



Henry Owens, oldest male at the festival.



Oldest female at the festival, Mrs. Willie M. Glover, 84, holds the youngest guests - Martesia Lorraine Mobley, and Na-Voris Shon-Kale Emerson, both three months old.

Families, fun, friendship mark Blackjack community festival

Families, friends and well-wishers gathered at the Blackjack community on Saturday, Sept. 16 for a day of fun, renewing old friendships and fellowship at the first annual Blackjack Family Festival 2000.

The idea for the festival came about when community family members realized that the only time community members came together was for sad occasions, such as the passing of a loved one.

The organizers decided a community festival would be a great opportunity for folks to come together to unite and socialize, with

the theme, "Unity in the Community."

A memorial table was set up displaying photographs of loved ones who had passed away, but who will also remain close in the hearts of community members.

The festival also included numerous family tents complete with delicious food. There were also games, door prizes and a clown for the little ones.

The highlight of the festivities was the recognition of the oldest and youngest attendees at the festival.

The oldest female was Mrs. Willie M. Glover, 84, and the oldest male

was Henry Owens. The youngest were Martesia Lorraine Mobley and Na-Voris Shon-Kale Emerson, both three months old.

Because of the great response from the community, it is hoped that this festival can become an annual event.

Organizers of the festival would like to thank Joe Blo-Goins for providing the music, and Fairfield County EMS; Fairfield County office of the S.C. Department of Transportation which handled road closings; and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department. These groups helped to make this a very successful event.

Obituaries

Huey Watkins

WINNSBORO - Huey Watkins, 64, died Saturday, Sept. 30.

Services conducted by the Rev. Robert Langford were held Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Nazareth Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Born in the Lebanon community March 24, 1936, he was the son of Maggie Gladney Watkins and George Watkins.

He was a retired carpenter and a member of Nazareth Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Georgianna H. Watkins of the home; and two daughters, Patsy Stevenson of Baltimore, MD, and Georgia Lee Williams of Winnsboro.

Gibson's Funeral Services of Winnsboro was in charge of the arrangements.

Belle Johns Bartlett

WINNSBORO - Belle Johns Bartlett, 95, died Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 6 at Stephen Greene Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. Taylor Wells. Burial followed in Royal Pines Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Todd Childers, Danny Childers, Joe Adams, Jessie Harmon, Jimmy Robertson and Joel Castles.

Born in Fairfield County, May 26, 1905, she was a daughter of the late Dolphus J. and Mary Ann Amalia Newman Branham.

She was a retired employee of Uniroyal, Inc., and was a member of the Stephen Greene Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters

Johnnie Mae

Woodard Jordan

WINNSBORO - Johnnie Mae Woodard Jordan, 69, died Thursday, Oct. 5 at Providence Hospital in Columbia.

Services conducted by Mr. John Branham were held Sunday, Oct. 8 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Burial followed in the Shady Grove A.M.E. Church cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews.

Born Nov. 25, 1930 in Fairfield County, she was the daughter of the late Mrs. Daisy Woodard.

Surviving are two daughters, Willie Mae Jordan Collins and Ella Ray Jordan O'Neal; and two sons-in-law, John Collins and Valdez O'Neal, all of Winnsboro; three sisters, Ella Bell Walker, Elizabeth Armstrong, and Alzine Woodard, all of Winnsboro; acbrother, Curtis Woodard of East Orange, NJ; two sisters-in-law, Alice Woodard of Winnsboro and Bessie Woodard of East Orange, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, and devoted friends. She was predeceased by a brother, Wilson Woodard.

Glover's Memorial Chapel and Greater Columbia Funeral Services were in charge of the arrangements.

Isaac Kennedy, Sr.

RIDGEWAY - Isaac Kennedy, Sr., 79, died Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Services conducted by the Rev. Van Fore were held Saturday, Oct. 7 at St. Mark's Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cem-

Richard Seals

COLUMBIA - Richard Seals, 64, died Sunday, Oct. 1.

Services conducted by the Rev. Eddie Davis were held Friday, Oct. 6 at Little Zion Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Born in Richland County on Jan. 22, 1935, he was the son of the late Nemiah Seals and Lillie Sparrow Seals.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After returning home he was employed by Colite Sign Company and Exxon Service Station. He was a member of Little Zion Baptist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Linda Seals of Columbia; four sons, Larry Seals of Belpsville, MD; Richard Seals of Washington, D.C.; Gerald Seals of Greenville, S.C.; Shawn Seals of Atlanta, GA; five sisters, Frances Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, Pearlee Samuels, Dorothy Robinson, and Wilhelmina Seals, all of Columbia, Lillie Terrance of Southfield, MI; one brother, William Seals of Columbia; eight grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Glover's Memorial Chapel and Greater Columbia Funeral Services were in charge of the arrangements.

Ernest Neal Walker

WINNSBORO - Ernest Neal Walker, 76, died Saturday, Oct. 7.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 9, at Pope Funeral Home conducted by the Rev. ...