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### 'Paul Harris Day' To Help Man Needing Heart-Lung Transplant

Paul Harris, a former Pembroke State University student who is in need of a heart-lung transplant, needs \$50,000 toward that end. To help him, a "Paul Harris Day" will be held beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, in Town Park at Pembroke. Fund-raising efforts will include a flea market, auction at 4 p.m., bake sale, t-shirt sale, drawing for a set of tires, and chicken bog. A Paul D. Harris Transplant Fund has been established. On Sept. 30, a "Pennies for Paul" campaign was conducted with church congregations throughout the area invited to donate as many pennies as were members' ages. All fund-raising efforts so far have produced approximately \$12,000 toward helping Harris. Harris, who resides at home in the Converse, Inc., area near Lumberton, was born with a congenital heart disease. Later it was diagnosed as pseudotruncus arteriosus, which has been described as life-threatening. Harris has medical insurance, but it does not cover all of the expenses associated with a heart-lung transplant. Those interested in making tax-deductible donations to help him should make the checks payable to: Children's Transplant Association (designating the checks specifically to Paul Harris at the bottom of the checks). Donations should be mailed to: Children's Transplant Association, ATTN: Paul Harris, P.O. Box 1011, Lumburg, NC 28352.

### LRDA Awarded \$50,000

Congressman Charlie Rose's office confirmed recently that Lumbree Regional Development Association has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Federal Office of Community Services for a Community Food and Nutrition Education Project. The project objectives will be directed at providing nutrition education to the elderly and the community at large. Also the project has within it funds to establish a food pantry for families experiencing crisis in the home who need food. The elderly who have to spend their monthly resources on medicines may be assisted with this project as long as supplies and funds will allow. The goal of LRDA is to expand the food pantry with the one year grant to a Food Bank operation that is a self-sufficient operation. The Food Bank would be based on membership participation with priority membership reserved for the low income elderly on fixed incomes or food stamps. Crisis services would be available in such cases as burn outs where all food in the home is destroyed or a medical crisis that absorbed household income that month. In a Food Bank operation there would be a handling fee charged for the food to members to replace funds to restock the food bank and to pay building expenses. It would not be a profit basis operation only an expenses replacement fee business. The project is projected to be fully operational by January however plans are underway for the project to sponsor a Christmas Needy Families Food Basket Project. The goal will be to serve 150 families with Christmas Food Baskets who are financially in need of this special help during Christmas to possibly meet other needs of the household. The LRDA staff will begin receiving applications for the Christmas Needy Families Food Basket Program November 19. Those most in need will be served and need must be documented.

### PSU Museum To Be One Of Three U.S. Stops For Bolivian Art Exhibit

A rare opportunity will open to Pembroke area residents and visitors alike when Pembroke State University's Native American Resource Center becomes the site for a six-week long exhibition of Bolivian art Nov. 5 through Dec. 15. The exhibit, entitled "From the Heart of South America," is a show which will debut in the United States at only three locations. It is currently being shown in Durham Arts Council Gallery and will be shown in Tryon in January. Sponsored by The Partners of The Americas Program, a national non-profit organization, this is the first time the exhibit will be touring in the U.S. It will feature contemporary art works by Quechua and Aymara Indians from Bolivia, says the University's Native American Resource Center director, Dr. Stanley Knick. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. Most people would have to travel thousands of miles and pay a large fee to see an exhibit of this caliber," said Knick. The exhibit is comprised of 30 pieces of art in varying media. Twelve South American artists will be represented. A wide variety of both modern and traditional themes will be featured. This exhibit, which Knick had the opportunity to preview this month, can be perceived as a unique merging of cultures, he said. "This is one of the best art exhibits I've ever seen," he said. "There is something about the spirit, the time of it that combines the Indian spirit with the Hispanic spirit. It is sweet, but sometimes bitter. It really is a melding together of Indian and Hispanic experiences." To help kick off the Bolivian art experience, Knick is planning a reception at the Native American Resource Center on Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. Featured artist and guest Ruperto Salvatierra, a Quechua Indian, will be on hand to lend a behind-the-scenes perspective and to help give an artistic interpretation to his work. Knick says of the exhibit: "Whether the view is deep into the eyes of a person on the streets of Cochabamba, as in the brilliant Carnaval by R. Salvatierra; or into the warm interior of a Quechua home, as in the watercolors of Rosamunda Diaz; or through the political lens of Marela Merida, the view is one of complex and wondrous beauty. It is at once dark and light, a sweet but sometimes bitter view into the contemporary lives of Bolivia's first citizens. This is art truly from the heart of South America." The exhibit is also sponsored by a grant from the U.S. Information Agency and American Air Lines.

### BASIC PROCEDURES OUTLINED FOR NOV. 6 ELECTION

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6th. Here are some basic procedures every voter should be aware of. This and other information is available at the Robeson County Board of Elections. Voters are encouraged by the Board of Elections to become more informed voters.

#### POLLS

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. A line, 50-feet around the entrances of the polls, is to be marked with line. No one may loiter or conduct any political activities within this line. This includes picketing, handing out cards, and placing signs.

#### ASSISTANCE

A voter may ask for help from any near relative: spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, or sister. A blind, disabled, or illiterate voter may be helped by anyone they choose, except their employer and or an officer of the voters union. Blind means the voter can not see well enough to mark the ballot. Disabled means the voter cannot comfortably get to and from the voting booth. And illiterate means the voter cannot read well enough to mark the ballot. The person assisting does not have to be 18 years old, be registered to vote, or be a resident of North Carolina. No other voter may receive assistance.

#### VOTING

When you vote you may wear political clothing, like a shirt or cap with a candidate's name on it. A husband and wife may vote together. You may vote for anyone you wish to vote for. If you are a registered Democrat you may vote Republican. If you are a registered Republican, you may vote Democrat. You may vote a split ticket; voting for some Democrats and voting for some Republicans. You do not have to vote in either category.

#### COMPLAINTS

Complaints may be filed at the county board of elections by any registered voter eligible to vote in the election, or any candidate in the election. A complaint must be in writing and contain: 1. name, address, telephone number, and any other contact information; 2) a statement that the person making the complaint is a registered voter in the jurisdiction; 3) the specific allegations and if known, the name, address, phone number of each person involved; 4) signature of person filing the complaint must be notarized. The complaint may include a request for specific relief. Complaints concerning vote counts should be filed before the board of elections meets to canvass the results of the election. All other complaints should be filed by 6 p.m. on the second day after the completion of the canvass. You may obtain a complaint form at the board of elections. The board may consolidate complaints. The board is to handle all complaints without needless delay. If the board finds the complaint incomplete, or without probable cause, a written dismissal is to be filed at the board of elections and a notice of the dismissal mailed to the person making the complaint. If the board finds probable cause, a hearing will be scheduled to consider the complaint. Notice is to be given for hearings. The board may allow evidence, affidavits, and witnesses in its hearings. If the board of elections is unsure of applicable law, they may send their findings to the state board of elections. If the board of elections finds that there is substantial evidence to believe a violation occurred they shall send the complaint and their decision to the state board of elections.

Any questions or complaints may be phoned in to the board of elections on election day. Call 671-3080.

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The 1990 Fall Festival of the Tuscarora Nation was held on October 27 and October 29 at the Landbase in the Prospect community. Activities including the opening of the Tuscarora

Museum, Blow Gun Competition, Iroquois movies, children's games, Iroquois War Dance competition, greased pole climb, social dances, and a youth art contest. Shown are the Tuscarora Kau-ta-noh Social Dancers.

### No New Taxes!

The Robeson County Budget Study Group is pleased to announce an open, public forum on school funding to be held on November 17, 1990 at 9:00 am at the O.P. Owens Auditorium in Lumberton.

Members of the local delegation to the NC General Assembly, the Robeson County Board of Education, and the Robeson County Commissioners will be attending this meeting.

The purpose of this meeting will be to determine how much money the schools need and what is the best way to provide these funds.

As is, property taxes will rise by approximately 10 cents next year in order to meet the requirements of the merger bill to provide local funding at 75% of the state average local funding. Plus, there will be a similar increase in property taxes the following year to obtain 80% of the state average and probable smaller increases each subsequent year due to predicted increases in the state average!

Robeson County is the poorest county in the state yet we have the second highest property taxes in the state. Given the growth in Social Services expenditures, the poorest people in the state will be soon paying over \$1.25 per \$100 property valuation.

Something must be done or else taxes will drive even larger numbers of Robesonians into poverty. While a lot of people complain about taxes and government the Robeson County Budget Study Group has been constructively working to make government more accountable, open and responsive. In the first year of its existence, the Budget Study

Group has facilitated a meeting between the state delegation, board of education and county commissioners which resulted in the dismissal of a lawsuit, and determining the best formula to use to calculate funding the schools. As a result of this meeting, the schools received an additional 800 hundred thousand dollars without taxes being raised a single penny!

The Budget Study Group has also made recommendations to the county commissioners and the board of education which have resulted in increased citizen accessibility to government documents such as budgets and audits. As a result of these recommendations, citizens can now address any agenda item at any commissioners meeting. Both boards agreed to have open, public hearings on their budgets.

To continue the work we have done the Budget Study Group will hold the meeting of November 17th with the goal of No New Taxes in '91! We encourage the public to attend this meeting as they will have the opportunity to speak their minds.

Prior to this meeting we encourage all interested citizens to notify their public officials - legislators, commissioners and board of education members - as to their feelings regarding local school funding.

The Robeson County Budget Study Group is a non-partisan coalition of representatives from a variety of organizations. It is independent from and not associated with any given group.

### Nine Member Committee Organized to Establish Public Library

by Gene Warren

A nine-member committee has been organized for the purpose of establishing a public library for the Town of Pembroke.

Elected chairman was Cherry Beasley, a concerned citizen from Lumberton. Vice chairman is Dr. Robert Reising, professor at Pembroke State University who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. Secretary-treasurer is Lindsey Locklear, president of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

Other members are: Town of Pembroke -- Mayor Milton Hunt and Town Manager McDuffie Cummings; Robeson County Public Library -- Dr. Douglas Clark, president of the Friends of the Library, and Dorothy Lowery, member of the Board of Trustees of the Library; and Pembroke State University -- Dr. Elinor Bridges, PSU Director of Library Services, and Dr. Joseph Sandlin, PSU distinguished executive in residence.

Meeting with these were PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine; Paul Graham, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Robeson County Public Library; Robert Fisher, director of the Robeson County Public Library, which has branches in Fairmont, Maxton, Rowland St. Pauls and under whose umbrella the Pembroke library would come; and Dr. Waltz Maynor, PSU professor who chaired the organizing effort of the committee.

Fisher said the Robeson County public library "has been wanting to establish a library at Pembroke for several years, and there was talk at one time of putting one in the old train station before it burned. When Dr. Oxendine became chancellor, I talked with him about it, and he became interested. Dr. Waltz Maynor has been a driving force behind the effort." Maynor says there has been "a need for a library." He said it would provide a "service" element to the

community. Maynor said after the initial meeting of the committee that the next steps would be "planning a site; checking on the cost of a site and its location, and then starting at our next meeting to seek funding sources."

A number of possible sites were mentioned, and the committee will be investigating these sites prior to meeting in another month.

At the first meeting of the committee, chancellor Oxendine expressed thanks to Maynor "for organizing a structure to get the ball rolling." Oxendine also announced that from a gift to PSU by President C.D. Spangler, Jr., president of the UNC system, \$500 will be used to help fund the library effort. "A public library in Pembroke will improve the quality of education and the quality of life of the community," Oxendine said.

Mayor Hunt said the Town of Pembroke will match the \$500.

Dr. Sandlin, who Graham noted was "head of the building committee" for the Robeson County Public Library, commented: "We need to get the business community involved." He added, "I don't think we're going to have a difficult time" on the project.

Graham said the Robeson County Public Library's Board of Trustees "are glad to work with you and pledge our support to you" on the enterprise.

Bridges, director of PSU's Mary Livermore Library, said, "The town needs a library to provide more reading resources for its children and its senior citizens. It will help the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) levels. It will provide videos that we don't have." She said the PSU library is designed for college level needs.

Mayor Hunt thanked all members of the committee for their efforts "for the good of the community," adding: "On behalf of the Town of Pembroke, I want to express my thanks to you for doing this."