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## Marlboro's Brayboy wins state recognition

Marlboro County Superintendent of Education Dr. Ray Brayboy (front, right/center) holds a plaque recognizing him as the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association "Superintendent of the Year", an honor recently bestowed upon him. Joining Brayboy in celebrating the award are community members that have contributed to Marlboro recent success: (front, from left) Board of Education Member Rufus Johnson; Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Miller; Brayboy; Marlboro County Athletic Director Dr. Dean Boyd. (Back row, from left) Marlboro District Director of Communications Jim Myers; Bennettsville Mayor Benjy Rogers; and Mark Avent of Pepsi-Cola/Bennettsville. (Please see full award story on Sports, page 6-A.)

## Marlboro's Brayboy named 'Superintendent of the Year'

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Athletic-related honors continue to roll into Marlboro County. But, contrary to other state and region crowns claimed in athletic arenas, the latest glory brought home to Marlboro Bulldog country recognizes something just as important: behind-the-scenes support and direction.

And, for his efforts to advance athletics in Marlboro County, the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association has aptly named Marlboro Superintendent Dr. Ray Brayboy "South Carolina Superintendent of the Year".

The honor was announced during the association's annual meeting held recently in Charleston, at which Dr. Brayboy was presented a plaque commemorating the occasion.

And, in the opinion of Marlboro County Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Dean Boyd, who nominated Brayboy for the award, given his accomplishments in the relatively short time he's been here, no other nominee even came close to the Top Bulldog.

In his letter of nomination, Boyd wrote of Brayboy:

"He understands the true importance that athletics has to our young people. He is a product of what athletics can do for young people. He shares his life story of how athletics brought him through life. He grew up in a small North Carolina Native American community where he was a star baseball player. He continually states that athletics afforded him opportunities that he would not have had in normal circumstances."

Referring to the Spring Sports Complex that has emerged on the Marlboro County High School campus over the last eight months, Boyd wrote:

"The new complex (which includes a baseball field, softball field, and tennis courts) will cost us \$1.4 million to complete. Our District is strapped for money. We

could not afford to build this complex from District funds. Dr. Brayboy has put together a community committee to oversee the building of this complex. He has shown great ingenuity and foresight in putting this committee together. His goal was to be playing ball this spring at the new site. So, in eight months time we have built a state-of-the-art complex and will play ball this spring at our new site.

Boyd says that his decision to nominate Brayboy was simple.

"It was one of the few chances we had to get some recognition for a man who has been willing to step forward and make changes as he felt necessary," Boyd said. "And when things are down, that's what you have to do - try something different."

"He just tries to do the right thing, not only in athletics but in academics as well, and you've got to respect that," Boyd said.

Boyd also notes that generating the nomination letter was difficult in that he was limited to a finite number of words.

"I had a hard time trying to say everything that I wanted to say without leaving anything out," Boyd says with a chuckle.

But, as evidenced by the results of his efforts, Boyd must have said enough, and said it well, as, once again, in what must be becoming quite redundant to other S.C. schools, a Bulldog claimed the top honor.

Of course, receiving athletic accolades is not a new experience for Brayboy who, during his college days was an All-American baseball player for Pembroke State College, which is now affiliated with the University of North Carolina system.

In fact, Brayboy's collegiate success afforded him an opportunity to play at the professional level as he spent time in the Minnesota Twins farm club system.

While he later decided to forego pro ball in order to concentrate on education as a career, Brayboy's

accomplishments were held in such high regard that he was inducted into the UNC-Pembroke Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984.

So, with a track record of setting for nothing short of excellence, it's little wonder that Marlboro's chief educator has brought home state-level gold in only his second year in South Carolina, winning the distinguished title in just the second year of its existence.

But, Brayboy humbly notes, his recent recognition simply represents the achievements of a determined group dedicated to supporting local athletics.

"First of all, I am pleased, humbled and surprised at having been selected to receive this prestigious award," Brayboy said. "However, I'm also aware that many individuals and groups here in Marlboro County played major roles in me being honored by the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association as their 'Superintendent of the Year'."

"Dr. Dean Boyd, whom I consider to be the most capable athletic director I've ever worked with, took it upon himself to submit my name into competition," Brayboy continued. "This indicates to me that he is appreciative of the efforts we've put forth in, among other things, developing the Spring Sports Complex which has received broad-based community support during the past year. So, everyone contributing to this cause certainly enhanced my candidacy for the award."

"As a former athlete who achieved a reasonable level of success on the playing field, it should come as no surprise to anyone that I am a strong advocate for excellence in athletics - just as I am regarding achieving excellence in the classroom. I make no apologies for feeling this way and will continue to support Coach Boyd, other coaches, and our student-athletes in the future," Brayboy concluded.

## Moore Regional's new Emergency Department making communication history

**PINEHURST-** The Emergency Department Information System (EDIS) that was recently installed in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital's new Emergency Department is on its way to making communication history. It's the hospital's first step toward implementing a paperless, electronic patient-record system. Designed by Wellsoft Corporation, a software company from New Jersey that specializes in emergency information systems, EDIS replaces the hospital's former home-grown computerized tracking system, says Tom Kane, Systems Coordinator.

tomatically order and document diagnostic tests." While the diverse patient-tracking system is capable of absorbing and compiling vast amounts of information, it is organized in a fashion that is very readable to the emergency worker, says Ronald J. Milewski, M.D., Emergency Department Medical Director. It is so organized, according to Dr. Milewski, that it speeds up the entire emergency room process for clinicians and patients alike.

"The system enables us to document the time-span patients spend with us in the ED, turnaround times for test results, as well as how long a patient has spent in the waiting room," he said. "When you have 20 or 30 patients waiting for emergency care, it helps to have a system such as this one in place to keep track of what's going on throughout the entire department. The system enables us to retrieve accurate, time-based reports that can be used to examine the amount

of time patients wait for any procedure, for a bed or to be seen by a physician."

An entirely electronic tracking system will enable administrators to run patient-specific reports and create a lifeline for pharmacists who need additional information prior to filling a patient's prescription, says Dottie Kuehl, Assistant Director, Emergency Services.

"The system can easily categorize the types of patients in need of emergency care at any particular time," Kuehl said. "We track many points of data for each particular patient to assure patients receive proper care in a timely manner. Therefore, it's necessary to have a system that is capable of running multiple reports. We can track testing results, nursing orders, physician orders, patient waiting times and other items, such as prescriptions with the system. If a pharmacist has a question about a prescription, he can call up the ED and ask any clinician about the perception, because the information is available on the system."

## Oliver North to speak on April 10 at UNCP

**PEMBROKE, N.C.-** Oliver North, the combat-decorated Marine and best-selling author, is giving the final presentation for The University of North Carolina at Pembroke's 2000-2001 Distinguished Speaker Series. North will speak Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center on the UNCP campus. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and free for faculty, staff and students with a UNCP ID. Tickets are available at the GPAC box office. For information, call (910) 521-6361. "We are delighted to bring Mr. North to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke and the region," said Chancellor Allen C. Meadors. "He is an appropriate conclusion to our Distinguished Speaker Series. "Ollie," the nickname America has affectionately come to know him by, is a former U.S. Senate candidate, host of the nationally broadcast "Oliver North Show," and guest star of NBC's "Wings" and "JAG" television shows. He became the center of media attention in the early 1990s with his role in the Iran Contra hearings. He also played a major part in such specula operations as the rescue of 804 medical students in Grenada and the capture of hijackers in the cruise ship *Archille Laro*. Born in San Antonio, Texas, North graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. and served 22 years as a U.S. Marine. His awards include the Silver Star, Bronze Star and two purple hearts for wounds in action. "We feel that this year's series was diverse and informative," said Meadors. "It has given our students and regional community the opportunity to see, hear and to question individuals who have shaped the society in which we live."

## Revival planned at Mt. Airy

Mt. Airy Baptist Church along with the Pastor, Steve Strickland invites the public to their Spring Revival April 1-4, 2001. Sunday night service begins at 6:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday night services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The visiting preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Michael Cummings, Director of Missions for the Burnt Swamp Association and President of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention.

## WKKE Radio Station Golf Tournament Scheduled

WKKE Radio Station Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2001 at Scotthurst Golf Course, Lumber Bridge, NC. Tee times: shot gun start 1:00 P.M.. Four-person teams format. Captains Choice. Bring your own team. For more information call Ronald Tyler at 910-484-0821 or Mike Flanagan at 910-865-3555.

## Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration set at Union Elementary School

Union Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration is planned for April 6, 2001 from 9 a.m. until 1 P.M.. Items to bring to registration include child's original birth certificate (certified copy); immunization record; tribal enrollment card; child's social security card. To register for Pre-Kindergarten, your child must be four years old by October 16. To register for kindergarten, your child must be five years old by October 16.

with committees chairs, Rosa Winfree (District 16) was elected to chair the committee.

Linda Hammonds (District 9) reported on the status of the process of the constitution. The committee met on March 16 at the Indian Unity Conference and on March 19. The committee agreed that the previous work in developing a tribal constitution should not go in vain and should be used as a basis for drafting the tribal constitution. The committee also identified some potential controversial areas. Six initial public hearings have been scheduled beginning on March 26 at Red Springs High School. The committee will work together with other council members to scheduled public hearings in their communities.

Public comments included an earnest and passionate speech by Mr. Garth Locklear regarding the need for language in the constitution regarding the public safety of enrolled members and the punishment by the tribe for those committing felony crimes. Ruth Locklear spoke briefly about the distinction of tribal territory and Barbara Lowry gave earnest reminders of the needs that the Lumbee people have, housing, health care and energy assistance, and not to forget who elected them. The next scheduled meeting of the council is April 21 at the tribal council office.

## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April has been designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. As you know, child abuse is becoming more pervasive. Children represent only 25 percent of the population but will represent 100 percent of the future. When we protect children from harm we are also protecting ourselves and protecting our future.

Each of us should make a personal commitment to find ways to end child abuse, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for children and Families, has initiated a "WORKING TOGETHER For Our Children" (WTFOC) campaign, calling on federal, state, and local agencies, public/private sectors, and the community to prevent child abuse and neglect. The campaign also asks that individuals - parents, teachers, doctors, neighbors, friends and relatives - make a personal commitment to intervene, where necessary, to prevent child maltreatment.

We should each take a step to assure that growing up is a safe journey for all children. Here are a few suggestions: give a stressed parent you know a "breather," encourage an abuser to seek counseling or simply reach out to a family in need.

Sincerely, Robeson County Champion for Children 2000 P.O. Box 1622, Pembroke, NC 28372. (910)521-8602.

## Public Meetings planned for Lumbee Constitution

Linda Hammonds, Chairperson of the Constitutional committee has announced that the Lumbee Tribal Government has scheduled public meetings in Robeson County on a governing document (Constitution) for the Lumbee Tribe. At these public meetings, the Lumbee people will have the opportunity to express their opinions regarding the details of a governing document before it is put before the people for adoption in a referendum.

Public meetings are also being scheduled in other counties and areas throughout where a large population of Lumbee people resides. March 29 Purnell Swett High School April 2 Lumberton Senior High School April 5 St. Pauls High School April 9 Fairmont High School April 12 South Robeson High School All public meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, except Lumberton Senior, which is to be held in the auditorium.

## Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Dr. Ken Johnson  
The weekly meeting of the Pembroke Kiwanis Club was held Tuesday evening, March 21, at the Jade Garden Restaurant. President-elect Aaron Baker presided. Program Chairman Ken Johnson presented new Assistant Soccer Coach Mrs. Kelly Iverson. Coach Iverson lives on Fort Bragg. Her husband is a member of the Armed Forces. She and head coach Anderson are busy planning for their soccer opening game with Wingate on August 21st. She invited all Kiwanians to attend. They plan to use the 2-4-4 alignment system. Soccer scholarships are being offered to many high school seniors. They now have nine players under signed. The new soccer field will be ready and is under construction. And a schedule of ten to twelve games is being worked out. We Kiwanians were impressed with Coach Iverson's presentation and wish the new Lady Braves all the success in the world.

Plans are going forward for the Easter Dinner Dance to be held Friday, April 13 on Good Friday. Tickets may be obtained from any Kiwanian for \$25. This is a fund raiser for boys' and girls' projects. Invocation-Albert Hunt. Song leader- Ed Teets. Reporter- Ken Johnson.

## Establishment of Ethics and Economic Committees and Constitution Tops Lumbee Tribal Council Meeting

by Darlene Jacobs, Public Relations  
Lumbee Tribal Council

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lumbee Tribal Council was held March 24 at its tribal headquarters in Pembroke. The first order of business centered on establishing an economic development committee and an ethics committee. Leading the discussion for economic development was Daucy Brewington (District 18). Mr. Brewington who works with various tribes across the nation on economic development and other issues, stated that "We need a source of funding, venture and grant writing projects so that the tribal council can move forward in bringing resources and growth to our Indian communities. We are in the process of creating a process from the ground up and we have the expertise and skills among our people to do this." A motion was made that the council establish an economic development committee and the Mr. Brewington chair it.

The tribal council also discussed the need for an ethics committee. Part of the discussion focused on the role and responsibilities of the ethics committee. OF particular interest was the developing guidelines on the conduct of council members, conflict of interest, and also establishing rules for advisory committee members. The ethics committee will write the guidelines in conjunction