



Community Calendar

02.08.19
Senior Valentine Social
12PM
Parks and Recreation

02.09.19
Daddy-Daughter Dance
7PM
Parks and Recreation

02.11.19
Pajama Story Time
6PM
Mary Duncan Library

02.12.19
Town Board Meeting
7PM
Conference Center

02.13.19
Preschool Story Time
10AM
Mary Duncan Library

02.24.19
Black History Month
Open House 2PM
Benson Museum

02.27.19
Preschool Story Time
10AM
Mary Duncan Library

03.01.19
Coffee Hour 10 AM
Benson Museum
First Friday 5 PM
Downtown Benson

Mayor's Message: Celebrating Black History Month

February in Benson, and across the United States, is celebrated as Black History Month. Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. This is a great time to celebrate the contributions of African Americans throughout our nation's history.

The Town of Benson began our official Black History Month celebration in 2012, and this year The Benson Museum of Local History will host the Town of Benson Black History Month Celebration on Sunday, February 24th at 2:00pm at the Museum (102 West Main Street). Everyone is invited to attend!

After receiving numerous nominations from the community, the Museum Board of Directors selected Nathan Alford as the 2019 Black History Month honoree. Mr. Alford was a teacher at Benson Elementary School and a teacher, coach, and Athletic Director at Benson Middle School. Mr. Alford's impact on many generations of young men and women in Benson is hard to calculate. Some children that were taught and coached by Mr. Alford early in his career also had the privilege of him teaching their children years later. Mr. Alford is a shining example for the entire Benson community, and I am pleased that he was chosen as this year's Black History Month honoree.

We invite you to come and celebrate with Mr. Alford this outstanding achievement on Sunday, February 24th at 2:00pm.

Jerry M. Medlin, Mayor



Nathan Alford

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Caught Ya Doing Good Mule City Specialty Feeds

Mule City Specialty Feeds has catered to serving the nutritional needs of any animal since 1958. However, this amazing customer service that we all know and love is not how they earned the Caught Ya Doing Good award.

During Hurricane Florence, we remember the generosity of Mule City Specialty Feeds in donating feed bags for Benson residents to create sandbags to prepare for the coming storm. But that is not where their generosity stopped.

"It didn't affect 10 people, it affected thousands," Owner Paul Dunn said. The immense impact of the storm lead Mr. Dunn and Mule City Specialty Feeds to give back the best way they could — by donating feed to the coastal areas to provide adequate nutrition for

the animals trapped by the storm.

If you're wondering why you haven't heard about this before, it's because Mule City Specialty Feeds kept quiet about their hurricane donation. Mr. Dunn accidentally let it slip while we talked about their sandbag donation.

As always, they received a wonderful gift basket from Jenny's Sweet Creations as a "thank you" for their good work. Businesses and communities that rally together during times of disaster make any storm bearable.



Sharon Denning, Loni Jones, and Paul Dunn

Are you tired of receiving monthly bills and paying late fees?

During late January, the Town of Benson launched a new pre-pay option for its utilities customers.

Pre-Pay allows a customer the opportunity to pay towards all of their Town of Benson utility services!

- No deposit required.
- No more monthly bills.
- Purchase utility services on an as-needed basis.
- Existing customers can apply their current deposit toward their prepay account.

For more information, please contact a Town of Benson customer service representative at (919) 894-3553 or stop by at 303 E. Church St. Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 5pm.

BENSONPREPAY
YOUR TOWN UTILITIES. MADE SIMPLE.

A photograph of two young women sitting at a table, looking at a laptop. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a white tank top. The woman on the right has long light brown hair and is wearing a patterned shirt. They are both smiling and appear to be engaged in a conversation about the laptop.

WATER • ELECTRIC • REFUSE

**NO DEPOSITS
NO LATE FEES
PAY AS YOU GO**

**ASK A CUSTOMER SERVICE
ASSOCIATE FOR DETAILS**

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