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Lavern S. Oxendine elected Social Work State President

Raleigh, NC--NASW-NC (National Association of Social Workers/North Carolina) is pleased to announce that Mr Lavern S. Oxendine became the new President of NASW-NC with an office in Raleigh, NC. Mr. Oxendine has served NASW-NC in elected state wide board positions for the previous five years. Having served as President-elect for one year, he will serve as President for two years. In addition, he serves as a member of the National Delegate Assembly in Washington, DC, for the National Association of Social Workers. In addition, the National President appointed Oxendine to serve in a national leadership role with the National office in Washington, D.C. on their Personnel Policies Committee. He is a member of various NASW-NC committees such as the Diversity and Legislative committees. He even serves as the NASW-NC board's pleasure as a member of the Political Action Committee on Elections and nominations in statewide North Carolina Government elections. Oxendine has been a guest lecturer at UNC-Pembroke since 1989 and serves on the Social Work Advisory Board for the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He is a clinical social worker and the Clinical Director of Family Alter-

natives, Inc., where UNC-Pembroke places many social work students in field placement annually. Oxendine is a consultant for the Home Health Division of the Robeson County Department of Public Health. He is President of the Safe Schools and Drug-Free Advisory Board and Project Graduation for the Public Schools of Robeson County and is also the President of the Area Community Interagency Council for Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center representing Robeson, Columbus, Bladen, and Scotland Counties. He serves on the Executive Board of the Outdoor Drama "Strike at the Wind," the Advisory Board for the Communities in Schools of Robeson County Charter School; the Board of Directors for the Palmer Prevention Program, Inc.; the United Way of Robeson County Budget Allocation Review Council; and is an advisor for the UNC-Chapel Hill Satellite MSW Program and the University of South Carolina at Columbia MSW Program. He is a member of the North Carolina Society for Clinical Social Workers. Oxendine, 43 years old, lives in Lumberton, NC. He received his BSW degree from Western Carolina University and MSW degree from Our Lady of the Lake University of San Antonio, Texas.

Over 200 Attend Annual Banquet of Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce

Over 200 business leaders and friends gathered on January 26 at the Chavis University Center at UNC-Pembroke for the annual banquet and awards program of the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce. The guests enjoyed touching presentations by business and civic leaders in Pembroke and honored Howard Brooks and Healthkeeperz as the 2002 business of the Year.

A large delegation of friends and supporters of Healthkeeperz (formerly Pembroke Drug Center/ TLC Home Health Care Agency) attended to honor Howard Brooks and family. There business was established in 1967 as Pembroke Drug Center. Members of the Brooks family commented on the hard work, the challenges, and the recent growth and expansion of the business. Healthkeeperz is a health care service provider with more than 375 employees. The company had a ground breaking ceremony Sunday at the site of new office facilities off Highway 711 east of Pembroke.

The banquet attendees also enjoyed a very moving presentation by Tony Normand, CEO, of COMTech, the Carolina Commerce and Technology Center, on the American experience of several families as they survived the challenges of war. He spoke of the horrors and miracles that soldiers endure on the battlefield as they struggle to support their comrades in arms.

A large delegation from the Pembroke VFW Post attended to participate in the program "A Salute to America". Arthur Shull, Quartermaster for the Pembroke VFW Post, and a past state commander spoke on the man activities of the VFW organizations and the needs of veterans in the state and nation.

Special entertainment was provided by Jammi Lowry, Miss Lumbee 2001-2002 and Teresa Cummings, Vice President of the Pembroke Chamber. Ron Brown, Treasurer of the Pembroke Chamber was presented the Harry West Locklear President's Award for outstanding volunteer service to the PACC. Brown has served as an officer in the Pembroke Chamber on over 5 different years under various chamber administrations.

The officers of the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce include: President, Ben Jacobs; Vice-President, Teresa Cummings; Treasurer, Ron Brown; Secretary, Angela Revels; Executive Director, Brian Brooks.

Lumbee River EMC Sponsors "Help a Needy Friend"

Lumbee river Electric Membership Corporation plans to distribute funds collected for their "help A Needy Friend" program in February. Due to the generosity of participating Lumbee River EMC members, this is the eighth consecutive year that assistance will be given to help pay the electric bill of those members experiencing a crisis or emergency.

The "Help A Needy Friend" program collects funds throughout the year to provide assistance with payment of electric bills during the month of February. Besides fund-raising events hosted by employees, members can volunteer to donate an additional \$0.50 of \$1.00 on their electric bill to help support the program. Each year, the limited funds are distributed to Lumbee River EMC members in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland Counties who meet the Crisis Intervention Program Guidelines.

Applications for Cumberland County Residents will be taken at the Lake Rim Office on Wednesday, February 6, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Applications will be taken for Hoke County Residents at the Red Springs Office on Thursday, February 7, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Applications will be taken for Robeson County Residents at the Red Springs Office Monday, February 18, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Tuesday, February 19, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 20, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Applications will be taken for Scotland County Residents Tuesday, February 12, at the Laurinburg Office 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Applications for "Help A Needy Friend" funds are accepted during various dates and times for each county served by Lumbee River EMC. Eligibility requirements must be met to qualify for funding and appropriate supporting information provided during the application process. It is strongly suggested that interested members visit their local office to obtain eligibility requirements as soon as possible or prior to February 1st and to obtain the specific information required for distribution of the funds in the county which they live. Applications are accepted until funds for that county are exhausted.



The children and workers of the Saddletree Day Care were the recipients of an early Christmas. The Saddletree Community Center provided each child and worker with a present on Wednesday, December 19, 2001. The saddletree Day Care is located in the Saddletree Community on Mount Olive Church Road. Ms. Rhonda McNeill, Administrator Secretary for the Saddletree Day Care, and Alvina Blanks, President of the Saddletree Community Center, made the presentations to each child. Saddletree Church of God provided entertainment through the use of its Puppet Ministry.

Along The Robeson Trail

by Dr. Stan Kuck, Director, UNCP Native American Resource Center

Last week we began a review of the several voyages to North Carolina which were sponsored by Walter Raleigh in the 1580s. We saw that the first trip (1584) resulted in the report by Barlowe that Roanoke Island would be a good place for a colony, and that the second trip (1585) set up a colony under Lane which failed after one year. Lane and most of his men were rescued on 19 June 1586 by Sir Francis Drake, who was on his way from the West Indies to England. Hostilities between the colonists and local Native Americans, and the devastating epidemic diseases brought by the colonists, had set the stage for further troubles at Roanoke.

The third expedition was sent by Raleigh with the intention of bringing relief to the colonists of the second voyage. It had been thought that this re-supply mission would set sail earlier than it did, but the first part of this expedition did not leave England until the spring of 1586. However, by the time these first ships arrived at Roanoke Island around the 23rd of June, Drake had already picked up Lane and his colonists and was on his way back to England with them. By mid-July, Grenville arrived at Roanoke Island with the second (and more substantial) part of this expedition. He explored the area looking for Lane's missing colonists, and was eventually told by a local Native American that Lane and his men had departed with Drake. Grenville left either fifteen or eighteen men at Roanoke Island (accounts differ), and returned to England. Thus the third expedition essentially proved to be a wasted effort, and most of the food and supplies which had been intended to relieve Lane's colony were brought back to England unused.

Lack of communication among the various ships, and between England and the colony, obviously confounded the situation. In the view of the English court, the apparent failure of this colonizing effort may not have inspired a great deal of faith in Walter Raleigh. It certainly gave political ammunition to his enemies at court.

Nevertheless, Raleigh planned a fourth major expedition. This time he would send women and children along with the male colonists, and would put these one hundred and fifty souls under the governorship of John White. Raleigh's intention was to have them establish a permanent colony at Chesapeake, where a deep water harbor was available and where perhaps a new start could be made with the Native Americans.

White and his colonists left England in April of 1587, and arrived at Roanoke Island in July to return Manteo and Towaye to their home. He was also looking for the men left by Grenville the previous year. Local Native people reported to White that Grenville's men had either been killed or had disappeared. It is at this point that things seem to have taken their most fateful turn for the soon-to-be-Lost-Colonists.

Instead of following Raleigh's instructions, Simon Fernandez (the pilot of the expedition) told White and his colonists that he would not take them to Chesapeake; they would have to remain at Roanoke. Because of the prior hostilities between English and Native people, as well as the epidemic decimation local Native Americans had experienced, Roanoke Island was possibly the worst place these colonists could have been left.

It could be that this colony was destined to fail from the

beginning. In fact, Lee Miller has argued (in her book *Roanoke*) that this predestined failure was the work of Francis Walsingham, Raleigh's rival at court. Whether intentionally or not, it did fail. Already running short of supplies by August, White was forced to leave his daughter and her new family and the other colonists, and return to England for re-supply.

Sometime between August 1587 and the fifth expedition, Virginia Dare and rest of these colonists vanished. The fifth Raleigh voyage was delayed until March of 1590, whether because of the English war with Spain or because of Walsingham's conspiracy to foil Raleigh's plans, or both. In any case, when the fifth voyage arrived at Roanoke Island, the only clues White could find as to the whereabouts of the colonists were the carved word "Croatoan" and the letters "CRO." They were clues which would lead White to no good result, and this fifth Raleigh expedition ended when White returned to England in October of 1590.

The efforts of Walter Raleigh to establish a colony in the "new found land" had failed. In 1602 and 1603 he would send other voyages to find the missing colonists, but to no avail. By November of 1603, with his defender Queen Elizabeth I dead and King James I in her place, Raleigh would be convicted of high treason and sentenced to the Tower of London. His world had certainly changed. But the world had been changed even more drastically for the Native Americans of North Carolina.

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).

Lumbee Tribal Council to meet Each Third Thursday night at 6 p.m.,

Tribal Council to meet on third Thursday night. The Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe will meet every third Thursday night at 6 p.m. at the tribal offices located on the Union Chapel Road.

The community is encouraged to attend these meetings. The Tribal Council has recently hired new staff persons in addition to Dr.

Ruth Dial Woods, acting tribal administrator, Patrick Bullard, comptroller, Ruth Locklear, office manager and Billy Brooks, Housing Director.

The council provides time at the end of each meeting for community comments. According to Tribal Chairman, Milton Hunt, the meeting time was changed from

Saturdays until Thursday nights to accommodate tribal members and attempt to make the meetings as convenient as possible in order to encourage tribal membership participation.

The tribal offices are open from 8 until 5 each day and staff is available to assist with your needs. For additional information, contact Dr. Woods at 521-7861.

Referendum on Tobacco Grading

Glies B. Floyd, County Executive Director of the Robeson/Scotland Farm Service Agency, said the FSA will be conducting a referendum on mandatory grading of tobacco at all tobacco buying stations. The referendum period will be at March 11-15, 2002. "This referendum will be on the mandatory use of USDA tobacco graders at all tobacco buying and delivery stations, whether company delivery stations, stabilization warehouses or traditional tobacco warehouses," Floyd said.

If a majority of producers voting in the referendum favor the mandatory grading of the flue-cured tobacco, USDA will ensure that their tobacco is graded at the time of sale for the 2002 and subsequent marketing years. Floyd said that ballots will be mailed to tobacco farmers prior to the referendum.

What's Happening Calendar

United Way of Robeson county will hold a planning meeting on March 18, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at O. P. Owens Agriculture Building, Country Club Road. The event is to plan the annual campaign's kickoff event, "BROADWAY COMES TO TOWN". This meeting is open to the public. Anyone interested in participating in this upcoming event should plan to attend. All age groups that want to participate in a musical number should contact the Robeson County United Way office prior to March 18 by calling 739-4249.

Robeson County Public Library Quiz Bowl

The twentieth annual local Public Library Quiz Bowl, sponsored by the Robeson County Public Library and cosponsored by The University of North Carolina at Pembroke Admissions Office, will be held in the Moore Hall Auditorium at UNCP on Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. This is an academic competition among high schools with the goals of stimulating young adult interest in the library, supporting academic excellence, and providing public recognition for academic achievement. There are three levels of competition in the Public Library Quiz Bowl: local, district and state. The local quiz bowl winner will advance to the district competition to be held in March in Scotland County.

There are six schools competing in this year's Robeson County Public Library Quiz Bowl: Fairmont High School, Flora MacDonald Academy, Lumberton High School, Purnell Swett High School, Red Springs High School and St. Pauls High School.

A Call For Poems

Write a poem and win the \$1,000.00 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, PMB126, 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 February 28, 2002.

Poems Sought in Contest From Pembroke Area Poets

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, free to everyone. A whopping \$50,000.00 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year!

"Even if you have never entered a competition before," says Poetry Editor Michael Thomas, "this is your opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are welcome!"

To enter send one poem 21 lines or less: Celestial Arts, PO Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540. Or enter on-line at www.freecontest.com.

Be sure your name and address is on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is February 18, 2002. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.