

SafeTALK is a half-day workshop that prepares participants to identify people with thoughts of suicide and connect them with life-saving first aid resources. The workshop will be held on Friday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Hampton B. Allen Library in the Pritchett Room. Dana Cea will speak on understanding the importance of suicide alertness, identifying ways people invite help when they are at risk, developing an effective method to engage with people who are at risk, and connecting at risk people with resources that can carry out a full-scale intervention. Lunch and materials will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995, or by email at connectionsfsf@gmail.com to register. Space is limited to the first 30 people to register. The deadline to register is Friday, October 21.

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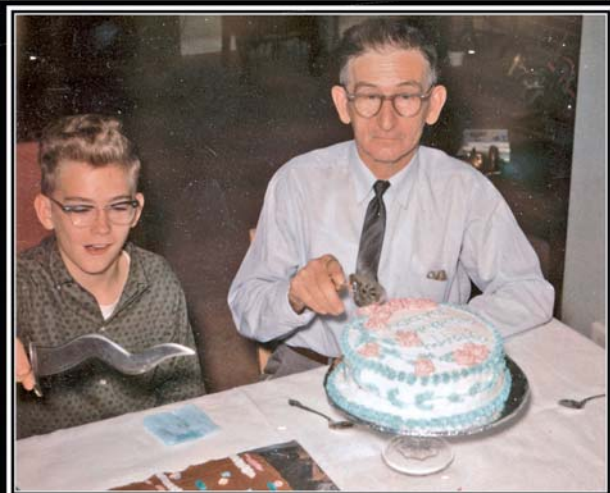
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Remembering.....

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

Evangelist BJ Pratt's Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Anniversary is November 19

Everyone is invited to come enjoy an evening of music celebrating Evangelist Brenda "BJ" Pratt's 5th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Anniversary. This event is jam packed with dynamic performers, and will take place on Saturday, November 19 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. The doors open at 4 p.m. and the program starts at 5 p.m.

This event will feature Evangelist BJ Pratt & Destined, Joe Wilson & Redeemed, Retha & the Caravans, Anointed McGirt Sisters, Aris Smith & Made Men, New Chosen Disciples, Rev. Maria Moore, Keith & the Voices of Praise, and Sis. Raven Spencer. The emcee is Evangelist Joanne Player.

Food will be available. Vendors are invited to call Brenda at 704-475-5199.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Children 6 to 12 get in for \$5. For ticket information call Brenda at 704-475-5199 or Betty McRae at 704-475-0744.

Ansonville Historical Society Museum Open on November 5

The Ansonville Historical Society Museum will be open on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The museum will feature craft exhibits. Everyone is invited to visit the museum that day.

Normally the Ansonville Historical Society Museum is open by appointment. For information and to schedule an appointment call 704-826-8129.

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