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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Mid-Atlantic Championship Day Proclaimed in Town of Pembroke

Mayor Milton Hunt has proclaimed Saturday, December 5, 1998 as "Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling Day" in the Town of Pembroke.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

"Whereas, it is with great pride and admiration that the Town of Pembroke welcomes Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling back after

an eleven year absence; and Whereas, the Town of Pembroke is proud to welcome the stars of Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling, and

"Whereas, the Town of Pembroke of Pembroke is especially proud to welcome home a "Native Son" Tatanka (Chris Chavis) and Tully Blanchard, "The Original Horse-

"Now, therefore, I, Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 5, 1998 to be "Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling Day" in the Town of Pembroke."

Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling will be at Pembroke Middle School beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, December 5, with Tatanka wrestling in his home town.

Christmas Parade entries sought for St. Pauls Parade

"The Spirit of Christmas" is the theme of the 41st edition of the St. Pauls Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

The Parade, with six bands, is set to turn onto W. Broad Street at 9 a.m. sharp on Saturday, December 12, 1998.

There are no entry fees, so if you or your group would like to participate in one of the biggest and best parades in this area in many years, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 865-3890.

While there are no entry fees, there are a few guidelines - be prepared to get into the spirit of the event by decorating your entry and costuming yourself. Be prepared to sing carols and ring as many bells as you can muster!

Carolina Winter Bible Conference

The Winter Bible Conference at Carolina Bible College will feature Dr. Paige Patterson as the keynote speaker. Dr. Patterson is the current president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also serves as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

The Bible Conference will be held from Sunday through Wednesday, December 6-9. Two services will be held on Sunday at the Church of the Open Door, 4445 Cliffdale Road, one at 9:30 A.M. and one at 11:00 A.M. The meetings on Monday through Wednesday will be at Carolina Bible College located at 817 S. McPherson Church Road. Please call 910-323-5614 for further information.

Dr. Patterson is an effective leader and an excellent preacher. Under his leadership SE Baptist Seminary is experiencing unprecedented growth. His ministry is thoroughly Biblical. People appreciate his down to earth preaching style. Question and answer sessions at the evening meetings will allow for audience participation.

The Conference will include a Pastors Seminar for area Pastors, their spouses and staffs. This session will be held on Tuesday, December 8, from 3:30-5:30 P.M.

EMC to return credits to consumers

Lumbec River Electric Membership Corporation will return more than \$2 Million in credits to its members in December. Just in time for the holidays. Lumbec River EMC's General Manager, Ronnie E. Hunt announced that the board of directors has voted unanimously to give Lumbec River EMC members an early Christmas present, an estimated \$2 Million or more in credits on their December electric bills. The Member Patronage Credits will be reflected on the electric bills rendered in December. The amount of credit received by individual members will be dependent on their electricity usage during the last 11 months, January 1 through November 30, 1998.

General Manager Hunt credits the savings to a mild winter, the cost cutting efforts of the LREMC board of directors and the efficiency of the Co-op's employees. In addition, the Co-op has been able to purchase wholesale electric power at significantly lower rates from their suppliers this year.



Brisco Bartley won the door prize at the Fort Bragg observance of Native American Culture. He is shown above with the bow and arrow he received.

Native American Winter Celebration to be held at NC Indian Cultural Center

The North Carolina Indian Cultural Center will sponsor the First Annual N.C. Native American Inter-Tribal Winter Celebration to open the Christmas and other special events in the pembroke and Robeson County area. This event will take place on Saturday, December 5 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. at the Cultural Center. This will be a gathering of Native people and other people of all ages from throughout the state to come together to begin the winter season and holidays celebration in a true Spirit of Unity, Friendship, Sharing and Peace.

The day's activities will consist of storytelling, singing, sharing memories of Christmases past, food, Celebration of Christmas story in song and narrative and special gifts and ornament making. A special feature will be the decorating of Christmas trees by each of the Tribes and Urban Indian Centers who make up the N.C. Indian Cultural Centers. These trees will be decorated with items made by each group. Ornaments will be natural and representative of Native Americans and their contributions.

All churches are invited to come out and support this Celebration by bringing your choirs and other singers to join in the special singing. You may call Rev. Mike Cummings if interested in participating or for more information about the singing.

There will be someone to help the children and adults make various tree ornaments and decorations. If anyone would like to help with this or if you have any ideas, please call Karl Hunt at (910) 521-8858 or Ernestine Bullifant at (910) 521-2433.

The first part of the day will consist of storytelling, ornament and gift making and tree decorating. The Christmas Story and singing will take place just at dark. The trees will then be lit and everyone will gather for singing and refreshments.

Everyone is invited to come and help make this a joyous and united Celebration for and by native people.

In keeping with the real meaning of the Christmas Season and with the Native Americans' tradition of giving, everyone is asked to bring a can of food or other perishables to fill one or more boxes that will be collecting for families for Christmas.

Mari Jo Moore and local writers read poetry at UNCP's Resource Center

There was a great turnout for the guest speaker Mari Jo Moore, Native American Journalist, at the Old Main Bldg, on UNC at Pembroke Campus on November 19, 1998, in honor of Native American Heritage month. In speaking to the audience, Moore presented a touching testimony about not letting drugs and alcohol keep a person from accomplishing their dreams and goals, and about the struggles of being Native American. She stated, "Don't try to save tradition, live the traditions."

As she read from her book "Spirit Voices of Bones", there was a hushed anticipation from the audience as she read words of power, and emotion sometimes raw and other times eloquent. The audience consisted of a varied age group, including the youngest baby girl to the older crowd. As Moore finished her reading she welcomed some local writers to step forward and read their poetry. When Wendy Moore Cummings read her poem about Prospect there was a sense of laughter from the crowd as they could relate to her words. Cummings conveyed emotions of laughter and depth bringing her poetry to life as a reflection of her inner voice.

A young lady a senior at Purnell Swett High School by the name of Constance Barton read some humorous material on her memories of Prospect. Barton also read a moving poem about the depth and pain of love. Even though shy at first she kept the audience captivated by her sincerity and poise.



Barbara Goins and Dexter Brooks are shown at Fort Bragg during the Native American Heritage Observance November 18. Judge Brooks was presented a plaque of recognition for his contributions to the Native American Community. Judge Brooks is the first Native American Superior Court Judge. (Photo and text by Maria Rojas)

Judge Dexter Brooks honored by Fort Bragg Employees

The Honorable Judge Dexter Brooks was recognized for his achievements as an outstanding Native American who has been in the forefront of bringing attention to the needs of the community. He was presented a plaque of recognition for his achievements by Barbara Goins on behalf of Native American Awareness at Fort Bragg, NC November 18th.

In response to the presentation, Judge Brooks' oratory was revealing and showed a man who had accumulated a vast amount of knowledge that he brought with him from the journey of life. He spoke of his family who had served all the way back before this place was even the United States of America. If anything could be said of Judge Brooks it would be that he has

shown an ability to overcome and assimilate being not only a Native American whose ancestors were here thousands of years ago but being able to progress without losing sight of who he truly is and who he serves which is the populace of Robeson County where he grew up.

He referred to the honor it was to serve in the military and how it could be an opportunity for the young people to expand their horizons. Ultimately there was a sense of humor that permeated the moments as he conveyed his strong sense of being Native American and serving in the military where being of a different background could be a problem in a predominantly one group setting. He showed an ability to overcome and transcend the racial differences and break ground for the upcoming generations.



Wendy Moore Cummings, local Writer.



Even the smallest member Ahweeshhh Jones and her mother Tammy Jones of the community came that night to hear the words and partake of the eventful atmosphere.

Pembroke Christmas Parade

Twilight Parade
Date: December 10, 1998
Line-up time: 3:30 p.m.
Where: Pembroke Elementary School
Parade Time: 4:30 p.m.
Parade will end at UNC - Pembroke Givens Performing Arts Center.
90 entries, 5 bands, and ROTC from Purnell Swett. We expect over 350 to participate in the parade. Last year over 6000 spectators viewed the Parade.

UNCP Officer named President of Association



Pembroke, N.C. - Sgt. Travis Bryant of the UNC Pembroke Police Department was recently elected to serve as President of the Robeson County Law Enforcement Executive Officers' Association for 1998-99.

Bryant, a 1993 graduate of UNC Pembroke, began his law enforcement career with the Fayetteville Police Department in 1992, and in 1994 he joined the department as a Police Officer I. He has since been promoted to Police Officer III and holds the rank of sergeant.

"This is a singular honor for Mr. Bryant and our department," UNCP Police Chief David Helton said. "Travis is deserving of respect of his fellow officers, and we're very proud of his accomplishments."

Bryant completed the AOMP (Administrative Officers Management Program) at North Carolina State University this summer and he is currently pursuing a graduate degree in the Organizational Leadership and Management Program at UNC Pembroke.

Bryant and his wife Teresa live in the Mt. Airy Community. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bryant, Sr.

Pembroke High Class of 1958 to hold class reunion

Pembroke High School Class of 1958 Members from: 1954-58 are included. The reunion will be held at Pembroke Elementary School on December 26th, at 6:00pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Payment deadline is Dec. 15th. Mail check to Joan Lowry, P.O. Box 52, Pembroke, N.C. 28372. For additional information, call Arnold Locklear 521-2918 or Verdy's Chavis, 521-2861.

Democratic Women to Meet

ROBESON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.
Sheff's Seafood Restaurant, Pembroke, N.C.
Call Dr. JoAnn Lowry (521-9960) by December 5 for reservations. Everyone is invited to discuss plans for the election of new officers. Thank you and if you have any questions, call 521-9092.