

# Happy Thanksgiving

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### Daughter of Pembroke, NC Residents Helps Launch Navy's Newest High-Tech Destroyer



Navy Seaman Gussie Jones is one of 340 men and women helping build the guided missile destroyer USS Benfold, which will be commissioned this January. Her parents, Joseph and Suzette Jones are residents of Pembroke, NC. (Photo by U.S. Navy Photographer David Schmidt)

Onboard USS Benfold--The term "plankowner" dates back to more than 100 years of shipbuilding, to the days when ships were wooden. According to tradition, members of the commissioning crew were presented one wooden plank of the ship, to be claimed after the ship was decommissioned and disassembled.

Although Gussie Jones' ship is not being built with wooden planks, once USS Benfold, and Aegis destroyer, is placed in commission this January, she will have the special right to claim the title of plankowner.

Jones, the daughter of Joseph and Suzette Jones of Pembroke, N.C., is helping build USS Benfold at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss. Named for Edward Benfold, a third class hospital corpsman who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for gallant service during the Korean War, USS Benfold will be the seventh Aegis guided missile destroyer, and the first to have women on its initial crew.

"Being a plankowner means a lot to me," said Jones, 18. "This is my chance to say to the world, look at me now. I'm part of something that really needs me. I will contribute whatever it takes to finish building Benfold."

experience. The Navy is also a way to see the world for free." Jones reported to Benfold in May, after completing boot camp.

"Boot camp was something I'll never forget because when I went, I was scared to death. When I got there I met a lot of people and my company commanders pushed me to believe in myself. The Navy has given me the chance to do whatever I want in life."

Jones said the Navy has built on the

foundation and values her mother provided her while growing up.

"My mother did a very good job of raising three kids alone and no matter what I give her, I can never repay her for what she did for me."

"The most important thing I've learned is responsibility. You can do whatever you want in life. You just have to believe in yourself - you are your own leader."

### Local students awarded AISES sponsorship

Detroit, MI--Local area students Jody R. Cummings, Lumbec-Cheraw of Pembroke, NC and Tracy E. Bullard, Lumbec-Cheraw of Rowland, NC both attending Duke University, were awarded a sponsorship by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) to attend the 17th Annual AISES National Conference. Selection by the AISES national office and by student's college AISES chapter was based upon education, leadership and commitment to strengthening Indian communities.

common good. As the nation's largest gathering of American Indian scientists, engineers, professionals and students, the Conference drew attendees from hundreds of U.S. and Canadian tribes.

### Tribal Council Update

by Rhonda Locklear  
The Lumbee Tribal Council held their meeting on Monday, November 6, 1995 at the Indian Education Resource Center. The public is invited to attend these meetings. The following items were taken care of at this meeting:

Moore, and District 5 - Mike Dial. Swearing in of these officers will be November 18 at 9 a.m. in front of Old Main. In case of bad weather, the ceremony will be held at the Indian Education Resource Center. This ceremony will also include the swearing in of Council members for the new year.



Johnny Hunt, Chairman of Robeson County Board of Commissioners, presents 11,000 litter bags and 11,000 flyers to Sheriff Glenn Maynor to be used by 250 law enforcement officers to encourage 105,000 Robesonians to stop littering. Sheriff Maynor represents the Robeson County Law Enforcement Executive Officers Association, composed of practically all law enforcement agencies and all police departments in the County.

Any law enforcement agency that would like to help use these litter bags and flyers to ask citizens to stop littering, may call Major Jesse Britt at the Sheriff's Department.



### Robeson County Career Center at Hilly Branch

Once again the Robeson County Career Center Carpentry class is constructing a 1300 square foot, 3 bedroom house on the campus. The Carpentry class is taught by Mr. Douglas Campbell. Other classes involved in the house construction are Masonry, Electrical Trades, Electronics, Plumbing, and Home Interiors.

The building of a house each year trains eleventh and twelfth grade students from the six Public Schools of Robeson County in the building trades. The house will be sold at public auction in May 1996.

### Harvest Festival King and Queen at Parkton School



Parkton School officially crowned its Harvest Festival King and Queen during its awards program on November 7, 1995. Their reign will last until next fall.

The Queen, Shalona Wilkens, is a kindergarten student. She is the daughter of Shellena Wilkins of Shannon, N.C. The King, Gary Shane Thacker, is also a kindergarten student. He is the son of Gary and Susan Thacker of Parkton, N.C. The teachers of both students are Elizabeth Allen and Catherine Glenn.

### Pembroke Centennial Christmas Parade

The Town of Pembroke is preparing for the 21st Annual Twilight Centennial Christmas Parade to be held on Thursday, December 7, 1995. The Parade line-up time will be at 3:00 pm and parade starting time is 4:00 pm. All entries will assemble at the Pembroke Elementary School and the Parade will precede West on Main Street, and disassemble at the PSU, Performing Arts Center.

This year's parade will be featuring fire trucks, ROTC marching units, bands, clowns, queens, kings, antique cars, the town centennial float, and of course the main attraction - "Santa Claus". Please keep in mind only one Santa is allowed in the parade. No horses or four wheelers will be allowed in parade due to liability, and the danger they could cause to the citizens.

### National AIDS day vigil planned

Invitation  
Candlelight Vigil  
Friday, December 1, 1995  
5:45 p.m.  
Pembroke Park  
In recognition of National AIDS Day

1995 Theme: Shared Rights and Shared Responsibilities  
AIDS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION  
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