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“TASTE OF BLACKVILLE”

We know Spring has “sprung” in Blackville when we start preparing for our annual “**Taste of Blackville**” festival. Again, this year we will be offering many diverse activities for you.

Once more, we will raffle off a “Barbecue Grill” which is on display at the Enterprise Bank. Tickets can be purchased at Enterprise Bank, various merchants in town or at the event. Also, a two night stay at the Barnwell State Park will be raffled off at the event.

More than sixty vendors have been contacted to take part in the festivities that include food, jewelery, essay contest, scavenger hunt, step dancing, dunking booth, crafts, fragrances and music.

A new event that will be featured this year is “The First Conifer Car Concours Rally 2012” and held at the Blackville Community Center, **10am until 12noon**. The “RALLY” will follow the rules and regulations of the BSA Pinewood Derby. For information, please contact Russ Reed at 803 671-0676 or rubertr@gmail.com.

The scavenger hunt for third and fourth grade students involves finding seven plastic train cars hidden on Main Street. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders are being asked to write an essay, the subject “How Blackville Benefited from the Railroad”, prizes will be given for both categories.

Chief Holston and staff will have a finger printing booth for children and discuss safety issues with parents and children.

“Cuisine Cook-off?” Cooks are you ready for a contest?, we have had a lot of good food at the previous events, so now we will have the chance to see who “the best cook in town is”.

Schedule of events:

Dignitaries and Marker Recognition	11:00am
BHHS Step Dancers	12:30pm
Hat Parade	1:30pm
Dunking Booth	2:00pm
Food	All Day

Come join your friends and neighbors for a “FUN FILLED DAY” “DOWNTOWN” Main Street, Blackville. April 21, 2012

The “Week of the Young Child” is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of “The Week of the Young Child” is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families; to recognize early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The 2012 “Week of the Young Child” is April 22-28 and the theme is “Early Years are Learning Years”. NAEYC is the leader in promoting excellence in early childhood education for all young children from birth through age eight(8).

Barnwell County First Steps Partnership is our local organization with the unique purpose of readying our youngest learners for school. The partnership will celebrate “**Early Years are Learning Years**” in collaboration with its partners. The partnership is now planning to take advantage of this opportunity to outreach to the broader community by seeking input from parents and members of related community groups to increase awareness and make a greater impact. Our plan is to actively outreach for inclusion across the full community. Actively involving diverse groups can help to raise the quality of services available for a significant number of children and their families who might not otherwise be reached and it can help to establish positive relationships between various groups within Barnwell County, around an issue of equal importance to all.

The message of Barnwell County First Steps Partnership, **readying children for school**, will be communicated in a variety of ways, such as inviting families to special program celebrations, creating a public display, arranging community-wide activities of interest to children, providing and promoting early childhood education to community leaders as well as reaching out and thanking parents, teachers and all adults who help young children get a great start. Early childhood education is vital to the health of our community and young children are the future of our community. Children need a strong early learning foundation in school and to succeed in life. To join in this effort or to learn more, contact Nigel Fisher or Ethel T. Faust at 803 284 3160 or etfaust@scfirststeps.org.

Ethel T. Faust, Executive Director,
Barnwell County First Steps

HAPPY EASTER!!!

MEETINGS

April 2, Blackville Civic Club, Edwards Heating and Cooling, 7:00pm
April 5, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
April 9, Blackville-Hilda Board of Education, District #19 Office, 7:00pm
April 10, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm
April 16, Town Council Meeting, CC, 6:30pm
April 26, Blackville Downtown Development Corporation, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm
April 27, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Hall, Barnwell, 7:00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1, Ethel Faust
April 1, Kenley Breann Pernell
April 3, Deacon Roosevelt Elmore
April 13, Edward Smalls
April 15, Camron Brown
April 21, Nigel Fisher
April 21, April Faust
April 23, Mia Alston
April 23, Bralen Coleman
April 24, Bre'Niya Murray
April 30, Aleah Johnson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 1, Edward and Margie Lee
April 30, Dennis and Ann Pernell

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 7, Moloney Field, 3:00pm: sponsored by the "Together Sisters".
Everyone is welcome!!

LIBRARY NEWS

April 10, and April 17, 2012
"Pre-School Story Time"
Tuesdays @ 10:30am

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

APRIL 10, 2012

7:00AM – 7:00PM

CANDIDATES

Steve McCormack – Incumbent
Inell Waring – Incumbent
Connie Nickens-Moody – New

SCHOOL NEWS

SPRING BREAK, April 2-6, 2012
PTSO/SIC, MES, April 19, 5:30pm
PTSO/SIC, BHJH, April 10, 6:00pm
PTSO/SIC, BHHS, April 10, 6:30pm

INTERIM REPORTS ISSUED

April 30, 2012

"CAROLINA DIRT ROAD RYDERZ" 7TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL & HORSESHOW April 6-8, 2012

Reed Family Farm – 1796 Izlar Street Extension
Friday, 4:00pm, Kid's Time
Friday Evening, Meet and Greet
Saturday, Early Morning Trail Ride
Saturday, 11:00am, Gospel Program
Saturday All Day
Food, Horse Competitions, DJ, Dancing
Information contact C. Mole 803 284-9347,
T. Smalls 803 300-9208 or D. Thompson 803 300-8322

BLACKVILLE BIBLE CHRISTIAN BOOK STORE

16th Anniversary Celebration
April 7-14, 2012
Devotional Services, April 7, 2012, 11:00am
50% discount on store items

BLACKVILLE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

**Pre-Easter Celebration
April 5, 2012 – 7:00pm
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Theme: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall"
PUBLIC INVITED**

TOWN HALL CLOSED Friday, April 6, 2012

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