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PRESS RELEASE

TO: Media Contacts
FROM: Joe Stallings, Economic Development and Media Coordinator
DATE: February 10, 2014
RE: Black History Month Celebration to be Held at Benson Museum of Local History

BENSON, NC: The Benson Museum of Local History would like to invite everyone to their **Black History Month Celebration** that will be **held on February 23rd from 2pm – 4pm**. This event will highlight the importance that African Americans have played in Benson’s past.

The **guest of honor will be Annie Pearl Clark Mack**. Mack, a resident of Benson, was one of the earliest black female business owners in the Benson community. Mack will be recognized for her invaluable contribution to Benson’s past and present.

Dr. Carolyn Ennis, retired Johnston County teacher and member of the Johnston County Heritage Commission, will be the keynote speaker. She will be speaking on the importance of African Americans in Johnston County history.

The Harold Medlin Picture Gallery will also be on display. The Harold Medlin Picture Gallery will have pictures that highlight the importance the African American Community has played throughout Benson’s history.

Attendees are encouraged to bring photos to the event and have copies made and added to the Museum’s collection. “Folks who come out will learn how important the African American community has been and continues to be in Benson...We hope people leave with a newfound appreciation for the contributions African Americans have made to the Benson community”, said Benson Cultural Arts Director, Terry Hobgood.

This event is open to the public and is perfect for the entire family. Refreshments will be provided. For more information on the Black History event please contact Terry Hobgood at 919-894-1266.

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