**

**June 11, 2018 – July 19, 2018**

**Details call (803)284-5813**

**“MES 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM”**

**June 4th – July 19, 2018**

**Details call (803)284-5800**

**MEETINGS**

**June 11**, BHHS, District 19, School Board Meeting, Board Office, TBA

**June 12,** Neighborhood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00 pm

**June 12,** Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00 pm

**June 18,** BlackvilleTown Council, Town Hall, 6:30 pm

**June 25**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Macedonia Baptist Church, 7:00 pm

**NO MEETINGS**

**Blackville Civic Club and Blackville Downtown Development Corporation**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Ethel Washington, **June 1**

Mrs. Ada Felton, **June 1**

Allan Harrison, **June 2**

Rev. Inez Raysor, **June 4**

Doris P. Williams**, June 4**

Lucille Kearse, **June 5**

Robbie James, **June 10**

Joe Lloyd Waring, II, **June 11**

Edwin Felton, Jr., **June 13**

Lorrane Harley**, June 15**

Delores Jeter, **June 16**

Desiree’ Pernell, **June 16**

Dan James Felder, **June 20**

Dyann Felder, **June 22**

Shirley Nix, **June 24**

Kanne Peeples**, June 27**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**BHHS**

**CLASS OF 2018**

**HAPPY**

**FATHER’S DAY**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS**

**Macedonia Baptist Church**

**Contact Edwin Felton (803)671-0146**

**PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH**

June 18 – June 22, 2018

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday, June 23, 2018 – Game Day - 3:00 pm

Details – (803) 284-4870 and Facebook

**SUNSHINE BAPTIST CHURCH**

June 25 – June 27, 2018

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Contact (803)671-2013

Transportation Provided

**BLACKVILLE LIBRARY**

**Summer Programs**

This summer every age from babies to 12th graders can sign up for summer reading and receive a prize for reading. Students who don’t read over the summer months can lose up to three months of critical skills. Help your student start the new school year ahead by signing them up for summer reading at their local library.  (May 24 to August 6)

**FLOW CIRCUS**

Mon, June 18 at 2:30 pm

Juggling & comedy magic!

Recommended for rising 5k to 5th grade.

**PREPOSTEROUS PUPPET SHOW**

Mon, June 25 at 2:30 pm

Favorite stories brought to life. All ages

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