

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Father's Day - June 19, 2011

As we celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 19 we also remember that the first celebration was July 5, 1908 - as others began to be more determined to celebrate a "father's day."

So many people across the county had ideas about establishing a celebration honoring fathers - it was seemingly slow to catch on, though.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith urged Congress to establish a date for Father's Day - which was signed into law in 1972 by then President Richard Nixon - a Congressional resolution setting the day permanently. And, so it was!

And yes, I do have many memories of Daddy - growing up on a farm, he could use help, for there was always lots to be done. My brother Carlyle and I helped set, chop and care for tobacco. Then it came time to pull, cure, grade and gather the crop. There was always something to do, plus so many chores!!

I can remember that my brother and I had always wanted to go with Daddy to the Winston-Salem Tobacco Market, then one day (and I do mean one day only) he let us go with him to the market. This was a "vacation" that we never forgot. Daddy bought us candy and barbecue, took us on a "tour" of the tobacco market, and then it was back home to go to school!!

Another remembrance - Daddy was setting tobacco plants into the ground by hand, and my son Tommy, aged 5, was following close behind...but Tommy was pulling the plants up - handing them back to Daddy almost as fast as they were being set. And, you guessed it, Tommy's tobacco setting days ended quickly, except for the story to be retold and enjoyed in later years!!

There is so much to tell of days gone by - always a new experience, always learning!!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 2011 - may there be many, many more!! Ed

Wadesboro Town Hall & Garbage Schedule for July 4

The Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4 for the July 4th Holiday. Also, there will be no garbage pickup on that Monday. Monday's route will be picked up on Thursday, and Tuesday's route will be picked up on Tuesday.

Class of 1973 Reunion

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1973 is planning their 38th class reunion to be held on Saturday, September 10 at the Twin Valley Country Club in Wadesboro. The event will run from 6 p.m. to midnight.

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If you have any questions or need further information, please call 704-694-5177.

Republican Women to Meet

The Pee Dee Republican Women's Club will hold their monthly meeting on June 28th at 7 p.m. in the Hardison-Bradley Room in the Hampton B. Allen Library. Author Patrick Fields will be the guest speaker. All Republicans welcome. The meeting will be preceded by refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

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