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Mayor Milton Hunt announces re-election bid



MAYOR MILTON HUNT

Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt has filed for re-election to that position. He is completing eight years as Mayor of Pembroke. He brought to the office of Mayor eight years as a member of the Pembroke Town Council. In making his announcement for re-election, Mayor Hunt released the following statement:

"I have certainly enjoyed serving the citizens of the town of Pembroke and am offering my services again. I wish to touch on a few of the many accomplishments in the Town of Pembroke that I am most proud of. We have received more than 3 million dollars in Community Development Grants that have been used to remodel more than 300 homes in the town, also there has been much improved curbing and gutters, streets have been paved, drainage projects, sewer installation and the weatherization program. The town has applied for an Economic Development Grant. If this application is successful, this money will be used for the recruitment of industry. This will mean more jobs for our community.

This is something we desperately need. "We have experienced unprecedented economic growth over the last few years. We have seen the construction and development of Colony Plaza, a new post office building, Progressive Savings and Loan, Linda's Restaurant, Joe's Restaurant, Southern Interiors and other indications of economic growth for the town.

"A much needed 80-bed nursing home is now under construction. This project will be the only nursing home beds outside the city of Lumberton in the county. Apartments are now being built behind Hill's. These will be available for the elderly and handicapped only. These are all much needed projects for the town. I am proud of the part that I have played in helping to establish these projects. I have demonstrated my strong commitment to economic growth and will continue to support good economic growth for our town and area.

"Another major accomplishment for the town is the recently opened Pembroke Library. This was a much needed addition to the town.

"On October 2 the town and Pembroke State University hosted the second annual Pembroke Day on campus. The first one was a great success and brought together not only our business people and students on campus, but our citizens as well. The second one was even more successful. This program certainly helps improve relations with Pembroke State University. Along with Chancellor Joseph Oxendine, this is one of the areas that I have stressed, to have a good working relationship with Pembroke State University. We are building better relations and now have a good relationship. We need each other.

"And all of us should realize that the town is a business. I believe that being a small businessman myself gives me valuable insight into the operations of the town. I believe that one reason the town has not had a tax increase since I became mayor is because of the administration of the town's finances. Our staff has done an excellent job of holding expenditures down. With all the recent government cutbacks, more of the financial burden has fallen on local government. Our staff should be commended.

"I have worked hard in all aspects in my position as mayor. With your help and support, I will continue to serve you."

Hunt, 47, is married to the former Polly Deese, who is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County. They have two children and four grandchildren.

LACY CUMMINGS SEEKS RE-ELECTION TO EMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Lacy Cummings

Lacy Cummings of the Mt. Airy community has announced his candidacy for re-election to the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation for a fourth term. Cummings serves in the at-large position. In making his announcement, Cummings released the following facts demonstrating the "continued progress of LREMC:"

Lumbee River EMC has experienced growth and innovation with modest rate increases over the past nine years. It is dedicated to the promotion and development of industrial recruitment in its service area. The results have created additional jobs and better jobs for LREMC members. Enticements for new and re-location of industry in the four county area served by LREMC has come in such forms as zero percent interest loans, innovative rates and excellent services.

The co-op has grown from 20,319 to 28,511 members. It has gone from 2,912 to 3,382 miles of line. The cost of power has increased from \$10.9 to \$26.3 million dollars. Total plant has increased from 28.4 to 51.5 million dollars. Members owned 25 percent of LREMC nine years ago. They now own 55 percent of a \$52 million business. Capital credits have returned on a rotating basis. The members have received four rate increases during a nine year period.

LREMC has helped industry obtain no interest bearing loans through REA. Out of a total of five loans in the state, LREMC has received three for a total amount of \$235,000. Industrial development is a direct benefit to members of LREMC in both the creation of new and better jobs and it facilitates in holding rates from inclining as fast.

The leadership of LREMC is depicted in the following list of programs and materials:

Interruptible service rates through the use of generators. LREMC offered this program in 1989 to ROCCO. Today, NC State University offers special classes on just such a program.

Other programs originating with LREMC and being copied across the state and nation include: the safety accreditation manual (rated as the best of 64 received by the national committee); weatherization loan program; water conservation program; Member's Bill of Rights; theme from 1989 "The Spirit of Cooperation"; industrial newsletter; Policy Bulletin Number 417, "Maintaining A Drug-Free Work Place"; late notice; REA Zero interest loan packets.

The future of LREMC has been planned through a 5-year strategic plan that will be used as a road map to reach the end objectives for this period of time.

This is in preparation for normal growth and anticipation of holding down the cost of power that is anticipated to incline drastically by the year 1996.

The accomplishments for the past nine years and the strategic plan for the next five years is and will be the result of LREMC's Board of Directors' leadership and guidance.

The annual meeting of members of LREMC will be held on Tuesday, October 15, at the PSU Performing Arts Center. Registration begins at 6 p.m.

Community Briefs

FUND ESTABLISHED FOR VICTIMS OF HAMLET FIRE
A fund has been established to aid families of the victims of the recent Hamlet factory fire.

Coors Brewing Company, its Hamlet distributor, Sullivan Distributing, and United Carolina Bank originated the fund. Coors and Sullivan have contributed \$1,000.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to Hamlet Relief Fund, P.O. Box 35087, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Contributions are tax deductible. Receipts will be provided on request.

JUBILEE HOUSE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED BUYER

If your dream is to own your own home but you cannot qualify for the conventional home loan; we may have the answer for you. If you have a good work history and now employed, have good credit and at least one child in your home under the age of 16 you may qualify to purchase a new home built by the Jubilee House Ministry of the Robeson County Church and Community Center. The house is being built in East Lumberton. Applications may be obtained by contacting Robeson County Church and Community Center, 210 East 15th Street, Lumberton or 404 West Central Street, Maxton, or 134 North Main Street, Red Springs.

Jubilee House is patterned after Habitat for Humanity. It is sold to a qualified family for no interest and no profit.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

New Officers for 1991-92. Lt. Gov. Jerry Joseph installed the following officers for the new Kiwanis year beginning October 1st: President-Clayton Maynor; President-Elect- Larry Chavis; Secretary- Grady Hunt; Treasurer- Albert Hunt; new board members- Mitch Lowry, Dorsey Lowry, Buddy Bell, Ed Teets, and Arnold Locklear.

The major emphasis this year is to help reduce infant mortality in the state of North Carolina. This requires us to work with the county health agency.

President Lowry presented a list of needs submitted by the Boys and Girls Home of Lake Waccamaw. They need cooking utensils, pots, pans, curtains, bed spreads, pillows, cloths, dish towels, washers and dryers and a pool table, plus many other needs.

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INDIAN VOICE

Tuscarora Cultural Survival School has first classes

by Mike Dunn
Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation
On September 28, 1991 the Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation held the first classes of the Tuscarora Cultural Survival School. The school enrolled 23 students the first day of classes. There were students from four of the seven Tuscarora clans enrolled, Bear, Wolf, Beaver and Snipe.

The activities began at 11 a.m. Saturday morning with traditional Iroquois dancing and singing. At lunch time the students were given lunch. The Tuscarora Language classes began at 1 p.m. Students were taught words and phrases in the Tuscarora Language and learned to pronounce them and ask each other questions in

this project." Said Mr. Brooks, "I am thankful to Baker's Chapel Church for their support and I know the event will be a success because of all the fine groups who will be singing."

Featured singers will include The Hunt Family of Fairmont; Felix Deal of Fairmont; Carnell Locklear of Pembroke; Roscoe Jones of Lumberton; Amos Chavis of Maxton; Born Believers of Maxton; Exodus of Lumberton; Spiritual Miracles of Elrod.

Both Brooks and Locklear encourage the public to attend and support this worthy cause.

Tuscarora. The craft classes began at 2 p.m. Female students were taught to make dolls from pine straw. The male students were taught to make drum necklaces. Everyone seemed to enjoy the school. The next classes will be held on October 26, 1991

The Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation would like to thank all the teachers, Clan Mothers and students who participated in the school.

Any individual or private organization who would like to help fund this school can do so by calling 919-521-4955, or 919-521-8978 or by writing to the Eastern Tuscarora Nation, Route 3 Box 226, Maxton, NC 28364.

PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Prospect Firemen wish to invite you to visit your fire department on October 4-5. It will be open for your inspection beginning Friday morning at 8 a.m. It will again open at 8 a.m. on Saturday and remain open until 4 p.m. Visit and let the firemen explain and show you how

your fire tax monies are invested. Remember, your firemen spend many hours in training and fire fighting to try to protect you and your property. They receive no pay. So come out and let them know you appreciate them and their hard work.

BAND FAIR TO BE HELD

The Public Schools of Robeson County will sponsor their second annual Band Fair on October 8, 1991 at St. Pauls High School in St. Pauls, NC. All six high school bands will perform their most outstanding halftime show of the football season beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.

CORRECTION

In the September 19 issue of the Carolina Indian Voice a caption under a scene from the Lumbee Cultural Festival incorrectly identified Wanda Wilkins as Wanda Locklear. It further noted that Ms. Wilkins owned and operated Comanche Pottery. Ms. Wilkins actually rents a space in Comanche Pottery for the sale of her jewelry. We apologize to Ms. Wilkins for this error.