



Community Calendar

03.07.19
 The Town of Benson
 turns 132!
Happy birthday!

03.11.19
 Pajama Story Time
 6PM
Mary Duncan Library

03.12.19
 Town Board Meeting
 7PM
Conference Center

03.13.19
 Preschool Story Time
 10AM
Mary Duncan Library

03.27.19
 Preschool Story Time
 10AM
Mary Duncan Library
 Senior Games Begin

03.28.19
 Town Board Meeting
 7PM
Conference Center

04.05.19
 Coffee Hour
Benson Museum

04.06.19
 Keep Benson Beautiful
 8:30 AM
Conference Center

Mayor's Message: The Man in Back

Mark your calendars for May 10th and 11th when Benson will honor Jimmy Capps, native of Benson and one of country music's finest guitar players! He grew up on Church Street and played with Jim Thornton and Hayden Ivey as a young man. He has been on the Grand Ole Opry for over 60 years and has worked with some of country music's biggest names – Barbara Mandrell, Kenny Rogers, The Oak Ridge Boys, George Jones, and The Louvin Brothers, just to name a few. Capps was inducted into the Musicians Hall Of Fame and the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame in 2014, and he was honored as a "Nashville Cat" by the Country Music Hall Of Fame in 2012.

Some of the events on May 10th and 11th to honor Jimmy Capps and celebrate his 80th birthday include:

- Memorabilia will be on display at the Benson Museum.
- A historical marker will be erected in front of the house he grew up in on Church Street.
- A reception will be held on Friday, May 10th in his honor.
- Jimmy Capps will be in concert with The Malpass Brothers on May 11th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Crossroads Church in Benson. Admission is free but you will need a ticket to get in.

I also encourage you to check out Jimmy's newly released autobiography, "The Man In Back," a wonderful story about his life with incredible pictures.

I hope you are as excited as I am to celebrate Jimmy Capps on May 10th and 11th! We will have additional information about the events in the coming weeks.

Serving you,

Jerry M. Medlin, Mayor



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Caught Ya Doing Good Mr. Raymond Jones

The Town of Benson and Jenny's Sweet Creations are excited to present the Caught Ya Doing Good award for March to Mr. Raymond Jones.

As a supporter of the arts, Mr. Jones serves on the Benson Foundation for the Arts Board of Directors and has helped them run their sound system since moving to Benson.

His first encounter with the BFA was about 13 years ago when he moved to the area and auditioned for a role as an entertainer for their next play.

In his first role, Mr. Jones played a washboard in a Christmas play (this is also where the "Washboard Ray" nickname originated).

During that time, he noticed there was a need for better technical equipment and

someone to operate their sound and lights. He happily took that job.

As a member of the BFA Board of Directors, Mr. Jones has worked to raise money and support in order to improve the equipment

"He has been invaluable in making all of our technical things come to life," fellow BFA Board Member D. H. Johnson said. "We couldn't do anything without him."

Mr. Jones received his gift basket from Jenny's Sweet Creations and grinned from ear to ear the entire time!



Mr. Raymond Jones receiving his gift basket.

April is Volunteer Month Keep Benson Beautiful: 4-6-19

Grab your work gloves, shovels and rakes - it is time to Keep Benson Beautiful once again!

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, we will meet at the Benson Conference center (303 E. Church Street) for breakfast and orientation before heading out at TIME to clean everything from I-95 to HWY-50.

Lunch will be served at the Benson Conference Center at noon.

We are so excited to work alongside our community as we strive to clean up the Town of Benson and Keep Benson Beautiful just in time for another wonderful summer!

For more information, please call 919-894-3553 or watch the Town of Benson social media platforms as we get closer to April!

