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“MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”

Members of the Golden Retreat Center wrote stories about their Mothers, to celebrate Mother’s Day and here are their stories:

“My Mother was a very loving, caring and strong believer in God. She also believed in education. She loved her family and the elderly. She believed in God and made sure her children also believed, making sure they were in church and Sunday School every Sunday. I am thankful to my mother who brought us up by herself and we are alright by the help of God.” **Lillian J. Harrison**

“My Mother raised 14 children and taught us many things in life.” **Wallace Taylor**

“My Mom started teaching and training with love at a very young age. Love was the key to everything. Love God, love your family and your fellowman. Whatever task you attempt make sure you give it your all and all. Never give up.” **Betty Thompson**

“I can hear my Mother saying “If you walk in Jesus’s path, you will be OK. She said to treat all like you want to be treated.” At the age of 72, I still live by what she taught me and pass it to my children.” **Carrella Carter**

“She raised me to be respectful, to treat others as I wanted to be treated, go to church and be the best I can be. To love one another.” **Shirley Nix**

“My mother taught me many things. She instilled in me to get an education.” **Mamie H. Matthews**

“At an early age my mother always carried us to church. She was always reading her Bible. I was taught to care for the house by cooking and cleaning. She taught me to crochet, quilt and embroidery. She was a Christian and was loving, kind and did for others.” **Eloise Byas**

“My mother was the most considerate person.” **Carrie Butler**

“My mother, Mrs. Mildred Bellinger Ford, was a strong, independent and loving woman and person. These qualities, along with her service to church and community, influenced me to follow in her footsteps. Her quest for knowledge and love of books also inspire me to be inquisitive and explore and expand my horizons through reading. Because of her, I am who I am.” **Gwendolyn Ford Littlejohn**

“My mother had a great influence on me. She taught me the Golden Rule.” **Ada R. Felton**

“There is not a day that I don’t think of my mother. Mama as I called her was a true church going Christian. God’s word was her blueprint for life. She believed in having a strong foundation to stand on when storms and tribulations arose in your life. She always inspired me to do the same. She told me to always be kind to others and treat others as you would want to be treated. I had 12 siblings. She was a hard worker and a good provider.”

“I was taught that if you want anything in life, you must work for it. Often, I am reminded of her inspiring words and daily teachings. “learn how to do for yourself, don’t depend on nobody, but God and stay in church and stay with God.”

Thank you, Mama, for your encouragement, wisdom, guidance, love and prayers.” **Aaron Green**

“Today I take great pleasure in recognizing and acknowledging the love of our Mom and the expressions of her love to her 10 children and her love for Jesus Christ.”

“She taught us how to love by nurturing, disciplining and encouraging us to be the best we can be, by showing love and compassion and teaching us to always treat others as we would like to be treated.”

“Our mom spent many hours making our house a home, while working long hours for low pay to make sure that we were fed, clean, warm and most of all loved. And she still had time to play fun games with us, to ensure our happiness.”

“Mom instilled in us wisdom, mercy, love, compassion and patience empowering us to take on whatever the world threw at us, by the grace of God.” **Catherine W. Burckhalter**

“Eliza Wiggins, my mother was very spiritual in life, she taught me about life and how to love one another in this world, how to work hard and how to put God first in my life. Her influence enabled me to become the man I am today.” **Dwight Wiggins**

MEETINGS

- **May 1**, Blackville Civic Club, Edwards Heating and Cooling, 7:00pm
- **May 1**, Music and Arts Festival, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm
- **May 4**, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **May 8**, Blackville-Hilda District 19, School Board Meeting, Board Office Conference Room, (TBA)
- **May 9**, Neighbor Hood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm
- **May 9**, Barnwell County Council Meeting, Agriculture Building, Barnwell, 6:00pm
- **May 15**, Town Council Meeting, Community Center, 6:30pm
- **May 22**, NAACP, Macedonia Baptist Church, 7:00pm
- **May 25**, Blackville Downtown Development Association, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1, Zaire Williams
May 2, David Kenner
May 4, Aaron Green
May 5, Isaiah Harrison
May 13, Mrs. Ida Hutto
May 13, Betty Thompson
May 15, Robert (Bobby) Smalls
May 16, Sandra White-Minus
May 20, Kurtis Roosevelt O'Neal
May 23, Aneshia Arrington
May 25, Sandy Smalls
May 25, Zy'nyriah Lashay Brown
May 30, Wayne Beard
May 30, Micayala Black

BARNWELL STATE PARK

Memorial Day Weekend Slithery Snakes

**Saturday, May 27 and Sunday May 28
Shelter 4, 1:00pm-call 803-284-2212**

SCHOOL NEWS MES

May 12, PreK Graduation -9:00am
May 19, Kindergarten Graduation, 9:00am
May 25, Awards Day, 8:30am

BHHS

May 17, Senior Awards Program, 6:00pm
May 21, Baccalaureate Service, 4:00pm
May 26, Graduation – 8:00pm

TEACHER GALA – May 18, 6:00pm

MUSIC and ARTS FESTIVAL

May 19 and 20, 2017

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Stay Hydrated.
Be Respectful.
Keep the screaming in check.
Keep phone use to a minimum.
Throw your trash away in the trash can.
Discuss vendors' products with them.

LET GO AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!!

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