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## HARRY OXENDINE ANNOUNCES BID FOR MAYOR OF PEMBROKE



Harry Oxendine Candidate for Mayor of Pembroke

Harry Oxendine wants to follow in his father's footsteps. J.C. (Sonny) Oxendine was mayor of Pembroke in the turbulent late fifties during which time a Ku Klux Klan rally was routed by Indians. Now, in quieter but no less serious times, son Harry aspires to be mayor of his hometown.

Retired from teaching since 1992, Harry Oxendine is a seven-year veteran of the Pembroke Town Council with two years remaining in his current term. Concern for the average, tax-paying citizen who often feels left out of government and neglected by it, he said, was a

motivating factor influencing his candidacy. Mr. Oxendine wants to see the fire department upgraded and modernized so that a resident can feel assured that help will come if a fire breaks out in their home. He says he has also found that citizens are worried about crime. To alleviate anxiety he wants to work with the police department toward them being more responsive, and promptly so.

Mr. Oxendine believes that by carefully guarding tax dollars and by collecting monies owed to the town, Pembroke can make a number of improvements. Regarding monies owed, he specifically mentioned \$46,000 in uncollected traffic fines.

As a result of federal and state legislation, local governments have become legally responsible for waste disposal. Fortunately, Mr. Oxendine says, there are growing numbers of methods for the collection and recycling of waste. He would like to see the town government investigate such methods in order to choose the environmentally best and most cost effective method of compliance.

Mr. Oxendine is co-chairman of the Centennial Committee which has sponsored, and will yet sponsor, several events and projects to celebrate Pembroke's 100th birthday. While he has been involved in industrial recruitment, Mr. Oxendine's most visible public achievement is the living plants that adorn the main streets, enhancing the beauty of the town. The idea, and most of the labor belongs to him.

All of Harry Oxendine's life has been spent within the limits of the town he wishes to lead. A portion of most of his Sunday's have been spent at Berea Baptist Church. He was the first President of the Pembroke Jaycees. Friends say that although Mr. Oxendine is well known as a community leader, that his reputation is outweighed by his role as a family man. He is a husband to the former Carol Locklear, the father of Darla and Jamie, and the grandfather of Gavin.

## Judge Dexter Brooks Featured in the University of North Carolina Law Review

Judge Dexter Brooks was recently featured in the Sesquicentennial Edition of the North Carolina Law Review published by the School of Law of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Judge Brooks was featured along with other notable alumni of the law school who have utilized their legal training and skills to significantly affect the State of North Carolina. Judge



Brooks was recognized as the first Native American to be admitted to and graduate from the law school which historically refused to admit American Indian applicants regardless of qualifications.

After graduation in 1976, Judge Brooks returned to his native Robeson County to practice law. Judge Brooks was also recognized for his efforts, legal and political, to reform the political and legal systems of Robeson so as to afford more opportunities to Native Americans and African Americans.

After practicing law for twelve years, on January 1, 1989 Brooks became the first Native American superior court judge. Since his appointment and subsequent election Judge Brooks has served as a resident judge for Robeson County and has presided over court proceedings throughout the state.

## PSU Open House Nov. 10

Pembroke State University will host their annual open house on Friday, November 10, 1995.

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center. All high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend.

Activities will include an admissions forum, campus tour, information fair, and lunch. Information on Financial Aid will also be available.

A response is needed by November 6, 1995 in order to reserve your space. Call the Admissions Office at (910) 521-6262 or 1-800-822-2185.

## Revival Services at Green Pine

Green Pine Freewill Baptist Church will have their Fall Revival on November 6-10, 1995. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m., with special singing each night. Speakers will be the Rev. Duffrene Cummings and Rev. Kenneth Revels. The congregation extends a cordial welcome to everyone. The church is located on Philadelphus Road in Pembroke, NC in the fellowship hall.

## Revival at Salem Baptist

Revival services will be held at Salem Missionary Baptist Church beginning Sunday, November 5 and lasting through Wednesday, November 8. Speakers will be Rev. Charles P. Locklear, pastor of Smyrna Baptist Church, Lumberton; and Rev. Timmie Chavis, pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Hollister, NC. Services will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday night and 7:30 p.m. weeknights.

The pastor of Salem, Rev. Don Bullard, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

## Homecoming planned at Green Pine

Green Pine Freewill Baptist Church will be having their Homecoming on November 5, 1995. The special speaker will be Bro. Bobby Earl Locklear and special singing will be presented by the Green Pine Mens Chorus. Worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. The congregation extends a cordial welcome to everyone. The church is located on Philadelphus Road in Pembroke.

Lunch will be served immediately after the worship service.

## C.G. Cummings Scholarship

A special offering will be lifted at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 5, for the Charles Gregory (C.G.) Cummings Scholarship Fund.

Others wishing to participate in the fund should send donations to Sandy Plains United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 2255, Pembroke, NC 28372.

## works published

Dr. Paul J. Berghoff, professor in the Department of Education at Pembroke State University, wrote "Test Post Mortem", an article to be published in the book Resources in Cooperative Learning edited by Harlan Rimmerman and published by Kagan Cooperative Learning.

He is also author of the article "Plus-minus Grading" which will be published in the November 1995 issue of The Teaching Professor.

Berghoff is scheduled to present a workshop, "The Idea & Resource Exchange", at the 25th Annual Conference of the International Society for Exploring Teaching Alternatives, in Bloomsburg, PA.

Berghoff received his Bachelor's degree, Master's and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He has been a member of the PSU faculty since 1975.

## Lumbee Tribal Government Goes on Warpath Against Illegal Drugs

by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear  
Pembroke—Stomp! Stomp! Stomp!  
Free the spirit!  
The drum calls.

In an effort to bring about illegal drug awareness and its effects on Indian people, the Lumbee Tribal Government, under the direction of a steering committee, has scheduled a November 18th public gathering in Pembroke Town Park. Planners say the Saturday afternoon event will bring together inter-generational participants, elected officials, law enforcement officials, educators, and religious representatives to address the issue of illegal drugs in Robeson County, particularly in Indian communities.

"The Lumbee Tribal Government is going on the warpath against illegal drugs among its people and all people in Indian territory," comments Tribal Councilman Garth Locklear. "To deliver our message, we are drawing on those most affected by the ills of illegal drugs - Indian families who have suffered in some way because of them."

The Rev. Jerry McNeill, Council Chaplain, says the tribal government is counting on Indian communities to lend support in helping to stomp out the illegal drug problem which is stifling the spirit of Indian people.

"I hope they will come together

and see that not only are law enforcement officials involved, but that churches are committed to working towards a drug-free environment for our Indian people... all people," he pleads.

Months in planning, the two-hour event will include personal "war cries" by families whose lives have been affected by illegal drugs. Lumbee Tribal Councilman Dalton Brooks will deliver a public address. According to tribal council member, Rhonda Locklear, the program will include "Warrior" addresses from local law enforcement officials and representatives, church and public school officials, and representatives of state agencies. The McNeill Quartet, a gospel song group, is scheduled to perform.

"In planning the project, we've made every effort to develop a program agenda which would reflect a wide age and employment range by those participating in the event," Mrs. Locklear comments.

"Illegal drugs affect people of all ages from all walks of life. They don't discriminate. Among our goals is to send a message to Indian people, youth in particular, that there are a lot of good things in life they can enjoy without the use of drugs," the 36-year old Indian mother adds.

According to Garth Locklear the

project's slogan, "Spirit Free" propels the importance of being drug-free. "We are spiritual people... have always been so," he says of the Lumbee people. "We realize that whenever our spirit is in bondage - captured by illegal drug substance, or any evil - then our spirit is no longer free."

The illegal drug "stomp-out" is free, and open to the general public. The Lumbee Tribal Government extends an invitation to the entire Robeson County community to attend the event in Pembroke Town Park on November 18, 1995. The two-hour program is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

"We are appealing to the entire Indian community, and all of Robeson County, to come join us at the gathering in a show of support of the tribal government's efforts to present a program which addresses a social issue which affects all people in our county," Rev. McNeill comments.

The program will end with a candlelight ceremony at 6 p.m. The group suggests that those planning to attend the outdoor event, bring a white candle for individual participation in the lighting ceremony; also a lawn chair for personal use.

For further information about the "Warpath Against Illegal Drugs" project, contact the Lumbee Tribal Office at: (910) 521-9999.

## Larry McNeill seeks re-election to town council



Larry McNeill has announced his bid for re-election to the Pembroke Town Council. In making his announcement, he released the following statement:

"I have been a member of the Town Council for the Town of Pembroke for nearly four years. I have stated before that it has been a learning experience for me. I can approach issues with better knowledge now and deal with them more effectively. I feel good about my accomplishments, although I have not accomplished everything that I would like to do due to circumstances beyond my control; but, if re-elected, I will put my best efforts into making the Town of Pembroke a better place to live for its citizens."

"The citizens of Pembroke can see that their town is growing both

economically and socially. There are many improvements needed and I will work diligently to see that those improvements are addressed and taken into serious consideration. Senior citizens are given high priority due to their fixed incomes and taxes and user fees will remain the same for all citizens if possible.

"Every citizen that approached me with a complaint, I took time to listen and research the complaint for a solution. Obviously, I was not able to solve every complaint, but I did the best I could to help everyone and I will continue to do my best."

"There are two or three issues that the Town officials will deal with now and in the coming months. One issue was on cruising, which creates a lot of noise and immobilization for citizens going to the grocery store, etc. and allows juveniles on the street late at night. If I am re-elected, I will work with other Town officials to address this issue and implement a plan that benefits all citizens of the Town of Pembroke."

"I am respectfully asking the Town of Pembroke Citizens for your vote and support for re-election for Town Council. I will serve your Town with pride and honor and attempt to operate your government and provide services in an efficient way."

"Thank you very much."

## Indian Cultural Center Receives Grant from BellSouth

BellSouth, the largest provider of telecommunications service in North Carolina and Robeson County, has awarded a grant of \$1,000 to the NC Indian Cultural Center in Pembroke. The money will be used toward the operating expense of the educational, cultural and recreation facility.

"We're excited about what is going on now and what is in the future for the Cultural Center," said Paul Chambers, BellSouth's Director of Corporate and External Affairs. "Since we have many employees and customers who are Native Americans, we are glad to help the center meet its financial goals."

"Through the continued support of institutions and companies such as BellSouth, the Cultural Center will soon be a reality," said Ernestine Chavis-Bulifant, Site Administrator at the Center. "We are grateful for their generous grant," she said.

BellSouth, formerly known as Southern Bell, provides local phone service to over half of the state's population. The grant is one of hundreds awarded this year out of the company's community contributions budget.

For more information contact: NC Indian Cultural Center, Ernestine Chavis-Bulifant, (910) 521-2433.

## Oxendines observe Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Milford Oxendine, Sr. of Pembroke, NC was honored on their Golden Anniversary by their son and daughter with a Buffet Dinner at Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pembroke, NC on Saturday, October 28, 1995. The honored couple was married on October 27, 1995 at the Marriage Chapel at Dillon, SC. The Oxendines have one son, Rev. Milford Oxendine, Jr. of Raleigh and one daughter, Freida Oxendine Bullard of Pembroke. They have four grandchildren and one great grandson.

## Indian Heritage Month Festival Set

Everyone is invited to attend the 5th Annual NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL to be held November 17-18, 1995 at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. Activities will start at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 6:00 p.m. Tribes from across the state will come to share Indian history and survival techniques. The festival will feature authentic American Indian arts & crafts and traditional foods. You are invited to sample some of the traditional foods that were an essential part of the Indian heritage. Special guests include: John "Blackfeather" Jeffries; Tom Squier, "King of the Roadkill"; and Jeremiah Trees, "Mountain Man".

For Indian people, Fall was historically the season for harvest and storing food for the winter. This included hunting, preparing food and inter-tribal celebrations.

Come and bring the entire family for food and a day of enjoyment. Admission is FREE. For more information call (910) 521-2433.



Shown left to right: James Thomas, Paul Chambers, and Ernestine Chavis-Bulifant