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Farm Service Agency Begins Making Emergency Payments

The USDA Farm Service Agency has begun making the first of supplemental emergency payments to area farmers. According to Giles B. Floyd, County Executive Director, the Robeson/Scotland Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office has issued nearly \$4 million in payments as part of the 2001 Agricultural Economic Assistance Act which was signed into law by the President on August 13, 2001. "These payments were issued as supplemental market loss assistance payments and to 2000 crop oilseed producers", Floyd said. "Additional payments will be made around September 10, 2001, to eligible tobacco producers and allotment holders". These payments will be automatically paid to eligible farmers for the farming economy which has been hit hard in recent years by low commodity prices and natural disasters", Floyd said.



Broughton Oxendine Files for Seat on LREMC Board of Directors

Broughton Oxendine of Rennett, NC has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors, representing District IV. Long active in community, civic and local governmental affairs, Oxendine serves on the Rennett Planning and Zoning Commission, the Advisory Council of Rex Rennett Elementary School and is a Sunday School Teacher at Zion Hill Baptist Church. For sixteen years Oxendine served on the Indian Education Parent Committee for the Public Schools of Robeson County. He is a self-employed carpenter.

I wish to see continued recruitment of industry and am committed to helping our service area obtain more and higher paying jobs. This comes with industry into the area. During these times of lay off industrial recruitment should be on the top of our list of priorities.

"I am proud of the efficient and competent manner that our cooperative has been noted for. I desire to be a part of the policy making body and believe that I will be, if elected, an asset to the EMC."

"I have supported various candidates for local, state and district seats. I enjoy campaigning and meeting people. The opportunity to interact with member consumers is challenging to me. Being from a rural area, I understand the concepts of the rural

electrification program. Of course, it has grown into a much larger operation since its inception in the 1940s. There is so much more that we can do in addition to providing electrical services. I believe in sound financial administration, decisions on policy that include and consider the member consumers as well as the employees. If elected, I will strive to be one of the best board members who has ever served. I am conscientious and concerned and desire to be a part of our EMC as we face the challenges of the twenty-first Century.

"The Annual Meeting for the LREMC will be held October 8 at the UNCP Performing Arts Center. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and lasts until 8 p.m. I solicit your support in my effort to represent you on our EMC Board of Directors."

International Caucus Leader for United Methodist Churches Visit Robeson



Left to right: Rev. Lawrence Malcolm of Sandy Plains United Methodist Church, Rev. Alvin Deer, Rev. Larry Chandler of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

"I have fallen in love with the Lumbee people, and I am wanting to know about the various stories that each tribe has in their history," stated Rev. Alvin Deer, executive director for the Native American International Caucus of the United Methodist Church.

Traveling across the United States, Rev. Deer has met many Lumbees of the Robeson county area and developed an interest in their culture and history as he learned about them and about the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind." His interest grew to such an extent that he thus made every effort to visit the area delivering a sermon at Prospect and Sandy Plains United Methodist Churches August 12.

Rev. Bill Locklear welcomed the minister and Mrs. Mable Cummings introduced Rev. Deer at Prospect UMC for their regular worship service.

As Paul demonstrated a love for people greeting and departing from them with praise and blessing through his ministry, Rev. Deer exhibited the same approach as he shared his sermon "A Seven Fold Blessing" to approximately four hundred individuals. Scripture from Revelations 7:9-17 served as an inspiration as Rev. Deer substituted words as "clothed with buckskin" for "clothed with white robes" to emphasize Native American Tradition through scripture.

Revealing startling statistics that only eight percent of Native Americans are Christians, Oklahoma has the highest alcohol rate in the United States, Native Americans are dying of alcohol and "no one is there to tell them that Jesus loves them," and no work exist for some of them, Rev. Deer portrayed to the congregation a sense of the cruel reality that thousands of Native Americans face today in the nation. "God is calling all of us to help others to stand before the throne of God. Decisive we must be, and we must become disciples. We have a blessing within us," remarks Rev. Deer.

"I come to Robeson County and leave a blessing. God wants to leave you with a blessing immensely," he continues. His composition of blessings included: blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might, leaving the concept to the people that "God will give you the ability to accomplish what you want."

At 6:00 P.M. Rev. Deer spoke at Sandy Plains for a family and youth revival. The Plainsmen began the service as they sang several selections and Rev. Lawrence Malcolm and Rev. Robert Magnum welcomed the speaker.

Rev. Deer read scripture from Luke 22:28-32 emphasizing God's love for the people. "God loves you so much young people. God's written a love story for you," he assures them as he prepares them for his message.

Understanding it quite appropriate, Rev. Deer related the depression and stress that Myriah Cary and an In Sync performer have recently experienced, since the youth are familiar with popular music artists. He also realized that these obstacles overtake and devastate today's youth and that they "can't relate to the older generation. We're too busy. Young people are left by themselves." Relating their situation to scripture, Rev. Deer quoted, "Satin desires to have you and sit you as wheat."

Reminding everyone that drugs and alcohol "touch young peoples' lives," Rev. Deer also informed that adults have tried to have something for youth, but it did not work. "The youth have time of refreshing in other places," he continues, "God's waiting for us to restore His kingdom and we must take authority over the land."

With sincere concern of the schools that have become "killing field," Rev. Deer adamantly informed his listeners that "it's our job to plead for children who are underage."

Voicing an assurance of hope to the younger generation, Rev. Deer reminded them that the book of Psalm served as "love letters," inspiring them to "experience life abundantly."

Ending his sermon, he used the analogy of a person's heartbeat as he reminded everyone that "God says He loves you every time your heart beats." Afterwards, The Living Stones sang "Stand Still" and "Four Days Late."

"I think he's one of the greatest speakers I've heard. His sermon has strengthened us all," responded Linda Oxendine. Mrs. Oxendine also felt that Rev. Deer's sermon left the people with something to think about and realize that they must and need to work harder as disciples to help others.

Rev. Deer attended southern methodist University in Dallas, Texas, Perkins School of Theology, the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, in Chickasha, Oklahoma receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, and Los Angeles City College in Los Angeles, California receiving an Associate of Arts degree in banking and finance. He presently serves on the following boards: National United Methodist Native American Center, Inc. Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California, Southeastern Jurisdictional Native American Ministries in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina and Cook College and Theological School, in Tempe, Arizona. Deer is enrolled as a member of the Kiowa Indian tribe of Oklahoma and his father was a full-blood Muscogee Creek from Okemah, Oklahoma. Refreshments were served after the sermon.

In making his announcement, Oxendine released the following statement:

"It is my desire to see our coopera-

"Turkey Pizza" to be Featured at State Cook-off

Five NC Turkey Cooking Contest Contestants Compete for Top Prize "TURKEY PIZZA" will be prepared, cooked and served during the Twentieth Annual NC Turkey Cooking Contest festivities being held Friday, September 14, 2001. The pizzas will be enjoyed by hundreds of viewers on the grounds of Hoke County Public Library on Main Street in Raeford, North Carolina.

The contest is being held in conjunction with the Seventeenth Annual NC Turkey Festival, September 13-15. Commissioner Meg Scott Phipps and other governmental officials will take part in the opening ceremonies beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Around 50,000 North Carolinians are expected to flock to the small town to help celebrate the accomplishments of the State's turkey industry--- and enjoy fun and fellowship during the three-day celebration.

Five contestants will be competing for \$2,400 in prize money. The top award-winning recipe will receive \$1,000. The five contestants are: Victor Friedmann, Durham, NC; Katie Grubaugh, Rougment, NC; Gilda Lester, Wilmington, NC; Molly McIndoe, Oak Ridge, NC and Diana Snyder Reynolds, Greensboro, NC.

The contest is sponsored by the NC Turkey Federation, NC Poultry Federation, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and NC State University.

During the cook-off which begins at 10:00 a.m., the public is invited to view the contestants cooking in their mini kitchens and taste samples of "deep-fried" TURKEY and TURKEY PIZZA. There will be freshly prepared pizza with thin and thick crust laddled with sauce covered with mozzarella cheese and a mouthwatering "seasoned" ground turkey (recipe below) and turkey sausage put between layers of cheese to retain moisture. Attend the contest and discover why TURKEY PIZZA should be America's favorite!

Pizza will be prepared by Pizza Hut, with turkey products donated by Carolina Turkeys of Mount Olive, NC, the world's largest turkey processing plant. Ground turkey and turkey sausage make lean, luscious pizza toppings--- a great substitute for red meat.

The recipe that follows, provided by the NC Turkey Federation, could become your family's favorite. Enjoy!

PIZZA TOPPING
 1 pound ground turkey, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon pepper, 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, 2 teaspoons fennel seed, 1/2 teaspoon sugar.

Mix all ingredients together. Brown in nonstick pan 3-5 minutes, or until turkey changes color; drain. Sprinkle over prepared pizza, adding additional grated cheese. Bake according to the package directions. Yields 2-3 15" pizzas.

Detroit 300 Great Lakes ChampionPow Wow Sept. 22-23

The Detroit 300 Great Lakes Champion Pow Wow will celebrate Detroit's Native American heritage. The cultural celebration will include drum and dance competitions, a large "traders market" of traditional arts and crafts, and special events for the family in honor of Detroit's 300th birthday.

This is an alcohol and substance free event.

The event will begin on Saturday, September 22, at 11 a.m. and go until 9 p.m. then again on Sunday, September 23, at 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Admission prices are: adults \$7, children 12 and under \$4 and seniors age 50 and over \$4.

It will be at the Fairgrounds Park at Michigan State Fairgrounds (8 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan.)

For general information all 1(800)-DETROIT or visit www.detroit300.org.

Southeastern Regional Medical Center Construction Projects Underway on Main Campus and Beyond

Construction is either being planned or already underway on several projects to expand health care services at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. From cancer therapy to fitness and prevention, SRMC is building a better health system to serve the people of Robeson County.

Southeastern Cancer Center Expansion
 Work in now under way to add 6,900 square feet of new space to the Southeastern Cancer Center, 1200 Pine Run Drive, Lumberton. After the expansion, renovation of another 2,900 square feet of existing space will begin. The project will add 47 percent more space in the radiation therapy area to house a radiation simulator, a radiological imaging device to locate and define anatomical treatment parameters. The addition of this equipment allows patients to have their initial treatment planning done locally, thereby avoiding a trip out of town.

The project will also enlarge the medical oncology area by 68 percent to accommodate the average yearly growth of 96 percent in patient visits since 1997. The expansion would add five patient exam rooms and five treatment bays. Another full-time medical oncologist and a full-time nurse practitioner are being recruited to provide care for the growing patient population.

Renovation will reconfigure the patient waiting area and outside courtyard. A covered canopy to receive patients transported by ambulance will also be added. Construction Systems Inc. of Lumberton is the building contractor for the \$1.4 million addition. Completion is expected to take about 12 months.

Southeastern Lifestyle Center of Red Springs
 SRMC plans to bring fitness services soon to the community of Red Springs. Groundbreaking for the 15,000-square-foot Southeastern Lifestyle Center of Red Springs is set for Tuesday, September 11 at 10 a.m. at the building site, located at 301 Mt. Tabor Road behind Food Lion.

The center has been designed to provide a variety of recreational activities including aerobics, aquatics, and cardiovascular strength training to members of all ages. In addition to fitness activities, rehabilitation services and therapeutic massage, consumer health information will also be offered. A childcare center will be available for the convenience of members.

A community advisory committee helped make the final exterior design choices for the building. The center's exterior will feature a three-foot brick base with stucco above; the roof will be light green. Construction is expected to be completed by next July.

Emergency Services -Phase 2
 After opening the 9,500-square-foot Emergency Services addition on July 10, renovation is underway in older areas of the department to add a cardiac decision unit. This eight-bed unit will be staffed and equipped to monitor patients with chest pain and related symptoms for up to 23 hours. Also being renovated in this phase are staff and support areas, a new room for x-ray equipment, and a quiet room for family and friends of patients. Phase 2 should be completed by the end of November after which phase 3 will begin to remodel the existing area for urgent care treatment.

New Laundry
 Before the end of the year, SRMC's laundry, now located on the main campus, will move into a new quarters now under construction off Pine Run Drive. The 10,000-square-foot building, located between Carolina Manor and Woodhaven Nursing and Alzheimer's Care Center, will house laundry operations that must be relocated to make way for the construction of the Patient Bed Tower project. Expansion of the energy plant that will serve the Patient Bed Tower will extend into the current laundry area. The new laundry building is estimated to cost about \$700,000 and should be finished by late November.



Celebrates 97th Birthday

Mrs. Polly Oxendine observed her 97th birthday on Wednesday, October 3, 2001. She is shown with her niece Carletter Locklear. "Aunt Polly" as she is affectionately known is sister to the late Isalah Locklear.

The FreeStyle™ Blood Glucose Monitoring System at www.therasense.com.
 Stuffbak.com at www.stuffbak.com.
 Airborne at www.AirborneHealth.com.
 Bayer Advanced Lawn Season-Long Grub Control at www.bayeradvanced.com.
 TREA Senior Citizens League at www.tscl.org.
 Partners Against Pain® at www.partnersagainstpain.com.
 Advantage® (imidacloprid) Topical Solution at www.nofleas.com.
 The Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) at www.rma.org.
 The American Podiatric Medical Association at www.apma.org.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:
 The IWMC World Conservation Trust at www.iwmc.org.
 FurnitureFan at www.furniturefan.com.
 First Book at www.firstbook.org.
 The National Parks Conservation Association at www.eparks.org.
 Irwin Toy at www.irwintoy.com.
 Aetna at www.aetnaushc.com.
 Compaq Computer Corporation at www.compaq.com.
 Sylvania at www.sylvania.com.
 Fleischmann's Yeast at www.breadworld.com.