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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Hammond American Patrol to

comes first Native Sgt. with Highway in Robeson County



Randy Hammonds has returned to his native Robeson County as a First Sergeant with the North Carolina Highway Patrol. He has been with the Highway Patrol for seventeen years. Prior to returning to Robeson, First Sgt. Hammonds has come up through the ranks of the Department. He spent five years in Kernersville in Dublin County. He served for four years as an instructor with the Training Academy of the Highway Patrol in Raleigh. The official title was School Assistant Commandant, which meant that he was second in command of the training of new recruits. An additional eight years was spent in Jacksonville, before being promoted to First Sergeant in March, 1996.

Sgt. Hammonds is proud of his record with the Highway Patrol. He recalls being promoted after nine years with the Department and attributes his success to hard work and the ethics and values taught to him as a child in Robeson County.

The son of the late Telford Hammonds and Mrs. Willie Mae Hunt of the Reedy Branch Community, Hammonds recalls the training he received from his mother. "My mother was firm, stern and a disciplinarian. She taught me early in life that there are direct consequences for decisions

we make. Her advice and teaching has been invaluable to me. If we make good decisions, we can expect good consequences. If we do otherwise, surely we can only expect negative consequences."

Hammonds is also the grandson of Lacy Hammonds and the late Cora Lee Hammonds.

He attended elementary school at Green Grove Elementary and attended high school three high schools, Fairgrove, Fairmont and Orrum where he graduated in 1975. He received a bachelor's degree from Pembroke State University in 1979.

With his promotion, Hammonds became the first Native American to serve as First Sergeant in Robeson County. He views this distinction as unimportant to the performance of his duties with the Highway Patrol. As the new First Sergeant, Hammonds is Chief Administrator over Robeson County with 24 patrolmen assigned to Robeson County. He takes his duties and responsibilities seriously. "We are required to provide 24 hour service to his county, seven days a week. I am charged with providing this service and overseeing the welfare of the troopers as well as the safety and welfare of the citizens. It is an awesome

responsibility, but one that I am trained to handle," he stated. "I am confident that I can handle it well."

On a more personal note, Hammonds spoke to the need for positive role models for young people. And expressed the hope that other Lumbee youth might view his career choice and advancement as an indication that they too can achieve. "I find it hard to believe that one parent families are responsible for all the things that go wrong in a young person's life. My mother raised me and my two brothers alone. She did a fantastic job. And I am a product of a strict upbringing. I learned early and can attest to the fact that hard work will not hurt you. As a matter of fact, a good work ethic is another lesson I learned early and it has resulted in advancement for me in my chosen career. I believe, as my mother taught me, that everything is a direct consequence of decisions that we make. We can choose to do right and enjoy the consequences, or we can make the wrong decisions and suffer for it."

Much of Hammonds' statements are based on his own personal spiritual beliefs. He expresses strong religious convictions and feels that his life is an example of Biblical principles in practice. "My mother stated it one way, the Bible states it in other terminology: 'Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.' I hope that I can encourage young people to make right decisions that will result in them becoming positive, contributing members of society."

Hammonds is married to the former Letress Jacobs, the daughter of the late Lofton Jacobs and Mrs. Leta Jacobs of the Buckhead Community in Columbus County. They have two children, Travis, 7 and Chad, 4. While Hammonds is already on duty in Robeson County, the family will relocate here with him when school is closed. Mrs. Hammonds is certified in Early Childhood Education, K-3, and serves as Media Specialist Assistant. The decision on where they will live, has not been finalized. "Any place in Robeson County," Hammonds said, "is home to me."



Pembroke Middle's Parent Night-a Successful Event

Parental Involvement, Child-Nurturing and an Involved Community equals Success and also spells P I C N I C. Parents and students enjoyed an evening together with hands-on activities and a picnic bag. The activities included making dream-catchers, line dancing, computer skills, volleyball competitions, newspaper activities and calculator activities. Also included in this special evening was an art and music show. At the conclusion of the activities, parents and students enjoyed a picnic bag filled with ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies, fruit and fruit juice. Both parents and students look forward to another special evening.

Parents and students are shown working on a Science Experiment Parents Night, April 2nd.

WEST ROBESON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THEIR ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WORSHIP SERVICE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE GROUND BLESSING CEREMONY (SPOTTED TURTLE) TRIBAL DANCE (RED HAWK) NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTIST (TONY LITTLE TURTLE) NATIVE AMERICAN STORYTELLER (BARBARA BRAVEBOY-LOCKLEAR) "WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT"

APRIL 21, 1996 10:00 A.M.

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Pembroke Middle Boosters plan golf tournament

Riverside Country Club will also be the site of a two-man golf tournament sponsored by the Pembroke Middle School Athletic Booster Club on April 27.

The format will be nine holes best ball and nine holes super ball. Entry fee is \$40 (tax deductible) per player. Fee includes greens fee, cart, lunch and beverages. First place is \$500; second \$200; third is \$100. For more information, contact Riverside Country Club at 521-8433. Entry deadline is April 24.

Riverside Academy plans golf tournament

Riverside Academy, a private school located on Highway 74 is sponsoring a superball golf tournament at Riverside Country Club near Pembroke on May 11 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$40 per player and the deadline to enter is May 3. The entry fee includes one red tee per team, a pig pickin' and beverages. Prizes will go to the first and second place teams and on all par three holes.

Players can sign up individually and must include one's handicap. All players should be ready to go by 8:30 a.m. to be assigned a team. Contact Rev. Jerry McNeill at 521-4833 or 521-3229 for more details, or you can call the golf course at 521-8433.

Oxendines of Rowland featured in farm publication

Roger Oxendine of Rowland was featured in a recent issue of *Rainbow Report*, a fertility and crop management publication.

Oxendine and his three brothers, Larry, Rex and Ricky, and his father Zeb oversee an 8,325-acre operation. Their crop inventory includes 5,500 acres of soybeans, 3,000 acres of wheat, 1,500 acres of corn, 900 acres of cotton and 425 acres of tobacco. In addition, the Oxendines operate a local company and finish 3,500 head of hogs per year.

The Oxendines were selected for the publication on their innovative management, incorporation of new technology and use of RAINBOW brand of fertilizer.

Rainbow Report is published by IMC Rainbow, which produces RAINBOW SUPER RAINBOW and INTERNATIONAL brands of fertilizer. Rainbow products are distributed to dealers and growers in 10 states across the South.

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Little-known 'vitamin' makes love grand

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Dr. Bell attends Workshop

Dr. Joseph Bell, Lumbee from Pembroke, participated in the Association of American Indian Physicians Pre-Admission Workshop March 15-17 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The workshop, held at the University of Minnesota's School of Medicine, was for Indian college students interested in attending medical school. Twenty-five Indian students from Alaska to North Carolina attended. Tracy Bullard, Lumbee student at Duke University, was one of the attendees.

UNC Board of Governors Support PSU name change

PEMBROKE-The University of North Carolina Board of Governors today supported a recommendation to rename Pembroke State University as the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine said "All of us at Pembroke State University are thrilled with the action of the Board of Governors to support our request. We are hopeful and expectant that the North Carolina Legislature will support this petition which clearly reflects the aspiration of all constituents who have a stake in this University."

The request for the change is expected to be presented to the State Legislature next month.

Benefit gospel sing planned

A benefit singing for Bro. Jerry Betha will be held Saturday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at Prospect School in the gym. The sing will feature the Pierce Family, the Tylers, and the Blood Bought Quartet. Refreshments will be sold. The sing is being sponsored by Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

NAACP to hold 2nd Freedom Fund Banquet

On Friday, May 10, the Unified Robeson County NAACP will hold their 2nd Annual Freedom Fund banquet. The speaker will be the rev. Clifford A. Jones, S. R. President of the General Baptist State Convention.

"We are pleased and honored to be able to secure a person of Dr. Jones' calibre for our speaker," said Ms. Kimberly D. McLean, Chair of the Freedom Fund Committee. "He is a dynamic speaker and will be truly wonderful to all who hear him."

The banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn on I-95 in Lumberton. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. "As many are learning, freedom is not free!" Rev. Franklin Bowden, president of the branch, commented. "Each year the cost of running an effective branch increases. This is one of the ways that we ensure that we have the necessary funding to function well." Tickets are \$30.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 739-7329. For advertisements and patron information, call 865-8499.

NAACP to hold public forum on Public Schools

The Unified Robeson County NAACP will hold a public forum on the Public Schools of Robeson County on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The forum will be held at the African American Cultural Center on the corner of 3rd and Water Street in Lumberton.

The purpose of the forum is to give all concerned citizens the opportunity to express any and all of their concerns about the Public Schools of Robeson County. "Teachers, teacher assistants, custodians, parents, students, and anyone who is genuinely concerned should attend and participate," said Rev. Franklin Bowden, President of the Unified Robeson County NAACP.

For further information, please call the branch at 865-1033.



Shown left to right are: Zeb Oxendine, and his sons, Rex, Ricky and Roger Oxendine. The Oxendines rely on a dedicated work ethic to achieve consistent tobacco production.

Local students at Public Schools attend AISES Fair

The 9th Annual American Indian Science and Engineering Fair was held in Bismarck, N.D., March 21-23, 1996. Representing the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) of the Public Schools of Robeson County was Rowland Middle School seventh grader, Eric Mitchell; Pembroke Middle School eighth grader, Stephanie Amber Chavis; Lumberton Junior High School freshman, Jessica Locklear; St. Pauls High School sophomore, Donna Blanks; and Red Springs High School Junior, Adrian Chavis.

Over 700 students in grades 3-12 represented American Indian communities from Alaska, Arizona, California, Canada, Colorado, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, during this three day event.

The National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair provides a learning experience which promotes academic and cultural enrichment for the student participants. The Fair provides students the chance to meet other American Indian students from diverse areas, learn about each others projects, and speak with professional role models during the project judging. AISES and Science Service Inc. will sponsor 20 grand prize winners to the International Science and Engineering Fair, May 5-12, 1996 in Tucson Arizona.

Many tribes, federal agencies, corporations, foundations, and universities and schools supported this educational opportunity by funding Fair activities and presenting awards. Nearly 150 scientists, mathematicians, engineers and university students from all over

North America attended the Fair to judge the students' project. AISES is a private, non-profit organization which nurtures building of community by bridging science and technology with traditional Native values. The fair is one of AISES' educational initiatives which support the advancement of American Indians students in mathematics, science and engineering.

The AISES chapter of the Public Schools of Robeson County is proud to say that our five representatives represented as well. Donna Blanks was one of the three finalists for a spot to compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair. In the area of Physics, grades 9-10 Jessica Locklear won first place. A special prize of "Best of the Show" in the area of Physics was also presented to Jessica Locklear who won first place by the

U.S. Army. In addition, Jessica Locklear was selected for sponsorship to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), May 5-12, in Tucson, Arizona.

There was also a math competition in which Stephanie Amber Chavis and Eric Mitchell won third place in grades 7-8; also in the math competition, Adrian Chavis won first place in grades 11-12.

The 1997 National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair will be hosted in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 3-5, 1997.

For more information about AISES contact AISES PreCollege Department at (303)939-0023 or Kevin Locklear at the Indian Education Center, at (910) 521-1881.