

## BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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### JUNE IS THE WEDDING MONTH

The history of weddings celebrated during the month of June goes all the way back to early Roman times, well over two thousand years ago! The Romans celebrated a festival in honor of the deity Juno, wife of Jupiter and goddess of marriage and childbirth, on June first. June also followed May, the month of the “unhappy dead” for the Romans, so not an auspicious month to marry!

During the 1400 and 1500, June was considered the time when people came outdoors after a long winter and bathed communally. I guess to marry when one is clean seemed to them to be a good beginning... It is quite possible that the use of flowers at weddings was also, initially, a way of masking body odor... June weddings also come from the Celtic calendar. Even the term “honeymoon” has a historical origin, referring to the first moon after the summer solstice – June 21 – which was called the “honey moon.”

Getting married in June, in pre-contraceptives times, meant that children conceived from these unions would be born the following spring, increasing their chances of survival after the long – and often very lean – winter months. Also, spring births would not interfere with the fall harvest, which was the busiest time of the year for most people.

Let’s not forget that, until quite recently, there was nothing romantic about weddings. These were business contracts between the bride’s father and the family of the groom, with bride and groom having very little to say about them! Women were considered their fathers’ property. And, as such, they would be ‘given away’ by their fathers to the groom’s family during the wedding

ceremony. In most cultures, the father also had to pay a dowry to the groom’s family. In a minority of cultures, it was the groom who had to pay a ‘bridewealth’ (the male counterpart of the dowry) to the bride’s family in order to be able to marry her.

### MAKE YOUR WEDDING SPECIAL

To honor a deceased relative, father/male and you are “jumping the broom” use some of his favorite neckties to wrap and decorate the broom and for a mother/female use ribbons/favorite flowers in her favorite color, also compose a short poem honoring the relative and read prior to the tradition.

Instead of wearing “Something old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue” have four special relatives and/or friends present the items to you as a part of the wedding ceremony and detail the meaning of the items for you.

To avoid having cell phones ring at “YOUR” wedding. Print a sweet little note asking guests “to kindly turn off their cell phones” and place a note on each seat with a piece of chocolate candy to sweeten the deal. Also ask your guests not to post photos to any social media outlet of your ceremony, you don’t want details broadcast of the event to people who may not have been invited



The cake cutting ceremony and serving of dessert is typically the signal to guests that it is okay to leave without being rude.

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## MEETINGS

**June 7**, Blackville Community Development Corporation , Town Hall, 6:00pm  
**June 10**, BHHS, District 19, School Board Meeting, Board Office 7:00pm  
**June 11**, Neighborhood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm  
**June 11**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm  
**June 17**, Town Council Meeting, Community Center, 6:30pm  
**June 24**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Macedonia Baptist Church, 7:00pm  
**Blackville Civic Club and Blackville Downtown Development Corporation will not meet in June**

## SCHOOL NEWS

June 2, - Baccalaureate Service at 4:00pm  
June 3, - BHJH Field Day  
June 4, - Last day of School  
    BHJH Awards Day at 8:30am  
    BHHS Awards Day at 10:00am  
June 5, - Teacher in Service  
June 6, - Teacher in Service  
June 7, - Graduation Day at 8:00pm

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ethel Washington, **June 1**  
Mrs. Ada Felton, **June 1**  
Allan Harrison, **June 2**  
Rev. Inez Raysor, **June 4**  
Lucille Kearse, **June 5**  
Shirley Taylor, **June 9**  
Robbie James, **June 10**  
Edwin Felton, Jr., **June 13**  
Delores Jeter, **June 16**  
Desiree' Pernell, **June 16**  
Dan James Felder, **June 20**  
Dyann Felder, **June 22**  
Carmen Hammonds, **June 25**

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 10<sup>th</sup> - June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

9:00AM-12NOON

Transportation provided, contact information

803 284-3311/803 284-2803

803 793-4355/571-2709

## **TIDBITS about GRADUATION**

A **GRADUATION CEREMONY** is a cultural tradition termed as a rite of passage. It is a ritual or ceremony that marks one stage of a person's life to another

The **COMMENCEMENT** is when the graduates are handed their diplomas and walk across the stage and flip the tassels on their hats upon receiving their diploma and handshake.

The **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE** is the farewell address delivered in the form of a sermon to the graduating class of a High School or College.

**DIPLOMAS** were originally made of sheepskin, as paper was not very durable and was difficult to create. The sheepskin was made paper thin and information was handwritten. Soon, parchment was used for the diploma.

## **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013**

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### **HEALTHFUL HINTS**

- Adults need at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week; children 60 minutes every day or most days
- Keep Kid-Friendly Snacks On Hand
- Drink lots of water
- Eat More Fruits and Vegetables
- Drink an 8-ounce glass of water as soon as you wake up in the morning
- Eat breakfast every day
- Wear lighter colored clothing as the darker colors attract the sun
- Although sunshine helps the body to produce or get vitamin D, it also helps to combat symptoms of depression

### **NEW BUSINESS COMING TO TOWN**

**"Terry's Hardware and Auto Motor"**

**Highway #3**

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