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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



Skating Rink Owners, Lisa, Jessicu, Adrianna and Reginald Oxendine, Jr.

## Skating Rink Breaks Ground

Pembroke will soon be the home of a new skating rink. Construction on this new facility began in July. "If all goes well, the new skating rink should be completed by November if not sooner," stated Reggie Oxendine, rink owner. "We are very excited about the new facility and will offer the community a place in which youth and their families can have fun together. We also want parents to know that it will be a safe environment in which they can feel comfortable in bringing their children," stated Lisa Oxendine, rink owner. The skating rink will not only offer skating activity, but will have party rooms for birthday parties, school and church groups, and tap/ballet classes. The facility will also offer an after-school program for children ages 6 to 13. "We want the skating rink to be accessible to all people in Pembroke and surrounding communities. We want the building to serve multiple purposes," stated Reggie Oxendine. The new skating rink will be located on Jones Street, directly across from Pembroke Elementary School.



Carol Oxendine seen here in her Indian Regalia played the role of "The Leader" in the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" for her ninth season. Carol also enjoyed spending time with her granddaughter Bethany Oxendine who was also a member of the cast. (Vinita Maynor-Clark Photo)



## Earth Angel State Supreme Queen

Evita Saybrianna Sanderson was recently crowned the 1999-2000 Earth Angel State Supreme Queen. In her age division she won: photogenic, portfolio, 50's wear, sportswear, casual wear costume, western wear, and talent. Some of the prizes she won included a 4 foot trophy, a satin embroidered robe and banner, a scepter, 6 medallions, a remote colored TV, a stain jacket, and stuffed animals.

Evita is the 2 year old daughter of Sabrina Sanderson and Michael Floyd. She is the granddaughter of Sylvia L. Sanderson and the late James Edward and Mary Francis Floyd. She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Gus Howard and Eva Mae Locklear and the late Ira and Nancy Sanderson. The pageant was held in Spring Lake. Toys and donations collected were given to the Parkton EMS.

## Gospel Singing Planned at HopeWell

HopeWell Methodist Church will sponsor a Gospel Singing August 21, 1999 beginning at 7:00 P.M. featuring: Southern Gospel Trio, The Liberty Trio, The Brewington Family. Gospel Singing is a way of sharing Jesus with others. It is a form of prayer to God. It is uplifting and it makes our burdens light. It is good for the soul. The public is invited to join HopeWell for an evening of "Singing in our Soul"!!!!

## Chavis Family Reunion Scheduled

There will be a Chavis Family Reunion, September 4, 1999 for the descendants of Richard "Dick" and Esther Chavis. It will be held at Cherokee Chapel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until late afternoon.

Please bring a covered dish. For more information contact Pat Lambert 844-9238, Tommy Chavis 843-1727 or Burlie Locklear at 369-2618.

## Ms. Margaret Dial To Receive Republican Congressional Medal of Merit

Congressman Tom Davis has announced that Ms. Margaret Dial has been selected to receive the Republican Congressional Medal of Merit presented by the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Ms. Dial received the award for serving as a Co-Chairman of the Committee's Business Advisory Council. The Council was instrumental in passing the legislation that has led to the current Federal Budget Surplus.

In making the announcement Congressman Tom Davis, who serves as the Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, said, "We are grateful for all of Ms. Dial's support of Republican ideals, particularly for her commitment to federal spending cuts and tax reform."

Ms. Dial and the Business Advisory Council are expected to play a key role as House Republicans try to pass a major tax cut package into law.

Ms. Dial will receive the Medal of Merit at a formal presentation ceremony in Washington, D.C. later this year.

## Community Service Program provides free labor

Some of you may not be aware that here in our community there is a state operated Community Service Work Program under the direction of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

The Community Service Work Program monitors the performance of offenders who are ordered by the court to complete the hours. In this community during this past month, these offenders completed a total of 2,435 community service hours.

Since January 1999, offenders have completed 17,714 hours of free labor which, based on the minimum wage, has a monetary value of \$96,377.10.

Offenders do all kinds of work. For example, in this community they work with a variety of groups and organizations, such as the Able Center (a literacy program), the Humane Society, Volunteer Fire Depts and Police Depts. They also help to maintain buildings and grounds at city and county offices and a major emphasis is being placed on litter pick-up. Many roadways that have not been adopted are cleaned up by community service offenders. If you know an area that especially needs attention, feel free to contact the Community Service Work Program at (910) 618-5519.

## Free Downpayment Assistance Money To Qualified Applicants

Did you know that if you are Coharie, Lumbee, or Waccamaw-Siouan Tribal Member that you could receive up to \$5,000 to 10,000 towards the purchase of a home? The North Carolina Indian Housing Authority (NCIHA), and the tribes, with grants provided by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), will provide prospective home buyers the opportunity to receive Down Payment assistance towards the purchase of a home for those who qualify.

We cordially invite all Coharie, Lumbee, and Waccamaw-Siouan Tribal Members to join us for a Down Payment Assistance Loan Fair to be held in the Lumberton Senior High School in the gymnasium on Saturday, August 28, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Expected guest will include Lending Institutions, Contractors, Home Ownership Counselors, and NCIHA staff. Refreshment will be served.

Is purchasing a home a stressful and time-consuming process? Yes, and the NCIHA and the Tribes would like to help eliminate this stressful and time consuming process by offering you the opportunity to join us in this Loan Fair. For qualifications requirements or additional information, please contact use Office at (910) 564-6909 or (910) 892-8145, our Lumbee Office at (910) 522-1251, or the Waccamaw-Siouan Office at (910) 655-9087.

## North Carolina State Champions Head for World Series Little League Title



The Prospect All-Stars are on their way to the Little League World Series Title. They have won two games in the Little League World Series in Terrell, Texas. They play their third game in that series tonight in Texas. Pictured above are the team members along with their coaches in their North Carolina State Champion uniforms. 1st row left to right: Cameron Clark, Prentis Harris III., Sean Locklear, Kyle Locklear, Luke Moore, Harvey Lowry III. 2nd row: Throne Locklear, Bryan Chavis, Andre Bullard, Brandon Locklear, Yarnell Locklear, Edmond Locklear. 3rd row: Stephen Chavis, David Emanuel III., Joshua Locklear. Also in the photograph are their Manager-Dean Tilton, Coach-Harvey Lowry Jr. and Coach Prentis Harris Jr. This photo was taken in their North Carolina uniforms on Friday afternoon as they prepared to travel to Texas for the World Series event. (Photo by Frank Daughtry)



Naomi Lancaster recently received a scholarship from the Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization. She is currently attending The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

## Pembroke Kiwanis

Representative Ron Sutton was the Tuesday Night speaker at the meeting held at the Jade Garden Restaurant. He was presented by President George Kenworthy.

"Since we, the Democrats got back the House, 66 Democrats to 54 Republicans we got much accomplished. The big disappointment was in the failure of the University system in presenting a workable budget for repairs and buildings. This would have put the state in debt.

The tobacco Settlement puts 25% to the Tobacco farmers, 25% to health, 50% to the foundation. The Bomb Threat Bill puts emphasis on punishment of the offenders. The fourth matter was teachers salaries, raised to 7.5%. The low wealth funding from 6.1 million to 7.9 million. (I'm not sure Representative Sutton will clear this up. There is also the Lending Tax.

There are other Acts passed by the House. I am sure Representative Sutton will explain through the "Indian Voice". Thanks go to Ron Sutton for a very good presentation.

Presiding: Todd Jones, Invocation: Albert Hunt, Reporter: Ken Johnson.

## UNCP Welcomes its second largest Freshman Class in its history

Pembroke, N.C.-- Preliminary estimates indicate that UNC Pembroke's freshman class is the second largest in school history, according to Admissions Director Jackie Clark.

Early estimates following freshman orientation place the number of freshman at 500, Ms. Clark said. The university also expects a large group of 300 transfer students, which will boost the total student headcount at UNCP to an estimated 3,116. It is a four percent increase over last year.

With classes beginning Wednesday, Aug. 18, residence hall occupancy also reached record levels, with men's dorms filled to capacity. Requests for on-campus housing translates into a 98 percent occupancy rate, compared to 88 percent last year, according to Alce Price, dean of students.

"We have been able to accommodate all housing requests this semester," Dean Price said. "The new 300-bed residence hall, now under construction, is coming on line at just the right time."

Greater emphasis on recruiting, teamwork and higher college attendance rates of high school graduates were cited for the enrollment increase.

"Intensive recruitment efforts by the whole university is the reason for the increase," Ms. Clark said. "Three years ago we expanded our recruiting area from seven counties to 33, including the Triangle, the Triad and the Charlotte area. It is just beginning to pay off."

It is the biggest freshman class since 1988, when 529 enrolled. Chancellor Allen C. Meadors welcomed the news.

"This is a good first step towards a bright future at UNCP," Chancellor Meadors said. "I believe the next five to 10 years can be the most exciting and rewarding in this university's proud history. The time is right for us to move forward."

"I am pleased to see a high level of teamwork at UNCP," he said. "For a university to be all it can be, it takes the faculty, staff, alumni, community, students and friends of the university, working together to create an exciting, attractive environment for prospective students."

Upcoming events during the Fall Semester include:

- \* Pembroke Day - Wednesday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (This is town and gown day.)
- \* Convocation - Wednesday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. at Givens Performing Arts Center. (This is the ceremonial opening of the academic year.)
- \* Belk Champagne Gala - Friday, Sept. 17, 8 p.m. (This is the kick-off of the professional Artist Series with a concert by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.)
- \* Alumni Soccer Tailgate Party - Saturday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- \* Winter Commencement - Wednesday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m. at Givens Performing Arts Center. (This is UNCP's first Winter Commencement in history.)

## Pembroke Housing Authority News

On Wednesday July 28, 1999, Pembroke Housing Authority, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs (NCCIA) and Robeson County Mental Health Dept. teamed up together for a meeting to discuss how we could better serve the Pembroke Housing Community. Some of the topics that were addressed were: youth center activities; health issues; family matters; substance abuse; and special needs for families. The meeting was held at the security office in Strickland Heights with an overwhelming response from both the adults and youth.

Suzette Salcido, PHDEP and La-Meecha Locklear Youth Coordinator shared with the residents the activities that were being sponsored by PHA's Youth Center such as tutoring; drug prevention; and cultural activities. Darlene Jacobs, Community Service Director, of NCCIA educated the group as to the various tribes of Indians of North Carolina and the many functions of the NCCIA. Janie McFarland, also of NCCIA spoke of gadgets that were available by the organization for people with special needs. Elaine Gillespie, Robert Smith, and Yolanda Lewis, Substance Abuse Counselors with Robeson County Mental Health Dept. expressed in the meeting if there was anyone with or they knew someone with a substance abuse problem they could be contacted at the Dept. of Mental Health and all information is kept confidential.

The Youth Center held a going away party Friday July 30th for LCOG Summer Youth Workers. The staff at the center would like to thank Tanya Scott and Richard Cole for their dedication to their job and the youth at the center. Tanya is a rising sophomore at UNC-P and plans to do volunteer work in the fall at the Youth Center. Richard is a rising freshman at Purnell Sweet High School. Good Luck! Richard and Tanya in your upcoming school year. During the summer, many of our youth participating in various summer camps conducted throughout the county. Some of these camps were sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club; Robeson County Parks and Recreation; as well as UNCP swim camp. These camps offer exciting challenges to an ordinary summer. Many of our youth greatly enjoyed the swim camps offered by UNCP. We wish all of our children well during the upcoming school year as well.