

# Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## Aquarius Boutique Unlimited

Was "thumbing through" some of my "sign picture collection" and came across this picture that I had painted and installed on July 15, 1976 on this store building. This business, Aquarius Boutique, was on North Greene Street, between Fox & Lyon Drug Store and Belk's Department Store. Its building was destroyed along with the Lyon Building and Woods building in a fire on January 4, 1983. Some of the businesses affected by the fire were Woods 5&10, E.H. Jones Jewelry and Becky's Dress Shop.

Aquarius Boutique was located in the old A&P building where I had my first job (1939) working on Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. until, sometimes, Sunday at 1:30 or 2 a.m. My salary was \$2 a day less 2¢ for Social Security. You see the store had to be cleaned up, restocked and ready to open on Monday morning for the customers. There was no such thing as being open on Sundays back in "those days," and you know what - "we still existed" - didn't even go hungry!

Things do change, however - Allen and I are "still eating," at least some of the time!!

Many thanks for reading!

Ed

## Dexter Hinson Selected to Participate in Church Music Academy

Dexter A. Hinson, a 2008 graduate of Saint Augustine's College, has been selected to participate in the James Abbington Church Music Academy of the 2011 Hampton University Church Music Conference and Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild, June 5-10, 2011. The James Abbington Church Music Academy allows students to participate not only in the Annual Hampton University Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild Workshop, but also a concurrent sub-conference where sessions are tailored specifically for music majors working in church music leadership.



Though he earned a degree in Communication from Saint Augustine's, Hinson, who works as a freelance journalist, was involved in music activities throughout his matriculation. He was a member of the College Choir under the direction of Thomas Hager, the late Odell Hobbs and Eric Poole, current Director of Choral Studies. He accompanied the choir during ecumenical services in the Historic Chapel on Sunday mornings, and was also a part of the Jazz, Concert and Marching bands under the direction of the late William E. Woods, Sr.

Hinson is currently enrolled at New Life Theological Seminary in Charlotte pursuing the Master of Arts degree of Urban Christian Ministry concentrated in Youth and Music. He has served the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Ansonville as bi-vocational Minister of Music since October 2009.

## 50+ Club Meeting Features Rosa Lee and Jerry Powell

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club will meet on Monday, June 13 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Rosa Lee Powell and Jerry Powell will be presenting a program of music and southern humor. The public is invited to attend. Any questions please call

## Parks and Rec Pool Schedule, Swim Lessons

The Anson County Parks and Recreation pool at Little Park will open to the public on Saturday, June 11 for the weekends and Tuesday, June 26 for the weekdays. The cost is \$1 per person. Here is the schedule:

- Open on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, Sun, from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Closed on Mondays and Fridays for Maintenance

Swim lessons will be available. There will be three, 2 week sessions that run 30 minutes a day, Monday through Thursday. The cost is \$18 per person.

- Session #1 July 5-15
- Session #2 July 18-28
- Session #3 August 1-11

The times for various classes are:

- 9 to 9:30 a.m. Level 1, Ages 6-14
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. Level 2, Ages 6 - 14
- 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Level 3-6, Ages 6 -14
- 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Parent and Child Ages, 6mo - 5

Contact Wendell Small at 704-694-5751 to register.



## New Arrivals

• Shana Cummings is very proud to announce the birth of her daughter Daylin Alivia Simmons. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. She was born at Stanly Regional Medical on April 5, 2011.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs Charles Cummings of Wadesboro. Her great-grandmothers are Mary Cummings and Betty Rose Taylor, both of Wadesboro.

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