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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



Ronnie Hunt, General Manager of LREMC, left, is shown presenting a \$750,000 check to Henry Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of Parker Manufacturing, Congressman Mike McIntyre is shown to the right.



LREMC Board Members Roger Oxendine (vice president of the board) and Madie Rae Locklear (secretary of the board) are shown above with Congressman Mike McIntyre at the recent check presentation ceremony at LREMC.

Parker Manufacturing Receives \$750,000 Economic Development Loan

Red Springs - Congressman Mike McIntyre had the pleasure of presenting a check for \$750,000 to Parker Manufacturing at special ceremonies held at Lumbec River EMC corporate headquarters in Red Springs on February 23. The check presentation was a highlight of the co-op's annual Legislative/Media Day.

The zero-interest, passthrough loan is the result of a Lumbec River EMC loan application presented to The U.S. Agriculture Department's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) on behalf of Parker Manufacturing and the citizens of Robeson and surrounding counties. The loan, the largest of its kind granted this year, will provide some initial

funding for the Lumberton-based company to construct a state of the art manufacturing facility to build manufactured homes (Mobile Homes). The proposed 145,000 square foot facility is currently under construction on Deep Branch Road near Pembroke.

Randall Jones, Director of Commercial & Industrial Retention for the co-op, is excited about the jobs the project will bring to Robeson County. "We lost more than 1,100 jobs in the county last year and this project, which is expected to generate 250 jobs, will help quite a bit. We're glad that Lumbec River EMC could be part of this exciting economic boom to Robeson and surrounding counties."

Native Artists And Cultural Workers Workshops To Be Held

Greensboro -- Atlatl Inc., the Guilford Native American Association and the United Tribes of NC announces Native Artists and Cultural Workers Workshop Series 1998, to be held March 11, 1998 one day prior to the 23rd Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville, North Carolina. This will be a gathering of artists, cultural workers, curators, and other people interested or engaged in the field of Native American arts.

The focus of the workshops includes topics such as Marketing Indian Arts, Grant Writing and Fundraising for Native Cultural Programs, and A Dialogue for Artists and Cultural Workers, which is part of a larger national discussion of how Native American Artists and Cultural Work-

ers can work together to bring Native Arts into the 21st Century on their own terms.

One of the highlights of this year's workshop is Building Relationships for Success: A Framework for Marketing Indian Arts, which is an outline of the seven principles of marketing Indian arts. This interactive session on developing marketing strategies for personal or professional success.

Carla Roberts, Executive Director of Atlatl and Patsy Phillips Program Coordinator for Atlatl, are nationally known as workshop facilitators and technical assistance providers for groups of Native Artists and Cultural Workers.

For more information and reservations, please call Patsy Phillips, at Atlatl Inc., by March 3, 1998.

Announces the Second Annual Native American Quilt Show and Contest

Bolton, NC - The United Tribes of North Carolina is proud to announce that the 2nd Annual Quilt Show and Contest will be held during the 23rd Annual NC Indian Unity Conference at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux Hotel in Fayetteville, NC March 12-14, 1998. Some of NC's most talented Native American quilt makers compete for the Best of Show in this premiere competition. All entries will be on display Thursday March 12, 1998 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and on Friday March 13, 1998 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Quilts will be judged in three categories: 1) Pieced and Stitched, 2)

Printed and Stitched, and 3) Quilts 20 Years or older. All entries must be delivered to Ms. Brenda Moore or Carol Brewington by 9:00 a.m. on March 12, 1998 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. You can also call Ms. Moore at (910) 655-4689 to make other arrangements.

Interested individuals should contact Ms. Brenda Moore at the Waccamaw Tribal Office for Quilt Show and Contest Rules. Top honors will be presented for "Best of Show." Awards will also go to three first Place Winners, and three Honorable Mentions.

Indian Unity Conference to be in Fayetteville Mar. 12-14

The United Tribes of North Carolina has announced that the 1998 North Carolina Indian Unity Conference will be held in Fayetteville, North Carolina, March 12th - 14th, 1998.

The site of this year's event will be the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The 1998 Unity Conference theme will be "Sovereignty and Self-Determination, Claiming Our Inherent Rights - NOW". It will feature seminars and general assemblies on Indian Education, Economic Development Strategies for Indian Communities, Cultural and Health Care issues affecting Indian communities in N.C.

Congressional leaders and state elected officials have been invited to attend. Governor Jim Hunt has been invited to speak at one of the General Sessions. County and City leaders in Indian communities are expected to participate.

The conference will also feature an Awards and Scholarship Banquet at which outstanding Indian leaders statewide will be recognized in education, business and special community service.

Scholarships will be presented to several outstanding Indian youth to help with college expenses.

Another major highlight of the conference will be an exposition of American Indian talent, focusing on traditional Indian art forms. Also

planned is a Statewide Miss Indian North Carolina Pageant.

The event will feature a Pow-Wow and will make available to the public through Indian traders authentic American Indian crafts for sale.

The registration fee to attend the conference is \$80.00. Banquet tickets will be on sale to the public (for those who will be attending the banquet only) for \$40.00 per person. Separate breakfast tickets are \$30.00 per person. No additional tickets will be sold after 12:00 p.m. Friday March 13, 1998.

Separate adult and youth dances will be held after the banquet Friday night. Additional tickets can be purchased at the door. Adult Dance Tickets--\$10.00. Youth Dance Tickets--\$8.00.

The 1998 North Carolina Indian Unity Conference is opened to the public but attendees must register to attend the seminars and general assemblies. The \$80.00 registration fee for the conference includes the cost for the banquet, Saturday morning breakfast and dance. Senior citizens and youth will be charged \$55.00 for registration.

For more information about the conference, contact the nearest local Tribal Office or Urban Indian Center. To avoid paying late registration fees, register by the deadline which is February 27, 1998.

Collection In Cyberspace

Pembroke -- The Native American Resource Center at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke has a new address -- <http://www.uncp.edu/nativemuseum>.

Some of the museum's collection of Indian artifacts and history hangs in the comprehensive, multimedia website. Created with the help of a North Carolina Humanities Council grant, the Internet site contains photographs of exhibits, history and audio recordings of local native American music and Lumbec Tribal elders.

Museum Director Dr. Stanley Knick said the Internet project is another avenue to realize the museum's mission.

"We're in the information business, and this is another way of getting information out about Native American history and culture," Dr. Knick said. "It appears to be having an effect already. We've had some responses from people near and far either asking questions about the museum or commenting on their visit."

The Internet site is organized to simulate a walking tour of the museum, said Dr. Oscar Patterson, director of UNCP telecommunications and supervisor of construction for the site.

"If you went through the museum right now, this is what you'd see," Dr.

Patterson said. "We attempted to be as faithful as the medium allows to the physical plan of the museum."

While a cyberspace museum has some limitations, it has many advantages besides worldwide accessibility.

"We plan to update the site frequently and expand it in several directions," Dr. Knick said. "There are some costs associated with its creation, but now it is part of what we do every day."

The museum's quarterly newsletter, traveling exhibits, scholarly articles and videos are all possibilities for the future. Internet "chat rooms" with lectures and discussions and live video are also possibilities for the museum.

"My hope is that we can have art exhibits like next month's 'Keeping the Circle' hang in our site," Dr. Knick said.

The Native American Resource Center is one of the distinctive features of UNC Pembroke, and the new Internet exhibit highlights its collections.

"It is something that not every university has, and the museum links the University to its," Dr. Knick said. "I think this a real good opportunity for us to show the world what we have to offer."

UNCP Kicks Off Foundation's 30th Anniversary Celebration

Pembroke -- The UNCP Foundation, Inc. kicked off an 18-month celebration of its 30th anniversary on Thursday, Feb. 19. The Foundation is dedicated to development of The UNC-Pembroke through the raising of money in the private sector.

Co-chair of the celebration, Ms. Brigitte Cummings unveiled the theme, "Proud Traditions, New Direction" to a gathering of about 60 that included many past and present Foundation board members.

"I am eminently proud to be an alumna of this University," Ms. Cummings said. "This University made my career in business possible."

Co-chair U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre challenged the group to dedicate themselves to three principles: "commitment, contribution and conviction."

"In my first speech on the floor of the House of Representatives, I said then what I will say again: 'Education is the best investment we can make in our future. We can indeed move forward to make this University a great institution.'"

Foundation Chair Ms. Dencie Page of Lumberton introduced former and current Foundation members including: Ms. Jean Hodges of Raeford, Mr. Jesse Oxendine of Charlotte, Mr. Jack High of Charlotte (formerly of Whiteville), Mr. Dan Strickland of Columbus County, Mr. Larry Chavis of Pembroke, State Rep. Ron Sutton of Pembroke, Mr. Thomas Jones of Whiteville, Ms. Linda Lee Allen of Fayetteville, Dr. Jose D'Aruda of Fayetteville, Mr. J.D. Longfellow of Moore County, Mr. J. A. Sharpe Jr. of Lumberton, Mr. Joseph Sandlin of Lumberton, Mr. H.D. Reeves of Fayetteville and Ms. Billie Britt of Lumberton.

UNCP Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine said, "It's going to be a great year and a half."

The Foundation provides this University with the extra margin of character and personality that provides us with recognition as a distinguished institution," Chancellor Oxendine said. "This is a milestone day, and it is appropriate that we are meeting in Old Main on the 75th anniversary of this building."

"We appreciate and need our Foundation to solicit and manage the private money that gives our University distinction," he said.

Ms. Page said the Foundation is the foundation of the University.

"The work of the Foundation goes largely unnoticed by the faculty and students, and that is as should be," Ms. Page said. "But we are working hard to meet our goals, as the recently established Martha Beech Endowed Chair in Art demonstrates."

History of the Foundation
On March 22, 1968, the Board of Trustees of then-Pembroke State College authorized the creation of a foundation, a non-profit corporation dedicated to the development of the school. On May 7, the University filed articles of incorporation with North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure.

In its 30 years, the Foundation has steadily grown into its mission to assist in developing and increasing the facilities and programs of the university in order to broaden educational opportunities for and services to its students and alumni and to the citizens of the State of North Carolina, by encouraging financial support from private donors.

"The University realized that, no matter how generous the North Carolina General Assembly is to its institutions of higher education, raising money privately is the key to providing the excellence that gives a university a competitive advantage," said

Prayer Breakfast to be held March 7

Pembroke First Baptist, Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness and Berea Baptist Churches are sponsoring a prayer breakfast on Saturday, March 7 at 7 a.m. at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke. The purpose of the breakfast is to pray for their goal of "Reviving a Community Together."

LREMC Sponsors Insurance Program

Lumbec River Electric Membership Corp. is sponsoring a seniors Health Insurance Information Program Thursday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The program will be held in the auditorium at the LREMC's Red Springs office and will be conducted by Stefanie Wicks, a specialist trained by the NC Department of Insurance to help retired persons with their health insurance problems. The public is invited. No registration is required. For additional information contact Linda B. Locklear, Member Service Rep. 843-4131 Ext. 251.

Revival to be held at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Coolidge M. Cummings invites the public to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for their spring Revival with Evangelist Rev. Roger Adkins, beginning Sunday, March 1-6, 1998. Services will begin at 7:00



Harris Promoted to Assistant Nurse Manager

Maria Harris, a Robeson County native, has been promoted to an assistant nurse manager of a 42-bed medical unit of Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

Harris has worked for the hospital for five years as a registered nurse. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from East Carolina University in 1991. She is a graduate of West Robeson High School.

She is the daughter of Bentley and Annie Harris of Maxton.



At the UNCP Foundation 30th annual celebration kick-off last week were from left: Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine, Foundation Chair Ms. Dencie Page and celebration co-chairs Ms. Brigitte Cummings and U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre.

Photo By: Bobby Ayers

created the Office of Development and hired Mr. Walter G. Oxendine to direct the Foundation as well as many other duties. The Foundation also received its first contribution of \$2,000 from the McNair family business of Laurinburg.

A fund raising campaign entitled "4 by 84" was launched with the goal of raising \$4 million over 10 years. "The Future Is Now" was the rally cry of the Foundation. Other campaigns followed in subsequent years.

Fast-forwarding to the present and the 1996-97 year, the UNCP Foundation, Inc. achieved a record level of support of \$550,000.

"We've come a long way, and this is something for the University and the community to celebrate," Dr. Precourt said.

On Saturday, March 20, a joint dinner will be held with the Chancellor's Club and the Foundation.

The next event in the celebration is planned for Saturday, April 25 and entitled "Explore! Land, Water and People in Southeastern North Carolina."

This event is open to the public and will be led by three distinguished faculty members: Dr. Tom Ross, professor of geography, will conduct a tour and discussion of Carolina Bays. Dr. Andy Ash, professor of biology, will tour the Lumbec River State Park and Dr. Stan Knick, director of the Native American Resources Center, will give a hands-on workshop on archaeology in the land of the Lumbec.

Registration for the tours are \$20 per person. Early registration (by April 17) is \$15. For information and reservations call (910) 521-6252.

Additional events in the 30th anniversary celebration of the Foundation will be announced in the future.