

EMPLOYEE NEWS



Bamberg County Newsletter

July —September 2018

Bamberg and Neighboring Counties Win Barrett Lawrimore Regional Cooperation Award

On August 7, 2018 at the annual SC Association of Counties conference, it was announced that Bamberg County, along with Barnwell, Orangeburg, and Calhoun Counties, won the 2018 Barrett Lawrimore Regional Cooperation Award. The award recognizes projects that highlights the growing need for regional partnerships, strategies, and solutions. Competition for this award is open to two or more political subdivisions (counties or county partnerships formed with city, town, district, or regional government organizations) that worked together on a project.

In a highly competitive group with six other applicants, the three-judge panel selected the Bamberg-Barnwell Emergency Medical Center as the 2018 winner, as it is an innovative, scalable, replicable solution for a major healthcare challenge in rural communities. "I am proud of collaborative project between four counties, a municipality, the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun, the local economic development team, and the state delegation," stated Joey Preston, Bamberg County Administrator. "The Barrett Lawrimore Regional Cooperation Award is highly competitive and there were many worthy applications this year. To win this esteemed award demonstrates the importance of this Emergency Medical Center to our communities, and also highlights the necessity of partnerships to address healthcare challenges in South Carolina's rural counties."

For more information on this project and to view the award-winning video, visit the county website: <http://www.bambergcountysc.gov/2018-barrett-lawrimore-regional-cooperation-award>



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FINANCIAL Planning Done Right

Bringing Life + Personal Finance Into Focus



Bamberg County Financial Planning Workshop

Bamberg County is proud to offer employees an opportunity to learn more about financial planning to protect themselves and their families. This free training will provide education as to the best ways to prepare financially for retirement and how to successfully prepare a home budget.

The class will be taught by Gina Smith, Bamberg County Controller. Gina is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Financial Planner.

All employees are requested to attend one of the two-hour sessions. Please sign up with Ruthie Brown, HR Director. Call 245-5191 or email brownrf@bambergcounty.sc.gov



Financial Planning Workshop

THURSDAY,

AUGUST 23, 2018

(PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY)

Session I—10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

(Box Lunch will be Provided)

Session II—1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Come Join Us!

Human Resources/Payroll Office

Courthouse Annex Building—(Room 102)

To sign-up, email:
brownrf@bambergcounty.sc.gov

or call 803. 245.5191

ext. 2101

(Space is Limited)

Instructor:

Gina R. Smith, CPA
Controller, Bamberg County

Congratulations to Emergency Services Director Brittany Barnwell!

Bamberg County Emergency Services Director, Brittany M. Barnwell, received the South Carolina Certified Emergency Managers Certificate.

Brittany said, "This is a really huge accomplishment for me. When I first started my career in Emergency Services I didn't know where it would lead me, but I'm thankful that I took that leap of faith."

Bamberg County congratulates Brittany on this important achievement and for continuing to reach milestones in her career!



Employee of the Quarter

Nominations Requested

Bamberg County HR Committee is accepting nominations for Employee of the Quarter.

Nominations are reviewed by a subcommittee and the winner is submitted for approval by the entire committee.

Please consider nominating a worthy Bamberg County colleague for this award. Winners will be recognized by Bamberg County Council and receive a certificate and Visa gift card.

Nomination forms are available on SharePoint, in the employee breakroom (Courthouse Annex) or can be emailed upon request.



Matthew "Mack" Johnson

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Matthew "Mack" Johnson, Bamberg County Solid Waste Department, was selected as this quarter's Bamberg County Employee of the Quarter! Mack was nominated by Melissa Waltz, Bamberg County Solid Waste Manager, and Bill Johnson, Director of Operations. His nomination form stated, "Mack is willing to go above his job duties to serve the citizens of Bamberg County."

A specific example of this trait was in June 2018, a distraught citizen thought she lost her glasses in the Govan trash compactor. When that trash came into the landfill, Mack assisted the woman in searching through the entire compactor of trash to find her glasses. If you have ever spent any time at the landfill, you know this is not a pleasant task! Mack did so willingly and with professionalism.

Mack has worked for Bamberg County for over 30 years. He is especially valuable asset to the county as the only CDL driver.

Congratulations to Mack! Mack was recognized at the August 13 County Council meeting where he received a plaque and gift card. Bamberg County thanks you for your years of service and contributions to the county.



PEBA Insurance

Open enrollment | October 1-31, 2018

During open enrollment, eligible employees, retirees, survivors and COBRA subscribers may change their coverage for the following year.

If you are satisfied with your current coverage, you do not need to do anything during open enrollment.

Any changes that you make during open enrollment take effect January 1, 2019. **There is no increase in the State Health Plan employee premiums**, thanks to Bamberg County Council supporting the employees and covering the county-wide increases in health insurance premiums.

Contribute, please!

We need your input for the newsletter! Please contact Mary Tilton and send her updates to include.

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Bamberg County Employee Newsletter, Quarter 3, 2018

Human Resources Department

Bamberg County is committed to providing the employees with a variety of services and professional development training that allows them to perform their job at the highest levels.

The county will provide ongoing in-house training and development programs for employees to improve their job knowledge and performance, be equipped, supported and assigned job duties that accomplish the county's mission in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

Future Professional Development Trainings include:

- * CPR Training
- * Pre-Retirement Workshop
- * Benefits Seminar & Employee Orientation
- * Fitness and Wellness Screening
- * Mental Health Seminar
- * Financial Planning
- * Small Business Workshop

Bamberg County is committed to supporting its employees and investing in their future.

Upcoming Dates

Aug 23: Financial Planning Seminar

Sept 3: Labor Day Holiday—offices closed

Sept 10: Bamberg County Council Meeting

Sept 11: HR Committee Meeting

Oct 1—31: PEBA Open Enrollment

Oct 9: Benefits Seminar and Employee Orientation

Bamberg County HR Committee members: Misty Cook (Chair), Mary Tilton (Secretary), Doretta Elliott, Melissa Waltz, Sue Sunday, Eddie Williams, Jr., Brenda Daniels, Tiffany Kemmerlin, Ashley Woods
Ex-Officio: Thomas Thomas, Rose Shepherd, and Ruthie Brown

Paul Eubanks Re-enlists in Air Force Reserves

In June 2018, Paul Eubanks, Bamberg County Fire Coordinator, re-enlisted in the Air Force Reserves at Charleston Air Force Base. The oath was administered by Lt. Col. Milligan

Paul re-enlisted for three more years in the Air Force Reserve. He has served for 30 years; Paul turned 19 during his basic training and celebrated his 21st birthday during Desert Storm.

Bamberg County thanks Paul for his service to our country!



Paul Eubanks (far right) re-enlists in Air Force Reserves, June 2018

Employee Birthdays

June Birthdays

June 28—Brittany Barnwell

July Birthdays

July 15—Terra Brown
July 28—Amber Davis

August Birthdays

August 7—Nancy Heirs
August 9—Margaret Meyer

September Birthdays

Sept 3—Matthew Johnson and Tiffany Kemmerlin
Sept 4—Alice Johnson and Sue Sunday
Sept 7—Queen Broughton
Sept 14—Farrell Pulaski
Sept 19—Jordan Osborne
Sept 21—Joyce Dwight
Sept 29—Melinda Johnson

Want us to include your special day? Email Sue Sunday: sundayss@bambergcounty.sc.gov

Other Updates

Sue Sunday's granddaughter Claire Elise Sunday turned 1 year old on August 9th. GaGa is proud!

Joyce Dwight's son, Rion Dwight, will be attending Clemson University as a freshman this fall. **Joey Preston's son, Jack Preston**, will be freshman at the University of Alabama-Huntsville in the fall.



Claire Sunday turned 1 year old!

Annex Telephone Directory

Please print the names and extensions of employees in the Bamberg County Courthouse Annex. All names and extensions are listed in SharePoint under Lists and then Telephone Directory.

- **Administration Office**

Rose Shepherd extension 2103

- **Assessor's Office**

Terra Brown extension 2120

April Campbell extension 2122

Jordan Osborne extension 2121

Doretta Elliott extension 2119

- **Auditor's Office**

Brandi Napier extension 2118

Nancy Hiers extension 2129

- **Building/Code Enforcement**

Bill Johnson extension 2601

- **Delinquent Tax**

Angela Nobles extension 2113

Sharon Williams extension 2112

- **Finance/Accounting**

Gina Smith extension 2102

Thomas Thomas extension 2131

- **Human Resources**

Ruthie Brown extension 2101

- **Magistrate**

Brenda Daniels extension 2401

Ed Freeman extension 2404

Wanda Johnson extension 2402

Craig Threatt extension 2403

- **Rural Fire**

Paul Eubanks extension 2602

- **Treasurer**

Gale Black extension 2160

Candace Fralix extension 2115

Alice Johnson extension 2114

Sue Sunday extension 2116

- **Voter Registration/Elections**

Melinda Johnson extension 2133

Amber Davis extension 2104

