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Fairmont Indian High School Class of 1939 holds reunion

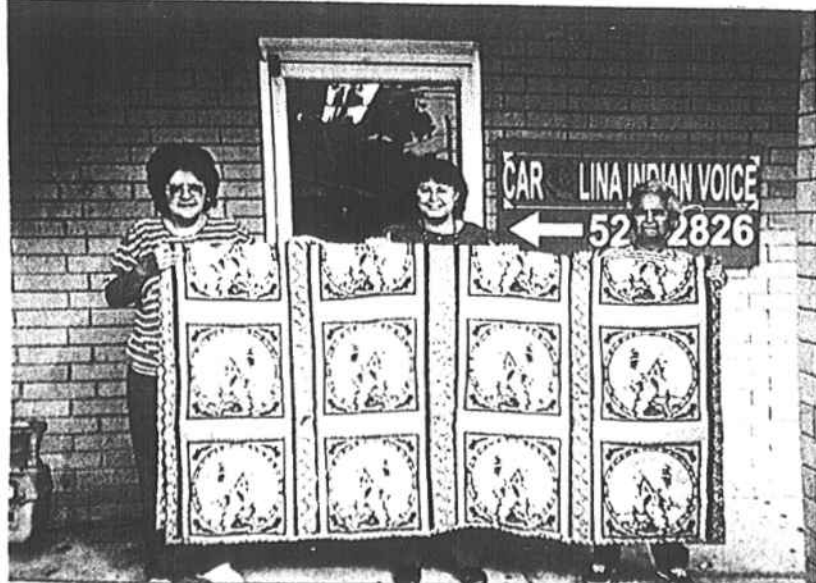
The 1939 graduating class of Fairmont Indian High School held their reunion on July 26 at the Steakman's Restaurant in Lumberton. Five of the surviving ten class mates attended.

Shown left to right are: Mary Ann Spaulding Hunt, Myrtle Locklear Carter, Iona Lowry Oxendine, Howard Oxendine, Letha Jones Hunt.

Contratulations to....

JAMIE LOCKLEAR for winning the 20th annual Lumberton Ford/Eagle Distributing Robeson County Golf Championship Sunday afternoon with a three round score of 213 and a play off victory over four time champ Scott Benton on the first playoff hole. It is a wonderful victory for Jamie Locklear and the golf community. Jamie Locklear has worked mightily to improve the golf offerings at Riverside Country Club and, at the same time, his golf stroke so that he can proclaim himself champion of all Robeson County golfers for 2000. The world has Tiger Woods, who just won the British Open, and we have Jamie Locklear. We're mighty proud of our champion too. Congratulations, Mr. Locklear, we don't know anyone in the golfing community who deserves it more. Your victory cries out that hard work and determination have their rewards from time to time.

And **JULIUS HAGANS** who is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. Julius, a Swett High and UNC-Pembroke graduate, left for his new assignment on May 8. He is expected to complete his assignment and return to his wide circle of family and friends on July 10, 2002. Congratulations, Julius. You give us all a good name.



Hoke County Register of Deeds wins Hand-made Quilt

Della Maynor-Bowen, Hoke County's Register of Deeds, is shown in the center. She won the hand-made quilt recently raffled off by the Area C.B. Club. Shown left is Mary Carter, Secretary of the Club who made the quilt, and right is Edna Locklear, treasurer.

Ms. Carter said that Ms. Maynor-Bowen read about the raffle in the Carolina Indian Voice and called Ms. Carter and ask her to send some tickets to sell. Ms. Carter sent her 40 tickets and Ms. Maynor-Bowen's name was pulled in the raffle. "I am so excited," she said. "It is a beautiful quilt. I wanted to help the club with their fund-raising project and hoped also to win the quilt."

Ms. Carter and Ms. Locklear wished to thank everyone who participated in the fund raising event.

County's new technology park, COMtech is newest economic development project

Lumberton-Despite the downturn, many of Robeson County's top elected officials joined County Manager Scott Elliott in the county commissioners office Tuesday to introduce the county's new commerce and technology park chief executive officer.

Tony Normand will head the county's newest economic development project, the Carolina Commerce and Technology Center, or COMtech.

Ronnie E. Hunt, president and CEO of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, heads the COMtech board of directors, IN a news conference formally announcing the enterprise, Ronnie Hunt said the commerce and technology center is a fundamental change which will benefit people throughout the county.

"The presence here today of the county's political leadership, the heads of the educational institutions within the county, and business and civic leaders from through the county is a wonderful testimony to the unity and support this project has already generated," Ronnie Hunt said.

Chair of the Robeson County Commissioners Johnny Hunt said this project is "long overdue."

"This technology park will move Robeson County into the next millennium," he said. "The Town of

Pembroke will provide the infrastructure to support it."

The COMtech center will be located on a 650-acre site (expandable to 900 acres) near Pembroke, between state route 211 and US 74. The location is eight miles from I-95.

Johnny Hunt thanked Rusty Livermore for his willingness to sell the property which is located in the geographic center of the county. Hunt also cited the business, civic and educational leaders for their collaboration on the project.

County Manager Elliott welcomed the many attendees, including Alisia Scott-Oxendine who is U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre's staff member for economic development. He also thanked Greg Cummings, the director of the Office of Industrial and Economic Development, for all of his hard work on this project.

UNC Pembroke Chancellor Allen C. Meadors, Robeson Community College President Fred Williams, and Public Schools of Robeson County Superintendent Barry Harding all pledged to support the center.

Because COMtech will be an education-based, technology-focused business and industrial center, all three educational entities are vital to its success. Chancellor Meadors said the University's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development will relocate to the new

park. He also said business courses, including the MBA program will be offered there.

President Williams said this project is visionary and much-needed. "It is a creative way to work together," he said. "More specifically, I see us becoming a system of education, working cooperatively in the center of this project. It is a seamless highway between the public schools and the post-secondary levels."

Superintendent Harding said economic development goes hand-in-hand with public education. "A new initiative, a technology high school, is something at the forefront." He talked about expanding the career center as well as establishing a broadcast studio and a web academy. The superintendent also mentioned the possibility of a magnet school at the site.

Tony Normand, a business consultant from Fayetteville, has been working with the UNCP Regional Center for several years. Following his retirement as an Army colonel, where he was the chief of staff for the US Army Special Operations Command, Normand returned to government service as a member of the Defense Department's Senior Executive Service. He resigned that post to operate his own international consulting firm.

Open House to be held at Pembroke Middle

Open House will be held at Pembroke Middle School on Thursday, August 3, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend by the Principal, Dr. Rose Marie Lowry Townsend, faculty and staff.

McIntyre Pushes Veterans Bills

Washington, D.C.-U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre voted for and the U.S. House of Representatives has passed two bills which will assist veterans.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "We need to do all that we can to honor the sacrifice and service that our veterans have made for us. Passage of these bills is an important first step, and I will continue feverishly working on this and other related veterans issues."

Highlights of the bills are:

Veterans organizations have been pushing for legislation to overturn a July 1999 decision by the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, which stipulates the VA may help veterans obtain medical records and other evidence relative to filing a benefit claim only if the veteran proves the claim is "well-grounded." This requirement which could force veterans to produce medical and other evidence on their own which undermines the Veterans of Administration longstanding policy known as the "duty to assist"

veterans. The bill that the House passed would overturn the court decision and allow all veterans whose claims were denied since last year's court decision to request that the VA review their case.

The second measure combined provisions from several other bills that would expand benefits for a variety and family members. The bill would authorize cost of living increases on disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and would permit certain members of the Individual Ready Reserve to participate in the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program. It also would increase benefits for National Guard or Reserve members who suffer a heart attack or stroke during inactive duty training and provide a monthly compensation for certain female service members who undergo radical mastectomies.

Congressman McIntyre is a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Matthew Lowry honored by 'Strike at the wind!'

RED BANKS-A very special member of the "Strike at the wind!" cast made a return appearance last Friday night as the outdoor drama threw an early birthday party for Matthew Lowry of Laurinburg. The drama earlier made Matthew an honorary member of the cast and staged a special presentation of the drama for him on June 30. The 8 year old has terminal bone cancer and seeing "Strike at the wind!" was one of his dreams come true.

"We are pleased to have Matthew at the drama again," said Ms. Perlean Revels, Chairman of Robeson Historical Drama, Inc., the sponsoring agency for the drama that showcases Henry Berry Lowrie and his White, Black and Indian counterparts in the civil War era based historical drama. Ms. Revels continued, "We had a cake and ice cream as we celebrated his birthday early and he and his family were our very special guests."

Friday (July 21) was declared "Matthew Lowry Night" at "Strike at the Wind!"

The play continues Friday and Saturday nights through August 12 at the Adolph L. Dial Amphitheater on the grounds of the N.C. Indian Cultural Center in the Red Banks Community, approximately three miles from Pembroke.

Tickets can be reserved by calling 521-2433 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. The gates open at 7:30 p.m. nightly and the performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$4 for children under the age of 12. Information about group rates can be obtained by calling 671-3080.



Little Miss Lumbee Takonna Lyn Bullard visits Amish Country

Takonna Lynn Bullard, Little Miss Lumbee spent a four-day vacation with the Amish people in Pennsylvania during the month of July. She was overwhelmed. She really got a thrill out of their means of transportation-horse and buggy. Takonna had dinner with one family, which provided her family with a great deal of information in reference to their culture. During dinner she told them about her culture and how proud she is to represent her Lumbee people as Little Miss Lumbee.

She was extremely excited to find out that the Amish people finished school in the eighth grade. They must then take a government test. If they pass the test, they have completed college because they only work in the fields and take care of their cattle and crops.

The highlight of the trip was seeing Noah's Ark and a play with Abraham and Sarah.

Takonna attends church at the Ministry of Jesus Christ in Pembroke where she has perfect attendance this year. She could hardly wait to tell her Sunday School Class what she had seen and learned. Her Sunday School teacher said, "Takonna is very outgoing, as well as outspoken and very dedicated. She traveled 1,104 miles, went to bed at 3:00 Sunday morning and still went to church Sunday."

Takonna really enjoyed her trip, she said.

Pembroke Elementary School

The application deadline for Pre-school registration at Pembroke Elementary School has been extended until Friday, August 4, 2000. Please come by the school between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to apply.

The Principal is Larry T. Brooks and the Assistant Principal is Molly O. Locklear. In you need any further information please call 910/521-4204.