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Larry T. Brooks seeks seventh term on Pembroke Town Council November 6th



Larry T. Brooks
Councilman Larry T. Brooks has announced his candidacy for a seventh term on the Pembroke Town Council in the upcoming municipal election. Brooks is employed with the Public Schools of Robeson County as Principal of Pembroke Elementary School. Prior to accepting his position with the Public Schools of Robeson County, he worked in Special

Program at Pembroke State University for nine years and taught math in the public schools for four years. He is also a Veteran of the U.S. Army. Long active in civic affairs, Brooks is a past president of the Pembroke Jaycees and went on to represent Pembroke on the North Carolina Jaycees Executive Committee.

His business related activities include: owner and operator of Lela Anne's Learning Center, a child care facility in Pembroke; member of the Lumbee Guaranty Bank Board of Directors and chairman of the Executive Committee.

He presently serves as Mayor Pro Tem on the Council and has held this position for eighteen years.

In making his announcement, Brooks made the following statement: "Serving the past twenty-four years as your Town Councilman has been a very rewarding experience for me. We've made great strides in economic development; water and sewer expansion; housing rehabilitation; curbing paving of streets, and drainage, recreation, annexation, capital improvements, and our town continues to operate on a sound fiscal budget.

"I am concerned about our town and its residents. We are moving in a very positive direction, and I would like to see us continue to move that way. Our children deserve no less than the best we can offer.

"If I am re-elected as your public servant, I am committed to continue to work for the best interests of our town, our citizens, and our children. I will continue to use a people oriented, common sense approach to problem solving. Thinking 'people' and what is best for the 'people' before solutions can be sought for their problems.

"I sincerely solicit your continued support in my bid for re-election on Tuesday, November 6."

Pembroke Twilight Christmas Parade Planned

Pembroke Twilight Christmas Parade sponsored by the Town of Pembroke, the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, and the Pembroke Civic Club is planned for Thursday, December 13, 2001. Line up time at 3:30 p.m. and the parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. The parade line up area will be at the UNCP Pembroke Performing Arts Center and end at the Pembroke Elementary School. Criteria for the parade includes Marching Units, Bands, Queens, Floats, and the special attraction will be the Robeson County Sudan Tomcats Funny Cars and the main attraction will be Santa Claus.

For further information contact Gregory Cummings at the Pembroke Town Hall, 521-9758.

Congressman McIntyre Urges Students to Action



PEMBROKE, N.C. -- Seventh District U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre called on UNC Pembroke students Thursday to pull together behind America's recovery from the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The Lumberton native, who sits on the Armed Forces Committee and a panel on terrorism, spoke to Prof. Ray Adame's political science class and answered student questions afterward.

"This cowardly act struck at each of us, but they have not broken our foundation as a nation," U.S. Rep. McIntyre said, "Many of us would like to return to the comfort of normalcy, but now is the time to act in the name of freedom and justice."

He said Congress is unified behind the President and worked "immediately to move ahead to rebuild a world that is as President Truman said is 'safe for democracy.'"

"This is the first time since the War of 1812 that we have been attacked on American soil," Rep. McIntyre said. "What can you do to help?"

"You can be in prayer for the victims, their families, for the police and rescue workers and for the government which must make tough decisions about the future," he said.

The congressman urged students to give blood and to help local relief agencies.

"Find a way to strengthen the character of America," Rep. McIntyre said. "Find a way to reach out and help someone in need."

The next time you see a fireman, policeman, rescue worker or soldier - thank them!"

Congressman McIntyre assured listeners that Congress is working quickly to shore up the economy and to provide the means to protect Americans. He said the \$40 billion approved so far for short-term economic relief and national security is just "a down payment on what needs to be done."

In answer to a question about the war against terrorism placing American's civil liberties in jeopardy, the congressman urged fair treatment of Muslims in America.

"We must treat all American citizens fairly, regardless of skin color," he said. "However, when there is no national security, the argument over civil liberties becomes meaningless."

Rep. McIntyre said Congress would give the FBI and CIA additional powers to keep surveillance on individuals and groups of suspected terrorists.

The congressman said he viewed damage at the Pentagon this week and will travel to New York Monday with a Congressional delegation. Following the noon speech, he attended a seminar at UNCP on electronic commerce in the afternoon.

Long time board member Timothy Strickland defeated at LREMC Annual meeting Tuesday night

Newcomer Broughton Oxendine defeated long time board member Timothy Strickland at the Annual meeting of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation on Tuesday night, October 9 at the UNCP Performing Arts Center. With barely a quorum showing up, Strickland, the only incumbent facing opposition, took his defeat with dignity and grace. "It has been a pleasure to serve for more than twenty years," he said.

Incumbents Madie Rae Locklear, James Hardin, and Roger Oxendine, having no opposition were re-elected by acclamation. Following the election and annual reports, the board met for the election of their executive committee. Re-elected by their fellow board members were Roger Oxendine as Chairman; Ambrose Locklear as vice chairman; Ruth Oxendine as Secretary and Madie Rae Locklear as treasurer.

Chairman Oxendine stated that he was grateful for the show of support by his fellow board members as well as the member consumers who attended the annual meeting. "As an agri-business man, I have a special concern for our rural electrification program. My interest is in making sound fiscal decisions that are beneficial to all our member consumers. The LREMC is now a multi million dollar business and as such requires a great deal of knowledge and dedication. I am happy that the owners of our cooperative have enough confidence in me to re-elect me as a member of the board of directors and am honored that my fellow board members expressed their confidence by deciding to re-elect me as chairman. In both positions, I will continue to serve with integrity and honesty as my platform."

Timothy Strickland expressed his appreciation for the many years he was allowed to serve on the EMC Board. "It has been a privilege and a learning experience. I am grateful for the more than twenty years EMC members voted for and supported me. I continue to wish for only the best for our cooperative."

Broughton Oxendine, the newly elected member for District 4, also expressed his appreciation for the support and votes he received. The EMC is a multi million dollar business, he said, and I will take a business man's approach to it. I will represent the people to the best of my ability and am grateful for the opportunity to serve. Madie Rae Locklear, the first woman to serve as treasurer, expressed her appreciation to the membership. "This is the first time an at-large member has had no opposition. The Lord knows at all times what is best. I am happy that the membership chose to have me continue to represent them and I appreciate the vote of confidence from my fellow board members in re-electing me as treasurer. I will give my best in both positions. I am a people person and serving on the EMC board of directors gives me an added opportunity to express my gift of helping the elderly, handicapped and the economically disadvantaged. I believe this is a gift from God, and I strive to do at all times what he would have me do."



Broughton Oxendine



Madie Rae Locklear



Roger Oxendine



James Hardin

Miss Fayetteville to Lead Robeson County Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's disease is a subject near and dear to the heart of Rebekah Revels. She has also chosen to promote it during her current reign as Miss Fayetteville. A native of St. Pauls, Revels hopes to raise awareness about the disease that killed her maternal grandfather.

"My grandfather passed away with Alzheimer's disease when I was six, and I decided to focus on the disease as my platform. I'm participating in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk because it is the only national fundraiser for Alzheimer's disease," she said.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain, and the most common form of dementia. About 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease; 14 million Americans will have Alzheimer's by the middle of the next century unless a cure or prevention is found.

Revels will take part in the Robeson County Memory Walk on Saturday, October 13 at WoodHaven Nursing and Alzheimer's Care Center, 1150 Pine Run Drive in Lumberton. She said she feels that it is important to do more than talk about causes she believes in.

"I want to promote awareness of Alzheimer's disease. If it is your platform, you can talk and create awareness, but if you don't actively participate in helping, you aren't really advocating it," said Revels, who is also a teacher at Lumberton High School. "That's why I'm going to be walking in this event."

The Memory Walk is a 5K (3.1 mile)-walk that provides funding for research, programs, services and support for families coping with Alzheimer's disease. Money raised at the Robeson County Walk will benefit people coping with Alzheimer's disease in the 51 counties served by the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The Alzheimer's Association has granted more than \$100 million in research grants since 1980.

Registration for the Robeson County Walk begins at 9 a.m. The walk starts at 10 a.m. Participants will leave WoodHaven and walk through The Oaks subdivision before returning to WoodHaven.

Walkers, teams, volunteers and corporate sponsors are still needed to make this year's walk a success. For more information about participating in or sponsoring the 2001 Memory Walk, call Mary Scott at 671-5703.

New Wine Cafe Now Open

The New Wine Cafe, a component of New Wine Church, is now open. The cafe is open in the church located at the corner of 3rd and Elm Streets in Lumberton and is open every Friday

night from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. The cafe specializes in free coffee and is open to the public, both singles and couples are encouraged to attend.

Ralph Nader to Speak at UNC Pembroke

PEMBROKE-- Former Presidential Candidate/consumer activist Ralph Nader will visit UNC Pembroke Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7:00 p.m. He will be speaking at the Givens Performing Arts Center as part of the university's Distinguished Speaker Series. Over 1000 people attended the series kickoff last month with environmental activist Erin Brockovich. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for the general public.

Time magazine called him one of the 100 most influential Americans of the Twentieth Century. He represented the GREEN party as a presidential candidate in 2000. As a consumer activist, Ralph Nader is devoted to helping ordinary people defend themselves against corporate negligence and government indifference.

Nader has gained notoriety since 1992 for organizing presidential campaigns that challenged the "duopoly" of the two-party system, but he has been at the forefront of American lawmaking since the 1960s. He played a major role in the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. He also helped draft and pass the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Meat and Poultry Inspection rules, and the Freedom of Information Act. He has also formed numerous citizen groups, including the Center for Auto Safety, Public Citizen and the Coalition for Universities in the Public Interest.

He is also the author of several bestselling books, including "Winning the Insurance Game," "Why Women Pay More," and "Getting the Best From Your Doctor." His most recent consumer education books are "Children First: A Parents Guide to Fighting Corporate Predators" and "No Contest: Corporate Lawyers and the Perversion of Justice in America."

Empowering the average American is what Nader does best. He continues to expose the dangers that threaten a free and safe society, and one of his goals is to build the foundation of a third political party that "rallies around issues rather than colorful figureheads."

"To go through life as a noncitizen would be to feel that there's nothing you can do, that nobody's listening, that you don't matter," says Nader. "But to be a citizen is to enjoy the deep satisfaction of seeing pain prevented, misery avoided and injustice decline."

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Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Willard Locklear will soon celebrate their 66th Wedding Anniversary. Ms. Pearl is the daughter of the late Isaiah and Annie Ransom of the Saddletree Community. Mr. Willard is the son of the late Hayes and Phodie Woodell Locklear of the Union Chapel Community. The Locklear's are the proud parents of 10 children, 37 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. "God has truly Blessed them."



Mr. & Mrs. Locklear recently welcomed their Fifth Generation, "Jada". Shown seated is Mrs. Pearl Emanuel Locklear. Standing left to right are her son Cooleage, his daughter Beverly, and her daughter Jessica who is holding her daughter Jada.