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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



Pastor and Wife Appreciation Day Held at First Baptist Church Pembroke, NC. First Baptist Church held a Pastor and Wife Appreciation Day recently. An appreciation service and dinner was conducted by the church members on the church grounds located on the Union Chapel Road in Pembroke, North Carolina. Pastor Ken Chavis and his wife Doris heard statements of thanks and praise from several members and guest in attendance. Members also presented gifts of thanks to the Pastor and his wife. Afterwards, the ladies of the church served a lavish meal for all in attendance.

Photo: Pastor Ken Chavis, his wife Doris Locklear Chavis and their three children, Courtney, Brianna and Morgan Chavis.

LRDA Distributes Over 3500 Baskets during Christmas

By Vinita Maynor-Clark
On December 22, 1998 the Lumbee Regional Development Association gave away 3,500 Christmas Baskets to the Lumbee Indians of Robeson and surrounding counties. Long lines were forming even before the scheduled 8 am. opening of the LRDA Food Pantry. Many of the participants were greeted by Ms. Patricia Locklear who instructed each person where to go. Volunteers stood by to assist those who were elderly or handicapped with the carrying of their Christmas Baskets to their cars. This event brought to an end the past two weeks of hard work in which the LRDA staff members and Volunteers from all over came and packed the baskets with various items. This event was not a mandatory action but it was just something that the LRDA wanted to do for the people. No one, no matter their race was turned away. "I just want to make sure that everyone gets something for Christmas Dinner."

stated Mr. Monroe Chavis, Director of Tribal Enrollment
Prior to the event LRDA Board Members and staff took Christmas Baskets to the sick, shut-ins and those that they knew could not come to pick their's up.
Standing in line was similar to the Lumbee Homecoming. Many people saw friends that they had not seen in a very long time and many friendships were renewed. There were many embracing old friends and catching up on each other's lives while waiting for their turn in line. "This is a good thing that they are doing" I heard one woman say. "I know that my children are going to have a good Christmas Dinner with all of the fixings" a young father that had been out of work said. "I went to Social Services and asked them for some food and they told me that they couldn't help me because I was an Indian. I applied for Food Stamps but I don't know when I will get them" he went

on to say "I believe that the LRDA has just been misunderstood. I don't see any one else giving us stuff for the holidays" Many folks standing in line nodded in agreement with this father's statement
The give away lasted until late in the afternoon when those that did not find their name on the register, or received a letter returned to get their Christmas Baskets. It was finally declared over when there was no one left standing in line to be served. You could look at the faces of the LRDA staff and the volunteers and see the exhaustion. But, they were all smiling because no one was turned away and no one that came left empty handed. Those 3,500 baskets were a lot to pack. But, when you think of all of the families that sat down to a nice Christmas Dinner that otherwise would not have had one, it makes the long hours in that cold warehouse packing those baskets worth it all.



McIntyre Co-Chairman of Social Security Summit

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that he has been named as Co-Chairman of a statewide Citizen Forum on Social Security to be held on Friday, January 8, 1999, in Charlotte. Representative Sue Myrick is Chairwomen and host for this event.

Representative McIntyre stated, "Social Security is a contract between the American people and the American government. It reflects the duties and values we share as Americans. We owe it to our grandparents, our parents, ourselves and as importantly - our children to ensure vitality. As Congress looks to strengthen the Social Security program in the 106th Congress, it is critical that we gather public input and support. I encourage all to attend this important event."

The Citizen Forum on Social Security will be held at the Sheraton Airport Plaza in Charlotte from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the 8th. The forum will be a half day event, combining short overviews, a panel discussion, significant audience interaction, electronic polling, and other discussion styles created to maximize communication among all participants. The forum will be free and open to the public.

Expected speakers include Carolyn Lukensmeyer, Executive Director of Americans Discuss Social Security; Ron Gebhardt, Senior Pension Fellow for the American Academy of Actuaries; and Johnathan Ortman, President of the Public Forum Institute.

For additional information on this event, please call The Public Forum Institute at 202-467-2774.

hold officers training day

The Rockingham District of the United Methodist Church will hold a District Officers Training Day on January 16, 1999 at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Laurinburg, N.C.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. And the event will last until 12:00 noon. Classes in the following areas will be taught.

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Resources, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Education and Interpretation, Membership, Nurture and Outreach Communications, Historian 39 and Under and Sub-District Leaders.

Officers in all local church units in the Rockingham District are expected to be present. Roberta Scipio is District President of the United Methodist Women and Rev. J. Edward Morrison is District Superintendent of the Rockingham District.

Through Native Eyes (The Henry Berry Lowrie Story)

PEMBROKE, NC:-- Wednesday January 6, 1999 on the historical steps of Old Main at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke which is a symbol of the Lumbee people. Men, women and children in Native American Regalia decorated the steps of the school that their parents attended. As it was announced today that a movie was going to be made about the legendary Lumbee Hero/ Outlaw Henry Berrie Lowerie. Entitled "Through Native Eyes The Henry Berry Lowerie Story. In attendance were many of the former "Strike At The Wind" cast members in costume, along with board members of the Robeson Historical Drama Association. Also in attendance were members of the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina.

According to the Director/ Writer of the movie Van Coleman the script is not written on a theatrical basis as the former outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind". But the script is based on actual accounts passed down through the Lowerie family and actual documentation. The movie is scheduled to be filmed on the banks of the Lumber River and on the home land of the Lowerie family. Indians will be playing Indians and other races will be playing their roles as history and the script dictate.

Auditions for roles will be held on January 16 - 17 at Moore Hall at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The auditions will begin at 9 am and run until completion. Those wishing to audition are asked to bring a snap shot or picture and a resume. "Anyone that wants to participate is welcome, and all former SATW cast members are encouraged to attend.

The finished product will be shown on national television and will be available to others, such as being filed in the Library of Congress as a piece of documented history. This is totally non profit as no salaries will be paid.

by Vinita Maynor-Clark



Long lines of participants waiting to see if their name was on the register to receive a Christmas Basket.



LRDA Staff Member Patricia Locklear, Christmas Basket Participant, Belinda Jacobs and Vinita Maynor-Clark, Volunteers

One Choice Computer Services Becomes Rapidsite Authorized Dealer

Today one choice Computer Services of Pembroke announced that it has joined the Rapidsite network of Internet presence providers, as an Authorized dealers. This gives One choice access to powerful web hosting servers and high band width Internet connections, resulting in increased performance for its Web site customers.

The Rapidsite web hosting services add to One Choice Computer Services' already popular Internet services include web site design and programming, consulting, and individual customer service. "We've built our reputation on providing our customers with the finest Internet services available," said Lisa Oxendine, general manager of One Choice Computer Services. "Now, as a Rapidsite Authorized Dealer, we can also provide high-performance web hosting at an affordable cost. This gives our customers a complete solution for their web sites."

The Rapidsite solution provides the best combination of high performance, high reliability, value-added

Web services, with technology and services that include: multiple, high bandwidth T3 Internet connections on separate backbones. Fully redundant, high performance Silicon Graphic servers. Uninterruptible power supplies for all servers and equipment. Cisco 7500 series routers with 100 MB/s interface into Cisco 12 GB/switches. Daily backup of customer data. Full 60,000 watt generator backup support.

To inquire about One Choice Computer Service's complete range of services, including their new Rapidsite web hosting plan contact One Choice at (910) 521-1080, or visit their website at (www.ocs.com.)

Rapidsite provides web site hosting services through its world wide network of resellers, consisting of Premier Partners and Authorized Dealers in Major countries worldwide. The Rapidsite brand name assures complete virtual domain hosting with the fastest network and server technology, and the most reliable services available. Rapidsite is headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida.

Financial Aid Workshop to be held at Swett High January 11

A financial aid workshop will be held at Purnell Swett High School on January 11 at 6:30 pm in the school Media Center. Information about different kinds of financial aid will be shared and instructions on how to fill out the 1999-2000 financial aid forms will be given. All seniors and parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

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Pembroke BPW reflects on past year

By Yvonne Barnes Dial
The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization reflected on the past year and its accomplishments with the security of women and children as a major focus. From the National Conference, Flora Ransom and Dorothy Blue helped to set ground for the club's goals. To work on improving membership, health issues involving women, financial matters and political issues concerning woman constituted as top issues for the organization. District meetings and training within the years were also part of the organization's policy to continually meet goals and objective. President Annette Strickland and Yvonne Dial attended the district meeting in August to share ideas with their own LO. National Business Woman's Week was celebrated on October 19-23 as they attended Mt. Olive Pentecostal

Church, held a monthly meeting with District V. Director Joan Boeger, as program speaker, and served ice cream and cake to senior citizens.

Yoga and relaxation instructor Barbara Bullard demonstrated and shared stress release techniques and health issues for the club's November meeting. In December, a Christmas dance was scheduled to bring the holiday spirit. Member have worked diligently to provide scholarships for woman who are pursuing a college degree. The following recipients received scholarships: Lacola Hunt, Millicent Tubbs and Robin Locklear. The club also promotes and submits funds at the state, national, and local levels to assist women and children. The club encourages anyone interested in promoting women to join. Please contact Annette Strickland at 521-1146.

Pembroke Observes Centennial of VFW

The town of Pembroke has recognized the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and encourages each business and individual in the Town of Pembroke to acknowledge this anniversary. The Town issued the following Proclamation:

In the matter of proclaiming the 100th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of) Town of Pembroke Proclamation 1999

Whereas, Born in the fires of a revolution and tempered by civil war and foreign conflicts, the United States of America today embodies the highest ideals of freedom and democracy, and

Whereas, For over two hundred years millions of Americans have answered our nation's call to defend our freedoms and our democratic form of government against all enemies, and

Whereas, Such service has required sacrifice, hardship, en-

durance, dedication, bravery, courage and the highest level of patriotism; those who served our country deserve special attention, now

Therefore, I Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke, do hereby call upon all my fellow citizens to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Founded in 1899 by veterans of the Spanish-American War, the VFW is dedicated to serving all of America's veterans and their families. Further, I urge all individuals, schools, businesses, churches, and civic organizations to proudly display the Flag of the United States of America and participate in programs honoring the VFW and all of America's 26 million veterans. Freedom isn't free, and these are the men and women who paid for the freedom all of us enjoy today.

Mayor Milton R. Hunt