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JO JO HUNT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC YOUTH FORUM



Jo Jo Hunt

Jo Jo Hunt, Indian lawyer and local Robeson County Indian who served as Chairperson of the Task Force on Non-Federally Recognized Indians of the American Indian Policy Review Commission will be the fourth presenter in a series of INDIAN IS...YOUTH FORUM meetings sponsored by the Title IV, Part A Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project.

The Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Pembroke State University. Both Indian youth and adults as well as the general public are invited to attend the forum which is free.

Legislation and recognition are two crucial issues affecting Indian communities across the Nation. Ms. Hunt presently works in the Washington, D.C. area and is very knowledgeable of legislation affecting Indians as well as recent efforts for federal recognition.

Pembroke Volunteer Fire Department is Sponsoring Coming Great American Circus



The Pembroke Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring the Great American Circus in Pembroke on May 8 with 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. performances at Sampson Lot, Railroad Street. This is a traditional old-time big top circus with clowns, trapeze stars, acrobats, jugglers, elephants, and all the thrills of circus fun. Buy advance tickets now from Volunteer firemen and save over circus day prices.

To children of all ages the word "elephant" brings to mind the circus, but to the people of the circus it means indispensable as performer, worker and friend.

From the time the circus arrives in town and starts to unload, until the last truck is loaded at night, the elephants play an integral part in practically all activities on the showgrounds.

If you get to the showgrounds early on May 8 at Sampson Lot in Pembroke, you will have the opportunity to see the elephants of the Great American Circus begin their duties of unloading the trucks, helping to erect the huge tent poles, and furnishing the power that pulls the big top into position. Plus the many other chores where human strength is not enough to get the job done.

Then after donning their fancy harness and ornate blankets, comes the time to display their prowess as the largest performers the show has to offer. At each performance the mighty stars of the big top answer the commands of their pretty girl handlers with amazing grace and agility.

When the night show ends these wonder animals again slip into their working harness to assist in the dismantling and loading of the big show, and when the last load is ready to roll they board their own special vehicles for the trip to the next town along the circus route where the daily routine will start all over again.

This showing of the circus is being sponsored by the Pembroke Volunteer Fire Department.

Miss Lumbee Returns from Busy Week at 1978 Azalea Festival in Wilmington



Brenda Hunt, Miss Lumbee

PEMBROKE--To be crowned a queen could be an exciting experience for many girls. And being in attendance at the many various activities in that capacity may be even more so. But to be a queen and be invited to participate in the annual Azalea Festival held in Wilmington would seem to be a prestigious honor indeed.

Such an honor was bestowed this year on a mere four queens: Sharon Maness, N.C. Rhododendron Queen, Janice McDonald, Miss Sun Fun, Diane Nobles, Carolina Tobacco Queen, and Brenda Hunt, Miss Lumbee.

These four queens were referred to at the festival held last week, as "Performing Queens." And unlike the other nine "visiting queens" they attended the festival and all the events at no cost to them and were asked to perform at various activities throughout the four day festival.

For Miss Lumbee it was a "unique experience indeed. This was my first Azalea Festival in any capacity," she said "and being there as a performing queen was one of the most exciting times of my life. I felt very honored," she added.

Miss Lumbee left Wednesday afternoon to participate in four of the most "fun filled and work filled" days of her life. "I was constantly on the go. Every minute was filled with attending one activity after another. Many times I didn't even get a chance to freshen my make-up between activities. But I didn't get tired, because I didn't have the opportunity," she added.

Though her chaperone, Florence Ransom accompanied her, Miss Lumbee was given an official Festival chaperone; Mrs. Sandy Duke who transported her in an official car to the various events and literally stayed with her throughout the four days. Mrs. Duke was third runner-up in the Miss N.C. pageant in 1975.

Her day usually began with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and ended sometimes as late as 2:30 a.m. Between those hours, she was kept busy at art shows, garden tours, ceramic and craft displays, meeting one celebrity after another and attending various ribbon cuttings. Being in attendance at various parties such as the President's party, Patron's party, and Worker's party kept her on the go at night. And not to be left out, one of the bigger high-lights; the Queen's Coronation Pageant and Show held Friday and Saturday nights.

This event was the scene for the crowning of the 1978 Azalea Queen, Nancy Addison, star of daytime T.V. show, Ryan's Hope. The presentation of the performing and visiting queens along with other special guests and celebrities was also held. These included: Malcolm Groome of "Ryan's Hope," Josh Taylor of "Days of Our Lives," Alison Arngim of "Little House on the Prairie," Claire Ford, Miss Black America, Kathy Fleming, Miss North Carolina, and also Emma Mahn, Miss Wilmington; Sammy Davis, Sr.; Dee Dee Ward, Azalea Festival Teenage Princess; the Queen's court and escorts; and Carlos Palamino, welter weight boxing champion.

Performing at the Pageants were "The Sunshine Express," a group of Christian young people presently touring the U.S. who perform a variety of musical and dance numbers. And special performer B.J. Thomas and his band who put on a show the audience will never forget.

The highlight of the four days for Miss Lumbee was riding in the celebrity parade on Saturday. "It was a thrilling experience to be a part of such a fantastic parade, one I will never forget," she says.

From riding in the parade, chatting with the stars, and performing both at the variety show and art show, the 1978 Azalea Festival proved to be a "busy and rewarding" one for Miss Lumbee. "One I'll never forget," she says.

Revival Underway at Deep Branch

Revival is continuing at Deep Branch Baptist Church this week. Rev. Michael Cuppings is the guest evangelist. And Pastor is Rev. Chesley McNeill.

Services begin nightly at 7:45 p.m. Special music nightly. Revival services will close Friday night.

Oxendine School's Plate Sale

Oxendine School's annual Plate Sale will be held Friday, April 21, 1978 from 11:30 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Price of the chicken or barbeque plates will be \$2.00 each.

Board of Education Meets

At a lengthy meeting of the Robeson County Board of Education on Tuesday the Board gave their permission to tear down the old teacher's building at Orrum and the old block building at Long Branch. They agreed also to open the garbage contract for bids.

They heard a progress report on the efforts toward state accreditation from Mr. Donald Bonner, assistant superintendent, and a progress report on the annual testing program. They authorized Mr. Albert Hunt, assistant supt. to submit applications for the Title I and summer and fall migrant program funding.

Mr. Hubert Humphrey discussed requirements from the state board of education to meet the regulations for making building more accessible to the handicapped. He explained in some detail how much work was involved in converting the buildings to meet the requirements.

Ralph Hunt, chairman of the board, reported on the Fulcher Commission. Mr. Hunt was the only board chairman appointed to the legislative mandated commission to study funding. He reported on the 8 recommendations of the Commission. Among them was a reduction in class size. The report has been accepted by the state Board of education and will be presented to the appropriate legislative committee.

Mr. Hunt was re-elected chairman of the board unanimously. The board attorneys, Locklear, Brooks and Jacobs of Pembroke were placed on open contract so that the contract will not have to be renewed each year.

Appearing before the board was a delegation of parents from the Prospect School area who were there because they had appeared at the school for their regularly scheduled PTA meeting and found the doors locked. Mrs. Dorothy Lowry, a member of Prospect School's Advisory Council, spoke for the group. Said she: "...There seems to be a great divorce between the community and the school. The school is made up of the children of the community...The closer the school and the community work, the more problems become minimized. What we need is some kind of an organization that draws the school and the community closer together in the best interest of the children."

Also speaking was Mr. Gurney Hunt, also a member of the Advisory Council. Mr. Hunt stated that he was the president of the PTA and had been so for four years. Said he, "I keep up with what is happening at my school. When I feel like there is something that the parents need to know, I call a PTA meeting."

Some question arose from other parents in attendance as to how long a PTA president elected for one year would continue to be president.

After some discussion from various board members, Laymond Locklear moved that the chairman select a committee to study parental involvement. And Purnell Swett, Superintendent of Robeson County Schools, stated that the board strongly encouraged parent participation. Appointed to study parental involvement was Bob Mangum, Lillian Fay Locklear, Shirley Britt and Purnell Swett. Mr. Swett also recommended that the principal of Prospect School set up a committee composed of a cross section of the community to decide how often the PTA would meet and how long an election for officer would be for.

people and places and things

A SOCIAL NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. James Milligan will celebrate their first year of marriage April 8, 1978 with a trip to the beach, given by his mother Annie L. Vest.

ROWLAND NEWS

A cook-out was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Locklear of Rowland Saturday, April 8, 1978.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Darius Jacobs and children from Pembroke, Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Locklear, Miss Pamela Locklear, Miss Betty Berry, Mrs. Peggy Hunt and children of Pembroke, Mrs. Addie Jacobs of Maxton, Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Locklear of Danville, Virginia. After the cook-out the guests were entertained by the Galaxy and their New Creation.

WARRIORS FALL TO WEST BRUNSWICK by David Malcolm

SHALLOTTE--Pembroke scored four runs in their half of the first inning but succumbed to the West Brunswick Trojans who erupted for seven runs in the top of the 3rd inning by the score of 9-7.

Allen Oxendine took the loss for the Warriors, their 7th against 4 wins this season. Robinson was the winning pitcher. Earl Ransom and Dennis Lowry collected 3 and 2 hits respectively for the visiting Pembroke squad.

Pembroke: 400 210 0- 7 8 5
 W. Brunswick: 207 000 x-9 7 8

Oxendine, Sampson (3) & Dial; Robinson, Garner (5) & Davis

LADY WARRIORS TRIUMPH by David Malcolm

PEMBROKE--Pembroke Senior High's girls' softball team ran their record to 9-0 with a 3-1 Three Rivers Conference win over West Columbus here last Tuesday afternoon.

Leading hitter for Pembroke was Lula Jacobs who went 3-3 including three singles. D. Ward and W. McDougald paced the visitors with two singles each.

W. Columbus: 000 010 0- 1 7 0
 Pembroke: 101 010 x- 3 14 0

Evans & Ladson; Sampson & Oxendine

WARRIORS TAKE 2ND PLACE by David Malcolm

PEMBROKE--Another outstanding performance by the Warriors' Julius Meekins could not save off the Trojans of Brunswick as Pembroke took runner-up honors in a 3-Rivers Conference track meet here Thursday afternoon.

Meekins again captured four 1st place finishes, taking the long jump-24'7", triple jump-47'3", 120 high hurdles-15.3, low hurdles-19.85. All four marks were new school records.

Billy Thompson equaled his high jump mark of 6'2". Donald Oxendine, who is yet to lose in the 440 Yd. Run this year, bettered his best time of :54.7 with a new time of :53.2.

Team scores were West Brunswick-67½, Pembroke-52½, Fairmont-51, East Bladen-37, West Columbus-28.

PSHS BOYS TENNIS by David Malcolm

The PSHS Boy's Tennis team upped it's overall record to 6-2 after claiming victories over West Columbus and Whiteville. Their conference record stands at 4-1.

Coach Al Parnell expressed satisfaction at the success the team has had this season. Said Coach Parnell, "I am very pleased with our season so far. We have started eliminating some errors made earlier in earlier matches."

Pembroke-7 Whiteville-2

Singles: Maynor (P) 9-7 over Langston,

Locklear (P) 8-5 over Powell, Roberts (P) 9-8 over Willets, Hodge (W) 8-5 over Wilkins, Lewis (P) 8-1 over Monds, Holt (W) 8-4 over Hunt.

Doubles: Maynor & Locklear (P) 8-2 over Langston & Powell, Wilkins & Roberts (P) 8-4 over Willets, Parks, Lewis & Lowry (P) 9-8 over Hodge & Holt.

Pembroke-3 West Columbus-6

Singles: Callahan (WC) 8-6 over Maynor, Cribb (WC) 8-6 over Locklear, Strickland (WC) 8-5 over Roberts, Wilkins (P) 8-4 over Herring, Lewis (P) 8-4 over Shaw, Peal (WC) 8-5 over Hunt.

Doubles: Maynor & Locklear (P) 8-4 over Callahan & Cribb, Strickland & Herring (WC) 8-6 over Roberts & Wilkins, Shaw & Peal (WC) 8-5 over Lewis & Oxendine.

Pembroke-9 East Bladen-0

Singles: Maynor (P) 8-4 over Hood, Locklear (P) 8-2 over McDowell, Roberts (P) 8-3 over Farthing, Wilkins (P) 8-0 over Kornegay, Lewis (P) 8-1 over Parrish, Hunt (P) 8-5 over Clark.

Doubles: Maynor & Locklear (P) 8-6 over Hood & McDowell, Roberts & Wilkins (P) 8-0 over Farthing & Kornegay, Lewis & Hunt (P) 8-0 over Parrish & Clark.

FUNDS QUESTIONS ANSWERED

R.B. Dean School's Parent Advisory Council members and other interested patrons will get their chance to ask Maxton City School Administrators how funds are used within the school system. This should be quite informative!

The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18 in the Media Center of R.B. Dean School. Hope you'll attend.

Staley Lecturer

PEMBROKE--Dr. Sibley Towner, professor of Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, will be the speaker for Pembroke State University's Staley Lecture this year with talks here on Monday and Tuesday, April 17-18.

His overall theme will be "Cross Currents: Biblical Perspectives on Contemporary Issues."

Dr. Towner's talks will be in Room 223 of the PSU Educational Center with the following schedule:

Monday, April 17--11 a.m.--"Biblical Perspective on the Future"; 12 noon--"Biblical Perspectives on Evil Tragedy"; and 3 p.m.--"Biblical Perspectives on Sex and Sensuality."

Tuesday, April 18--11 a.m.--"Biblical Perspectives on the Future."

Dr. Towner is the latest in a series of outstanding lecturers who have been provided through the Thomas F. Staley Foundation. Others have been the late Dr. Bernard Boyd, UNC-Chapel Hill; Earnest Gordon, dean of the chapel at Princeton University; and Dr. Samuel Banks, president of Dickinson College.

Dr. Towner has had his present position at Union Theological Seminary since 1975 when he went to Richmond from Iowa where he was dean of the university and professor of Old Testament at Duquesne Theological Seminary.

Dr. Towner earned his Ph.D. from Yale University where he remained for several years as associate professor of Old Testament in the Yale Divinity School. He also received his B.A., B.D. (magna cum laude) and M.A. there.

Among his publications are "How God Deals With Evil," by Westminster Press; "What Light Does the Bible Shed on Women's Freedom," by Presbyterian Life; "Retributional Theology in the Apocalyptic Setting," by Union Seminary Quarterly Review; and "On Calling People 'Prophets' in 1970," by Interpretation.

Dr. Towner, a native of Southfield, Nebraska, is married to the former Jean Ann Miller of Des Moines, Iowa. They are parents of two children, Ann, 20, and Hope, 16.