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The Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce Introduces New Officers at Annual Banquet

PEMBROKE - Ben Jacobs, program director for Lumbee Regional Development Association, was sworn in as the new president for 2001-2003 Jan. 20 at the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce's (PACC) Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

Brian K. Brooks, an attorney with the firm of Locklear, Jacobs, Hunt & Brooks, was named recipient of the Harry West Locklear President's Award. He will also serve as PACC's executive director replacing Ernestine Chavis Bulifant.

James and Janice Sheffield accepted the Business of the Year Award for Shell's Seafood and Company. The seafood restaurant has been a town landmark since 1982.

Other new officers include: Vice President Teresa Cummings, director of Alumni Relations at UNCP; Treasurer Ron Brown, Pates Supply Co., Inc. and Secretary Angie Revels, human resources director for Pembroke Drug Center/TLC Home Health Care.

The chamber proudly boasts 67 members and a new Internet site, outgoing president Don Gersh told about 150 people at the banquet held at UNC Pembroke's James B. Chavis University Center. Mr. Gersh is director of University Relations for UNCP.

Pembroke Mayor and Lumbee Tribal Chairman Milton Hunt welcomed attendees. UNCP Chancellor

Allen C. Meadors introduced featured speaker Dennis Lowery, Pembroke native and founder of continental Chemicals, LLC of Charlotte.

"We are proud of Dennis Lowery because he is founder of the largest Native American business in America and because he gives back to his community in so many ways," Chancellor Meadors said. Mr. Lowery, a 1964 graduate of UNCP, showed the audience the shoe shine box that he used as a boy to earn spending money shining shoes of professors at UNC Pembroke.

"It was great to be part of this university with my shoe shine box, my wash bucket and my degree. I hope you will continue to develop business opportunities at UNCP," Mr. Lowery said. "The university has meant so much to me and this community. I hope you will continue to support it."

As the university grows, Mr. Lowery said, more opportunities will arise for the Pembroke area business community.

"Imagine how much more money will be spent here when this university doubles in size," he said. "Education is a big business, and UNCP's \$30 million annual budget is a big business. It's a gold mine."

For more information about the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, please call 521-0647



McIntyre Calls for Hearings Into Genetically Modified Tobacco

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre has asked the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and a congressional subcommittee to examine the effects of genetically modified tobacco on the domestic tobacco market and the American tobacco farmer.

Congressman McIntyre stated: "Our tobacco farmers have faced serious challenges over the last few years, and now is not the time to add another one to it! No one knows the impact of genetically modified tobacco, and if this process is to be proved, it must be done at a deliberate pace to insure no harm to tobacco producers and their markets. With this year's tobacco quota increase, we have taken a positive step forward, and I intend to keep fighting to make sure our tobacco farmers have the opportunity to grow tobacco and support their families and communities!"

In separate letters to USDA Secretary Dan Glickman and House Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman Terry Everett, McIntyre wrote: "With the reduction in domestic consumption of tobacco products, tobacco farmers have become increasingly dependent on export

markets. As you are well aware, many countries have expressed strong concerns regarding the safety of genetically modified product. If GMO tobacco were accidentally commingled with conventional tobacco, the results could be devastating to American tobacco producers. The perception of genetically modified tobacco commingled with traditional tobacco would be enough to stop the sale of U.S. tobacco abroad, which would put thousands of tobacco farmers out of business."

McIntyre has confirmed that applications were filed at USDA asking for permission to grow genetically modified tobacco. McIntyre has asked Secretary Glickman to withhold approval of this request until there has been adequate time to consider all potential problems associated with the introduction of genetically modified tobacco into the marketplace. McIntyre has asked Chairman Everett to schedule a hearing so that answers may be found regarding the impact of genetically modified tobacco on tobacco farmers and export markets.

Congressman McIntyre is a member of the House Agriculture Committee.



Brian Brooks, Award winner

Eagle Day Full Fledged on January 12, 2001 Fourth and Final Croatan Love Knot Reveals

Croatan Nation Exiles Master Artist, Visionary and Croatan Love Knot expert Shaman Yellow Owl stated that about September 12, 1997 the 2001st Birthday of the man Jesus as the Dawn of Eagle Day. On that day the universal time clock arrived at a space, place with no pace or face to equal flow, but flow continued on the anti side of time (pace) and face: the universe went into Anti-space, place and pace with face to equal flow "time stood still." This is known as the seventh twinkle of God's Eye.

Horn Power of the Four Winds terminated.

The anti-Christ unsealed the northwest door to the universe, entered and released truth and justice to cleanse and purify the Earth and mankind. This will destroy one-third of mankind by 2196 AD. Eagle Day began at this point in Anti-time (pace).

Death began to drip from the universe more and more each day as truth and justice got stronger and Eagle Day became more powerful until death was pouring from the universe; the northwest door to the universe got wider and wider until it became fully open on January 12, 2001, exactly 3.3 years into Eagle Day (refer to the Fourth Croatan Love Knot sketch). All this is in accordance with the Fourth Croatan Love Knot and the Codes and Keys within the St. James version of the Old Testament.

Submitted by Shaman Yellow Owl

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Dr. Ken Johnson

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Jade Garden Restaurant with President Carlton Mansfield presiding. Program Chairman Todd Jones presented Miss Christina Oxendine, Physical Therapist from the new FirstHealth Clinic in Pembroke. Miss Oxendine received her masters degree from Elon College in May, 2000.

She stated that FirstHealth of the Carolinas is an "Oasis" for Health care. They have 31 doctors and professionals on their staff, and Miss Oxendine is one of them. Individuals managing pain or illness frequently experience an array of conflicting emotions from anger, despair, fear, depression, isolation, fear for their loved ones. It has been recognized that health thoughts can effect cure, feelings as well as spiritual can dramatically influence overall health. Oasis is helping individuals to look at the relationship of mind and body. So Oasis, the

Center here is helping to empower people to take control of their health and employ the "doctor within."

STROKE happens when something suddenly decreases the flow of blood to the brain. Possible causes are a break in a blood vessel in the brain, or a clot in the brain. Warning signs are weakness or numbness of the face, trouble in talking, loss of vision. If you experience any of these, get help immediately. Help is available.

There are many types of incontinence - loss of bladder control. Oxendine said. The center can help. And understanding how your body makes, stores and releases urine can help.

Taking care of your back is also a specialty. Miss Oxendine explained the many services the FirstHealth provides.

Song leader Ed Teets. Invocation-Albert Hunt. Reporter- Ken Johnson.

American Red Cross plans Valentine's Dance

The Robeson County Chapter of the American Red Cross is planning a Valentine's Dance for Friday, February 9 from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight. Refreshments will be served. Bring your sweetheart and enjoy this fund raising event. Tick-

ets are \$15.00 per couple or \$10 per person. The event will be held at the Southeastern Agricultural Center Farmer's Market, I-74, Lumberton, NC. For further information call 910-521-3640.

Lumbee Tribal Government Board to meet for first official business session

The first official business meeting of the newly elected Lumbee Tribal Government will be held Saturday, January 27, 2001 at the Baptist Building in Pembroke. The meeting begins at 10 p.m. and tribal members are encouraged to attend by Tribal Chairman Milton Hunt.

Chairman Milton Hunt and 23 representatives elected November 7, were sworn in January 13, 2001. The new body is charged with the responsibility of writing a consti-

tution and tribal members by referendum allowed them one year to write the document. Saturday's meeting will be the first official meeting of the new body as they begin drafting a governing document. Chairman Hunt is excited about the event but recognizes that it is going to be a lot of work. Hunt said, "There is much work to be done, but I am confident that we can handle it. There have been some good people elected and I believe we will work together very well."

They're Playing Our Song Coming to UNCP

The national Broadway company of the hit musical comedy, They're Playing Our Song starring Erin Moran from TV's "Happy Days," will be presented at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke on Wednesday, January 31 at 8:00 pm.

With music by Marvin Hamlisch and Carole Bayer Sager and book by Neil Simon, They're Playing Our Song is a musical comedy about a wisecracking, neurotic, award-winning composer, Vernon Gershwine, and a witty, intelligent and offbeat lyricist of contemporary pop songs, Sonia Walsk (Erin Moran).

They're Playing Our Song is a richly and romantic story about a couple who make beautiful music together, but have a difficult time making their lives as harmonious as their songs. The show features such hits as "I Still Believe In Love," "Workin' It Out," "Just for Tonight" and "They're Playing Our Song."

"They're Playing Our Song is sponsored in-part by WFNC 102.3 FM. "What musical theatre is all about!" - Wall Street Journal

The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards The Temptations Review featuring original member Dennis Edwards will be in concert at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke on Friday, February 9 at 8:00 pm. Featuring such classic hits as "Can't Get Next to You," "Rainy Night in Georgia," and "My Girl," the Temptations Review will take you on a musical journey that has made them one of the most celebrated groups in music history. Tickets are \$26, \$24, \$22 and \$8 for children and stu-

dents. For tickets or more information, call the GPAC box office at 910-521-6361 or 1-800-367-0778.

The Temptations Review is sponsored in-part by The Robesonian, Up & Coming Magazine, WKML, WQSM, WFLB, WFNC, and WGQR.

Chicago Brass Quintet featuring the Brown Singers The Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke will feature the internationally renowned Chicago Brass Quintet in concert on Tuesday, February 6 at 8:00 pm. Performing with the Quintet will be the gospel group, the Brown Singers of Columbus, OH. The concert will feature selections by Gershwin, Copland, and Joplin as well as familiar hymns such as Amazing Grace and How Great Thou Art.

Tickets for the Chicago Bass Quintet are \$16, \$14, \$12 and \$8 for children and students. For reservations or more information, call the GPAC box office at 910-521-6361 or 1-800-367-0778.

Purnell Swett High School News Lynn Harris was selected as the Student of Excellence by the Chamber of Commerce. Lynn Harris is in the eleventh grade at Purnell Swett.

The "Remember the 60's" show will be held at Purnell Swett the first three weekends in January 2001 on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons. The PSHS chorus and band performed December 11 at Purnell Swett in the commons area for their annual concert.

Business Law has been busy this semester. Guest speakers to Mr. Karen Stickney's class included: Ronnie Sutton - House of Representatives, Darek Hunt - Solomon

Smith Barney, and J.W. Jacobs - Robeson County Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Improvement Team. The class toured the Robeson County Detention Center, and sat in the Pembroke Courtroom to watch Judge Richardson in action. The class participated in the North Carolina Economic Council Stock Market Simulation. Ms. Karen's class placed 5th in the state. Between the 8 classes all placed in the top 100 in the state. Then the Business Law class conducted in a Custody Mock Trial. Students Experience The Diary of Anne Frank

As a result of a grant procured by a UNC-P's Performing Arts Department, the English II teachers are taking part this semester in Sean Layne's Diary of Anne Frank Residency Program. During this program developed by Mr. Layne in association with the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, he worked directly with four classes of students during the first week of the semester to implement a theatre curriculum model connected to The Diary of Anne Frank.

In March and April, Mr. Layne will return for another full week during which time the English II teachers will take the lead and apply the same theatre curriculum model to another piece of dramatic literature. Students have enjoyed the experience so far, they say, because they were actively engaged ("up out of their seats"). All students were part of the "big picture" and they were encouraged to think creatively. As part of the program, English II students will attend the performance of The Diary of Anne Frank Givens Performing Arts Center on February 22.

Notice of Public Hearing Town of Pembroke Recreation Plan

Notice is hereby given by the Pembroke Town Council that a public hearing will be held on February 5, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building to review the Town of Pembroke Parks & Recreation Plan.

All citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing. Following the public hearing, the Town Council will consider adoption of the plan. Anyone having questions in advance of the public hearing should contact Mr. McDuffie Cummings, Town Manager, at (910) 521-9758.

Plate sale planned at Mt. Airy Church

A Plate Sale will be held at Mt. Airy Baptist Church in the fellowship hall on January 27, 2001 beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting until 7 p.m. Chicken and barbecue plates will be available for \$5 each and combos will be \$6. For further information call Frances Chavis at 521-9075 oor 843-7926.

State Democrats to meet January 27th in Raleigh

The State Executive Committee of the North Carolina Democratic Party will meet Saturday, January 27, 2001 at the North Raleigh Hilton beginning at 12:30 p.m.

At the meeting, officers will be selected for the 2001-2003 term. Positions to be filled include State Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Third Vice Chair, and Secretary.

In addition, other routine organizational business will be conducted.