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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Baywatch Seafood Restaurant Now Open



Baywatch Seafood, a new restaurant located on McGirt Ginn Road in Maxton, celebrated its grand opening recently. On hand for the ribbon cutting were (left to right, front) Raymond Cummings, County Commissioner; Corena J. Scott, Baywatch owner; Ruth Oxendine from the LREMC Board of Directors; and Noah Woods, County Commissioners. The new restaurant features items such as shrimp, oysters, fish, scallops, stuffed crab, chicken and barbecue.



Miss Lumbee Marion James is shown with Sheriff Glenn Maynor at a recent fun raiser.

Reunion To Be Held

West Robeson Senior High's Class of '88 will be having their 10 year reunion on Saturday, December 26, 1998, at the Holiday Inn in Lumberton, North Carolina. For more information please contact Nicole Brooks at (910) 521-1940 or Angela Revels at (910) 521-0385.

County Wide Rabies Vaccinations May 2nd

There will be a county wide rabies vaccination day. All veterinarians are participating. It will be on May 2, 1998 from 8:00 until noon. There will be a \$5.00 charge. For the closest veterinarian or other information please contact your Health Department.

IEA Parent Committee Elections Scheduled

The Indian Education Project of the Public Schools of Robeson County will hold parent committee elections on Wednesday, May 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at each of the high schools. All parents of Indian students are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Metrolian Native American Princess Pageant Planned

The Metrolian Native American Princess Pageant will be held May 1, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at 601-A East 7th Street, Charlotte, NC. The public is encouraged to join in the Queen City's Celebration of Native American Pride. "Keeping Light of Our Heritage while Facing Expectations of the Twentieth Century" is the theme. Admission is \$1 and \$5 for families larger than five.

Deep Branch Elementary Montessori School Pays Off

Formally of Deep Branch Elementary Montessori School. Two Pembroke Middle School seventh graders Mark Simon Dufrene Brooks and Sheena Marie Oxendine are being honored. Mark is the son of Reverend Ted and Rosella Brooks of Pembroke and Sheena is the daughter of Martin and Connie Oxendine of Lumberton. They participated in the Talent Identification Program (TIP) sponsored by Duke University Talcut Search. This program identifies talented students through standardized testing. To qualify, they earned a higher score on the American College Assessment (ACT) than 70 percent of college-bound high school seniors.

Mark and Sheena will be honored at a recognition ceremony on Sunday, May 17 at the North Carolina State University in Raleigh and plan to attend a three week summer enrichment program sponsored by Duke University Talent Search. This honor is nothing new for these exceptional 4.0 grade point average seventh graders. They are previous recipients of the Superintendent's Academic Award and the President's Education Award. Both have been nominated as a United States National Honor Roll member sponsored by their school. Both have perfect attendance at school and are active in church activities.



Sheena Marie Oxendine



Mark Brooks

Riverside Christian Academy plans plate sale May 8

Riverside Christian Academy will sponsor a plate sale on Friday, May 8, 1998 at the school on Highway 74. Barbecue plates and chicken plates will be available for \$6. Combination plates will be \$6.00. The public is cordially invited to participate.

UNCP's Action News 8 wins SPJ's "Mark of Excellence" award

Pembroke -- "The show just laid there," said Dr. Oscar Patterson in a recent post-production review with the staff of WNCN's Action News 8. "There was nothing bad, nothing outstanding either."

Dr. Patterson, who has directed the video program at UNC Pembroke for 15 years, is used to excellence from his news production classes, especially this one. This spring the news program changed its introduction to: "Welcome to the award-winning Action News 8."

The live half-hour news show, which originates from the studios in Old Main, was awarded the "Mark of Excellence" by the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) in a national contest. WNCN finished second in the "Best Overall Newscast" category as judged by the SPJ, the world's largest organization of journalists.

As Dr. Patterson closed his class, he reminds the Action News 8 crew, which is comprised of just three graduating seniors, that representatives from WXII-TV and WWAY-TV will be in the studio for upcoming broadcasts.

"This is WXII's (a Winston-Salem network affiliate) first trip down here, so let's do well," he said. "Also, be here at 3 p.m. Friday to unload your new news set (courtesy of WTVD in Durham)."

Progress for the television program at UNCP has been steady over the last 15 years, but the award is a watershed event.

Jimmy Hedrick, executive producer and director of Action News 8, said changed his resume as a result of the award. The senior, along with freshman technical assistant Steve Carville, traveled to Washington D.C. to accept the prestigious award at the SPJ awards banquet.

"You have to work hard in this class, but it's worth it," Hedrick said. "We're slowly getting to the professional level, but considering that its student-run and that we have other classes and jobs, it is good."

Three news shows were sent in for judging, and the students are pleased with the outcome. Only Virginia Tech rated higher than UNCP's news team, Dr. Patterson said.

"We held up against every school in the region," he said. "Our competition has a lot more resources, more students and graduate programs, so I was very pleased."

"This group does a good job, and we have established a reputation for ourselves with this award. We've been seen and heard," Dr. Patterson said.

Both students praised the hands-on opportunities built into the program.

"I was attracted to UNCP by the TV program, and I'm learning a lot," said Carville, who is from Woodbridge, Va. "I like the fact that it is an all-student production."

Hedrick said the opportunity to do live news is invaluable. WNCN operates cable channel 8 on the local Time Warner cable system, and also appears live over the Internet via video streaming technology. The newscasts appear on a tape delayed broadcast Thursday and Friday mornings on WFPX-62, a local UHF station in Lumber Bridge.

Dr. Patterson views the award as the major achievement in over a decade of hard work.

"We've come a long way since 1988," Dr. Patterson said. "I would guess we have over 1,000 programs in the vault. We'll do two more shows today."

As Dr. Patterson says, WNCN is "hanging its laundry out for everyone to see." And, they like what they see.

The Baltimore Experience

By: Herbert H. Locklear



Keith Adam Cox Growing To Maturity

There are so many media events about youths involved in serious problems which were at one time unusual, even for adults. But, this writer has a story of a growing youth that is encouraging and good to talk about.

Oh, let me say from the start, Keith Adam Cox is no phenomenon. He is no prodigy. Neither he, nor his parents, claim him to be a genius. But, Keith is outstanding among his peers as well as among his seniors.

At eleven years of age, Keith attends the General Wolf Elementary School where he is in the fifth grade. "He makes average grades," says his mother, Linda Cox. "But, he is capable of making straight A's, if he worked a little harder at it," she added. Keith likes school and hates to miss any day. He also likes the usual things that eleven year old boys like, such as sports. He is best at basketball.

So! What makes Keith outstanding? Seems like a regular kid, so far. Well, Keith excels in natural ability to play music. He began "strumming" on the guitar at about the age of two years, under the nurture of Brother John Walker, during church services at the South Broadway Baptist Church. At almost any church service, Keith is seated at the piano, playing away along with the congregation. And, he attends almost all the services, "because my mother makes me," he added with his boyish grin and zest for cut-up.

There is musical talent running in Keith's veins. His great grand mother Carrie Berry (Deceased) played the piano with great zeal and conviction. His grand mother, Elizabeth Berry Locklear, was pianist for her church in Baltimore for many years. About his mother, Linda Cox, Rev. Michael Cummings said, "you don't just listen to Miss Linda sing, you watch her sing." Rev. Jerry Thompson agreed with that assessment.

Playing the drums, strumming the guitar, pounding the piano, all brings pleasure and excitement to Keith. But, the one thing he likes most is singing. Drumming and dancing his Native American culture. Having participated in many pow-wows, winning many honors and accolades, Keith is quite accomplished in Cultural Traditions.

"Just a regular kid, I guess," says his father, Mr. Tracey Cox. But Tracey was not convincing in his use of the work regular. One can see the gleam in the father's eyes when he talks about Keith and about all his children. Tracey does not try to hide the pride he feels for his children.

"And, what do you want to be when you are mature," Keith was asked. "I'd like playing music in the church. I'd like directing the Church Choir," Keith who has been singing with the Angelic Gems, since the age of two, responded gleefully.

Churches need Ministers of Music, I told Keith. Maybe God will lead and direct you into that Noble Calling. "I hope so!" Keith said. That makes him very, very special. "Let's pray for him," requested a church member.

Spring Concert by Robeson Civic Chorale May 4

The Robeson Civic Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Gary Wright, will present a Spring Concert at the Carolina Civic Center on 315 N. Chestnut Street in Lumberton on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. Donors-Pass-Admission \$5.00.

Rockingham District Mission Fair May 3rd

The United Methodist Women of the Rockingham District will have a Mission Fair on May 3, 1998 from 3:00 p.m. til 7:00 p.m. at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church in Lumberton, North Carolina.

Courses to be taught and instructors are as follows:

"Living As Christians In A Violent Society" - Rev. James Malloy, pastor of Rhyne Memorial United Methodist Church of Red Spring, North Carolina.

"Joshua and the Land" - Steve Taylor executive director of the Robeson County Church and Community Center of Lumberton, North Carolina.

"Brazil a Gracious People in a Heartless System." - Kathryn Self, North Carolina Conference Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

Complementing each study will be

Hatcher Documentary to be Shown

"Takeover - The Trials Of Eddie Hatcher", is a one hour and 46 minute documentary that will be shown at the home of Mary Sanderson on Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 P.M. The film, which was just released, has been selected from over 600 films to be featured at the Southeastern Film Festival in Charlotte the week of June 4th. It is a powerful account of the case of Eddie Hatcher and Robeson County. Call 521-1861 or 521-0208 from information.

Collins Becomes Practical Nurse



Miss Iris Collins of Pembroke has passed her State Exam to be a licensed Practical Nurse in North Carolina.

She graduate from Purnell Swett High School in 1994, attended two (2) years of College at Pembroke State University before transferring to Robeson Community College's Nursing Program, from which she will graduate on May 21, 1998.

Iris will be taking her State Boards to be a Registered Nurse in June of this year.

She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Locklear, of Pembroke and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Collins of Shannon.

School Supplies Campaign

There is a "School Supplies Campaign" in progress through July 1998 for the needy children of Robeson County.

The Lumberton Housing Authorities is concerned about all children and need everyone to help us to see to it that all children have the supplies they need during the school year 1998/99. As you are aware, the Robeson County DSS has limited, and will be cutting off many clients from "Work-First" making it less likely that children will be able to purchase their needed school supplies.

We are asking everyone to catch a

glimpse, and give a helping hand to those families moving from work-first to jobs. For some, the transition is not easy, and they need our help, you can be a part of the solution by helping the children.

We are asking for: Pencils, Pens, Notebook paper, Subject notebooks, crayons, glue construction paper, briefcases, backpacks, felt tip pens, markers, paper clips, staplers, or any supplies that are needed in class.

All donations will be picked up, just call Shelby Foy, at (910) 671-8247. We look forward to a positive response from everyone.