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Local Indian Student Awarded Morehead Scholarship



James Cedric Woods, left, is shown at a recent meeting of the Pembroke VFW Post where he was named District and State winner of the "Voice of Democracy" Essay Contest. He is shown with Mr. Archie Oxendine, "Voice of Democracy" facilitator.

It was one of many honors young Woods has won recently, including the notification last Friday that he was named one of the recipients of the prestigious Morehead Scholarship Award.

Chapel Hill—James Cedric Woods, son of the Rev. and Mrs. James H. Woods of 207 Pine St., Pembroke, has been awarded a Morehead Scholarship to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall.

The announcement was made March 6 by the trustees of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

The West Robeson High School senior is National Honor Society president, chairman of the N.C. Native American Youth Organization and a member of the varsity cross country team.

Woods is one of 60 high school students to receive a 1987 Morehead Award.

Selection of the Morehead Scholars followed a screening process that began last fall and ended in Chapel Hill Feb. 28-March 8 in competition among 127 finalists from North Carolina, 26 states and Canada.

Recipients were determined by their merit and achievement, not financial need. Other considerations included leadership and service, character, academic standing and motivation.

"The program is designed

to attract students who will enhance the University's stature through their presence on campus and contribute in a positive way to their alma mater and to society," said Mebane Pritchett, executive director of the foundation.

The awards, which provide all-expense-paid undergraduate educations at UNC, are valued at more than \$30,000 for North Carolina students for four years of study. Out-of-state scholars receive the same stipend, while the foundation will pay the out-of-state tuition differential, bringing the total worth of the scholarship to more than \$40,000.

The award also provides the scholars with eight to 12-week summer internships each year. These internships give students practical experience to supplement classroom activities through independent travel-study abroad, outdoor leadership schools and training opportunities in governmental agencies and major corporations.

Among the largest and most lucrative scholarship programs for undergraduates in American colleges and universities, the Morehead Awards program is patterned after the Rhodes Scholarships at England's Oxford University. Eight Morehead Scholars have been chosen Rhodes Scholars in the last 14 years.

The awards program was begun in 1951 by the late John Motley Morehead, an 1891 UNC graduate and native of Spray, now Eden.

More than 1,600 Morehead Scholars have graduated from UNC. Sixty Morehead Scholars entered the University last fall as freshmen, and 254 currently are enrolled.

Public Speaking 4-H Style



Four-H Public Speaking Winners: Back row left to right—Senior Division—John McMillan, third place; Deidra Sutton, first place; Lisa Gilchrist,

second place; Tasha Thompson, fourth place; front row left to right—Junior Division—Gerald Jame Mosby, fourth

place; Marcus Leazer, third place; Chris Margeson, second place; and Myra Deese, first place.

The Robeson County Agricultural Extension Service sponsored its annual 4-H Public Speaking Contest recently. The contest was held at the O.P. Owens Agriculture Building with many clubs throughout the county represented.

According to Cathy M. Lowery, assistant Extension agent, 4-H, "This was the largest number of entries in recent years. There was a total of 20 junior contestants and 13 senior contestants presenting speeches. The junior division consisted of young people ages 9-13; the senior division included youths ages 14-19. I was very impressed with the polished presentations of the participants."

The presiding officer for the contest was Doug Bernhardt, who is president of the 4-H County Council. Mrs. Georgi Mosby, president of the 4-H Leaders Association, welcomed everyone to the event. The master of ceremonies was George Gilpin, program director of WAGR Radio Station, and the mistress of ceremonies was Ms. Candy Stone, account executive of WKIM Radio.

Eddie L. Locklear, Extension agent, 4-H, stated, "We had an outstanding panel of judges for our 4-H Public

Speaking Contest. Serving as judges were Al Dunavan, associate professor of speech at Pembroke State University; Mrs. Terri Locklear, teacher at Lumberton Middle School; Mrs. Janet Owen, principal of Tanglewood Elementary; Ervin Gause, retired vo. ag. teacher; and Stacy Locklear, principal of Robeson County Career Center at Hilly Branch. I think the judges were faced with a very difficult task. There was a large number of participants, and the excellent quality of the speeches made it difficult for the judges to select the champions and runners-up."

According to Lowery, winners of the 4-H Public Speaking Contest were, in the junior division:

First place—Myra Deese, a member of the Rowland Super Rollers 4-H Club; Myra discussed teenage suicide.

Our second place junior winner was Chris Margeson, a special interest member in 4-H. His topic was on the subject of computers.

Placing third was Marcus Leazer, a member of the Boys' Clover 4-H Club. The title of Marcus' speech was "I Am Your Child."

In fourth place of the junior division was Gerald Jame Mosby, also a member of the Boys' Clover 4-H Club, dis-

cussing "What Do You Expect of Me?"

There were also some outstanding winners in the senior division:

Placing first was Deidra Sutton, a member of the Wide Awake 4-H Club. Deidra spoke on the topic of morality.

The second place winner in the senior division was Lisa Gilchrist, an active member of the Marietta 4-H Club, speaking on teenage pregnancy.

The third place award was presented to John McMillan of the Boys' Clover 4-H Club. John discussed the federal court system.

In fourth place was Tasha Thompson, member of the Greenville 4-H Club. Tasha spoke on the "Importance of Being a Junior Leader."

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest provides youth an opportunity to strengthen their speaking skills, build their self-confidence, reduce barriers in communication, and teaches leadership skills. The Robeson County 4-H Program is open to any youth regardless of age, race, creed, national origin, sex, or handicap. Anyone desiring more information should call the 4-H Office at 738-8111 or visit the office located in the O.P. Owens Agriculture Building on Highway 72 west of Lumberton.

local bulletin

AA GROUP NOW MEETING IN PEMBROKE

Newly formed, the Pembroke group of Alcoholics Anonymous announces an open meeting each Thursday night at 8 p.m. The meetings are held in the BA Building, Room 108, on the Pembroke State University campus.

CAPE FEAR BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS SPECIAL EVENTS

Professor Ruth I. Martin of Lumberton will be at Cape Fear Baptist Church in Fayetteville on March 15 from 6-9 p.m. She will be discussing the book by Carol Weatherspoon.

The Christian Community Group will give a presentation of testimonies of three conversions from drugs on March 23 and 24 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The church is located at 100 Indian Dr. in Fayetteville, NC. The public is invited to attend these special presentations.

LOCAL UNITED WAY NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 1988 FUNDING

United Way applications are now being accepted from agencies in Robeson County interested in receiving funding for 1988. Applications may be picked up the week of March 9 at the United Way office at 108 West 8th Street in Lumberton.

Applications must be returned by April 1. For more information, contact Executive Director Ann Duplap at 739-4249.

WEST ROBESON STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Deidra A. Nicholson, a senior at West Robeson Senior High School has been selected as the winner of a National Achievement \$2,000.00 Scholarship sponsorship by the United States Steel Foundation, Inc.

This Scholarship is a one-time nonrenewable award for which National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the Achievement Program, will provide a single payment in the fall after the winner's full-time college enrollment. The Scholarship offer is conditioned upon the student's continuation of an academic and personal record in keeping with the one that was presented to the Achievement Program earlier, at the Semifinalist level of the competition.

Deidra plans to attend North Carolina State University and major in Engineering.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Shirley Nicholson Rodgers of Pembroke, NC.

ROBESON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL TO MEET MARCH 12

There will be a public meeting of the Robeson County Arts Council tonight, Thursday, March 12 at 8 p.m., at the Robeson County Library in Lumberton.

The arts council has selected a new board of directors, and this will be an opportunity for the general public to meet the new board members and learn about the arts council.

Citizens of Robeson County and representatives of existing arts, cultural, social, educational, and civic organizations are encouraged to attend.

EMPLOY THE OLDER WORKER WEEK

Governor James G. Martin has proclaimed March 9 through 13 as Employ the Older Worker Week in North Carolina. Many North Carolina business leaders have pledged their commitment to hiring middle aged and older workers because they bring both experience and maturity to the labor force. It has been found that older workers have high performance rates and low absenteeism.

Older individuals (55 and over) who wish to apply for part-time jobs through the Senior Community Service Employment Program and Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program, should go to the Lumber River Council of Governments office located at 4721 Fayetteville Road, Lumberton, NC, or your local Employment Security Commission office.

If you are an employer looking for an older worker, please call the Older Workers Coordinator at the Lumber River Council of Governments, Lumberton, NC at 738-8104.

COMMERCE SECRETARY ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR ROBESON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

Lumberton-Robeson County will receive a \$200,000 equity participation from the State Commerce Department to fund construction of a new basic industrial building designed to attract industry to the area, state Commerce Secretary Claude E. Pope announced recently. The money, which will be matched by \$282,000 of local capital, is part of a state Commerce Department program to assist rural areas in the construction of industrial shell buildings suitable for immediate occupancy by interested manufacturers.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide this financial assistance to a very worthy local project," Pope said in announcing the loan. "The Robeson County Committee of 100 has done an excellent job of planning this project, and the building's location next to Interstate 95 will make it a very attractive facility for new industrial prospects."

Organized by the Robeson County Committee of 100, the project will be funded by the Commerce loan, \$70,000 of equity capital from the Committee of 100, and a \$153,000 loan from Southern National Bank. Land for the facility, valued at \$115,700 is being provided by Cape Fear Construction Company, which will take payment when the building is sold. The money for the state's loan is being provided by a grant from the federal Economic Development Administration.

The building will be located on a 10.7 acre site on SR-249 near the intersection of Interstate-95 and US-74 just outside of Lumberton. The building will include 37,350 square feet of manufacturing space, plus a 1,350 square foot office.

"The Robeson County Commissioners and the Town Board of the City of Lumberton have both been very supportive of this project," Pope said. "It represents exactly the type of local initiative that will be critical to future rural development in North Carolina."

SPVC SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Southeastern Family Violence Center, a shelter for battered women and children, is presently recruiting volunteers. Training will be held at Pembroke State University on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information call Carolyn Bishop McLeod at 739-6222.

Indian Unity Conference Planned for March 12-14 in Charlotte

The 12th annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference will be held March 12-14 in the Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel in Charlotte. The yearly gathering of North Carolina Indians is sponsored by United Tribes of North Carolina, a statewide Indian confederation.

1987 conference highlights include a powwow, banquet, workshops, art contest and Indian business trade fair. Dr. Dalton Brooks, director of institutional research at Pembroke State University, will be among the conference speakers.

With 65,000 Native Americans, North Carolina has the largest Indian population of any state east of the Mississippi River.

The unity conference provides a forum for statewide Native American concerns. The theme for this year's conference is "Preservation of the Indian Communities Through Economic Self-Sufficiency." Among the topics expected to be discussed are the present state of North Carolina Indians and issues dealing with the 1990 census.

The inter-tribal powwow will be held March 12 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The event is being organized by Ray Littleturtle of Fayetteville. Modern dance will be featured, March 13 at 9 p.m., following the awards banquet.

The Indian Business Trade Fair will be open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 12. The fair will culminate in a luncheon featuring William Lynn Engles, commissioner of administration for Native Americans, Washington, DC.

Registration forms are available from Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc., P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, NC 28372; telephone (919)821-8602. The public is invited to attend. Registration is \$30 paid in advance, or \$35 at the conference. Dance tickets are being sold separately for \$5 each.

Pre-registration forms must be postmarked no later than March 6.

Pembroke Council Acts On CSX

After hearing a thirty minute presentation and receiving a packet of documents, the Pembroke Town Council members voted unanimously to pass a resolution and send it to the Interstate Commerce Commission requesting the proposed CSX rail line in Pembroke not be exempted from the full review process, including a full Environmental Impact Study.

Town Hall was packed with members and supporters of CARE (Citizens Against Railroad Expansion in Pembroke) and Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned as three spokespersons presented documentation and recommendations regarding the proposed CSX railroad line. The railroad company has asked to build a connector track through

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LOWRY WORKS AS CONGRESSIONAL PAGE



Clifton Burleigh Lowry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oberon Lowry of Pembroke, has been named a congressional page by Congressman Charlie Rose for the Spring term, 1987. Before becoming a page, he was a junior at West Robeson Senior High School. His page appointment began on January 22 and will continue through June 12. Young Lowry will finish his senior year at West Robeson. After high school, he hopes to attend college at North Carolina State University and major in engineering.

As a House page, he works for all Representatives, not just Congressman Rose. His chief job is to pick up and deliver letters from one office to another. Lowry notes, "Though I have only been here for about six weeks, I think I am going to enjoy my stay as a page."

The House Page School offers four classes daily and the pages have to be at work by 10:15 a.m. Each class is forty-five minutes long. School only lasts three and a half hours, but it starts at 6:45 a.m., so the student-pages get up at 5:45 a.m. Courses include Spanish, Chemistry, Pre-Calculus with emphasis on Trigonometry, and American Literature.

Clif Lowry, as he likes to be called, is excited about all the famous legislators he sees daily. "I am always amazed at who I see everyday in the halls of Congress." He is learning about history, for instance by observing it first hand as it is being written.

FAMILY RECREATION NIGHT PLANNED

On Friday, March 13, the Pembroke area is in for a special treat. A Family Recreation Night has been planned at the Pembroke Junior High School Cafeteria from 7:30-10:30 p.m. and is being sponsored by Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned. The Family Night Recreation Program will include games for the children and square dancing for all. The Fun Night for Families is being organized because of the lack of good, clean, community-based recreation opportunities for our entire families. The Square Dancing will be taught from "scratch" so that everyone can join in. People with instruments are invited to come and play and sing during the break. If the Family Night goes well, more will be planned.

There will be no admission charge. \$100.00 of groceries will be raffled off for a \$1.00 donation for those who wish to participate.

In sponsoring the event, Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned is responding to a spoken need for more recreational opportunities for good, clean fun in our community. This need was raised at the November meeting of the Pembroke-Maxton Cluster Group which meets monthly to discuss the needs and problems of the western area of the county and to seek common solutions to these problems. Make plans now to attend the recreation night. Put it on your calendar and bring your neighbors, old and young alike.