

BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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“How the Railroad Benefited Blackville?”

Students from Macedonia Elementary School were asked to write an essay on, “How the Railroad Benefited Blackville” for The “Taste of Blackville Festival” and here are the three first place winning essays:

The railroad benefited Blackville by giving people jobs. People were needed to load and unload the trains as well as sell tickets. The train provided transportation. Trains were used to send troops and supplies. North and South tracks were built after the Civil War. Trains were going North, South, East and West. Trains helped people in Blackville many ways.

Corissa Jamison, Grade 3, Ms. White-Minus

Do you know that there used to be a train in Blackville? A long time ago way back before my time there was a railroad that ran right through the middle of Blackville. They used the railroad for many different things. They used it for transportation. If the train wasn't here Blackville might not have made it.

When they used the train to import and export goods. The farmers were putting their crops on the train and they were making tons of money because it didn't cost a lot to plant them. They used the train to import and export goods like cloth, spices and crops.

People also used the train for transportation. If anyone didn't have a car you could just hop on the train and go somewhere. If you had to go a long distance hop on the train. You could go anywhere you wanted.

If we didn't have the train in Blackville, Blackville might have not made it as a town. It might of had not been here because the train traveled through Blackville and when it was coming here it brought people off the train. When it brought people off the train they would stay at the Shamrock Hotel. Also when they stopped here they would eat at a restaurant and give Blackville the money they had to pay for their meal.

How do you think the railroad benefited Blackville? Did it or did it not benefit Blackville? I think it benefited Blackville because without the railroad Blackville might have not been here and it would have become a ghost town.

Hannah Snider, Fifth Grade, Ms. Priester

Blackville was a city that little people knew about and visited. There weren't many places to get good jobs, food and shoes. But, everything changed when someone had an idea to build a railroad. Then every city, state and even country knew the name “Blackville”.

Now by the time the train “Friendship” was up and working people were hired to actually run it. That meant that

more people had jobs and if you were hurt then you might have a chance to work on the train as a person who kept the “Friendship Train” running with coal. As a result of people being hired they would have more money to buy their wants and needs. So the hiring took care of the money problem. So, I bet you want to know more huh? Well I'll tell you since you're begging.

As you heard Blackville was a town that never really got much attention. All of that changed when the train was built. It gave transportation which meant that the little town of Blackville wasn't so little anymore. More goods were brought in because of the train and its transportation. After the train's first route Blackville was booming with news and people trying to get on the train because the train had so many passengers it became a mobile home to some passengers. So the Friendship Train became more than a way of transportation. It became home.

After the train was up and running many farmers got some benefits too. Since the Friendship Train carried supplies, many farmers didn't have to wait or try to ride on a horse to get supplies like shovels, hoes and others. If they needed them fast then they just hopped on the train and rode out to get them and came back in a day or two compared to the long weeks that they would have to travel by horse. Or if they needed some produce delivered to another farmer then they could either place it on the train or give the produce to a trusted friend to deliver. That was the reason that the train was built in the first place, have a trusted friend to help you on your travels.

So you heard all the benefits that the train brought to Blackville. I bet you wished you lived back when our beloved train was up and going. Well, all we can do is remember the good that it brought our town. I hope you learned something new while reading this. But always remember, you have a friend in the Friendship Train.

De'Siree James, Grade 6, Mrs. Sanders

“A BEAUTIFUL DAY in OUR TOWN”

The Blackville Downtown Development Corporation would like to “**THANK**” all of the students that participated in the essay contest, vendors, Scavenger Hunters and you our community for your support. A special “**THANK YOU**” to our faithful town employees, Ed Rockwell, Tony Mayes and Mark Daniels and Jamie Jones who assisted them in keeping our town clean on Saturday and for all their work in helping us get prepared for the “**TASTE of BLACKVILLE**”.

THIS MONTH

Arts and Music Festival, Main Street

May 11, 5:00pm, May 12, 11:00am

Vendor applications and more information call

803 671-2197 and 803 300-8069

“Walk for Better Health”-Proceeds received from “Walk” will be donated to BHHS Arts and Music Departments

MEETINGS

- **May 3**, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **May 7**, Blackville Civic Club, Edwards Heating and Cooling, 7:00pm
- **May 8**, Barnwell County Council Meeting, Agriculture Building, Barnwell, 6:00pm
- **May 14**, Blackville-Hilda District 19, School Board Meeting, Board Office Conference Room, 7:00pm
- **May 21**, Town Council Meeting, Community Center
- **May 29**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Hall, 7:00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1, Zaire Williams
May 2, David Kenner
May 5, Isaiah Harrison
May 13, Mrs. Ida Hutto
May 15, Robert (Bobby) Smalls
May 16, Saundra White-Minus
May 25, Sandy Smalls
May 30, Wayne Beard
May 30, Micayala Black

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PROM

May 19, 2012 – 5:00pm
Blackville Community Center
Sponsored by The Together Sisters
Free to everyone

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28, 2012

**NO SCHOOL
TOWN HALL CLOSED**

NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER

**May 3, 2012
Blackville Community Center – 4:00pm**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

SCHOOL NEWS

Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-14

Teacher of the Year Gala - May 18
Community Center - 7:00pm

May 29 and May 30, 1/2 day all schools
Last day of School for students, May 30

PTSO/SIC

BHJH @ 6:00pm - May 1
BHHS @ 6:30pm - May 1

MES

May 4, Spring Fling @ 6:00pm
May 18, 4K Graduation @ 9:00am
May 24, Awards Day @ 8:30am & 9:30am
May 24, 6th Grade Culminating Activities @ 6:00pm
May 25, 5K Graduation/Field Day @ 9:00am

BHJH

May 25, 8th Grade Graduation @ 6:00pm
May 30, Awards Day @ 10:00am

BHHS

MAY 9, Blood Drive - Public Welcome
May 12, Junior/Senior Prom - May 12
May 17, Senior Awards Night @ 6:00pm
May 22, Athletic Banquet @ 6:00pm
May 23, Honors and Awards Program @ 10:00am
May 27, Baccalaureate Service @ 4:00pm
May 31, Senior Class Graduation @ 8:00pm

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Edwards Heating and Cooling

Monday, May 28, 11:00am

Come celebrate our fallen HEROES

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