

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.

St. Pauls Christmas Parade set

The 46th consecutive St. Pauls Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be held in downtown St. Pauls Saturday December 8, 2001 beginning at 9 a.m.

Entries are now being accepted for the parade, which has its theme "An American Christmas." Registration fees are \$25 for all commercial entries and beauty queens; there is no fee for non-profit organizations.

Street vendors wishing to sell from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., the day of the Parade, must purchase a \$5 permit from the Town Office by Friday, December 7. Only permitted vendors will be allowed to sell during the parade.

To enter, please contact Bill Miller at 865-5106 or Paul Terry at 865-4179 during business hours.

Pembroke Twilight Christmas Parade

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

From the Desk of the Superintendent

by Dr. Barry Harding, Public Schools of Robeson County

A visit to certain of our schools these days could expose you to the sound of a baby crying. Needless to say, it's not something you would normally hear in a school building and yet it's a sound that indicates that learning is going on. Granted, it may not be the kind of learning that is normally associated with school. Still it involves teaching students an extremely important lesson about life. What that baby's cry has to do with lesson is what I'd like to tell you about.

Let me, first of all, set your mind at ease about that baby's cry that I mentioned. It was not coming from a real live baby but, rather, from a very realistic doll and it's part of the "Baby, Think it Over" program in effect in several of our schools. Thanks to the way that the doll is constructed, a computer built into it gives it some of the characteristics of a real live baby. When it needs attention, it cries and continues to cry until its problem is addressed and the time that it takes to be addressed is recorded. It's accomplished by connecting that doll to a student by a tamper-proof wristband making certain that the student stays connected to the "child".

The purpose of the doll and the program it represents is to address a problem which, unfortunately, is one we have to deal with - the problem of teenage pregnancy. By making the doll a part of the every day life of a student helps to impress upon the students the responsibility that came with parenthood. For about four days, such a doll becomes a part of the everyday activities of a student who, with the approval of parents, takes on the "parenthood" of a child.

By being a part of the student's life, the doll is able to show what becoming a parent involves. In the three years that the program has been in effect, hundreds of students have taken part in it receiving the kind of insight in parental responsibilities that, very probably, could not be obtained from regular classroom or even by speakers on the subject or the like. While it's difficult to judge the program's success through numbers, comments from many students indicate that the program has resulted in students giving premarital sex a second thought. The "Baby, Think it Over" Program appears to have contributed.

Besides this program, the Public Schools of Robeson County also adheres to the state statute that sets guidelines regarding instruction about abstinence until marriage and sexually transmitted diseases. Among the areas that are covered are factually accurate biological and pathological information related to the human reproductive system; benefits of abstinence until marriage and the risks of premarital sex; establish abstinence outside of marriage as the expected standard for school-age children; assure that students are aware of the difference between risk reduction through use of contraceptives and/or condoms and risk elimination through abstinence; for instruction concerning contraceptives or prophylactics, provide accurate statistical information on their effectiveness and failure rates for preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Trying to contribute to the well being of all our students calls for us to make every effort to incorporate any program that we possibly can to reach those students in a meaningful way. If any program we have or any courses which we can include in our curriculum to help our students from making a mistake which will impact on their lives adversely, we have the obligation to try to do it. We believe we have.

A Call for Spiritual Poems from Pembroke Poets

A \$1000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling over \$3,000.00. The deadline for entering is December 15, 2001.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line www.rainbowpoets.com.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Fredrick Young, the organization's Contest Director. "Our desire is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. North Carolina has produced many wonderful poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from the Pembroke area."

LOCKLEAR AND LOCKLEAR TO WED



Ronnie A. Locklear and Una G. Locklear announce their engagement. Ronnie is the son of Ronald and Teresa Locklear of the Prospect community. Una is the daughter of Harold and Laura Locklear of Pembroke.

The wedding will be held at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke on December 1st at 6:00 P.M.. The reception will follow at Island Grove Baptist Church in Pembroke.



The ballet, it's believed, was invented by Baltazarini, director of music to Catherine de Medici.



Nylon was first introduced to the public in 1938. Research chemists made this elastic material by combining water, air, and a by-product of coal.

Along the Robeson Trail

By Dr. Stan Knick, Director-UNCP Native American Resource Center

(Note: This segment was co-authored by Dr. Linda E. Oxendine. Along with the last seven segments, it will soon be published as a chapter in *Native American Studies in Higher Education: Models for Collaboration between Universities and Indigenous Nations*, edited by Duane Champagne and Jay Stauss.)

Seven weeks ago we began a series which looks at the history of American Indian Studies at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. This is the eighth and final part of the series.

In the fall of 1995, American Indian Studies began a new initiative by offering a select number of American Indian Studies courses to other University of North Carolina campuses through distance learning. The expansion of the curriculum into this electronic medium was a new challenge for American Indian Studies. The decision to take American Indian Studies on the information highway was seen as a means not only to maximize resources but also to strengthen the University of North Carolina at Pembroke program in a number of areas. Distance learning was viewed as a vehicle for program promotion and recruitment of new students into American Indian Studies; as a way to expand program curriculum by receiving courses from other campuses; and as a means for providing students from other institutions the opportunity to

participate in courses to which they otherwise would not have access. For example, the course entitled "History and Culture of the Lumbee" is not offered on any other campus in the University of North Carolina system.

In 1997, the American Indian Studies Department and the Native American Resource Center launched the Adolph Dial Lecture Series in American Indian Studies. This is an annual event funded by an endowment established by the late Adolph L. Dial, the founder and first chairperson of the American Indian Studies Department. The focus of the lecture series is to bring noted scholars in the area of American Indian Studies to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke campus as a means of broadening the experience of our majors and that of all students at the University.

Although the University of North Carolina Pembroke is the only college or university in North Carolina offering a degree in American Indian Studies, there are a number of other institutions which teach at least one course in American Indian Studies through other disciplines (i.e., anthropology, history, literature, etc.). Given the limited resources available in the state for American Indian Studies, both in terms of programs and individual courses, several faculty and staff members from North Carolina higher education institutions

have formed the Carolina's Consortium on American Indian Studies. The Consortium is a way to provide information, share resources and establish a network among researchers and scholars interested in the field. The Consortium meets two or three times a year on different campuses throughout the state. The American Indian Studies Department of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke plans to continue active participation in this Consortium.

Through the many aspects of their complementary missions, the American Indian Studies Department and the Native American Resource Center celebrate the beauty, wisdom and diversity of Native America. They keep alive that spirit of Old Main which would not disappear even in the ashes of burned memories, hopes and dreams. They search for a better understanding of the traditional ways and contemporary issues of America's original inhabitants. They stand in the gap between Native past and Native future, connecting in a vigorous continuum the best traditions and aspirations of the Native American community with those of academia.

For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in historic Old Main Building, on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (our Internet address is www.uncp.edu/nativemuseum).

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LUMBEE TRIBAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Closing Date to Apply for Housing: December 14, 2001

The Lumbee Tribal Government will be accepting applications through December 14, 2001 at the following sites:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 27, 2001	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Stewartsville Volunteer Fire Department, Scotland County Next to John Station
November 30, 2001	8:30 AM to 5:00 PM	NC Indian Housing Authority, Fayetteville, NC
December 3, 2001	2:00 PM to 4:30 PM	South Hoke Baptist Church
	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	New Beginning Baptist Church, Hoke County
December 6, 2001	8:30 AM to 2:00 PM	Hawkeye Sand Community Building, Hoke County, NC

We will be taking applications November 26 through December 14 from 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, at the Lumbee Tribal Office located at 707 Union Chapel Road, Pembroke, NC. Applicants will need to bring a copy of the following:

- Birth Certificate of the person applying for housing assistance
- Picture I.D. (Driver's license, passport, other)
- Tribal Enrollment Card on all family members
- Social Security Card on all family members
- Property Tax Statement (most recent) or copy of Deed to property
- Income verification on all family members

All supporting documents must be available for complete application.

For further information, call 521-1341

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