

BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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An Open Letter to the 2020 Graduating Class of Blackville Hilda High School:

Dear High School Senior,

As we navigate through this unprecedented time, the buzzwords are “the new normal”, but in fact, none of this is normal. Because of the COVID-19, adjustments have been made in the daily lives of every individual. Business transactions, work environments and personal interactions have changed all over the world. Education and learning have found new approaches, and people are confined to their homes like never before. During these uncertain times, technology has become more important than ever to stay connected and informed.

In response to the global pandemic, we have all been forced to adapt to unexpected circumstances. One of the most significant and disappointing alterations is the inability to participate in a traditional graduation ceremony. After 12 years of dedication, every senior anticipates this culminating event. Students, as well as their parents, grandparents, relatives, friends and community look forward to celebrating your achievements. It is truly unfortunate that it may not happen for the Class of 2020. Even in the possible absence of walking across the stage, your hard work, value and unique perspectives are recognized and applauded by all who love and support you.

With all that you have worked for, there is no pandemic strong enough to silence you or dent the passion of your generation. Your young, strong voices will still be heard. Be mindful to stay positive and keep charging forward, chasing your dreams and fulfilling your commitments. Each one of you represents the hope for our future. This year may not be what you envisioned, but it is your choice what you make of it.

I encourage the Blackville-Hilda Class of 2020 to reflect on all you have accomplished and consider these thoughts:

- Celebrate your memories and make sure they are cherished.
- Work to successfully advance to the next stage of your lives.
- Be determined to remain connected to your circle.
- Show appreciation to the teachers, coaches and administrators and mentors who nurtured you.

Despite an altered graduation ceremony, standards for success remain the same:

- Look to the future for new ways for improvement. Stagnation breeds decay.
- Always have hope. Hope wakes you in the morning and keeps you inspired.
- Remain grateful to those who have positively impacted your lives, especially parents and guardians.
- Be courageous regardless of circumstances.
- Practice patience. Not only is it a virtue, but it also fortifies.
- Focus on your vision. It keeps the days ahead from being mundane.
- Physical, mental, emotional and spiritual strength helps you to endure.
- Continue to be encouraged and strive for elevation. Never end the pursuit.

Remember God is always present. Deuteronomy 31:6 says “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” (KJV)

And finally, to the 2020 Blackville-Hilda High School graduates... I challenge you; I charge you; I dare you to go forth to claim and achieve your goals. Commit to making an impact on the world. Your futures are bright, and you are all destined for greatness.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Tobin,

Macedonia High School (1959), Blackville Public

## MEETINGS

- May 4, Music and Arts Festival, 19247 Sol Blatt Avenue, 6:00pm
- May 4, Blackville Civic Club, Russell's Pizza, 7:00pm,
- May 7, Blackville Community Dev, Corporation, 6:00pm
- May 11, Blackville-Hilda Board of Education, District #19 Office, TBA
- May 12, Neighborhood Watch, Community Center, 6:00pm
- May 12, Barnwell County Council, SCA Building, Barnwell, 6:00pm
- May 18, Town Council Meeting, Council Chambers/Community Center, 6:30pm
- May 25, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Lodge. Barnwell, 7:00pm
- May 28, Blackville Downtown Dev. Corporation, 19247 Sol Blatt Avenue, 6:00pm

Please check with organizations for changes and/or cancellations

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1, Zaire Williams  
May 2, David Kenner  
May 4, Aaron Green  
May 5, Isaiah Harrison  
May 9, Emoni Najeeria Minus  
May 13, Betty Thompson  
May 16, Sandra White-Minus  
May 20, Kurtis Roosevelt O'Neal  
May 23, Aneshia Arrington  
May 25, Sandy Smalls  
May 25, Zy'nyriah Lashay Brown  
May 30, Wayne Beard  
May 30, Micayala Black

**TOWN HALL CLOSED  
MAY 25, 2020**

## WATER BILLS

1. Pay online
2. Check or money order in drop box
3. Telephone-call 844 223-4141, use last four numbers of your telephone number or 0000

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## **EMERGENCY SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- To receive these services, each individual must meet the following requirements and abide by the following conditions:
- Must be a senior citizen (60+) or a caretaker taking the meal to a senior citizen and be a resident of Barnwell County.
- Must provide name, address and phone number at pickup.
- Only 2 meal packs allowed per car.

Individuals are only permitted one pick-up per week. Each individual must show a state issued ID.

## **MEAL DISTRIBUTION**

Senior citizens in Barnwell County can pick-up 5 FREE meals once a week starting the week of May 4, 2020. Meals will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

### **PICK UP TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

#### **MONDAY MAY 4, 2020**

10:30am – until we run out

Barnwell Bi-Lo Parking Lot 10588 Dunbarton Blvd.  
Barnwell SC 29812

#### **TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020**

10:30am – until we run out

Williston School District Office 12255 E. Main Street  
Williston SC 29853

#### **TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020**

2:00pm – until we run out

Blackville Community Center 19464 Solomon Blatt Ave. Blackville SC 29817 If you are a current Meals on Wheels client with Generations Unlimited, you don't qualify for these meals

## **HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR CENSUS FORMS??**

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