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Larry McNeill to run for **Pembroke Town Council**



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Larry McNeill has announced his candidacy for one of the two seats on the Pembroke Town Council. He has lived in the Pembroke area for most of his life. McNeill has served for 19 years at Pembroke State University as a member of the Campus Police. He is a lieutenant with that department. His experience in law enforcement includes five years with the town of Pembroke where he

worked for two years as a full time police office as three years as a part time officer.

He presently serves as . co-chairman of the Pembroke Recreation Board.

McNeill is married to the former Glinds Gail Jacobs of Lumberton who is owner and operator of the Golden Comb in Pembroke. They have four children: Larry Matthew, 14; Nicole, 11; Fallon, 6; and Julian 3. The

"I have a vested interest in the town of Pembroke. My wife owns a business here and my children are receiving their education here. I have been interested in the progress of the town for a long time and have thought much about offering my services as a member of the Pembroke Town Council.

"It seems to me that the town has had no progressive direction in the last six years. If I am elected to the Town Council, I will concentrate on progress and growth for the town and work toward more industry for the town which will broaden the tax base. I am also very much interested in working toward bringing the town and the PSU campus together more as a community.

"If I am elected to the position, I pledge to serve all people and especially the elderly. I will represent all people honestly and fairly and not just my own family and friends. As a Pembroke Town Councilman I will visit the homes of the citizens during my tenure and not just at election time.

"The most important thing that I can offer to the citizens is the fact that I and my family are Christians. And that is the first step toward honesty and integrity in ent or any other area of life.

"I have had many opportunities to serve on other boards but chose not to because I felt like I did not have the time to do the job like it needed to be done.

"I am running for Town Council because I have the me to commit to it. I also have the concern for all the tizens. If I am elected, I will not be a yes man for any no. I am not running for any one person or special sterest group. I am running because Pembroke is my ome and I want to do what is best for the town."

McNeill is a member of Mt. Airy Baptist Church.

Rex Rennert Founder's Day held recently

Rex Rennert School recently observed their Founder's Day ceremony. Seven men who are considered to be the founding fathers of the school were honored. Their portraits were unveiled and will hang in the school. The seven founding fathers were Mr. Henry Collins, Mr. A.N. Locklear, Mr. Martin Hall, Mr. Proctor Locklear, Mr. Charlie Lowery, Mr. Dennis Maynor and Mr. Eutie Wilkins.

The welcome was by Mike Smith, member of the board of education for the Public Schools of Robeson County. Invocation was by Mr. Maxie Maynor.

Mr. Maynor also recognized the former principals of the school: Mr. Bernard Lowry, 1961-63; Mr. A. Bruce Jones 1963-65; Mr. Purnell Swett, 1965-67; Mr. Mark Brooks, 1967-71; Mr. Thomas E. Locklear, 1971-75; Mr. Newman Oxendine, 1975-78; Mr. Wade Hunt, 1978-81; Mr. Jack W. Morgan, 1981-88; Mr. Johnny Hunt, 1988-90) Mr. Larece Hunt, 1990 ...

Tara Lowery, local artist who presented the portraits to the school, was recognized by Mrs. Velenda Morgan. Rex Rennert Elementary School is located in a rural

North-Eastern section of Robeson County. Approximately four miles between the townships of Rennert and Rex, NC is the exact location. The school was established in 1961 and named for the two existing communities.

The community surrounding the school developed and so did the need for a larger and more comprehensive educational structure. In 1964, two primary classrooms were added to the main building. Then in 1979 a brick gymnasium/ auditorium was constructed to be used by the school and the community. In 1990 a modern brick building was constructed, consisting of six classrooms, a library and a guidance office. This new building houses grades 6-8 and covers a total area of 7,500 square feet.

The main building of Rex Rennert consisted of thirteen classrooms, a cafeteria, career lab, computer lab, lounge, Behavior Improvement room and a principal's

In 1988-89 the main building underwent major renovations, ceilings were lowered, walls were reconstructed, air conditioners were installed in all classrooms, and carpeting was added to several primary classrooms.



PHOTO OF THREE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF REX RENNERT SCHOOL (Photo by Wm. P. Revels)



PORTRAITS OF FOUNDING FATHERS OF REX RENNERT SCHOOL (photo by Wm. P. Revels)



PHOTO OF PORTRAIT OF FOUNDING PATHERS OF REX RENNERT SCHOOL, [Photo by Wm. P. Revels]

Kelli Wallace wins Junior Miss title in Orlando



Kelli Wallace, Young American Junior Miss

Recently, Kelli Wallace was crowned Young American Junior Miss at Orlando, Florida. She is the ten-year-old daughter of Earl and Yvonne Wallace of Lumberton.

Kelli attends Mt. Olive Baptist Church and is a sixth grader at Piney Grove School. She is a private dance student of Ms. Donna Martin DiChiara and a dance student at Charlotte Blume with Shelia Mitchell. Ms, Dehavea Drake Cummings is her piano teacher.

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Kelli competed in all areas of the national pages which includes Spokesmodel, Sportswear, Swimsu Print Model, Talent, Actress, Private and on Star Print Model, Talent, Actress, Private and on Stage Interview. She won the title for her age group as well as the overall title with the highest points for the pageant. Her awards included a crown, banner, trophy, crown pin, a trip back to Disney World, a trip to New York, a Sony Portable Stereo System, a three-foot jewelry chest, \$100 toward a gown, a custom-made satin jacket, 500 modeling composites from Praser Studios of Ohio, \$1,000 Savings Bond, and some travel expenses.

Kelli was sponsored in the Young American Junior Miss Pageant by the Little Miss North Carolina Pageant Directors, Stricklands Paint and Wallpaper owners, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strickland, and U-Save Car Rentals owners, Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Oxendine.

Curriculum Development Workshop held recently

Recently Center One consultants from Washington, D.C., along with Compensatory Education and the Social Studies Supervisor conducted a culture based curriculum development workshop at Pembroke State University. The participants were introduced to Indian resources housed at the Title V Resource Center and those located in the PSU Library. The guest speaker for the workshop was Julian Ransom.

Individual leason plans were developed, reviewed, and presented for the purpose of intergrating Indian studies with the revised goals and objectives found in the Standard Course of Study for Social Studies adopted by the State Department of Public Instruction. Thirty three social studies teachers from the Public Schools of Robeson County for grades 4, 5 and 8 participated in the workshop as well as four Chapter I supervisors, representatives from other school systems.

These lesson plans will be used throughout the school year to help develop Indian awareness and culture for all students. The workshop was planned and facilitated by Barbara Britt, Juanita Clark, Linda Emanuel, and Jackie Sherrod.

School Briefs

ill Brewington, Principal of Purnell Swett High, ats that all students who have not registered for the 2 school year go to the school from 8 a.m. until 4 fully 29-31. Student registration includes students discrew and plan to re-enter Purnell Swett High hool year or others who have moved into the school

ents acceling to register for school are encouraged set the Guidance Department as scon as possible at