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## Lumbee River EMC Lineman Places in Statewide Co-op Pole-top Rescue Competition



Ernest Chavis of Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs, was the co-op's entry in the 1993 Pole-top Rescue competition sponsored by Carolina Electric Cooperatives.

Ernest Chavis of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Morehead City, placed third among a field of 21 contenders in the 1993 Carolina Electric Cooperatives Pole Top Rescue Competition held Monday, October 11. Chavis, who won a similar competition at his own cooperative, raced against the clock to complete the simulated rescue operation in 2 minutes, 7.43 seconds. Alan Grooms of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, Marshall, took first place honors and the \$500 grand prize with a time of 2 minutes, 2.91 seconds. Grooms edged out Chavis and three other contenders who had finished in the top five in previous contests. All the contestants earned an opportunity to compete in the statewide elimination by winning

local contest at co-ops throughout the state. Each of the state's 28 co-ops participated in the program. In each competition, participants were required to radio an emergency call from a bucket truck, put on climbing gear and a tool belt, climb a 35 foot pole, lower a 105-pound dummy to safety and perform life saving procedures. Judges selected the winners on the basis of their speed and adherence to safety rules. Carolina Electric Cooperatives, which sponsors the biennial contest, is the network of electric cooperative organizations that provide reliable, safe and affordable electric service to 600,000 homes, farms and business in North Carolina. At the heart of Carolina Electric Cooperatives are the state's 28 EMC's, each member owned, not for profit and overseen by a board of directors elected by the membership.

## Chavis named Sgt. with NC Highway Patrol

Michael Wayne Chavis with the North Carolina Highway Patrol is the newly appointed Line Sergeant in Robeson County. Sgt. Chavis was promoted in a ceremony, September 16th at the N.C. Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh. Rufus L. Edmisten, Secretary of State administered the Oath of Office to the Promotees. Thirty four patrolmen received a new rank ranging from Major to Line Sergeant. Sgt. Chavis' previous duty stations were: Camden and Scotland County. Sgt. Chavis the son of Linwood and Geneva Chavis is a 1977 graduate of Prospect High School and a 1981 graduate of Elon College. He is married to Yvonne Cummings Chavis. They have three children: Michael II, Jared and Chasity. They reside in the Prospect Community and attend Prospect United Methodist Church.

## Revival Planned at Prospect UMC

Prospect United Methodist Church will have a Revival beginning October 24 through October 29. Sunday night Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and Monday through Friday will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Robert L. Mangum and The Rev. Bill James Locklear will be our speakers. The Rev. Mangum is a former Pastor and is now Executive Director of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association for Native American Ministries at Lake Junaluska, NC. Locklear is the Pastor

and invites you to attend these services Music will be provided each night. Prospect United Methodist Church is located on Route 3 Box 196, Maxton, NC across the road from Prospect School.



Rev. and Mrs. Bob Mangum

## PTA Held at Swett High

by Yvonne Barnes Dial  
Pumell Swett High School held its first PTA Monday, October 18 with approximately 300 parents in attendance. Mrs. Doris Graham, assistant principal, welcomed everyone and shared the highlights of the meeting which included selection of PTA officers, parent visitation with teachers, and refreshments. Rev. Bruce Swett, PTA president, introduced Jennifer Carter, PTA president for Robeson County, who shared with the audience the purpose of PTSA, Parent Teacher Student Association. "To Promote the welfare of children and youth, to raise standards of home life, to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth, to bring into closer relation the home and school, and to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education, are the major goals and objectives of PTSA," quotes Mrs. Carter. She also related that workshops involving self-esteem and parenting were available. To "encourage academic", incentives as ribbons and various recognition of student's will be presented to students. Mr. Graham displayed a T-shirt that will be given to honor students. They will also be given a Ram emblem pin for each six weeks that they have earned an A average. She also commended 800 students that have received no tardies or absences. As an incentive, these students will receive brunch Wednesday, October 20 in the school cafeteria. Mr. Bruce Swett allowed the audience to vote whether to accept PTA or PTSA and to select officers for the 1993-94 school year. Mr. Swett was again voted as president along with Andrea Scott, vice president, Helen McPhatter, secretary, and Dr. Diane Jones, treasurer. Mrs. Graham introduced several students who served as ushers. The students included Alisa Hunt, Kelly Graham, Shannon Chavis, Anita Jacobs, and Johanna Blue. Mr. Swett announced that the next executive meeting will be held Monday, November 29, 1993 to discuss by laws and objectives after the general meeting parents visited teachers to learn about their child's progress.

## Project seeks Local Indians with AIDS/HIV

The Heh-Neh Project (pronounced Hay-Nay) is seeking local Native Americans living with HIV/AIDS (regardless of tribal affiliation) to be a part of the first HIV/AIDS Care Services project in the State of North Carolina, and Robeson County designed to serve Indian people. A formal Inter Tribal Steering Committee is currently being formulated to guide the project through a twelve (12) month planning phase. We encourage those living with HIV/AIDS to join in the planning of services of our people. Your voices must be heard if we are to succeed in this endeavor.

Family members, partners, and parents of those who have already crossed over are being requested to participate and by doing so honoring those who have left our world. For those interested in working with the Heh-Neh Project, your HIV/AIDS status will remain confidential, and will be legally protected through confidentiality policies and procedures set forth as a pre-requisite for participation on the steering committee.

If you are interested in participating please call Clisby R. Locklear, Director of Tribal Health Services, Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina, Inc. at (910) 521-1861. All phone calls/inquires are confidential.



Ken Freeman, Vice President of the North Carolina Indian Business Association, and Paul Brooks, Chairman of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, look over a model of the \$160 million NFL stadium which is scheduled for construction in 1994.

## Native American Businesses Explore NFL Opportunities

Several members of the North Carolina Indian Business Association met recently in Charlotte with the Minority Interest Consultant for Richardson Sports, Richardson Sports, headed by Spartanburg businessman Jerry Richardson, is in the final stage of a campaign to win one of two expansion franchises the NFL is scheduled to award on October 26th. Upon awarding of the franchise, a \$160 million state-of-the-art stadium will be constructed in Charlotte. To ensure minority participation in the construction and operation of the stadium, Richardson Sports has initiated a Fair Share Program which includes Native Americans. They hired the Minority Interest Consultant to oversee community involvement and maintain a high level of minority participation.

The meeting was followed by a tour of the Richardson Sports facility, and was initiated by the North Carolina Indian Business Association with assistance from the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. Twelve Indian Businesses were represented at the meeting, of which many have already been targeted for participation in the stadium project.

Native American businesses who are interested in this project or other major projects in the state are urged to contact Mr. Ken Freeman of Lumbee Guaranty Bank in Pembroke, North Carolina, who is Vice President of the North Carolina Indian Business Association, or Ms. Wanda Burns-Ramsey at (919) 733-5998 the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

## David Emanuel Named "Teacher of the Year" at Purnell Swett High School



David Emanuel  
Pumell Swett High School has chosen its 1993-94 teacher of the year. David Emanuel of Pembroke was chosen to represent the quality teacher of the largest school in Robeson County by faculty members. Mr. Emanuel, a teacher of Mathematics, graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Math and His MA in Math Education from Pembroke State University. He began teaching at Pembroke Senior Senior High in 1982 and in 1983 he began teaching at Purnell Swett High. He has coached various sport at school and within his community such as baseball and track. He also is articles involved in his church as a Sunday School teacher of

150 students and serves as president of Sycamore Hill Holiness Church Brotherhood and Bible Study Teacher. He has been selected as a mentor for beginning teachers, past teacher of the month, SAT workshop instructor and math department chairperson. He has also been selected as President of the Christmas Charity Food Drive, President of Maxton Recreation Department, Coach of Maxton Little League Team, President of Maxton Dixie Youth League, President of Lumbee River Babe Ruth League, Coach of Maxton Babe Ruth Team, Coach of the Year in Little League in 1983 and 1984, Coach of the Year in Babe Ruth League in 1985 and all star coach in Babe Ruth League in 1987, 1991, and 1993.

Better Known as Mr. E. by the students, he feels that "students should be encouraged to more than belong, they must participate and their overtime must be achieved by doing all assignments getting involved in class, and actively seeking assistance after school hours." He is genuinely interested in all students and obligates himself to tutor and counsel students throughout the school. "Mr. E. tries and succeeds in preparing his students for college life by involving himself with the academic future of each student", states Acosta Jacobs. Mr. Emanuel not only is concerned in just being a teacher he stresses a great concern in educational issues in the drop rate, school violence, low test scores, alternative schools, mainstreaming and low teacher morale. He is married to Louise Strickland and they have four sons: Elgin, Daryle, Artis, and David III.

## Local student works on project in Costa Rica



ROBERT EARL CHAVIS  
Robert Earl Chavis Jr. was part of a 4-H delegation that spent two-weeks in Costa Rica working on a community project to enhance the school facilities in that area. The delegation learned a great deal about the people and their culture. He spent a week on the school grounds and several days in a Costa Rican home. Several days were spent touring different places in Central America. Robert had a chance to explore a rain forest and was in the area when a minor earthquake occurred. He shared in an exchange of the two cultures through activities and presentations. Prior to this international trip he was invited to a Costa Rican dinner in Halifax County where

## Robeson Senior Games Participants Win 13 Medals at State Finals

Seventeen Robeson County Senior Games participants were part of the 1650+ athletes and artists, age 55 and better, competing in the 9th Annual North Carolina Senior Games State Finals in Raleigh, September 30-October 3. The seniors qualified to participate by placing first, second, or third in their respective events and age groups in the Robeson Senior Games, held in May.

The local athletes competed in events ranging from swimming, walking, golf, and tennis, to shuffleboard, horseshoes, and bowling. Medal winners were Geneva Gillis of Lumberton, Gold Medals in shotput, standing long jump and softball throw. Ethu Harris of Pembroke, Bronze medal in golf, Herbert Ireland of Lumberton, Silver medal in football throw and bronze medal in 5K walk. Charles McIntyre of Red Springs, Bronze medal in standing long jump. Dick Taylor of Lumberton, Silver medals in 100, 200 and 400 meter dash. Joan Watson of Red Springs, Gold Medal in 200 meter dash and bronze medal in softball throw. Representing the Robeson County Senior Games in Silver Arts was Peggy Curtis of Fairmont, who won a silver medal in visual sketching.



## Democratic Women To Meet

Democratic Women of Robeson County will hold a special meeting on Thursday, October 28, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. at the Robeson County Courthouse. The agenda will include making final arrangements for the upcoming fall dinner meeting which is scheduled for November 9th; election of the second and third vice presidents; and the formation of committees. Democratic women of Robeson County are urged to attend. For more information, call Lee Helen Thompson after 7 p.m. at 628-6642.