



BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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“FAITH, HOPE and LOVE”

February is the month set aside to celebrate Black History Month, Presidents’ Day and Valentine’s Day. All of these special events can be tied together by the inspirational words, **Faith, Hope and Love**. These three powerful words can make a world of difference in how we approach life’s challenges and how we treat our fellowman. Whatever your faith may be we all find strength in knowing that our spiritual beliefs will sustain us and keep us. **Faith** leads us to an attitude of optimism. Believing that we can do or that we will endure is a positive state of mind that is nurtured by our faith. During the month of February share your optimism with those around you. When someone speaks negatively share a positive thought. This exercise of faith and optimism will go a long way in making the town and our school district a better place to live and work.

We can’t lose hope as we strive for excellence in our daily lives and as we stress the value of positive thinking. **Hope** makes each day easier because it gives us the anticipation of a better tomorrow. We have to instill hope in those around us because it is hopelessness that can cause our children and even adults to make negative decisions. The loss of hope is devastating and often leads to a path of defeat.

How do we instill the values of faith and hope? We do it with **love**. Our history, our leaders and those who show love and concern all connect. We need to tell our stories, share our failures and our successes – our history. The story of this town and it’s rising again to be called “The Phoenix” embodies all the elements of faith, hope and love.

Black History Month and Presidents’ Day are reminders that with love, peace, and unity we can accomplish much. We must never forget the struggles our ancestors endured and the decisions our leaders made so that we might have a better life. Coming together in unity and love to bring about change made all the difference and still has the same effect today. The adverse- divisiveness and hate leads to destruction and despair. Our town and our school district will grow and prosper to improve the quality of life for all if we work together in the spirit of faith, hope and love.

This Valentine’s Day share these inspirational words with someone- give an ounce of **faith** or a little more **hope**, adding a measure of **love** and concern. When we help or do for others we are really helping ourselves. A quote from John Lubbock says it well, “To do something, however small, to make another happier and better, is the highest ambition, the most elevating hope, which can inspire a human being”.

Teresa L. Pope, Superintendent
Blackville-Hilda School System

Faith, Hope, Love The Greatest of These is Love.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. David Norman (Blackville-Hilda High School) has been selected as “Principal of the Year” by South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association(SCAAA).

This award is given to a principal who has shown outstanding support in athletics at the school, region and state level.

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are
tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

MEETINGS

- ⤴ **February 2**, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- ⤴ **February 6**, Blackville-Hilda School Board, District 19, Blackville-Hilda High School, 7:30pm
- ⤴ **February 7**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm
- ⤴ **February 20**, Town Council, Community Center, 6:30pm
- ⤴ **February 23**, Blackville Downtown Development Corporation, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm
- ⤴ **February 27**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Hall, Barnwell, 7:00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 1, Nia Ford
February 1, Jabarius Johnson
February 5, Nathaniel "Bo" Holman
February 7, Carl Peeples
February 7, Jaquez Williams
February 8, Frenchie Smalls
February 11, Deidra Fisher
February 16, John Harrison
February 21, Jada Smalls
February 24, Dennis Pernel
February 26, Willie Felder
February 26, Johnell Copeland
February 26, Doris Beard
February 28, Rose Johnson-Raysor

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 26, Wayne and Doris Beard

CORRECTION

Councilman Russ Reed's contact information
803-671-0676

LIBRARY NEWS

"STORY TIME"

February 7, 2012 and February 21, 2012
10:30am

ANNUAL WAFFLE SUPPER

February 6, 2012
Blackville-Hilda High School
Cafeteria
6:00pm to 8:00pm
\$5.00 adults - children \$3.00
Advance tickets available at Willie's
Hardware or purchase at the door

SCHOOL NEWS

No School – February 17th and 20nd

PTSO/SIC

MES- February 16, 5:30pm
BHJH- February 7, 6:00pm
BHHS – February 7, 6:30pm

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS

MES – February 24, 8:30am
BJHS – February 10, 9:30am
BHHS – February 24, 10:00am

MALE WORKSHOP

**Empowering Young Males To Become
Young Men!**

March 2nd and 3rd

To raise awareness about the challenges facing young males, and to motivate caring adult men to provide males with mentoring and modeling skills, so that they learn integrity, accountability, compassion and respect and guide them toward healthy manhood.

Information: Please contact Mr. Albert Pressly or Mr. Antwan Mole at 803-284-5700. Sponsored by Blackville Hilda Public Schools and Community.

Visit us on line at townofblackville.com. Send information to vtalston@bellsouth.net.

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