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News Briefs

Mini-conference held at Parkton School

Parkton Elementary School put their motto, "Total Involvement for an effective school", (Ties) into action. The school was the site of a mini conference entitled "For the Love of Children" on February 14, 1994. The conference was attended by parents, students, faculty and staff.

The workshop was opened with a general session presented by the PTA. Workshops entitled "Wallpaper Hanging", "Techniques of Storytelling", "Band Aid First Aid", "Your Child and School Law", "Dealing with attention deficit disorder", "HOTS", and Apple IIE Lab Demonstration" were conducted by staff members, parents, and community volunteers. Parents were encouraged to attend the sessions with their children. The activity was an additional effort to foster parental involvement.

The mini conference was concluded with a spaghetti dinner in the school cafeteria where Mr. Alphonzo McRae, Chapter I Director, was the Keynote Speaker.

The Chapter I school wide project and PTA worked collaboratively to make the conference a success.

Red Springs Middle School PTA to sponsor Aids Education program

Red Springs Middle School PTA will sponsor an AIDS/HIV Education Program on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Entertainment will be provided by the RSMS Band! Come support our children's school. Thank you in advance for your continued support to our school.

All-County Musical being presented

The Public Schools of Robeson County will present its annual all county musical March 9-14, 1994 at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton, NC.

This years production is "The Yankee Doodle," featuring the music of composer George C. Cohen. There are several evening and matinee performances. Call 738-4841 for ticket information and reservations.



PSHS student Served as Page



Astwei Tuason, a sophomore of Purnell Swett High School was selected to serve as a page for the North Carolina House of Representatives from February 7-11.

Boy Scouts Benefit Dinner Planned

You are cordially invited to attend the Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America Investment in Character dinner to benefit our Boy Scout program in Pembroke and Robeson County. The dinner will be held at Sheff's Seafood on Thursday, March 17, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. The evenings program will conclude by 7:30 p.m. We think you will find it informative and entertaining.

The Boy Scouts of America has been shaping the lives of America's youth since 1910 with its positive influence on character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. However, the youth of today are asked to make more and more decisions at an even younger age. How they learn to make those decisions and gain positive experiences is extremely important. These opportunities can be found in Scouting; scouting in our community needs the moral and financial support of people like you.

An outstanding group of community and business leaders is assisting in this effort, you will receive a telephone call from one of them to confirm your attendance at their table. We look forward to sharing this hour of fellowship with you and sincerely hope your schedule will permit you to attend.

W.D. Oxendine
994 Chairman
Investment in Character
Table Hosts: W.D. Oxendine, Larr. McNeill, Lindsey Locklear, Larry Harris, Mike Cummings, Garth Locklear, Bill Brewington, Cliff Sampson, Monroe Lowry, Greg Cummings, Gunite Hunt, Randall Jones, Bryan Maynor.

Humane Society to meet Mar. 18

The Robeson County Humane Society will hold its monthly meeting on March 18th at 7 pm at the Tobacco and Restaurant in Fairmont. The restaurant is located on S. Walnut St. John Flynn, Candidate for sheriff and society member will speak briefly to those present. For more information call 739-6032.

Spring Revival Planned at Cherokee Chapel Methodist

Everyone is invited to attend the Spring Revival at Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church Sunday, March 27 through Friday, April 1. Guest speakers will be Rev. Roy Clark, Rev. Dufrene Cummings and Rev. Dwight Freeman. Sunday night service begins at 7:30 p.m. Weeknight services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The church is located on Highway 71 (between Red Springs and Maxton). The pastor is Rev. Julian Ransom.

Saddletree Community meets to discuss the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe

by Lance Harding
On Thursday, March 3, members of the Saddletree community assembled to hear a presentation on the efforts of the Constitutional Assembly to draft a tribal constitution. Approximately 60 persons were present for the meeting. This was the second meeting sponsored by the Saddletree Community Center on the issue.

Several delegates to the Assembly were present for the meeting. They included: Carolyn Lowery, First Baptist, Carvicious M. Barfield, Bethel Holiness Methodist, R. Brewer, Liberty Holiness, Wendy Moore Ledwell, West Robeson United Methodist, Vera Malcolm, Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness, Linda Hammonds, Mt. Olive Baptist, and Calvin Pevia, Saddletree Church of God.

Lance Harding, president of the United Saddletree Community Center conducted the meeting. Cynthia L. Hunt, technical advisor to the project, opened the meeting with an overview of the project, as well as a detailed discussion of the 1984 tribal referendum which gave LRDA, a private, non-profit corporation, authority to make decisions regarding matters of the federal recognition through the petition. The Lumbee are not eligible for the petition process and is seeking recognition through a Congressional Act.

Linda Hammonds, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported on the provisions proposed by the Assembly. This committee has been considering issues such as the creation of a tribal constitutional court to give the tribe some type of forum to enforce the tribal constitution.

A report given by Wendy Moore Ledwell, Chairman of the Transitional Committee, outlined the procedures to be used to adopt the tribal constitution. Ms. Ledwell's presentation included how the first tribal election will be held.

Vera Malcolm, who is a member of the Electoral Committee, reported on



Linda Hammonds, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee

Lumbee Constitution Assembly the work completed by that committee. They have been considering issues such as the creation of an election commission of other body to establish rules for the oversee and conduction of elections and enrollment related issues.

Reports were concluded with the taking of a straw vote on the decision of the Assembly to hold the election of the constitution during the week of Lumbee Homecoming. The vote was unanimous in favor of holding the election at that time.

The delegates present expressed their hope of their involvement with this project. The ambience of the meeting became very emotional as delegates and tribal members spoke of the various obstacles that have arisen to hinder the work of the Assembly. Harding reminded those present that we should not lose sight of our goal to draft the governing document of the tribe. Tearful eyes and voices of conviction filled the Saddletree Community Center as persons declared their commitment to this monumental endeavor that the tribe has embarked upon. There is no better way to understand and eliminate the false and misleading rumors that surround the matter than to hear the information first-hand. The Saddletree community encourages each and every community to sponsor a meeting in their community to become enlightened on the drafting of the Lumbee tribal constitution.

also discovered that weight lifting classes for some students are "a motivated thing to come to school".

"It motivated me it was embarrassing if you made a mistake but you want to try hard", quotes Eric Chambers, a senior. Not only does Eric have a positive approach but so does Charles Jacobs, a junior, who responded openly that, "It makes you feel good that you reached your goal". To encourage others to participate, both Eric and Charles reveal that weight lifting develops self discipline, greater strength, and better athletes.

The following students participated in the lift-a-thon reaching the following pounds: Robert Chavis-170, Danrico Fulmore-205, Quinn Lowry-220, Jeremy Brewington-210, Adam Spaulding-290, Jason Locklear-250, Kevin Brice-245, Jimmy Lowry-240, Ponce Chavis-260, Ron C. Locklear-230, Sam Billings-285, Jonathan McCoy-315, James D. Locklear-270, Dennis Smith-310, Charles Jacobs-290, Eric Chambers-335, Lance Bullard-270, Mario Locklear-355, Raymond Oxendine-330, Chris Currie-295, Bryan Austin-300, Brandon Locklear-240, and Cedric Woodell-260.

"The purpose of the lift-a-thon was to raise money for athletics", according to Heil. He was impressed with the support of the student body and feels that other student understood it took hard work and they respected what the athletes were doing.



News Briefs from PSHS

Ramon Edwards Jacobs, a senior at Purnell Swett High School made a presentation to the NC Education Standards and Accountability Commissions Citizens Forum Feb 15 at Roland-Grise Middle School in Wilmington, NC. This was one of five citizens forum held across the state to receive input from students, businesses and industry.

Ramon's presentation gave input to the panel on "What you feel you should know to be able to graduate from school, also areas where graduates are deficient in skills necessary to compete for employment and what skills you feel a graduate should possess to be successful in life".

Others making presentations were student Richmond Hill from Carteret County, also Supt. of New Hanover, and several Human Resource and Personal Offices from Business and Industry. The eleven panel members consisted of Governor Jim Hunt, State Supt. Bob Etheridge and Rose M. Lowry, NCEA President.

Also in attendance were Ken Maynor, Employment Readiness Coordinator, JTPA of Purnell Swett High School.

The lift of hundreds of pounds and bulging muscles caught the attention of everyone at the lift a thon held in Purnell Swett High's gym Wednesday, February 16.

"The lift-a-thon is an opportunity to present the hard work of the guys and for them to gain confidence and be proud of what they did", quotes Mark, head varsity football coach of Purnell Swett High School. He has



Recently Lance Harding, shown right, president of the United Saddletree Community Center, presented a plaque of appreciation to the outgoing president, Ronald Hammonds. The Center is organized to enhance the Saddletree Community. It is a civic organization which practices the motto of service to the community. One of the many projects of the Center is the awarding of scholarships, the Harold B. Wynn Scholarship, each year to seniors in the area to further their education. (Photo by Wild Turkey)

winners of 1994 American Indian Film & competition

A video production by Oklahoma animator and producer Dan C. Jones of Newkirk has been named recipient of the coveted Will Sampson Award for Best Show in the 1994 American Indian Film and Video Competition held at the Red Earth Indian Center in Oklahoma City. The annual competition, open to both Indian and non-Indian filmmakers, is sponsored by Red Earth, Inc., International Photography Hall of Fame, and the State Arts Council of Oklahoma.

The Best of Show film, entitled "National Museum of the American Indian," also received the first place award in the Commercial/Promotion Indian Produced category. The 10-minute video explains the significance of the proposed National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC. A campaign is currently underway to fund construction of the museum on the last remaining open tract of land on the historic mall in the nation's capital.

We received excellent entries from throughout the nation, from both Indians and non-Indians," said Patrick Whelen, chairman of the American Indian Film and Video Competition. "It was very difficult to select winners from among the entries."

Other top winners included "Mazerunner," The Life and Art of T.C. Cannon," by Oklahoma City producer Phillip Albert. Best Oklahoma Production, "Paradise in Peril," produced by Bob Bostwick of

Plummer, ID. Best Environmental Production, and "Sharing One Earth", produced by students at Indian Island School in Indian Island, MN, and Kana Middle School in Portland, MN. Best Children's Program

Competition judges included Heidi Karkner, Professor of Film and Video Studies, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.; Phil Lucas, award-winning independent producer, Los Angeles; Dan Jones, independent producer animator, Newkirk, OK.; and Matthew C. Jones, Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium, Inc., Lincoln, NE.

Each entry was required to focus on American Indian history, arts, culture, myths, social issues or evolving missions. Awards were presented for both Indian Produced and Non-Indian Produced films in documentary/short, documentary/long, experimental, visual art, educational, animation/graphic art, commercial/promotion, and broadcast journalism categories.

All semi-finalists were judged and screened during the Red Earth Native American Fair," said Whelen. "An awards ceremony and film festival will honor the winners during the Red Earth Festival June 10-12 in downtown Oklahoma City."

Red Earth, Inc., a private nonprofit organization, operates the Red Earth Indian Center at the Kirkpatrick Center museum complex and produces the annual Red Earth Festival each June in downtown Oklahoma City.



Prospect United Methodist Church will have a gospel sing on Sunday, March 20 at 7 p.m. featuring the Pierce Family and other local groups. The church is located on Route 3 Maxton, across the road from Prospect School. The public is invited to attend.

