



Community Calendar

Dec. 1, 2
7 pm, 3 pm
A Christmas Story 

Dec. 7
10 am
Museum Coffee Hour
6 pm
Christmas on Main 

Dec. 8, 9
7 pm, 3 pm
A Christmas Story 

Dec. 10
6 pm
Pajama Story Time 

Dec. 11
7 pm
Town Board 

Dec. 16
1 pm
Christmas Shopping 

Dec. 24, 25, 26
Merry Christmas!
All Town Facilities Closed 

Jan. 1
New Years Day
All Town Facilities Closed 

Christmas Wishes from Mayor Jerry Medlin



I hope you and your families had a blessed Thanksgiving. Our family was blessed to be at the Grove on Thanksgiving to see our churches and community come together to serve and deliver over 600 meals to those in need. Benson is a generous town and I am truly grateful to be your mayor.

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since I was sworn in as Mayor of the greatest small town in NC. I am filled with gratitude and joy as we enter into the holiday season. We all celebrate the holidays in different ways, with family traditions, and lots of activities! I hope you will experience the joy of the season, which is not so much about bright lights, presents under the tree, and the “busyness” of Christmas, but about celebrating the real joy of a manger and a child that was born for you and me.

My daughter recently shared a book with me by Jodie Barrett, called “Jingle and Joy: Praying Beneath the Tree.” Jodie Barrett is the mother of Ryan Barrett, one of three linemen from NC. tragically killed while restoring power after Hurricane Michael. Barrett’s book helps us to look at Christmas in a different way, to realize that Jesus is the greatest gift of all, and to focus on prayer for others and our presence (not “presents”) at Christmas. I hope that you will take time to pray for your family, neighbors, law enforcement, the military, the less fortunate, and the town’s officials and employees. My prayer is that as we focus on the true meaning of Christmas, we will find a joy that surpasses the jingle.

We have many opportunities to fellowship this holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you all at **Christmas on Main** on **Friday, December 7.**

Wishing you and your families the joys and blessings of the holiday,

Mayor Jerry Medlin



THE BENSON MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY WELCOMES

SCOTT MASON THE TARHEEL TRAVELER



Join us at 1 pm on Saturday, December 15, 2018
for a free event and the chance to meet the Tarheel Traveler

Scott will be talking about all things sports
thanks to a grant from the NC Humanities Council



TOWN OF BENSON PUBLIC WORKS

FALL AND WINTER LEAF COLLECTION

During this time, you can pile leaves behind
your curb and they will be collected weekly

NOVEMBER 1, 2018 - JANUARY 31, 2019

Sticks and limbs no larger than 4-inches in diameter and no longer than
5 feet will still be collected weekly during leaf collection season. For all
other appropriate yard waste, please use your green yard waste can.

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FOR THE ARTS
PRESENTS

A CHRISTMAS STORY



2018 SHOWTIMES

SATURDAY DEC. 1 & 8 - 7 PM
SUNDAY DEC. 2 & 9 - 3 PM

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Christmas in *Jenny's* Kitchen



Watching her mother decorate sugar cookies to send as Christmas gifts, each one boxed and wrapped perfectly, is Jenny Campbell's favorite memory of Christmas as a child. Today, the owner of Jenny's Sweet Creations (221 E. Main St.) credits her mom for her love of baking.

With the Christmas season inching closer, Jenny is already preparing her home and her store for the holiday festivities.

At home, "the more I can decorate, the more festive I can make something look, the better I like it," Jenny said. While decorating is a big part of the holiday, Jenny strives to keep the true meaning of Christmas central in all of her celebrating.

On Christmas morning, Jenny wakes up and makes breakfast casserole for the family members joining her for breakfast. She then prepares a Christmas lunch for her whole family and they spend the rest of the day visiting with each other and enjoying the company of family for Christmas.

When people visit, Jenny wants them to feel at home, which can easily explain

How to make: Haystacks

Ingredients: 8.5 oz. can of chow mien noodles, 1 lb. of butterscotch morsels, 3/4 cup of salted peanuts

Directions: Melt butterscotch (in the microwave or with a double boiler), stir in noodles and peanuts, drop spoonful's on a tray lined with wax paper

Allow candy to cool until set!

the tray of goodies she serves her family, as she makes sure to include everyone's favorite treat! Peanut butter balls, fudge and haystacks are the main holiday staples in Jenny's family and in her store.

So, as you prepare for the holidays, be sure to stop by Jenny's Sweet Creations and our many shops in Downtown Benson to find the perfect gifts for everyone one on your list, and some gifts that might just be too delicious to share!

Jenny's hours:
Mon - Fri 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
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Thank you so much to all who participated in our Veteran's Day Celebration on Saturday, November 3, 2018, as we raised money for the Disabled American Veterans of Johnston County!

We specifically want to thank our Harvest Festival Sponsors: TNT Fitness, Riccobene Associates Family Dentistry, United Community Bank, Benton Card Company, R. Isaac Parker Attorney at Law, Walgreens, Berry Global, Adams Homes, Food Lion, Alliance Behavioral Health Care, and Jenny's Sweet Creations.

