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Fundraising Underway for Kelsey Sampson

Shown above is Kelsey Sampson, the 3 1/2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sampson, Jr. Kelsey is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments at Duke Medical Center.

"Kelsey Sampson is a beautiful little three year old girl who has developed a neuroblastoma, which is a very highly, malignant tumor. We saw Kelsey in February and referred her that day to the hematology service at Duke for a thorough evaluation. Since that time, she has had extensive chemotherapy and has shown some response, though she has had a very difficult course and a lot of complications from her chemotherapy. She faces a long and hard battle, and certainly deserves the support, love and prayers of all of us.

Dr. Robert L. Young, Jr. M.D.
Fundraising efforts are currently underway. Let us all do our part in the hopes that Kelsey will one day be cancer free. Please send all donations to: P.O. Box 2673, Lumberton, NC 28359. For more info, call: 738-9011; 843-3541; or 521-8473.
Make checks payable to the Kelsey Sampson Cancer Fund.

Purnell Swett High staff and faculty attend staff development workshop at a Wilmington, NC

by Yvonne Barnes Dial
Although accommodations were not entirely satisfying and a few mix ups took place, the Purnell Swett High School Faculty and Staff created a close bond of sharing educational matters in a staff development workshop March 30-April 2 in Wilmington, NC.

Assistant Principal Doris Graham welcomed everyone in the general session. Afterwards, several faculty and staff members shared sessions they attended in California just weeks before that proved to be enlightening and beneficial.

Consultants for the workshop included Dr. Felecia Turner who works with Governor Jim Hunt's Smart Start Program and Assistant Superintendent of Hertford County, Wendell Hall.

Dr. Turner shared formulas which could assist the audience with strategies to develop a positive approach to teaching and to life. "The power of teaching is in the passion to teach," said Dr. Turner. "A key question to keep in mind is to know and understand why a person will behave as they do. You don't know what kids went through the night before." She stressed that if a person wishes to improve their positive self image, they should work for twenty-one days to make situations positive in their life.

County Commissioners Name Acting Manager

County finance officer, Leo Hunt, was unanimously chosen Monday to serve as acting county manager by the county commissioners. Hunt replaces James Martin who resigned unexpectedly to take a job as assistant county manager with nearby Cumberland County.

Hunt said, "I'm excited about the challenge." Hunt has been finance officer since 1990, and is expected to be a candidate when the board advertises the position in the next few days.

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Taking the composure of a student, yet, conducting himself as the teacher, Mr. Wendell Hall immediately seized the audience's attention with acts of assertive discipline toward members of the audience who seemed not to be listening or appearing late for the workshop. Taken by surprise, participants were somewhat hesitant to speak or to act. Through Mr. Hall's presentation, teachers were able to have the opportunity to experience the role of the student as they sometimes encounter insistent discipline, sarcasm and ridicule from teachers. "Children don't care how much you know until they see how much you care," said Mr. Hall. His very practical approach seemed as realistic, yet so much fun, according to many of the faculty and staff.

Mrs. Doris Graham shared conditions of the learning center that needed improvements. Afterwards, everyone was requested to break up into their subject areas and discuss strategies or ways to improve the learning center.

Principal Bill Brewington's presentation highlighted major concerns on the end-of-the-year test. Reassign, reteach, remediation and teach the test were the four approaches Mr. Brewington suggested as ways to improve scores on the tests. After subject area discussions and sharing of approaches to use for the test by teachers, each area shared various endeavors to take. Some suggestions included: teacher recommendation in some subject areas, improve scheduling, bank tests, better use of the learning center, etc.

Sunday, math instructor David Emanuel shared an inspirational service with everyone entitled, "How to Get Out of a Rut!" Throughout his sermon, he encouraged everyone to have faith in whatever they do and not to give up.



Purnell Swett High School staff attended a staff development workshop March 30-April 2 in Wilmington, NC. Shown left to right: Assistant Principal Wayne Leggett, Assistant Superintendent Wendell Hall; Assistant Principal Doris Graham; Dr. Felecia Turner of the Smart Start program, Raleigh; and Bill James Brewington, Principal of Purnell Swett High School.



Dale Chavis named Director of Pastoral Care at Southeastern Regional

Dale Chavis has been named director of pastoral care at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. He has served since April, 1994 as bereavement care coordinator of Hospice of Robeson.

A native of Red Springs, Chavis earned his undergraduate degree in social work from Pembroke State University and his master's degree in divinity from Southeastern Baptist Seminary in 1989.

Before returning to Robeson County, he worked with Hospice of Burke County for three years as social worker/counselor.

Chavis succeeds the Rev. A. Joe Poole who served as chaplain for SRMC for twenty years before his retirement on March 1.

Chavis is single and the son of Zack and Margie Chavis of Red Springs. He is an active member of Friendship Baptist Church, Pembroke.

Traditional Gathering planned for Father's Day weekend, June 15, 16, 17, 18

Rebirth of the Traditional Spiritual Gatherings, a tribute to the Great Spirit, Father of all Indian Nations will be held all day and all night, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until evening, June 15, 16, 17, 18, at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center.

There will be dancing, drumming, singing, storytelling and demonstrations occurring day and night. There will be no schedule of events. All time is "Indian time." There will be no vendors (sellers), traders (bartering only). There will be no admission, no prizes, no competition. Anyone can bring for any item displayed. Anyone wishing to trade Native made crafts, etc. bring blanket and set up free. Camping is also free. Lodges of any style have preference at the site. Primitive camping preferred. No hook ups. Separate area for trainer and motorhomes.

Grand entry will be Friday morning. Closing Sunday evening. One item of non-perishable food will entitle one to a meal ticket. All food and clothes gathered will be donated to the Robeson County Church and Community Center.

The event is being sponsored in part by the N.C. Indian Cultural Center, Title V. IEA Program, the Lumbee Council of Elders, Lumbee Reolungal Development Association, Inc. and the Carolina Indian Voice. For further information call Spotted Turtle at (910) 521-4178, Wild Turkey at 521-3002, the Carolina Indian Voice (910) 521-2826.

"Big Mo' Golf Tournament scheduled April 29 at Riverside Country Club

A "Big Mo'" (Mo Strickland) Endowed Scholarship Golf Tournament will be hosted as Riverside County Club in Pembroke on Saturday, April 29.

Play begins at 9:30 a.m. for the four-man teams which will play and count the two best balls. Awards will be given to the top three teams and refreshments will be served.

Entry fee is \$235 per individual. Hole sponsors for the tournament are encouraged for \$100.

The purpose of the tournament is to raise funds to complete endowment of the Mo Strickland Endowed Scholarship Fund at Pembroke State University which was started after his death. Big Mo was a long time supporter of PSU athletics, a member of the PSU Athletic Hall of Fame and Braves Club President at PSU. He was very active at Purnell Swett High School and the Rams Club as well.

A total of \$5,000 minimum is required to start awarding a scholarship in his honor and with success in this tournament, the awarding of the Big Mo Scholarship at PSU can become reality.

To enter contact any member of the tournament committee: Chairman Larry McNeill, James B. Chavis, Raymond Cummings, Lemark Harris, Royce McNeill at Purnell Swett High School of Garv Spitzer at Pembroke State.

Two Swett High students named as PSU Chancellor's Scholars

Two Robeson County seniors have been named Chancellor's Scholars at Pembroke State University for the 1995-96 academic year.

Christina Locklear and Ashley Lowery, both seniors from Purnell Swett High School, have been named Chancellor's Scholars.

Locklear is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Locklear of Pembroke. She plans to major in biology.

Lowery is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robin O. Lowery of Pembroke. She plans to major in biology.

Chancellor's Scholars at Pembroke State University receive \$3,000 a year to attend PSU. This almost covers the full expenses of a student living on campus with a full-meal plan.

Chancellor's Scholars take special courses, do a Master's type thesis, and receive special honors at commencement.

Tommie Bullard: A Master of Horse Shoes

by Stan Knick

He has only won 150 trophies! Still he says sometimes he can't win a single game. He says there's a lot of luck to it. But there must be more to it than luck.

Tommie Bullard, age 71, didn't start pitching horseshoes until 1975. He worked for twenty years as a commercial carpenter, and had a friend on the job who introduced him to the sport. His friend had a "course" at his house, and Mr. Tommie was invited over to pitch a few games. Evidently he took to it like a hummingbird takes to flight. In twenty years of "pitching," he has won a great many tournaments, and now competes in the "championship" class.

At most horseshoe tournaments there are different classes, depending on the proficiency of the "pitcher." At the top is the championship class, followed by A class, B class and so on down the ladder of ability. The iron stakes are forty feet apart in the men's competitions, and thirty feet apart in women's and junior (age 16 and under) competitions.

Mr. Bullard is a member of the

Robeson County Horseshoe Club, the North Carolina Horseshoe Pitching Association and the National Horseshoe Pitching Association. The Robeson County Club meets, and pitches, at the Gum Tree recreation area on Meadow Road in Lumberton. That is also the site of regular tournaments, including one that is scheduled for 20 May 1995.

Raised on a farm in the Union Chapel community, Tommie Bullard served in the Army during World War II. His job was operating an anti-aircraft machine gun, and he says he reckons he did it pretty well. When I asked him if he could see a connection between his success at horseshoe pitching and the anti-aircraft machine gun, thinking of the fact that both require excellent hand-eye coordination, he admitted he hadn't thought much about that. I said both activities involve making something you release go where you want it to go. In his modest and gracious way he said "Yeah, I guess so."

"It's hard to find people to

participate in pitching horseshoes around here," says Mr. Bullard. I asked why. He grinned and said: "Beats me."

He says horseshoe tournaments are always open to the public, and there are usually snacks and soft drinks available nearby. There's no admission charge, but if you want to compete you have to pay a five dollar registration fee. Anyone wanting more information about horseshoe pitching tournaments can call him at 671-0528.

These days he lives in the Jamestown community, and though he has had some trouble with his back in recent months, he hopes to compete in the Pine Cone Open over in Southern Pines on 6 May 1995. I tried to get him to tell me the secret to his success with horseshoes, but about all he would say on that subject was that "it's best to be calm, and get your rest the night before the tournament."

He says a lot depends on luck. When it comes to horseshoes, Tommie Bullard must be a mighty lucky man.

Tickets for Pembroke Centennial Art/Gala go on Sale

The Pembroke Centennial Committee announces plans for the centennial art/gala on May 26 at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut. It promises to be a grand, memorable event! The Centennial has planned the event to include a social hour, a delicious meal, and dancing and an art auction. The highlight of the event will be the unveiling of Centennial Artist, Deloria Cummings', painting of the Town of Pembroke, and the auctioning of prints. A limited edition of prints will be available, so make plans to attend.

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from any committee member. For more info., call Greg Cummings at 521-0190, or the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

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Commissioners approved a request from the Town of Pembroke for county inspectors to issue permits for building, plumbing, heat and air and electrical code inspections.

Robeson County inspectors have been doing the work on an "emergency basis" for the three months because the pembroke inspector had suffered ill health. With the county taking on Pembroke's inspections, the city of Lumberton is the only town in the county will handling its own inspections.

Mt. Airy Mixed Choir to Observe Anniversary

The Mt. Airy Mixed Choir of Mt. Airy Baptist church will celebrate their seventh anniversary on Friday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Airy Baptist Church. The gospel sing will feature the Isaacs from LaFollette, Tennessee and the Mt. Airy Mixed Choir. The public is cordially invited to attend.



The Lumbee DrumBeat

...A Call To Action...

by Wendy Moore Ledwell

I guess you may be wondering what happened to the Lumbee Smoke Signals. Well, the fact of the matter lies in the significance of the drumbeat to the Native American as compared to the smoke signal.

In conversations with tribal elders, I was directed to the importance of the drumbeat to the Native American. It was then I learned that the drumbeat symbolizes the heartbeat of the Native American people. The first

mother passes the drum to her son as a gift, in much the same as, she gave him life. The beat of the drum symbolizes the heartbeat of the son. The drumbeat in Native American culture calls the people: it draws them together.

On the other hand the smoke signal is simply a means of communication between Native Americans, whereas, the drumbeat not only draws them together but it is also a call to action. For this reason, I have relin-

quished the name Smoke Signals and have adopted the name Lumbee Drumbeat... a call to action. I hope to generate dialogue within the Lumbee-Cheraw Tribe that will lead to an increase in tribal participation in matters that effect us as a tribe. This call to action is to be a positive and constructive medium for the edification of the Lumbee-Cheraw Tribe. I will elaborate more fully in the next issue, until then let the action begin!



Tommie Bullard poses with two of his more than 150 trophies.

