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## News Briefs

### Kevin Hunt newest "Ram" ...named head football coach at Swett High



from Staff Reports  
Pembroke-Fairmont native, Kevin Hunt, was named head football coach at Purnell Swett High School recently. He was introduced to Ram footballers, assistant coaches and the media by Principal Bill James Brewington. Hunt, who graduated from Fairmont High School in 1983, excuded "I'm excited about the opportunity to be the head football coach at Purnell Swett." Hunt was a three-time All

Conference and two-time All State selection in football as an offensive

linesman for the Tornados before finishing his career at Fairmont, Hunt sees "God's hand" in his selection, and noted that "...to be a head football coach was one of the goals...I set this year to happen in the next three to five years."

Hunt has spent the last seven years coaching in Georgia, and is excited about returning to the area. He is expected to re-locate in June and will be joined by his wife, Amy, a registered nurse, and their children, Kelle B., 2, and Jordan, 4 months.

Hunt readily admits that his biggest tasks will be in unifying the team and assistant coaches, and following in the footsteps of Mark Heil, who is joining Cape Fear in nearby Cumberland County after a successful stint as head coach of the Purnell Swett Rams.

Principal Brewington also used the occasion to unveil the 11-foot Rams statue, a gift from the senior class and Rams boosters.



### Completes Work on Doctorate

Rose Marie Lowry, Pembroke native, completed work for her doctorate in Education Administration May 9, 1994 at Campbell University in Buies Creek. Her research project was entitled "An Assessment of Principals and Teachers' Perception of North Carolina's Pre-School Programs." Lowry is on leave of absence from a principalship in the Public Schools of Robeson County to serve as President of the North Carolina Association of Educators, headquartered in Raleigh.

### AISES Pow Wow Planned for July 2 at PSU

The Third Annual American Indian Science & Engineering Society Pow Wow will be held July 2 at Pembroke State University. The pow wow will begin at 11 a.m. and last until 2 p.m. It will resume at 6 p.m. and last until. Master of Ceremonies will be Otar Mills (Haliwa-Saponi). Host Drum will be Falling Water. Male Head Dancer will be Vaughn Cowan (Coharie) and Female Head Dancer will be April Whitmore (Lumbee). The PSU AISES Chapter invites all singers and dancers, as well as the general public, to come and enjoy an afternoon of intertribal singing and dancing. There will be no admission charged. For further information contact Terry Locklear at (910) 844-9007 or Eddie Mace at (910) 521-5421 or 521-3430.

### Carnell Locklear to Perform

Carnell Locklear will be performing at the Player's Club in Lumberton (next to Cracker Barrel on I-95) on Saturday night, June 4. Locklear will perform two shows, the first one beginning at 10 p.m. and the second one beginning at 11:30 p.m. There will be a \$3.00 admission fee.

### Ground breaking Ceremony Held for Chavis Field House at Prospect

On May 14 the Prosect Community held the ground breaking ceremony for the William C. (Can) Chavis Field House, a 2,394-square feet recreational facility, to house equipment, to conduct classes with restroom and concession space. Mr. Chavis had previously been invited to be the guest speaker and then for the unveiling of the William C. Chavis Field House after the ceremony. Due to his untimely death, a moment of silence was part of the program in remembrance of Mr. "Can."

### Open House

You are invited to attend Open House/Tours at the Robeson County Church and Community Center. Sunday, May 22, 1994 held at 210 East 15th St., Lumberton at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. 404 West Central St. Maxton at 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. and 134 North Main St. Red Springs from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Celebrating our 25th Anniversary! Come and Bring a Friend!!!

### Shag and Line Lessons

The Lumberton Recreation Department will sponsor Shag and Line Dance Lessons June 9th - June 30th. The classes will be held in the South end of Pine St. Activity Center each Thursday night from 7:30 - 8:30 for Shag and 8:30-9:30 for Line dance. There will be a fee of \$25.00 per person for the four week session. Register at the first class, but if you are planning to attend call the Bill Sapp Center at 671-3869 and leave your name and phone number. Instructor is Carol Owen.

## Traditional Lumbee Dress Featured at 7th Annual Pow Wow

Natascha Wagoner, Ms. Lumbee and head dancer at the 7th annual Richmond Community College Pow Wow, will be wearing a new style of regalia. Although the term "New" is attached, the style dates back to the 1800's for Traditional Lumbee women's dress.

The regalia features the pincomb patchwork on the apron breast. In essence, Natascha is doing her best to help show that the Lumbee people have and have had traditions dating back centuries. "We live our traditions daily but it's not what people see as tradition," she said in a recent interview.

Wagoner, a Pembroke native, has been very concerned about the misconceived notions many have about the Lumbees and her heritage. As Miss Lumbee, she has had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States serving as spokesperson for the Lumbee nation. She recently competed in the Miss Indian USA Pageant in Washington, DC, coming in as second runner up in final

competition. She also received third place in cultural presentation and an Honorable Mention for the evening gown category.

When asked what has been the highlight of her year as Miss Lumbee she responded, "Having the opportunity to travel to different places and the opportunity to talk with other people about Lumbees. There are a lot of misconceived perceptions about our heritage and who we are as a people...I want others to know the Lumbee heritage. It is amazing how similar the (Native American) cultures are around the United States--there are differences, yes -- but we are a lot alike."

Educating others about Native American heritage is the purpose for the RCC Pow Wow.

It is sponsored by the Native American Club at Richmond Community College with the help of a grassroots grant from the Richmond County Arts Council. Additional supporters include RCC, the Richmond County Tourism Council, and various

other interested sponsors. The event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 21 & 22, starting at noon each day on the college campus. Wagoner, a Lumbee, and a host of many others from the tribes across the eastern United States will celebrate Native American culture. Native American dancing, drumming, storytelling, survival demonstrations, and plenty of authentic wares will be available.

Chuck Lowery, advisor for the organization, said that "The pow wow gives us a chance to relive the past and continue traditions that are vital to our future. More importantly, it is the time to renew old friendships and make valuable new ones."

Wagoner summed up her year as Miss Lumbee by saying: "I've had the time of my life. I don't want to see it end. It's been great."

Take the time to come experience some of what she feels on May 21 & 22. You just might leave with the same special feelings. That's the goal of the RCC Native American Club.



Natascha Wagoner Miss Lumbee

### Vote on Lumbee Tribal Constitution Set For Lumbee Homecoming

At its meeting on May 14, 1994, the Lumbee Constitution Assembly considered comments made by tribal members on the proposed Lumbee constitution at the recently completed public hearings on the document. All comments made by community members on the document were compiled and considered by the Constitution Assembly. Some changes were made in the document in response to the comments and the revised final draft was adopted by the Constitution Assembly.

The Assembly has scheduled a final public hearing on the revised final draft for June 18, 1994. The hearing will take place at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Purnell Swett High School. At this hearing, the Assembly

will present the revised final draft to the community. Copies of the revised final draft will be available and rules to be used in voting on the proposed constitution will be discussed. The voting on the proposed constitution will take place during Lumbee homecoming, or the week of July 4, 1994.

If the proposed constitution is adopted, the Constitution Assembly will conduct the first tribal elections under the constitution. At that point, the Constitution Assembly will disband and the newly elected tribal officials will commence tribal government operations. The Assembly urges all Lumbees to attend the hearing scheduled for June 18 and to vote on the tribal constitution.

### Berea Baptist Church Honors Mothers



On Sunday, May 8 Berea Baptist honored the Oldest Church Member Mother present and the mother with the most children present. Ms. Mary Frances Maynor received the corsage for the Oldest Mother. Presenting the corsage is her granddaughter, Ms. Felicie M. Locklear. Ms. Katherine Locklear received the corsage for having the most children present. Presenting the corsage is her daughter Marsha L. Jacobs. All mothers received a rose at the end of the church service. Pastor is Reverend Bruce Swett.

### Queen of Queens USA



Meredith LeAnne Hunt, the seven-year-old daughter of Delry and Peggy F. Hunt of Fairmont, NC was recently crowned Queen of Queens USA in Fayetteville.

Meredith won in four different categories, beauty, sportswear, western wear and photogenic competition. She will be able to compete in the 1994 national Queen of Queens USA Scholarship Pageant in Augusta, Georgia in October.

She attends Rosenwald Elementary School where she is in the first grade.

Meredith wishes to thank her parents, her sponsors, friends and especially Mrs. Louise Mitchell.

### Tuscarora Thanksgiving Festival May 21 and 22

The Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation will be celebrating their annual Strawberry Thanksgiving Festival on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22. The purpose of the Thanksgiving Festival is to thank the Creator for the fruits that He has given to the Six Nations people. The strawberries are always the first fruit to get ripe and feed the Nations. This Thanksgiving Festival is celebrated by all the Six Nations, here in North Carolina as well as in New York and Canada. The Haudeenosaunee (Longhouse People) believe that we must keep these thanksgivings going as the Creator has commanded.

The public is welcome to come Saturday, May 21, as the Tuscarora Nation celebrates. Events will include Blow-gun exhibitions, Iroquois social dancing, strawberry pinatas for the children, Iroquois arts and crafts, museum tours. Foods available will include traditional strawberry drink, traditional corn soup, traditional

Tuscarora Ghost Bread, as well as chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs. There will also be a volleyball competition between teams that want to compete. Trophies will be given to first, second, and third place winners.

The Festival Sunday will not be open to the public, but will be a feast for members of the Tuscarora Nation only. The meal will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The Festival on Saturday will begin at 9:30 a.m. Iroquois social dancing will begin at 1:30 p.m. The volleyball competition will begin at 2:15 p.m. For more information, please call (910) 521-1481 or (910) 521-4955.

The Thanksgiving Festival is supported by the Longhouse, Clan Mothers, and Clan Chiefs on the Sovereign land of the Tuscarora Nation, four miles from Red Springs on S.R. 1303.

Submitted by the Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation