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## VFW Post holds Veterans Day Parade & Fish Fry

On November 11th (Wednesday) 1998 the VFW Post #2843 celebrated their Annual Parade in Pembroke, NC followed by the annual Fish fry. Members Mr. Gregory Cummings and Mr. B.D. Locklear lined up the parade activities. There was a brief ceremony at the small town park to honor veterans then the activities centered on the post on Union Chapel Road for the early fish fry and chicken plate sale. A lot of preparation went into this occasion. Purchasing tickets, fish, chicken and other foods for the plates. Cleaning 300+ pounds of spots, several bushels of sweet potatoes making over 25 gallons of cole slaw, etc. Cooking cakes, fish, chicken, potatoes and serving the meals.

As for a few men and myself there were many hours spent to make this a success. I was absent from the fish scaling due to dental problems, but I did bread and helped prepare most of the fish on the 11th. There was a lot of devotion put into making this year's sale a success. We few cooks started around 7 a.m. and I had burned out by 6 p.m., sore and tired I had to leave for home. Luckily I had my back brace on or I couldn't have lasted as long.

I joined the post four years ago and attended the parade that year, then helped park cars. For the past

three years I have been helping out as a cook. It is hard on the same men every year. We need more volunteers. I read an article in Thursday, November 12th's Robesonian where an organization in Lumberton with less than 50 people sell 3,000 pancake plates annually and it is hard for us to get almost 400 members to sell 300 tickets. Where is our loyalty to our organization, members?

This is the once a year chance to raise monies for the many projects we are involved in. Let's strive to do better next year, if God permits us to still be here. This is a pleading from my heart, not just to hear myself talk. With God's help, think what a 3,000 plate sale could help us do in 1999. We could do so much for others in need. I love this organization and work at making my presence known. We need more dedicated members who are not contented to just belong but are willing to get involved with what the VFW is all about. I just feel better in knowing I did a little something to help my fellow human beings. I challenge you as a member



Mayor Milton Hunt is shown receiving check for the new fire truck. Shown with him are members of the Committee and the Town Attorney, Grady Hunt, right. (Photos and text by Maria Rojas)



The old 1967 fire truck and the new 1998 fire truck of the Pembroke Fire Department.

to make this one of your new year's resolutions to attend meetings and get involved. Many can do a lot. Few can do very little. Think about it. Okay?

God bless you and yours.  
Erwin Jacobs

## Sarah Bell Honored by First Baptist Church



First Baptist Church of Pembroke celebrated Homecoming on October 25, 1998 with a special "Sarah Bell Appreciation Day." Ms. Bell has been the pianist for the church since 1953 and is a retired music teacher in the Public Schools of Robeson County with almost 30 years of service at Magnolia School.

In attendance with Ms. Bell was her husband, James F. "Buddy" Bell, her three sons and their spouses: Attorney Greg ad Bonita Bell; Dr. Joey and Vicki Bell; and Dr. Ronny and Natalie Bell; her grandchildren: Jamie, Stephen, Tori, Benjamin, Ashleigh, Jonathan and Isaac Bell; and her mother, Eunice Sampson; her brother and sister-in-law: James and Linda Sampson.

Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt read a proclamation from the Town declaring October 25, 1998 "Sarah Bell Day." The Pastor, Kelt Chavis, read letters of congratulations from Sheriff Glenn Maynor; Vicki Locklear, Register of Deeds; and Dale Deese, Executive Director of Lumbee River Legal Services.

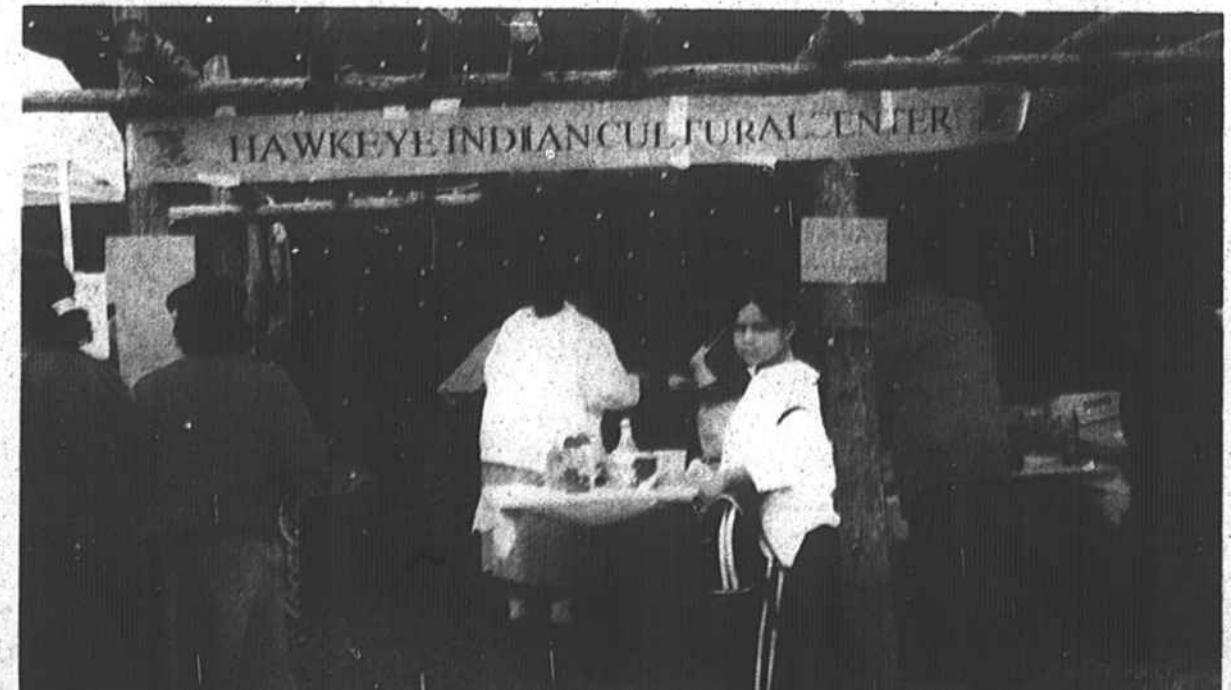
Also present was Noah Woods, County Commissioner and former Principal of Magnolia School.



Shown left is Amanda Faircloth, Junior Miss Lumbee; Christine Emanuel, Little Miss Lumbee; and Glenda Hadden, Miss Lumbee.



Miss N.C. America's Cover, Tonya Locklear



Overview of people enjoying the Hoke County Pow Wow and the food. The event was held at the Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center. (Photos and Text by Maria Rojas)

## In with the New and Still finding use for the Old

On Thursday, 12. 1998, Pembroke added a new member to the local fire department, a "Brand New Fire Truck". Since 1967 the same fire truck has been servicing the Pembroke community. The community is looking forward to bringing in the new millennium with state of the art equipment which will be able to provide better service to the people of the area, with more capability to answer the calls for emergencies a lot quicker. Pembroke Fire Station has the second quickest response time for the county.

Assistant Chief Earl Denery stated that any citizens in the area are welcome to come and view the new fire truck, and ask questions since their hard earned dollars paid for the vehicle. He said to come and meet the members of the Department, and express any ideas they feel would improve the quality of the Fire Department's ability to serve the community.

Pembroke Fire Department is an Organization that "Feels the People, Serve's the People, Cares about the People," Denery said.

## Jervons, Pembroke's New retail Clothing Store to hold grand opening

The grand opening of a new retail clothing store, Jervons, has been announced for November 27 and 28 at 206 Union Chapel Road, located next to the Pembroke Power House. The new store will specialize in Women's, men's, and children's brand name fashions, according to Kennie and Donnie Cummings, store owners.

"Marketing research indicated a definite need in the area for a store specializing in our type of merchandise," says Cummings. "The evidence was clear that the demand for fashionable family wear is on the rise here just as it is once again throughout the rest of the country. We will be carrying all men's sizes, ladies petite to plus sizes and children's sizes infant to preteen."

Jervons will be offering customers an unusually large selection of designer and brand name items. "We will be stocking at least 12 to 18 different brands for less than major department stores. Our merchandise will be offered at prices our customers will be excited about."

"Our type of operation also allows

for fast, three-to-seven day delivery on items or sizes that we may not have in stock at a given moment," Cummings adds. "We're not tied to three-month seasonal delivery programs as are most department stores and discount outlets."

"The ability to get fresh merchandise fast allows us to react more quickly when new styles are introduced, too," explains Cummings. "Our buying setup enables us to order any time we want without minimum quantity restrictions and still expect delivery within a week's time."

Jervons will have its grand opening on Friday, November 27, and Saturday, November 28. Store hours are 9:30-7:00 Monday-Friday, 10:00-7:00 Saturday with special grand opening hours of 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday. "Come on out and help us celebrate our grand opening," invites Cummings. "Take advantage of our 20% off sale on all merchandise during our special grand opening hours. You'll find the price and quality of our merchandise will make your visit well worth the effort."

## First Annual Fall Pow Wow Enjoyed in Hoke County

On Saturday, November 14, 1998 Hoke County held its First Annual Pow Wow in Antioch community at the Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center. The weather was overcast but the turnout proved that people were looking forward to the festivities. The new sheriff of Hoke County Jim Davis, the newly elected Clerk of Court Vera Hollingsworth, new deputy Hubert Peterkin, and Tom Hunt, New County Commissioner were among the special guests attending.

Sheriff Jim Davis stated that he worked hard to get elected for all of the people to serve the citizens of Hoke County a diversified area with a multi-cultural community. The people need a sheriff who will protect and serve everyone in the area, he said.

The atmosphere at the Pow Wow

was one of a gathering to enjoy the local food, the dancing and to see the young people from the surrounding communities perform traditional dancing, drumming, and to honor the elders and those who served in the armed services.

Gwen Locklear who is on the board of directors for the Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center, and an elected member of the LRDA board of directors, stated that "This is just the beginning of our journey together with all people in the Hoke County area, with the election of our new Sheriff Jim Davis. This is a stepping stone for the future, a sure sign that cultural diversity is not a hindrance to being able to be in positions of authority. This sends a message to the young people that their dreams are possible."