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Incumbents returned to Pembroke Town Council

With an extremely low turn out, the voters of Pembroke returned two incumbent Councilmen to the Town Council. Larry T. Brooks, long time councilman and mayor pro tem was re-elected and was high vote getter. Unofficial results show Brooks received 284 votes. Allen G. Dial, seeking his second term received 242 votes. Kyle Ann Lowry-Malcolm was third in the three man race for two seats. She received 220 votes.



Larry T. Brooks

Pembroke Housing Authority High Performer

PEMBROKE- the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the designation of **HIGH PERFORMER** to the Pembroke Housing Authority for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2000. The designation is awarded annually to any public housing agency across the country that scores at least ninety percent during the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) evaluation process.

"We are very happy to receive this distinction from HUD. All year long we work hard to provide housing assistance to the best of our ability, hoping to make a difference. It's nice to be recognized for our efforts," states Lemark Harris, Executive Director for the Pembroke Housing Authority.

The PHAS evaluation process examines in great detail four basic components- Physical Inspection, Financial Condition, Management Operations, and Resident Satisfaction. "Despite being designated a high performer since 1994, we were anxiously awaiting this score because it is the first full-year that HUD has issued scores under the revised PHAS model," states Harris. "Upon careful review of our scores we will be able to identify areas that can be improved upon and hopefully increase our score next year."

"We were extremely proud of the fact that we scored ninety percent on the resident survey component," states Harris. "This component is new to the process and one that a lot of housing agencies fear the most. However, we constantly receive feedback from our residents via monthly meetings, phone calls, and face-to-face conversations with management. Therefore, we have been in contact with our clients and have addressed any concerns that might affect their community."

The advantages of receiving this designation are numerous. The Pembroke Housing Authority is able to make quicker decisions and revise budgets as necessary without prior approval from the HUD Field Office in Greensboro, North Carolina. "We hope to continue to utilize this increased management flexibility to its fullest potential. Although HUD is our friend, we will always know what is best for the people of the community of which we serve. It's nice not to have to get approval for every little detail," states Harris. To help ensure that this process is accountable, HUD requires an independent audit of the Authority's operations annually. The Pembroke Housing Authority has successfully undergone each of these audits without a single finding since 1994. "We take our role as a steward of public funds seriously," replies Harris. "Every funding decision we make is carefully scrutinized to match established priorities that provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing."

Purnell Swett High Student Wins Awards



Meadors Named AP Scholar
Tyson Meadors, a senior of Purnell Swett High School, has been named AP Scholar by the college Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP exams. Only about 13 percent of the more than 840,000 students in 13,680 schools who took AP Exams in May 2001 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Students take AP Exams in May after completing challenging college-level course at their high schools. The college Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of yearlong courses and exams.

At Purnell Swett High School, Meadors qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on three or more AP Exams on full-year courses.

Commended Student in the 2002 Merit Program

The principal, Wesley Revels, of Purnell Swett High School announced today that Tyson Meadors has been named Commended student in the 2002 National Merit scholarship program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

Being recognized for their exceptional academic promise are a total of about 34,000 Condemned Students throughout the nation. Although they will not continue in the 2002 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Condemned students placed among

the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2002 competition by taking the 2000 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"The young men and women named commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their performance in our very competitive Merit Program," commented a spokesperson for National

Merit Scholarship Corporation. "In a nation that values excellence, it is important to publicly honor scholastically talented youth and acknowledge the role schools play in nurturing their development. We hope this recognition will augment the educational opportunities of Commended Students and encourage all student to strive to realize their potential."

Semi-Finalist for Morehead Scholarship Award

Tyson Meadors was selected as a semifinalist for the Morehead Scholarship Award.

Tyson has received the following academic honors: National Merit Qualifier, Student body president, ranked #1 in a class of 235, voted Most Likely to Succeed, 4.00 GPA, 1450 SAT score, National Honor Society, Sophomore Student of Excellence, superintendent's award Winner, Coca Cola Scholar athlete, school subject awards in Spanish II and III, chemistry honors, physics honors, advanced math honors and AP calculus A and B, AP U.S. History, English honors, dramatics, play production II honors.

Athletic accomplishments include: two time fist team- Wendy's High School Heisman nominee, All Robeson County football Team, led football team in scoring and total offense in 2000, won Tommy Martin Scholar/Athletic Leadership Award, most Valuable Wrestler, third place in conference tournament in 2001, state qualifier in the Pole-Vault, holds the school record in the Pole-Vault, the only four sport athlete in school, and played third seed on men's tennis team.

His community involvement include: Relay for Life Volunteer, Special Olympics Volunteer, peer tutor math tutor for at-risk elementary age students, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference Participant for the North Carolina East Region.



Brooks Chosen as First Native American Homecoming Queen at East Carolina University

The 2001 Homecoming at East Carolina University was filled with excitement of the Native American community because it presented a number of firsts! Miss Sherese Brooks, a Lumbee Indian, was the first from her tribe to be chosen as Homecoming Queen; her boyfriend, Patrick Suarez, was the first from the Meherrin tribe from Ahoskie, N.C. to be chosen as Homecoming King; this was the first time that a couple had been chosen; the first time that Native Americans had been chosen, and the first time that both recipients were from the same organization, which was the East Carolina Native American Organization.

Upon receiving the honor, Miss Brooks said, "I want to thank the Lord. I truly appreciate all that voted for me, especially Tyler Hall." She further stated that "I will gladly represent my Native American heritage and ECU with integrity, grace, and honor. I thank God first from whom all blessings flow." Patrick stated that, "I am very excited and overwhelmed. It's unbelievable. I'm happy that my girlfriend and I won."

Brooks is a 19-year-old sophomore musing major from Pembroke. She is of the Lumbee Tribe and is treasurer of Sigma Omicron Epsilon, the Native American sorority. She is the daughter of Dr. David and

Wanda Brooks. She has a twin sister, Chamaine, who is attending UNC-Chapel Hill. Sherese also has two brothers, David E. (Skegee), and Byron, and a sister, Sierra, who live at home. Sherese is a 2000 graduate of Purnell Swett High, where she excelled in academics and leadership. She is a member of Bear Swamp Baptist Church, where she

is actively involved in the Youth Choir. Her e-mail address most appropriately defines her personality- Smiley-Twin@yahoo.com! She not only smiles a lot, but there is substance behind her smile. She has been a great role model for her peers and younger siblings. She loves helping people, especially her immediate family as well as her extended family (which includes aunts, uncles, and cousins). Her desire to help her fellowman led her to pursue a degree as a Nurse Practitioner.

The Homecoming King, Patrick Suarez, is the son of Mrs. Patricia Brown of Ahoskie, N.C., and he is a Junior majoring in recreational Therapy-Occupational Therapy. The Native American Heritage Month activities at ECU will finish with an Elders Council. The council will feature several speakers representing different tribes.

Pembroke Veterans to honor Korean War Veteran Furman Williams

The Pembroke Veterans will honor the late Furman Williams, Jr. following the Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2001.

Furman Williams Jr. was born in Stewartville, NC on September 21, 1932 to Quitman Furman Williams and Mary Jane Chavis Williams. QF Williams, a veteran of WWI, was the first Commander of the American Legion J.D. Monroe Post No. 42, Lumberton, NC from 1919-1920. Mary Jane Chavis Williams was one of the daughters of Sandy Chavis and Ida Jacobs.

Furman's mother, a member of the Lumbee people, died on October 3, 1934. Furman lived with his father in a variety of locations over the next few years. His father died on September 13, 1938, and he was left a true orphan.

Janie Hargrave of Lumberton, NC, a friend of the family, arranged to have him sent up to Eliada Orphanage

in Asheville, NC. He was officially adopted by Eliada on February 9, 1939, and arrived at the Orphanage in March of 1939. Furman lived at Eliada until June 1950, at which time he enlisted in the Army.

Furman fought in the Korean War as a Rifleman with Company L, 7th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division in 1950-51. While with Company L, he received a Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V" and a Purple Heart as well as 3 Presidential Unit Citations, for action in Korea.

SFC Williams made a career in the Army, eventually joining Company I, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. While he was stationed in Germany, Furman drowned on July 11, 1959 at the age of 26, saving the life of a young child who had fallen into the Rhine River.

Furman's body was returned to Eliada, and he was buried in the Green Hills Cemetery in Asheville, NC on July 23, 1959.

Military Expert to Discuss Terrorism at UNCP

PEMBROKE, N.C. - Dr. Richard Kohn, professor and chair of the Peace, War, and Defence program at UNC Chapel Hill, is this year's guest speaker for the Gibson and Mary Anna Gray Lecture Series on International affairs at UNC Pembroke.

Prof. Kohn is a well-known authority on American military history. Professor Kohn will also speak at 10 a.m., Wednesday, November 14 in Room 225 of the Dial Building. His topic will be "Terrorism: Reflections on prospects and possibilities."

The Gibson and Mary Anna Gray Lecture Series is wholly funded by Dr. and Mrs. Gibson Gray. The purpose of the Series is to bring to the UNC Pembroke and surrounding communities leading authorities in international affairs in order to broaden the horizons of students and citizens of the region. Dr. Gray, who is former chair of UNCP's Department of Political Science, is professor emeritus and resides in Lumberton.

Lumbee Constitution Adopted Tuesday

The Lumbee people overwhelmingly adopted a tribal Constitution on Tuesday, November 6. Unofficial results show that 2,337 voted in favor of the document with 412 voting against it.

Robeson County's community of Rennett was the only area in the county where the votes were not overwhelmingly in favor of the document. Raleigh and Baltimore also voted against the governing document.

The Constitution sets term limits for council members and requires that the present body be up for re-election in 2003. It also states that the tribal territory is "The State of North Carolina." Supporters of the document were adamant in their slogan to "Adopt and

Amend" and to "set parameters for the present body."

The council will meet at 3 p.m. Friday for ratification of the governing document. Following the ratification, a movement is will immediately begin to amend the document and make the tribal territory reflective of the historical and traditional designation. Robeson and adjoining counties Those interested in helping with this effort should contact the Carolina Indian Voice at 521-2826.

At public hearings several issues of concern were raised, nevertheless, the document passed and supporters believe that the amendment process will correct any problems with the constitution.

Pianist Valerie Zamora Performs at UNCP

PEMBROKE, N.C.-- Despite deafness, pianist Valerie Bronner Zamora performs some of the most demanding solo and chamber pieces.

A classically trained performer, Ms. Zamora has performed and taught in both Europe and the U.S. She played at UNC Pembroke's Moore Hall, Wednesday, November 7th.

Ms. Zamora performed Robert Schumann's Carnaval. Carnaval uses small character pieces to create the idea of the costume ball. In the piece, Schumann introduces storybook characters as well as real ones. Three of the characters are from Schumann's own personality, including his introspective, romantic and mercurial sides.

"Ms. Zamora's performance is her second visit to UNCP," said series coordinator Gail Morfesis. "She is a favorite among students and faculty."

In recent years she has embarked upon a mission to eradicate myths and prejudices about deaf people and all handicapped people. She held workshops with music students and the University Honors College.



Ms. Zamora has studied at several schools, including Juilliard in New York, the Hochschule fur Musik in Germany and the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. She has made two CDs.

After a short stint teaching piano at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she returned to her graduate studies at Arizona State University.

She currently resides in North Carolina.

A Call For Poems

Write a poem and win the \$1,000 grand prize! Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB 125, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

"This is our big contest of the year," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets to share their talent." The deadline for entering is December 8, 2001.

Maxton Plans Christmas Parade

The Town of Maxton is again making plans for an exciting and wonderful Christmas Parade for this upcoming holiday season. Participation in the parade is free. You may also purchase Booth Space for \$30 for food and \$35 for food and crafts and \$25 for crafts.

The town office is now accepting call in entries for the parade through December 5, 2001. When you call, make sure you leave a telephone number where you can be reached and the name of a contact. Please call between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Town of Maxton welcomes cars, floats, bands, marching groups, trucks, etc., in the parade. Line-up will start at Townsend Middle School on December 8th around 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 8 in the date of the Maxton Parade. For further information call the Town Office of Mrs. Delia Quaison at 910-844-3431 during the day.

Lifestyle Fitness Center to Hold Bench and Curl Competition

Southeastern Lifestyle Center for Fitness and Rehabilitation will host a bench and curl competition on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 8 a.m., 4895 Fayetteville Rd. in Lumberton. The competition will be divided into six weight classes and will cost \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Entrants must add \$5 for registration on the day of competition. Trophies will be awarded to the top three lifters in each weight class; the overall champion will receive a cash prize. For more information or to register, contact John Christian or Tre Rozier at 738-5433.

Maxton Christmas Parade has many special features

Mr. Erwin Jacobs and the Maxton Town Christmas Parade Committee for the year 2001 invites everyone to the yearly Christmas Parade to be held on December 8th 2001. Please mark your calendars. Parade begins at 10 a.m. that Saturday. Ms. Tosha Oxendine and Mr. Sheann will be with us again as our announcers. They are our local Channel 13 reporters from Lumberton.

High Sheriff Glenn Maynor will be our Parade Marshal. There will be other dignitaries as well. The theme this year is "God Bless America, Merry Christmas." There will be a Santa Claus. We will honor our senior citizens of Maxton with a breakfast and Limo ride to the viewing stand. We are limited on our limousines, so please make your reservations before November 15th. To participate in this honor call me at 844-9697 to reserve your seat and information about the breakfast. Confirmation will be needed by November 30th if you plan to participate and reserve your seat. We regret to say due to a safety factor of our children and all attending this parade, all horses will not be permitted in parade. However, we look forward to making this an enjoyable day for everyone in attendance. Please come join us for a great celebration. Crafts and food will be available for purchase. Maxton Police Chief McDowell will be in charge of security.

by Erwin Jacobs and the Maxton Christmas Parade Committee, Ms. Rona Leach, Chairperson.

Veterans Day celebration Saturday

On Saturday, November 10 at 10 a.m. the Veterans Day Parade will be held in Pembroke. The line up is at Pembroke Elementary School at 9 a.m. and the parade will end at the UNCP Performing Arts Center. There will be a flag raising and guest speak at the Town Park immediately following the parade.

The annual plate sale and Buddy Poppy Drive will be held at the Post Home on Union Chapel Road after the ceremony at the park. The event is co sponsored by the VFW Post 2843 and the Ladies Auxiliary. The public is encouraged to participate in all activities.