



Metrolina Pageant Winners Announced

The Ms. Metrolina Native American Association Pageant was held May 1, in Charlotte. Shown above are the winners: Senior Ms. Metrolina- Mrs. Wilma O. Young; Miss Metrolina-Wendy Oxendine; Junior Ms. Metrolina-Heather Rogers; and Little Miss Metrolina Kaci Sanderson. These winners will have the distinct honor of representing all Native American tribes within the Charlotte Mecklenburg area. Their duties will include appearances at both tribal related and Charlotte related activities. To extend an invitation to one of these winners to any function, please contact Letha Dial Strickland or Patrick O. Clark at Metrolina Native American Association, (704) 331-4818 or fax invitation to (704) 331-9501.



Ground Breaking held for new Pembroke Rural Fire Department

The Pembroke Rural Fire Department held their ground breaking ceremonies for their new substation on Wednesday, June 3. The new fire station will be located at the intersection of Prospect Road and St. Annah Road, just outside the city limits. Fire Chief Joe Jones, shown right, is excited about the new station. Plans are to have the building completed by early fall. The new sub station will give the fire department officials two stations, one on each side of the railroad tracks. "This way," said Jones, "we won't have to worry about getting caught by the train while we are responding to a call." Shown left to right are Chancellor of UNCP, Joe Oxendine; Greg Cummings, Pembroke Town Councilman and Director of Economic Development for Robeson County; Raymond Cummings, County Commissioners; Rudy Paul, Chairman of the Board for Pembroke Rural Fire Department; Dr. James B. Chavis, vice chancellor at UNC P; and Fire Chief Joe Jones who has held that position for fifteen years and seen the construction of one other building for the rural fire department.

TLC one of two applicants competing for home health agency

Raleigh - Two competing applications to develop a home health agency in south-central North Carolina filed with the Certificate of Need Section of the Division of Facility Services. A public Hearing for the proposed projects will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Cumberland County Courthouse, 1st floor, Room 119, 117 Dick St., Fayetteville. The 1998 State Medical Facilities Plan identifies need to establish one home health agency to serve people with AIDS/HIV in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke and Scotland counties. The applicants are: Tender Loving Care which proposes to establish an agency in Robeson County to serve residents of Robeson, Hoke and Scotland counties; Interim Healthcare which proposes to establish a branch office in Robeson county to serve residents of Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland counties. For more information contact: Louise A. Campbell, Project Analyst Certificate of Need Section Division of Facility Services P.O. Box 29530 Raleigh, NC 27626-0530 (919) 733-6360

McNeal Named Field Director for Robeson

The Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council is pleased to announce Dee Anna McNeal as the new field director for Robeson county. Her responsibilities will include membership recruitment, volunteer support, and the coordination of outreach efforts across the county. She will be based out of the

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attending UNC Pembroke. McNeal served in the US Army for four years as a Communications Specialist. McNeal is originally from Biloxi, Mississippi. Girl Scouts serves all girls between the ages of 5 and 17 with numerous, age-appropriate, fun and educational opportunities. It is this program, rich in tradition and based on values, that works to empower girls with the necessary skills to become confident, responsible, contributing members of society. Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council has over 17,000 girl members and nearly 7,000 adult members covering 20 counties and one-fourth of the state's population. The Girl Scout Council is a United Way Agency. For more information on membership or volunteer opportunities with the Girl Scouts, call 910-739-0744. MFP, Inc named American Red Ball agent. Lumberton, NC - MFP, Inc. Lumberton, NC, has signed to represent American Red Ball Transit Company as a prime agent effective May 1998. "We are proud to welcome MFP, Inc. as a prime agent to the American Red Ball family of movers," said Barry Fairfax, vice president of business development for American Red Ball World Wide Movers. William D. McLean is the CEO of MFP, Inc. Founded over 75 years ago, American Red Ball is the oldest interstate moving company in the nation and is a leader in household goods forwarding both domestically and internationally. American Red Ball is a member of the American Movers Conference and part of the Atlas World Group.



Shown left to right are three officials of Lumbee River EMC. Timothy Strickland, director, was recognized for 20 years of service to the electric cooperative. Ronnie E. Hunt, center, is the general manager of EMC and to the left is Lacy L. Cummings, director, who was honored for 15 years of service.

Lumbee River EMC officials honored

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Rhiannon Chavis-Legerton Named Regional Scholar

Atlanta, GA-- Rhiannon Chavis-Legerton, a senior at Purnell Swett High School in Pembroke, is one of 153 high school seniors from across the U.S. who has been honored by the Coca-Cola Bottlers and The Coca-Cola Company to receive a scholarship for college. She joined 152 other high school seniors April 23-26 at the Coca-Cola Scholars National Competition in Atlanta. This week, the Purnell Swett High School senior found out she was named a Regional Scholar by the Scholars Foundation, and will start college in the Fall with a \$4,000-Coca-Cola scholarship to study at any accredited college or university in the United States. The Coca-Cola Scholars came to Atlanta for interviews conducted by leaders in education, business, government and the arts. Scholars are evaluated on the basis of leadership in their schools and communities, academic achievements and motivation to succeed. "Coca-Cola Scholars are tomorrow's leaders. They are achievers and have a proven commitment to community service," said Sandy Williams, Chairman of the Board of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and President, Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Corinth, MS. While in Atlanta, the students also toured the city. Scholars visited the World of Coca-Cola, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CNN and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards fifty-three \$20,000 scholarships and one hundred \$4,000 scholarships to high school seniors nationwide. The 1998 Coca-Cola Scholars were chosen from nearly 129,000 applicants. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is one of the largest business-supported scholarship programs in the United States. Since its creation in 1986, the Scholars Foundation has helped more than 1,500 students awarding nearly \$1.4 million in scholarships. The Foundation is supported by the financial commitment of local Coca-Cola bottlers and The Coca-Cola Company.

Piney Grove teacher retires

After twenty-three years of faithful service, Mrs. Betty Sue Jones has retired from the Public Schools of Robeson County. Mrs. Jones worked as a teacher assistant to Mrs. Fredia Lanham a second grade teacher at Piney Grove School. Mrs. Jones celebrated the occasion with the faculty and staff of Piney Grove at Lewis' Restaurant in Pembroke. Mrs. Melba Oxendine presented to her a plaque commemorating her years of service and necklace of pearls as a gift. Mrs. Jones spoke of the many "rewards" of working with children, and also of the very special colleagues that she will miss dearly.

NCDOT to Hold Citizens Workshop on Proposed Bypass

Raleigh - The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Citizens Informational Workshop on Tuesday, June 16 for the proposed N.C. 71-211 Red Springs Bypass in Robeson County. The public is invited to attend the workshop between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Red Springs Police Department on 218 S. Main Street in Red Springs. The 6.3-mile, two-lane bypass will be constructed on a new location and will extend from N.C. 71 west of Red Springs to N.C. 211 southeast of Red Springs. NCDOT representatives will be available at the workshop to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. For more information, contact Jay McInnis, N.C. Department of Transportation, Project Planning Engineer, at P.O. Box 25201, Raleigh, NC 27611, call (919) 733-7844, ext. 248 or fax (919) 733-9794. NCDOT will comply with the American Disabilities Act by providing auxiliary aids and services for the disabled. To receive special services, contact Jay McInnis.

Motorsports industry honors Cong. McIntyre

Washington, D.C. (May, 1998) -- The American Performance and Motorsports Industry recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Representative Mike McIntyre (D-NC) at the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) "Third Annual Salute to Motorsports and Automotive Performance" on Capitol Hill. The award is in recognition of the contribution and commitment of Congressman McIntyre to the motorsports and automotive performance industry. Congressman Mike McIntyre is a freshman Democrat representing North Carolina's 7th District. Rep. McIntyre serves on the House of Agriculture Committee and the house National Security Committee. The Congressman is also a member of the Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus. The Specialty Equipment Market Association recently hosted a series of events on Capitol Hill on May 5 and 6 to focus the spotlight on exemplary lawmakers such as Representative McIntyre who have been strong supporters of the \$18 billion specialty automotive parts and motorsports industry. Among those who attended the events on Capitol Hill were auto parts companies from throughout the country, race sanctioning officials, and motorsports celebrities.

Classes planned at the Red Cross

The Robeson County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold classes on Saturday, June 14 at the Red Cross office. The two classes being offered are Introduction to Disaster Services from 9-12 and Damage Assessment from 1-4 p.m. Anyone who would like to sign up for these classes should call Patricia Brayboy at 738-5057.

Gospel Singing planned June 14

There will be a Gospel Sing at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church, Sunday, June 14, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds from the singing will be used to buy medical supplies for the Bolivian Work Team to take with them to medical clinics in Bolivia. Mrs. Teresa Cummings will serve as the Mistress of Ceremony.

