



## Fee Changes at Health Dept.

Effective August 1st, the Robeson County Health Department's Environmental Health Division will increase fees for site evaluation (application) and for existing septic system inspection. The new fee for a site evaluation (application) will be \$100.00. An existing septic system inspection will cost \$50. All other environmental health fees will remain the same. For additional information call 671-3220.



Larry Freeman

## Larry Freeman is promoted to director of UNCP's Physical Plant

**PEMBROKE, N.C.** -- UNC Pembroke's campus is 138 acres, 25 buildings, 4,000 students and 1,100 rooms in six residence halls.

It is a small city that never sleeps and caring for it is the job of the Physical Plant Department and its new leader Larry D. Freeman.

Freeman was promoted to the post of director of Physical Plant at UNC Pembroke, effective July 1.

He oversees 68 employees and is responsible for facilities management, which includes administration, housekeeping, grounds and skilled trades.

Freeman came to UNCP in 1983 as a HVAC (heat and air conditioning) supervisor. He was promoted to assistant director in 1999, and a year ago he was named interim director of Physi-



The Tyler family is shown above. Kneeling from left: Cameron Cummings, Sierra Lewallen and Chris Brown. Seated from left: Wilbert Tyler, Alice Tyler, Mary Locklear and Earl Locklear. Standing from left: Debbie Chavis, Lisa Hunt, Brittany Tyler, Brent Tyler, Carol Tyler, Chancellor Meadors, Mike and Michael Lewallen, Betty Brown, Darlene Cummings, Teresa Lewallen, Ashley and Laura Bradley.

cal Plant by Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Neil Hawk.

"I believe that Larry will continue to provide a high level of service to our university customers," Hawk said. "He knows our campus as well as anybody on staff and that history proves to be a very valuable asset."

"I know that Larry is dedicated to this university, his employees and to providing the best service possible," he said. "The responsibility that Larry is assuming is very important to the operations of this campus, and I feel that he will manage it in a professional manner. I look forward to working with him and wish him the very best."

Caring for growing campus is a daunting task, Freeman said. In the next five years, the campus will add four new buildings, including a new Physical Plant

building, and renovate and expand a dozen more.

"We have a skilled and very experienced staff at Physical Plant," he said. "This is an exceptional group of people, and I believe that we are up to the job."

"We have our work cut out for us as enrollment and construction continue to grow over the next few years," Freeman said. "Expansion means more opportunity and more responsibility for the people of our department."

Freeman is a Fairmont native and married to the former Pat Demery, a 1975 UNCP graduate. They have three children: James a 2002 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate and commissioned officer, stationed at Pope Air Force Base; Lindsay, who will attend the Air Force Academy Prep School in Colorado Springs, Co., in the fall and Brett a senior at Fairmont High School.

## Mitchell Tyler Endowed Memorial Education Scholarship established

**Pembroke, N.C.** - Mitch Tyler will be remembered for working tirelessly on behalf of children as a career educator and Superintendent of Hoke County Schools.

Tyler's legacy was honored in June when his family established the Mitchell Tyler Endowed Memorial Education Scholarship at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

A Red Springs native and UNCP graduate, he was 46 when he died on March 2, 2002. Mr. Tyler also served as program director in the UNCP School of Education and was an employee of the State Department of Public Instruction.

"He was a fine man," said Chancellor Allen C. Meadors at a June 6 ceremony announcing the creation of the Memorial Scholarship.

"I am honored that the Tyler family has chosen to establish this endowment," Dr. Meadors said. "We will do everything in our power to make sure this scholarship serves Mitch's memory the way he would have wanted and to make sure his name is always

remembered in higher education."

By establishing a scholarship, Tylers wife, Carol, said she hopes others will be given the opportunity to participate in her husband's vision.

"He did not want anyone to sit back and complain about the things that should have been," she said. "He was a firm believer in excellence and equity for all."

Dr. Zoe Locklear, Dean of the School of Education, said Tylers job, along with many statewide education committees he served on, never seemed to distract him from his mission.

"No matter what, he was going to advocate and come down on the side of what was right for children," she said. "I cannot tell you how his death has shaken up the world of education. I did not know anyone who didn't think the world of Mitch Tyler."

In a recent ceremony at UNCP honoring Mr. Tyler, State Superintendent Mike Ward said he was a valuable asset to public education in North Carolina.

He leaves a son, Brent Mitchell Tyler, a daughter Brittany Carol Tyler, and his wife Carol Locklear Tyler, his parents Wilbert and Alice Tyler and four sisters Betty Brown, Laura Bradley, Darlene Cummings and Teresa Lewallen. Darlene is employed at UNCP in the Student Activities Office.

He was a 1978 graduate of UNCP and also earned a Master of Education from the university. He was working on his dissertation from his doctorate in education at UNC Chapel Hill.

Recipients of the scholarship will be residents of Robeson or Hoke Counties who have been admitted to the UNCP School of

Education and must maintain a minimum of university standard Q.P.A.

To contribute to the Mitch Tyler Endowed Memorial Education Scholarship, please contact the Office of advancement at 521-6252. An endowed scholarship is

a permanent investment which generates an annual scholarship from its income.

## Local student receives double academic recognition

Mark Simeon Brooks, rising senior at Purnell Swett High School, Pembroke, N.C., has received double recognition. First, he has been selected as a National Ventures Scholar. He was awarded this recognition for his outstanding academic achievement, dedication to excellence, and desire to pursue a career in medicine. This is a national honors program designed to motivate and assist academically strong students to pursue a college degree.

Secondly, for the third consecutive year, Mark has been nominated as Who's Who Among American High School Students. Only 1/2 of 1% of American high school students accomplish this level of recognition. Only the highest achieving students in high school are even considered for this honor. He was named Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1999/2000 and 2000/2001.

At the present, Mark is attending Governor's School West in Winston Salem in the area of Natural Science. This is a summer program for academically or gifted high school students. He was Chief

Marshal for the 2002 Graduating Class this year. He is a member of the National Honor Roll, National Beta Club, National Honor Society, Varsity Golf, NASA, AISES, SADD, Young Christians Association, TCA (Technology) Spanish Club, and Public Library Quiz Bowl. He was invited to attend the 2002 National Student Leadership Conference in Florida and the National Young Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

This year's awards were The Superintendent's Academic Award, Advance Math Award, Principles of Technology II Science Award, United States History Honors Social Studies Award, and Perfect Attendance. Other honors and awards he has received are Superintendent's Academic Award (9,10), Presidential Classroom Scholar, United States National Leadership and Service Award, Geometry-Honors Award, Physical Science-Honors Awards, ELPS (social studies)- Honors Award, Intro to Theatre Arts Award, Principles of Technology I Award, Perfect Attendance Award (9,10), Academic Achievement Award, All-American

Scholar, and received a pin for fifteen years perfect attendance for church on Sunday.

Mark's goals are to attend Duke University and pursue a degree in medicine in the area of Cardiology. He is the son of Reverend Ted and Rosella Brooks of Pembroke N.C. He attends Berea Baptist Church.



Mark Brooks

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## Strike at the Wind Opens Successfully

By Vinita Clark

The outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind" opened to its 24th successful season on Saturday July 6, 2002. For the first time in the history of the outdoor drama a married couple, Corbin and Misha Eddings, took the stage in the roles of Henry and Rhoda in a performance that those who attended will not soon forget.

Corbin, who first joined the cast in 1981 as Wesley, the

Bruce Barton returned as Allen Lowrie and many thought that he would take on Colonel Harris

and McGregor on that stage. Carol Oxendine returned as the Leader who tells the story with strength and grace. Edith Ward (Mrs. Shoemaker), Edwina Chambers (Claudette Barton), Delores Steen (Mrs. Applewhite), and Margaret Free-



Corbin Eddings



Jessica Oxendine

man returned to her dual roles of Mrs. Pert/ Hilda. A large number of the 2001 cast members returned to make the drama once again a success. Costume Designer Hayes Allen Locklear did a tremendous job of making the costumes more of the time period this season.

Although the story remains the same, there is new action and life in the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!"

son of Aunt Mary had been waiting 21 years for this opening night and his chance to play the Indian Outlaw/Hero Henry Berry Lowrie. For the past several seasons he had been the understudy for Micah Sampson who played the role 1999-2001. Misha is in her third season as Rhoda and there was a chemistry on the stage that no one had ever seen before in the history of the outdoor drama.

Fan favorite Robert Bryant returned for his 24th season

with the drama in the role of Shoemaker John. His performance was outstanding with the energy and zest that only he can give to his character. Catherine Scott returned as the feisty Aunt Mary who did not mind telling Colonel Harris (played by Corbin's father Randolph Eddings) about "the grey dogs that come by there all the time."

LaDonna Locklear returned in the role of Polly Oxendine. Collette Locklear, who returned

as Dolly King also performed in the preshow and showed the audience that she could sing more songs than the song in her scene.



The younger members of the 2001 cast of SATW took time this year to raise money to present the parents of the late Jessica Oxendine with a plaque to let them know they always remember her and always care. In the center of the group are Mr. & Mrs. Larry Oxendine, parents of Jessica who pose with her friends who took the time to remember her.

## Lumbee Homecoming Successful

**Pembroke, NC.** Under the direction of the Lumbee Regional Developmental Association, the 2002 Lumbee Homecoming was a complete success. Over 30,000 people who were not only Lumbees but of all races poured into the town of Pembroke for the occasion.

All pageants were completely sold out along with several of the other scheduled events by the LRDA. Events sponsored by the Lumbee Tribal Government had some small attendance from those in the community, along with members of the LTG.

Kelvin Sampson, a Pembroke native and head coach of the University of Oklahoma, who had stood along the parade route for many years, proudly led the parade as the Grand Marshal. Accompanied by his wife the former Karen Sue Lowry, it was truly a proud moment for both of them to be in the place where they grew up, to achieve such an honor given to very few mem-

bers of the Lumbee tribe. Sampson was followed by our new

Miss North Carolina Rebekah Revels.

For the first time in many years the new Miss Lumbee and her court did not wear their formal gowns on the float.

After the parade, a reception was held in Sampson's honor at the LRDA Building. The Sampsons were reunited with many they had not seen in years as Kelvin signed the book written about him by Steven Richardson.

The NC Children's Homes of North Carolina (Odum Home) entered the Homecoming Parade for the very first time. Residents of the Odum and Stegall Homes stood on the float with Lady Liberty on a platform and

local recording star Lorie Cole who now works at the Odum Home sang "God Bless America." Eastern Carolina University and several other groups also joined the parade for the first time.

The cast of Strike at the Wind had their first float that was donated by their Costume Designer Hayes Allen Locklear, owner of Mother Earth Creations.

Also noted were the many booths that located after the UNCP Givens Performing Art Center that could have filled the empty spaces in Pembroke Town Park that received very little business for their entry fee.

## Chavis completes Naturopathic Studies

Local Native American Robert M. Chavis Completes Naturopathic Program and is now a licensed Naturopathic Medicine Doctor. Robert has seen first hand how the use and the blending of Natural medicine with man made medicines can benefit many people. Natural medicines work with the body to correct a condition, not like some synthetic medicines that work against the natural order of the body while correcting a condition.