

Enjoy this reprint of the Remembering column from 2004

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRECINCT MEETING

For Anson County All Precincts

Will be held at 6:30pm Thursday, February 27

**At Hampton B. Allen Library
120 South Greene Street
Wadesboro, NC**


Sit-a-cise Weekly Exercise Program for Seniors

Sit-a-cise for Silver Slippers (Seniors ages 60 and over), an exercise seminar, will be held at Grace Senior Center on Thursday, February 27, from 2 to 3 p.m. It is taught by Shelia Raye.

Sit-a-cise will be held on a monthly basis through October at no charge. Sit-a-cise is designed to give you a great workout, give you the ability to lose weight, burn fat, tone, and improve your strength and cardio - all while sitting in a chair without risking serious injury or placing major stress on your lower joints, tendons and ligaments. Just Sit and get Fit! Dates and times will be posted in The Express.

For more information or to register please call 704-694-6616.

Remembering.....
By Ed McBride



Goodman Furniture Co.

Sometime soon after World War II Bruce Goodman had a furniture store on Rutherford Street - in fact I think, at first, it was next door to the Hi-Lo grocery store where they operated for several years.

Bruce had other business interest, later closing out the furniture store, and brother Eli moved to Crescent Beach, SC. Eli got into real estate sales, and later opened a furniture business, too.

The above pick-up is one that I did for him May 20, 1959, with Richard Teal standing beside it - "Goodman Furniture Co., Crescent Beach, SC" on the doors, "TV and Appliance Service" on the side planks - all for \$10!! (The new pick-up was only a little over a thousand.)

Eli is now semi-retired, still living at the beach, has been "Realtor of the Year" - well Richard died sometime back after years in the TV/Appliance, etc. Service business.

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BRLC Heritage Supper Theater

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For information please contact BRLC Director Carol Smith at 704-826-8182. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

From the Sheriff's Desk What to Expect from Your Sheriff

From Sheriff Tommy Allen: Last month I began addressing the importance of this year's local Sheriff's election. I began by addressing the history of the Office of Sheriff and how it has evolved from early European times to the American colonies; to the Wild West; to today's modern law enforcement agency. This month I'd like to address what the public should look for and expect from their Sheriff.

Today's modern Sheriff must have a good sense as to how to run a business. The combined operations budget for the Sheriff's Office, Jail and 911 Center is approximately \$4.4 million dollars. Over two thirds of that is fixed costs that you have little or no control over. The Sheriff must have a good understanding of how a Sheriff's Office, Jail and 911 Center works so he will understand the nature and needs of both fixed costs and variable costs.

Like with any business there is a "product" and the Sheriff's product is service and the public are his customers. A Sheriff must know how to provide this service in an effective and professional manner. The Sheriff will never have the resources to do everything for everyone all the time. Priorities must be set. Like the budget, there are certain "fixed" duties he must perform, such as the security in the courts; mental patient transports; civil processes that are involved and complicated. He must provide storage space for evidence; health care for jail inmates; meet and deal with vendors that do everything from provide uniforms to the officers to negotiating contracts for patrol vehicles, radio equipment, vehicle tires, jail equipment repair, or jail food service contracts; and this list is long and complicated and almost endless. These are things the public does not always see or hear about but must be done and handled properly or there are significant consequences.

The Sheriff is considered the highest law enforcement officer in the county with great powers. He must have a good working knowledge of civil and criminal laws. The Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement patrol and response to all areas of the county that does not have their own police force and is back-up to those that do.

The Sheriff must have a good working knowledge of how other law enforcement agencies, local, state and federal, interrelate with his operations. He must know what their jurisdictions are and when he can call on them and what he can expect their level of service to be. Whether it's the FBI, SBI, Secret Service, DEA, ATF, US Marshalls' Service and that list goes on and on; the Sheriff must know how these agencies work and what services they may provide. It's not unusual for these agencies to contact the Sheriff to request he and his staff work with them.

There is a pretty big learning curve for any new Sheriff. Every Sheriff in NC will tell you that this learning curve is not measured in days and weeks but in months and even years. Your new Sheriff would like to have six months to a year "honeymoon" period where the public will understand that he is new and learning the ropes and have time to plan and get organized. But business starts immediately upon being sworn into office and he will likely have a number of major issues and events the first few of days. That's just the way it is.

In summary, your Sheriff must be capable of being responsive to the needs of the communities; project the image of a leader; and be able to communicate; make tough decisions that affect the lives of many people. He must be able to enforce the laws equally across the board and at the same time be sensitive to both victims and defendants. He must be able to speak in public before news cameras, civic groups and school classes. The late Paul Harvey once said, "...he must be a minister, social worker, diplomat, a tough guy and a gentleman" all at the same time.

Most importantly, your next Sheriff must never forget from where he gets his authority; that's the people who elected him. They only ask that he be responsive and do a fair and honest job. These should be your expectations for your next Sheriff.

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Brown Bag Book Club Meets Feb. 17

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Monday, February 17 at noon in the Pritchett Room at Hampton B. Allen Library. Everyone is invited to come for a covered dish lunch (everyone attending please bring a dish) and author talk by Anson author Carolyn Morman. Ms. Morman will talk about her new book, *Awakenings*. She will also have some books for sale. Please make plans to attend, bring a dish and a friend.

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