

Sheriff Barker Announces Bid for Second Term

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If a criminal commits a crime in Forsyth County, that person should serve time in Forsyth County, said Sheriff Ron Barker at last week's news conference held to announce his candidacy for re-election.

"If I can put criminals in Forsyth County jails, they will serve time," Barker said, while highlighting some of the changes he will work for in combating crime if re-elected to a second term.

"I'm not through, yet," Barker, a Republican, replied when asked why he's seeking another term. "My goal is to take a very fine department and make it the best in the Southeast."

With a handful of supporters in attendance, Barker also highlighted his accomplishments, such as the increase in the number of officers per shift - from 11 to 14 - without increasing personnel. And, he spoke proudly of the record number of drug-related arrests the department has made - 560 from Jan. 1991 to Jan. 12, 1994.

Since December 1990, drug-

related forfeiture money has brought in slightly more than \$1 million, Barker said. That does not include equipment, such as cars, radios and guns.

Barker said that when convicts are sent off to do time in state prisons, they end up not doing all their sentences because of prison overcrowding. A person sentenced to two years could end up doing only 11 days, he said.

The new Forsyth County Jail, scheduled for completion later this year, will be large enough to accommodate those prisoners now being sent to state prisons, Barker said.

The state could pay the county to house the prisoners, and Barker said that the change "will definitely bring in revenue." He estimated that housing those who commit crimes in the county will bring in \$1 million a year and could pay for itself in 10 years.

Barker said that he was able to increase the number of officers on patrol and the number of narcotic officers - from 5 to 11 - by using reserve officers and officers from other areas of the department.

Barker also spoke proudly of

the drug check points. "Each check-point has shown people that we do mean business," he said.

In addition to seeking ways to imprison those in the county who commit crime in the county, Barker

would also like to hire four officers to find fathers who have neglected their obligations and would like money to investigate flea markets and pawn shops for stolen goods.

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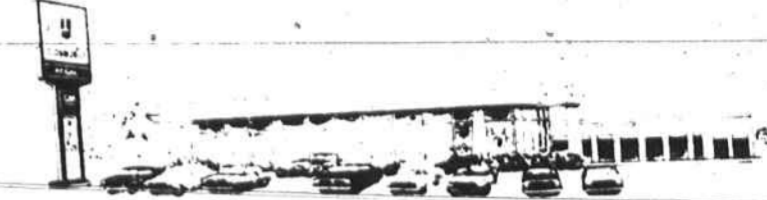
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Those eligible are persons who are native to North Carolina and/or who have recently graduated from an institution of higher learning in the state.

Applications can be obtained from North Carolina college placement offices or by writing the Foundation at 101 Reynolda Village, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106-5199. Applications must be postmarked by March 1. The fellowship will begin in August, although the Foundation will consider modest adjustments in that schedule.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 22

8 p.m. — The Special Populations and Programs Unit of the Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks Department will sponsor a Ballroom Dance at the Elms Ballroom, 352 N. Cherry St., until 11 p.m.
Come out and dance to recorded music. Admission is \$4. Call 727-2505.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23

3 p.m. — The Reynolda House Museum of American Art will sponsor "A Tribute," a program honoring Mattye Reed, founder of the African Heritage Center at North Carolina A&T State University.
Free.

MONDAY, JAN. 24

7 p.m. — The Victory-Masonic Mutual Credit Union will hold its annual meeting in the assembly room on the second floor of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co. building, 1225 E. Fifth St. (known as the Winston Mutual Building)
A report of the merger will be given, officers will be elected, dividends will be announced, new members will be solicited and Shriner-Masonic Credit Union members will be greeted.
The meeting is open to the public.

TUESDAY, JAN. 25

7 p.m. — The Central North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will present "Sexuality and MS" at the Whitaker Rehabilitation Center in the Martin Room (adjoining Forsyth Memorial Hospital).
Featured speakers will be Dr. William Montgomery, urologist, and Judy Ruple, RN, ADL.
They will address the physical, social and emotional issues affecting the sexuality of couples dealing with MS.
Free of charge to those with MS, their family and friends and health-care professionals.
Advance registration is requested.
Call 759-2105.

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

12 p.m. — The Reynolda House Museum of American Art will sponsor a luncheon/book discussion on Sula by Toni Morrison.
The discussion will be led by Elwanda Ingram of Winston-Salem State University.
For lunch reservations, call 725-5325. The fee is \$8. For discussion only, 12:30 p.m., \$2.

ONGOING

• Members of the 1984 Class of East Forsyth High School, Kernersville, are looking for alumni for their 10-year reunion to be held May 27-28.
A Saturday night reception will be held at the Benton Convention Center.

Alumni should call Taylor Reunion Services at 1-800-677-7800 to update addresses and phone numbers.

• Welcome Baby is looking for women to volunteer to provide support to first-time mothers in Forsyth County.
The commitment is approximately eight hours per month and is flexible.
Training will be held Feb. 15-24 for new volunteers.
Call 725-2229 to find out how you can help new babies get a better start on life.

• Exchange/SCAN Child Abuse Prevention Center of North Carolina in Winston-Salem seeks a volunteer facilitator for a weekly Parents Anonymous support group.
Call 748-9028.

• The Special Populations and Programs Unit of the Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks Department will sponsor a bowling class for beginners at Northside Bowling Lanes.
The classes are designed for persons age 55 and over and will be held on Tuesdays, Jan. 18 through March 8 at 1:30 p.m.
There will be a small fee for games.
Shoes are free.
Call 727-2505 to register.

• Hospice of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County will offer volunteer orientation beginning Jan. 29, preparing volunteers to improve the quality of life for families that have a loved one who is faced with limited life expectancy.
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