

BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”
BLACK FACTS and BLACK FIRSTS

Bessie Coleman first woman to become an aviation pilot and hold an international pilot’s license.

Macon Bolling Allen first male and Charlotte E. Ray first female to practice law in United States.

Emlen Lewis Tunnell first to play for New York Giants and inducted to Football Hall of Fame.

Thomas L. Jennings first to hold a patent. The patent issued in 1821 for dry cleaning process.

Aretha Franklin first woman to be inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Jefferson Franklin Long first to speak in the House of Representatives as a Congressman.

Matthew Henson Arctic explorer that accompanied Admiral Robert E. Peary on the first successful expedition to the North Pole.

Alpha Kappa Alpha(AKA) first and oldest colligate sorority, 1908.

Mary Jane Patterson first woman to receive a Bachelor’s Degree from Oberlin College in 1862.

The African American Advisors to President Franklin D. Roosevelt were called “The Black Brain Trust”.

Alice Parker created a heating furnace that could be used to heat an entire house in 1918.

Alpha Phi Alpha first and oldest collegiate fraternity, established 1906.

Elizabeth Evelyn Wright and Jessie Dorsey founded Denmark Industrial School for African Americans, which we now know as Voorhees College.

Nat King Cole first to host his own television show and to reach #1 on the Billboard Charts.

James Weldon Johnson wrote the song “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” on occasion of Lincoln’s Birthday. The song became the “Negro National Anthem”.

First institute of higher learning created to educate African Americans: Ashmun Institute in Pennsylvania renamed Lincoln University in 1866.

Count Basie and Ella Fitzgerald were the first to win Grammy Awards. They each won two in the same year 1959.

Alexander Lucius Twilight first man to have earned a bachelor’s degree from Middlebury College in 1823.

Bennett College, Greensboro, NC (1873) and Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga. (1881) are both historically black colleges for women.

Jesse Owens broke four world records in one afternoon at the Big Ten Championships in 1935 and won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Information obtained from Internet

MEETINGS

- **February 1**, Blackville Music and Arts, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm
- **February 4**, Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **February 8**, BHHS District #19, Board of Education Office, 7:00pm
- **February 9**, Neighborhood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm
- **February 9**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm
- **February 16**, Town Council, Community Center, 6:30pm
- **February 22**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Macedonia Baptist Church, 7:00pm
- **February 25**, Blackville Downtown Development Association, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- * **February 1**, Nia Ford
- * **February 1**, Jabarius Johnson
- * **February 5**, Nathaniel "Bo" Holman
- * **February 7**, Carl Peebles
- * **February 7**, JaQuez Williams
- * **February 7**, Chris Matheney
- * **February 7**, Linda Dowling
- * **February 8**, Frenchie Smalls
- * **February 9**, Latoya Simpson
- * **February 11**, Deidra Fisher
- * **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**, 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 9 and 23, 2016

11:00am and 12:00pm

FEBRUARY SCHOOL NEWS

- February 12**, In Service Day
- February 15**, President's Day-No School
- February 24**, 1/2 day for Students

MES

- February 11**, Valentine Day Ball
- February 25**, PTO/SIC - 5:30pm
- February 25**, Living Literature Museum – 9:00am
- February 26**, Black History Program – 8:30am

BHJH and BHHS

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BLACKVILLE CIVIC CLUB'S ANNUAL WAFFLE SUPPER

February 1, 2016
 Blackville-Hilda High School Cafeteria
 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 \$6.00 adults - children \$3.00
 6 years old and under **FREE**

**Town Hall closed
February 15, 2016**

**Black History Program
Macedonia Baptist Church
February 21, 2016 11:00am**

MOMS, AUNTS AND GRANDMAS!

Get all dressed up for a fun night of dinner, dancing and games for you and your son. Register for the inaugural Mother-Son Dance to be held at the Gail Reyes Senior Center in Barnwell. Cost of the event is \$25 for each couple (\$5 for each additional person). A photographer will be available to take pictures. Bring your dancing shoes for a great night! Register at the YMCA or via phone by calling 803-450- 4151 by Wednesday, February 17th.

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