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Ground Breaking Ceremony Held For New Pembroke Library

Pembroke -- A large group of library supporters looked on as ground was broken Monday morning for the new 4,000-square-foot Pembroke public library. The library will cost approximately \$280,000, which was raised from a variety of local, state and federal sources.

"This is a memorable day and one we have waited a long time for," said Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt, who said library patrons will not have much longer to wait. "In September, we can look forward to coming back to open the library."

The new library, on a half-acre lot at Ruth and Blaine streets across from Pembroke Elementary School, will replace a storefront library which became the town's first public library in 1991 when Pate's Supply provided the building rent free. It quickly became the county's second busiest library.

A Pembroke public library has been planned since 1982 and is the result of the efforts of many individuals and groups, both public and private.

"We realize that education is one of the keys to the future of Robeson County," said County Commission Chairman Johnny Hunt, who along with Commissioners Noah Woods and Raymond Cummings helped secure county funds for the county. "This is a fine example of collaboration and partnership."

Russell Livermore, Jr., president of Pate's Supply and chair of the Board

of Trustees of the Robeson County Public Library, said the library is an inspiration.

"I had no idea when we loaned the building for the library that it would be so successful," Livermore said. "We're going to miss the library. The children they bring in are an inspiration to us."

Bruce Barton, co-founder of the *Carolina Indian Voice* and a long-time library supporter, talked about the early joys and disappointments.

"I just planted a seed, and this is a seed that came to fruition," Barton said. "It was supposed to turn out differently, but it turned out here, and it's good."

Barton thanked Pate's Supply and Ruth McCormick for their role in supporting early attempts to put a public library in the train depot, which tragically burned in 1987. Following the fire, plans were made to find a temporary location while money was raised for a new building.

The library is designed to resemble the University of North Carolina at Pembroke's Old Main, a powerful symbol of education in the community. The University aided local library supporters with planning and fund raising.

"This is a great deal for the Town of Pembroke, the Public Schools of Robeson county, the business community and the University," Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine said. "Each of

these constituencies has contributed to the library, and each will benefit."

"We're going to be a better university as a result of the opening of this library," Dr. Oxendine said. "We will all be better as a result of nurturing an enlightened citizenry."

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Dr. Oxendine thanked Dr. Waltz, Mayor and his daughter Cherry Beasley, who led early planning and fund raising efforts. Also in attendance was Joe Sandlin, who headed fund raising in the business community, and Mary Dial-Capel, daughter of the late Dr. Adolph Dial who sold the land for the library for a greatly reduced price from its market value.

Contributors to the project are: Robeson County Board of Commissioners -- \$65,000; Town of Pembroke -- \$32,000 and the land; North Carolina General Assembly -- \$10,000; The State Department of Cultural Resources -- \$4,800; A federal library construction grant -- \$142,125; First Union National Bank -- \$10,000; Lumbec Guaranty Bank -- \$6,000, and from Anonymous donor -- \$5,000.

The library will contain 7,500 books compared with 2,000 in the storefront location. There will be rooms for community meeting in a separate wing of the library. Mattie Locklear is the branch librarian.



Participants in the ceremony were, from left: UNCP Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine, county Commissioner Johnny Hunt, UNCP Lecturer Joseph Sandlin, Pembroke Councilmen Allen Dial, Larry McNeill, Larry Brooks and Gred Cummings, Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt, R. H. Livermore III, chairman of the library's board of trustees, Pembroke Town Manager McDuffie Cummings and librarian Mattie Locklear.

McIntyre Earns U.S. Chamber Endorsement

Lumberton, NC -- Congressman Mike McIntyre has been endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In making the announcement, U.S. Chamber President Tom Donohue stated in a letter to McIntyre, "Your consistent and continued support of pro-business issues earned their endorsement."

McIntyre, a recent recipient of the Chamber's "Spirit of Enterprise" Award, is one of only ten Democrats in the U.S. House to have earned this early endorsement by the Chamber.

Prior to his election to Congress in 1996, McIntyre had served five consecutive terms as legislative chairman of the Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce and had been elected to its board of directors and its executive committee.

Religious Poetry Sought

A \$1000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totaling over \$2000.00.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's famous Contest Director. "We're especially keen on inspiring beginning poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. North Carolina has produced great poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from among the Pembroke-area grassroots poets."

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., Suite 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is April 21. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires. Winners will be notified by the end of August 1998, and will be invited for free publication. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

Reading For Success

The Robeson County Church and Community Center offers (at no charge) a three session workshop to train volunteer tutors. It will be held on Mar 31, April 3, and 7, 1998 from 6:00-9:00 P.M. These certified tutors are prepared to tutor school children in reading at the County elementary schools. These workshops will be held at the facilities of Etc., Etc. on Main Street in Red Springs. For more information and/or to register for the workshop, call Polly or Dan Cunningham, (Trainers) at 521-4230. The Robeson County Church and Community Center at 738-5204, or the Etc., Etc. office at 843-2204.

Governor Presents Distinguished Women Awards To Eight

Raleigh -- Governor James B. Hunt Jr. presented the 15th annual Distinguished Women of North Carolina Awards to eight women during ceremonies on Thursday, March 12. The event, sponsored by the N.C. Council for Women, drew an audience of more than 600.

Recipients of the awards are Marijo Moore of Chandler, the arts; Dorothy B. Austell of Raleigh, business; Suzanne Reynolds of Winston-Salem, education; Barbara D. Matula of Raleigh, government; Nora Lynn Finch of Raleigh, physical fitness/recreation; Carolyn Ruth Black Ferree of Winston-Salem, professions; and Laura Tibbie Roberts of Morhead City, volunteerism. A special award for public service was given to Patricia Shore Clark of Winston-Salem, whom the Selection Committee felt has made significant contributions in several categories.

"I am proud to honor some of North Carolina's most outstanding women," Governor Hunt said. "They are women from all walks of life who have touched the lives of others. Their leadership has made a tremendous impact on our state. They are role models and I thank them for everything they've done for our state and for setting a fine example for generations of North Carolinians."

The governor emphasized his Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CHIP is a plan that will provide health care to 71,000 of North Carolina's uninsured children -- getting \$1 worth of health care for children at a state cost of 26 cents. It would provide basic medical care and targets working families who cannot afford insurance for their children. The General Assembly will consider CHIP during a special session called by the governor to convene March 24.

Deadline for Registering

The Robeson County Board of Elections (BOE) wishes to remind all county residents that the deadline to register for upcoming May primary is just around the corner. All persons interested in registering to vote must complete a voter registration application. Applications can be obtained from the BOE office. The completed application must be turned over to the BOE office on or before April 10, 1998. For more information call 671-3080.

Loans Available

Education loans for North Carolina residents attending colleges in or out of state and for nonresidents attending colleges in North Carolina are available through College Foundation Inc. (CFI). CFI is the loan originator and servicer for North Carolina's Federal Family Education Loan Program; the program is funded by North Carolina banks and other investors.

Federal Stafford Loans (both subsidized and unsubsidized) are made to dependent or independent students in either undergraduate or graduate/professional studies. Federal PLUS Loans are made to parents of dependent undergraduate students.

For more information, write College Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 12100, Raleigh, NC 27605-2100, or call 919/821-4771 or toll-free, 888/CFI-6400, or check the Web site at <http://www.cfi-nc.org>.

Bell receives Grant to Study Lumbee Health Issues

Dr. Ronny Bell, a Lumbee and native of Pembroke, received a \$6900 grant from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine to study health issues among Lumbees in Robeson County. Dr. Bell will do a telephone survey of 500 Lumbee adults which will gather information about health conditions such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, and life-style behaviors such as diet, tobacco use, and exercise. Bell said, "This project is an important one for me because of my interest in the health of Lumbee people. This will be the beginning of answering many questions that me and other people have about the health of Lumbees."

Members of the tribe will be randomly selected to participate in the study. Once someone has been identified as being eligible to be in the study, they will receive a telephone call from a local interviewer who will conduct the 20-minute interview over the telephone. "I know that many people don't like to respond to telephone surveys, but it is very important for the success of this project for as many people as possible to give a few minutes of their

time," said Bell. This study will also address the issue of whether doing a telephone survey of health issues is appropriate for Lumbee people. Bell also said that he hopes to expand on this research. He has submitted a grant to the National Institutes of Health to do a similar study looking at other tribes in the state.

"I'm excited about this project, and hope that others will benefit from this work. I look forward to the opportunity to continue the work in the community," Bell said.

Dr. Bell is a research assistant professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Bell's ongoing research includes the Rural Nutrition and Health study, looking at nutritional management strategies among elders in Robeson County, and the Robeson Outreach, Screening, and Education Study, addressing barriers to breast cancer screening among patients of the Robeson Health Care Corporation. Dr. Bell lives in Greensboro with his wife, Natalie, and three sons, Stephen, Benjamin, and Jonathan.

Now Accepting Applications for Junior and Little Miss Lumbee Pageant

The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA), sponsors of Lumbee Homecoming and the Junior/Little Miss Lumbee pageant, will be accepting contestant applications starting April 1, 1998. Junior/Little Miss Lumbee acts as a role model for Lumbee Youth, and will participate in Tribal activities. Applicants must be enrolled, female, tribal members between 11 and 14 years old for Junior Miss and 5 to 7 years for Little Miss. (Little Miss Lumbee contestants will need to be 5 not later than October 15, 1997). If you meet the criteria and are interested in competing as a contestant please contact Hazel Perez or Darlene Locklear for an application at the Head Start Office in Pembroke. The Deadline is April 15, 1998. In the event more applications are received than allocated slots available, a screening process will be initiated.

Notice: An entry fee of \$100.00 is required of all final contestants.

Youth Rally Held At Prospect

Surrounded by a world of violence, drugs, abuse, and peer pressure, many teenagers looked forward to have an opportunity to forget these obstacles as they attended the third annual youth rally at Prospect United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM on March 2.

Wade Hunt welcomed the group and Harold Jacobs, music director, led the Prospect United Methodist youth choir in singing songs. Mrs. Deb Lowry, a teacher at Purnell Sweet High School read scriptures, while other Purnell Sweet High students participated by speaking out about their personal testimonies. Junior Miss Lumbee, Charley Lowry, performed singing "When Ten Thousand Angels Cry". Ram students also performed a song entitled, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee".

Brad Locklear then introduced guest speaker, Mike Cummings, Director of Mission Baptist Churches. His scripture message came from Romans 1:16, encouraging young Christians not to be ashamed of the gospel. In his message, he encouraged students by saying, "You don't have to be embarrassed to be a Christian. The

gospel promises me what I need the most!"

Cummings stated that you can not live with resentment and that you should "get away from people who harbor harsh feelings toward people". He advised that students should not be ashamed to let resentment go and forgive, and to also let God handle their problems. Cummings encouraged students to "Be straight up with God".

Many teenagers were touched by the rally. "I enjoyed the youth rally as a time to come together with all denominations to form unity," stated Mariann Jacobs, a junior of Purnell Sweet High. Heather Jacobs, an eighth grader at Prospect Middle School shares that the rally helped her in her Christian life.

After Cummings' message, there was a song entitled "Standing on Holy Ground" performed. After this, refreshments were served in the fellowship hall. Special thanks go out to the Young Christians Association, Mrs. Deb Lowry, the Planning Committee, and the Prospect Methodist Men for making this event a huge success.

Fellowship of Ministers Organization Meets

The Fellowship of Ministers organization held its monthly meeting as Spirit of Life and Joy Fellowship Church in Fayetteville, NC on March 23 at 7 P.M. The organization at the previous monthly meeting held an ordination service for two members at Hope Harbor Mission on Hay Street, Fayetteville. Officers were elected at this meeting for the upcoming year. Elected were Rev. Jerome C. Locklear, president; Evangelist Harold G. Dial, vice president; Rev. Bill Harris, secretary; and Rev. John P. Jones, treasurer.

Bible scripture from the meeting was Joel 2:15 "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly."

Future meetings are planned for Raleigh and Pembroke, NC. The organization is open to any and all ministers. Call 910-483-3829 or 910-426-0334 for further information.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held Tues. evening at 7:00 P.M. at the Jade Garden Restaurant. Pres. Brian Brooks presented Dr. Ray Brayboy as the evening's speaker. Prof. Brayboy graduated from then Pembroke State University in 1977. And now in 1998 is a Professor in the Education Dept. of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, his Alma Mater. Dr. Ray has received valuable experience as a High School Superintendent in Bladenboro County and Wake County. His most noteworthy achievement has been the establishment of "Charter Schools or Alternative Schools." This to accommodate or to help students to remain in school. Dr. Brayboy sure had the insight to meet this need and deserves the greatest compliment for an outstanding leadership in this biggest of problems facing our schools today.

Invocation - Albert Hunt; Song leader - Ed Teets; K. J.

Darlene Jacobs nominated for Distinguished Women of North Carolina Award

Darlene Jacobs of Garner was among one hundred and twenty-five women who were nominated for the Distinguished Women of North Carolina Award on Thursday, March 12, at the awards banquet at the North Raleigh Hilton. The nomination was submitted by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. The Distinguished Women's award is sponsored by the NC Council for Women to recognize North Carolinians who have attained outstanding levels of achievement and whose contributions have made a significant impact upon the lives of state citizens. Awards are presented in seven areas: they are the arts; business; education; government; physical fitness/recreation; professions; and volunteerism. Darlene was among twenty-five nominated in the category of government.

Highlights of the evening included remarks by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. and keynote speaker Michelle Warren, Miss North Carolina 1997. Mistress of Ceremonies was Katie G. Dorsett, Secretary, NC Department of Administration. Presentation of medallions was made by Governor Hunt. A.; nominees and recipients were recognized by Betty McCain, Secretary of Cultural Resources, Barbara Allen, Chair, NC Democratic Party, Senator Virginia Foxx, Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State, Rep. Ruth Easterling, Judge Sarah Parker, NC Supreme Court, Carolyn Coleman, Special Assistant to the Governor, and Secretary Katie Dorsett.

Darlene Jacobs is the daughter of Steve Locklear of Wakulla and Gertrude Oxendine of Pembroke.