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## Joe Sandlin, John Nicholson To Co-Chair New Pembroke State \$1 Million Giving Campaign

The co-chairmen of a new \$1 million Pembroke State University fundraising drive over the next three years entitled the "New Horizons Giving Campaign, 1987-90" will be Dr. Joe Sandlin, PSU distinguished executive in residence, and John Nicholson, general manager of Belk in Lumberton, it has been announced by PSU Chancellor Paul Givens.

Sandlin has been co-chairman of three previous campaigns. He co-chaired the 1981-82 fund-raising campaign with James A. (Pete) Jacobs, then mayor of Pembroke. He co-chaired both the 1982-83 and 1983-84 campaigns with Ira Pate Lowry of Pembroke, a member of the PSU Board of Trustees. And he co-chaired the three-year PSU Centennial Giving Campaign with Hector MacLean, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Southern National Corporation. In this last campaign, \$1,300,210.71 was raised with the drive ending June 30, 1987.

tion and an understanding of its mission. He represents Pembroke State University's future, providing an awareness to the public at large of the type of people this University is producing.

Sandlin says this new \$1 million campaign "will give us an opportunity to expand on what we have done in the past. We need to continue these scholarship programs--and without continued support, we cannot do so. We want to remind the public that this is their school and their children. Our future, our area's future and our business future are all dependent on how well we support this University and how well we serve this area. It is an opportunity for everyone to rally around the one source that will provide these things."



John Nicholson

Nicholson says he considers it "a distinct honor and privilege to serve as co-chairman of this campaign with a man of Joe Sandlin's stature."

Nicholson says he wants to serve because he is "interested in the growth and pride of Pembroke State University and its capabilities. It is such an enhancing factor to Robeson County."

He adds he believes in raising funds from private sources because those funds will be used "for the development and growth of our young people."

Prior to coming to Lumberton, Nicholson served at Belk stores in Winston-Salem, Dillon, S.C., Laurinburg and Rockingham.

Nicholson, 38, is married to the former Terri Meacham of Hamlet. They are the parents of two children: Tiffany, 18, and John, Jr., 12.

Sandlin, 68, a native of Franklin, Va., graduated from William and Mary College with a major in accounting and special courses in law. A certified public accountant, he is married to the former Evelyn Kobcsenski of Bergen County, N.J. They are the parents of a daughter, Joan Sandlin Bowen, and have two grandchildren.

Sandlin, former president of Southern National Corporation and Southern National Bank, joined PSU during the spring semester of 1986. He has not only helped PSU in fund-raising, but has taught in the PSU Business Administration Department. In September, 1986, PSU presented him an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Nicholson, a native of Rockingham, is a 1972 graduate of PSU with a B.S. in Business Administration. He has been with the Belk organization for 20 years and became general manager of Belk in Lumberton when it entered the new Biggs Park Mall three years ago. Nicholson also had a part in the Belk Foundation's presenting a \$100,000 gift to PSU in June, 1986. That represents the largest single gift ever made to PSU.

Sandlin said of Nicholson's joining him as co-chairman of the drive: "We are very pleased that John is joining us. As an alumnus of Pembroke State University, he has a deep feeling for the institu-

## Spotlight on The General Store Local Business Persons



Linda Chavis displaying one of many wares in The General Store.

name. "Our store offers a variety of old-timey items which appeals to modern-day shoppers."

Co-owner Perry Chavis constructs all the wooden items sold in the store. He works from a remodeled workshop located inside the back area of the store. He works three days a week with a local manufacturer of mobile homes and "off days at his business."

"We're in the workshop almost every night meeting our customers' demands for crafts," she said pointing to the wooden chests lining the store walls.

The Lumbee Indian couple is strict in selecting what goes onto the display floor. All merchandise must meet both their approval and must fit into the "country" theme they've created.

Chavis said she and her husband work carefully to keep prices down for their customers. "If we can't offer at least a 30 percent savings over other stores' prices, we don't place the item in our store." "Our items aren't cheap, they're just reasonably priced," she said. She added because most of the items sold are made "in-house," prices are held low.

Keeping watch over the business and constructing crafts lend little time for recreational activities for the Pembroke couple.

"Usually when we go anywhere we make sure there are distributors or craft exhibits nearby. We're always looking for new items and ideas to use in our business," Chavis said.

The General Store runs the gamut of country decorative furnishings. A large selection of straw baskets holds items from pine cones, silk flowers to "green" felt apples. Kitchenware line shelves in one area, while animal lamps stare from shelves in another. There are large and small wooden chests to accommodate those customers who are short on closet storage in their homes.

"I think our prices are very competitive, and its especially nice that people can get quality items here without having to pay a leg and arm for them," Chavis said.

The General Store is located on Third Street, Pembroke. Business hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays. The store is closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.

When they're not at their business, Linda Chavis and her husband, Perry, are out exploring craft shows, auctions and novelty shops getting ideas to use in The General Store located in Pembroke.

"We're out looking for items and ideas during the hours most people are in their homes," Chavis said recently from her Third Street store. "Some mornings my husband and I leave home at 5 o'clock and go on buying trips," she added.

A recent drive into nearby sandhills yielded enough pine cones to supply the store's need for the upcoming Christmas holidays. "We enjoy the outdoors and often times walk through the woods in search of things we feel may be used in the crafts we make and sell," storeowner Chavis said.

The General Store, established in 1982, moved to its present location 16 months ago and underwent a name change from The Discount Center.

Chavis said the store's merchandise lent itself to the new

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORNELIUS EVANS TO EXHIBIT WORK AT LAUREL LAKES ART GALLERY**

The Laurel Lakes Art Gallery is pleased to invite the public to view an exhibit of Native American Indian sketches by Cornelius E. Evans of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of Hollister, NC.

Cornelius, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Evans of Hollister, began sketching at the age of seven, and has received much acclaim from exhibits at yearly Pow-Wow Celebrations from North Carolina to New York.

Located at the new Laurel Lakes Shopping Centre, Route 1 South in Laurel, the Gallery hours are as follow: Mondays-11 to 3; Tuesdays thru Friday-12 to 6; Saturdays-11 to 5; Sundays-12 to 5.

**COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL NOV. 7**

Townsend Middle School PTA will sponsor "A Community Fall Festival" Saturday, November 7, 1987. The festival will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the school campus at 134 Carolina Street in Maxton, NC.

Activities scheduled for the festival include an arts and craft show, entertainment by area groups and a fish plate sale.

Anyone needing more information should call Townsend Middle School at 844-5086.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY PLANNED AT COUNTY LIBRARY**

The Robeson County Public Library is planning a Halloween Party for children ages 3-10 on Saturday, October 24 at 3 p.m. The party will be held at the library. All county children are invited to attend for an afternoon of stories, crafts, treats and fun.

**TOWN OF ROWLAND PREPARING FOR BICENTENNIAL SHOWCASE**

The Town of Rowland is preparing an exhibit for the Bicentennial Showcase in Lumberton for the months of November, December, and January. If you have any historical artifacts or information concerning the Rowland area you wish included in the exhibit, please contact Dr. Mary Ann Masters at 422-3276 or Mr. Robert Bridgers at 422-3956 before Sunday, October 25, 1987.

**OCTOBER NAMED "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"**

The Southeastern Family Violence Center (a shelter for battered women and their children) and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) are working together during the month of October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The NCADV with sponsorship from four of the Johnson & Johnson corporation's consumer companies has launched "Shelter Aid," a "national call to action on domestic violence." The project will raise funds for NCADV-member shelters through coupon redemptions on nine Johnson & Johnson products. The coupons will be available in Sunday newspaper inserts October 18th. Shelter Aid is also sponsoring a 24 hour toll-free hotline (1-800-333-SAFE). For more information please call 739-8622.

**HOMECOMING AT UNION CHAPEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER 18**

Homecoming will be celebrated at Union Chapel Community Baptist Church on Sunday, October 18. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. with worship service beginning at 11 a.m. Rev. Jimmy Strickland will bring the Homecoming message. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. A singing will be held at 2 p.m. The pastor and church members extend a cordial welcome to the public.

**PROSPECT UMC PLANS HOMECOMING OCT. 25**

Prospect United Methodist Church will have its Homecoming Sunday, October 25. Sunday School service will begin at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Bill James Locklear, pastor of Ashpole Methodist Church and Pleasant Grove Church. Rev. Robert Mangum, pastor, cordially invites the public to attend.

**PROSPECT UMC TO HOLD FALL REVIVAL OCT. 18-25**

Prospect United Methodist Church will hold its annual fall revival starting Sunday, October 18th through October 25. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m. through the week. Guest speakers will be Rev. Julian Ransom, pastor of Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church, Wakulla, NC, and Rev. Johnny Chavis, pastor of Sycamore Hill Church, Maxton, NC. Rev. Robert Mangum, pastor, invites the public to attend these services.

**BRYAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL PLANS FALL FUNDRAISING**

Bryan Memorial School PTA is sponsoring its Fall Fundraising activities Friday, October 30. Activities scheduled are Barbecue & Chicken Plate Sale, 11 a.m.-until, \$3 per plate; Halloween Carnival, 6 p.m.; and an Auction-7:45 p.m. Proceeds from these events will be used to purchase needed school equipment.

**ANNUAL BOOK SALE PLANNED**

Looking for a bargain? The Robeson County Public Library will be conducting its annual book sale on October 15 to 17. Items to be sold include hardcover books, paperbacks, and magazines. The book sale will be held in Lumberton in the library's auditorium. Sale hours will be Thursday, October 15, 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, October 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Robeson County Public Library.

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

### Mary Lee Goins



Mary Lee Goins takes a break from serving customers in her country store.

Goins was in the eighth grade when her mother died, and she took on the responsibility of caring for her brothers and sisters who numbered 11. After completing two years of college at Indian Normal School, she began a teaching career which lasted 37 years.

Her last teaching assignment was at Prospect School where she defied school rules when she held daily Bible reading and prayers with her students behind closed doors.

"Before we would begin our devotional period after lunch, I'd pray aloud to the good Lord and ask Him not to let anyone discover what we were doing in the classroom," she said. Goins said she was never criticized for conducting the daily ritual because she advised her students to "never tell anyone including your parents" what they were doing.

Her ritual of praying and reading THE BIBLE with others is now carried over to others in her community where the Lumbee Indian has lived all her life. Every Wednesday morning the "Keenagers"--a group of "sharp" senior citizens meets at Prospect Methodist Church to hold a devotional hour which is coordinated by Goins. A different theme is presented and used throughout each month.

"See that! This is obedience month. I got something every month," she said while pointing to a hand-lettered poster taped to the cash register in her station. Club members make weekly visits to homes in the community where they sing and pray with "shut-ins" who are ill.

Goins is proud of her attendance record during her years teaching school or a Sunday from church due to illness," she said. "The only time I ever missed church was when I was off on my trips touring the U.S., and then we had Sunday School in our bus."

She quickly attributed her good health to the good Lord and added, "I get plenty of fresh air in the winter and summer. I use no heater or fan in my bedroom--just an opened window."

"I get plenty of exercise, too. I have hogs to feed, a garden in the summertime, and chickens to take care of. I do love to hear the roosters crow in the morningtime," she laughed.

"Her ministry doesn't end at her station or church. She collects used clothing for needy families and makes regular trips to Hoke County to deliver them to families she met while teaching there over 40 years ago.

And how does she manage to steal away time from her business? She said, "It's easy. I just lock the door and go to visit and do God's work. If we're going to do His good work, we got to keep on. We can't quit. We can't quit."

For the past 65 years she has told others about "the good Lord". The retired school teacher said, "I may be retired from teaching, but I'm never gonna retire from the good Lord's work. When I'm out here at this station, I don't have to sell gas. I can sit in here and wait on people to come in, and I can witness to them."

Little has changed for the petite grandmother since she retired in 1972. She still operates the wooden-frame station she bought in 1942. This is the same location she lived for 27 years before building her house in 1969. She said years of hard work on her late father's farms conditioned her for a lifetime of physical energy. "I use to plow my mule, Dan all day during summer months, then in the winter I'd go to school," she said softly. "I've worked hard all my life."

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT**

Pembroke Housing Authority, with special help from Hills Food Stores and Figgly Wiggly Food Stores, recently sponsored a summer yard beautification project within Pembroke's public housing developments. Winners were presented a \$50.00 grocery shopping certificate. Hills Food Stores sponsored two winners. Pictured above left to right are the winners and sponsors, Catherine Oxendine, Strickland Heights, John Dross, owner, Figgly Wiggly Food Stores; Stella Oxendine, Locklear Court, Harvey Godwin Manager, Hills Food Stores, and Clinton L. Thomas, Jr., Executive Director, Pembroke Housing Authority. Not pictured, but a winner from Dial Terrace is Thurman Locklear.

## Local Man Appointed To Board

Governor James A. Martin announced today that the appointment of James A. Hunt to the North Carolina Indian Housing Authority.

The purpose of the authority is to exercise its powers as a housing authority in providing improved housing for Indians of low income throughout the state, and to undertake housing projects within the boundaries of another city, county or regional housing authority only if the latter authority gives its approval.

Hunt, 45, is owner and operator of J.A. Hunt's Trucking and J.A. Hunt's Enterprise. He is currently a member of the Hoke County Health Department Board and served on the Hoke County Board of Commissioners for 12 years.