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THE STORY of CUPID

Cupid is the most famous of Valentine symbols and everybody knows that boy armed with bow and arrows, and piercing hearts. He is known as a mischievous, winged child armed with bow and arrows. The arrows signify desires and emotions of love, and Cupid aims those arrows at Gods and Humans, causing them to fall deeply in love. Cupid has always played a role in the celebrations of love and lovers. In ancient Greece he was known as Eros, the young son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty. To the Roman's he was Cupid, and his mother was Venus.

There is a very interesting story about Cupid and His mortal Bride Psyche in Roman mythology. Venus was jealous of the beauty of Psyche, and ordered Cupid to punish the mortal. But instead, Cupid fell deeply in love with her. He took her as his wife, but as a mortal she was forbidden to look at him.

Psyche was happy until her sisters persuaded her to look at Cupid. As soon as Psyche looked at Cupid, Cupid punished her by leaving her. Their lovely castle and gardens vanished too. Psyche found herself alone in an open field with no signs of other beings or Cupid. As she wandered trying to find her love, she came upon the temple of Venus. Wishing to destroy her, the goddess of love gave Psyche a series of tasks, each harder and more dangerous than the last.

For her last task Psyche was given a little box and told to take it to the underworld. She was told to get some of the beauty of Proserpine, the wife of Pluto, and put it in the box. During her trip she was given tips on avoiding the dangers of the realm of the dead. She was also warned not to open the box. But Temptation overcame Psyche and she opened the box. But instead of finding beauty, she found deadly slumber.

Cupid found her lifeless on the ground. He gathered the deadly sleep from her body and put it back in the box. Cupid forgave her, as did Venus. The gods, moved by Psyche's love for Cupid made her a goddess.

Today, Cupid and his arrows have become the most popular of love signs, and love is most frequently depicted by two hearts pierced by an arrow, Cupid's arrow.

Info obtained via Internet

Celebrate Valentine's Day with everybody and have a great time with your sweetheart.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN TOWN

Senior Center

Mayor Michael Beasley proclaimed January 12, "Senior Day" in Blackville at the opening of our new senior center. "The Golden Retreat Activity Center" is now up a running at full speed at the Blackville Country Club, if you have not visited the center you are missing some fun times with your neighbors and friends.

Lunch is served daily and there is a pot of coffee brewing at all times. Not only do you get to visit with your friends, you get to play games, Bingo, cards, and checkers. Many other activities will be introduced as the program proceeds. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 12:30pm.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

Boy Scout Troop #19 has been established for the young boys in town. LeAnna McMillan Park Ranger at Barnwell State Park has graciously agreed to be the leader of the Troop and has been doing an excellent job in leading the boys. That is the "GOOD NEWS"; however the "BAD NEWS" is that we need better participation from our community.

CAN I HELP?? YOU ASK, well YES!!

1. Can you sponsor a child (\$22.00yr)?
2. Can you give a child a ride to the meeting?
3. Can you bake some cookies (refreshments)?

Call 843-616-2957 or 803 284-2123, registration due by February 28, 2015. Thank you for your cooperation.

MEETINGS

- **February 5,** Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **February 9,** BHHS District #19, Board of Education Office, 7:00pm
- **February 10,** Neighborhood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm
- **February 10,** Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm
- **February 17,** Town Council, Community Center, 6:30pm
- **February 23,** Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Barnwell Masonic Hall, 7:00pm
- **February 26** Blackville Downtown Development Corporation, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- * **February 1,** Nia Ford
- * **February 1,** Jabarius Johnson
- * **February 5,** Nathaniel "Bo" Holman
- * **February 7,** Carl Peeples
- * **February 7,** JaQuez Williams
- * **February 7,** Chris Matheney
- * **February 7,** Linda Dowling
- * **February 8,** Frenchie Smalls
- * **February 11,** Deidra Fisher
- * **February 16,** John Harrison
- * **February 17,** Sheqilah Alvin
- * **February 18,** Mary Salley
- * **February 21,** Jada Smalls
- * **February 21,** John Alvin
- * **February 22,** Larae Robinson
- * **February 24,** Dennis Pernell
- * **February 26,** Willie Felder
- * **February 26,** Johnell Copeland
- * **February 26,** Doris Beard
- * **February 28,** Rose Johnson-Raysor

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- * **February 14,** Rev. Floyd & Mrs. Lillie Hughes
- * **February 26,** Mr. Wayne & Mrs. Doris Beard

LIBRARY NEWS

Pre-school Story Time,
February 10 and 24, 2015
11:00am and 12:00pm

FEBRUARY SCHOOL NEWS

February 4, 1/2 day for Students
February 13, In Service Day-No School
February 16, President's Day-No School

MES

February 5, King/Queen of Hearts- 6:00pm at
February 12, Valentine Day Ball - 6:00pm
February 19, PTSO/SIC 5:30pm
February 19, Math/Science 6:00pm
February 20, Mother/Daughter Banquet 6:00pm

BHJH

February 12, Black History Program 10:00am
February 23, - PTSO/SIC 6:00pm

BHHS

February 20, Black History Program 10:00am
February 23, PTSO/SIC 6:30pm

February 27, 2015 - Male's Night Out

BLACKVILLE CIVIC CLUB'S ANNUAL WAFFLE SUPPER

February 2, 2015
 Blackville-Hilda High School Cafeteria
 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 \$5.00 adults - children \$3.00
 6 years old and under **FREE**

Town Hall closed
February 16, 2015

BIBLE STUDY

Macedonia Baptist Church

Wednesday's at **NOON**

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