

Robert Strickland who has rep- multi-million dollar business that resented District 3 on the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors for the past twelve years announces his bid for re-election to that position. Strickland pledges to continue. if re-elected, to make sound fiscal decisions and to continue to be an advocate for the consumers. Mr. Strickland is proud to have served the consumer owned cooperative for the past twelve years and believes the success demonstrated by the board is an indication of strong leadership and commitment to the continued growth and progress of the cooperative.

Mr. Strickland released the following statement relative to his bid for re-election:

"It has been a privilege for me to be a part of the fastest growing worked diligently to ensure our and we have returned over \$4 mil- for your support in the past and cooperative is operated as the lion to the members in capital on October 8, 2002."

it is. This requires sound fiscal decisions and knowledge of how a cooperative works and the ability to apply this knowledge to the day-to-day operation of the cooperative

"LREMC continues to be one of the most progressive consumer owned companies which provides reliable products and services. This tremendous growth and progress does not happen without proper training and planning. I have worked hard and have completed my Board Leadership Training Course for Rural Electric Systems. It is my desire to continue to share my training and leadership with the member owners of our cooperative.

"I am especially proud of the fact that over the past five years cooperative in the nation. I have there has been no rate increase

credits. In addition, we have upgraded all the lines which ensures less power failure outages during extreme weather conditions. Our technology has also been upgraded and this results in our being able to predict bad weather and respond accordingly.

Keeping abreast of the latest technological advancements is critical in running a successful business and especially so in the operation of an electrical cooperative.

"I strongly encourage members to attend the Annual meeting on October 8, 2002 and vote for continued progress and growth. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the Annual Meeting will be held at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

"I solicit your vote and support on October 8, 2002. Thank you

bid for re-election to the LREMC acumen to the operation of the lo-Board of Directors. Ms. Hunt repcally owned cooperative. Ms. Hunt resents District 7 which comprises released the following statement: Hoke County. A life time resident Operating an 80 million dollar coof Hoke County, Ms. Hunt has operative must be done as a busiserved on the LREMC Board ness. It is, afterall, a business that since 1997. She replaced her husis owned by the consumers and all decisions should be made with the band, the late James Albert Hunt. She ran unopposed in 1999 and idea of keeping the costs of delivery as low as possible while delivwas elected by acclamation. This is the first time Ms. Hunt has had cring top quality service. I am opposition and is facing her ophappy to have had the opportuponent in the same manner she nity to apply sound business prinhas faced other challenges, with ciples to an already flourishing determination, faith and straight business. It has been an exceptionally rewarding experience and gives Ms. Hunt is a dedicated member me a great deal of pride to know that I have had the opportunity to of her church, South Hoke Baptist Church, where she is extremely be at least a small part of keeping our cooperative progressing, exactive in the affairs of the church. A well-known businesswoman in panding and increasing our service her community. Ms. Hunt pledges area

with the present board. The board. the administration and employees have worked well together and this spirit of unity has resulted in keeping the rates as low as possible while providing the best service to the owners, the member consumers

"If I am re-elected I promise to continue to make sound business decisions and keep the best interests of the consumers in mind. I wish to remind the members that you must vote for four, one in each district and one at-large. in order for your vote to be counted. I sincerely request that you make Maggie Hunt one of your four votes. Thank you in advance for voting Maggie Hunt on October 8th at the Annual Meeting of LREMC at the UNCP Performing Arts Center.



## Ruth Oxendine seeks second term on LREMC Board of Directors Ruth Oxendine announces her bid Wakulla, and my church, Chero- Base and Fort Bragg to our ser

for re-election to the at-large posi-tion on the LREMC Board of Directors. Ms. Oxendine is seeking she was appointed to replace her endine. In 1999 she sought election for the first time and was elected by an overwhelming majority. Ms. Oxendine serves as Secretary of the Board, a position she has held for the past four years. In making her announcement, Ms. Oxendine released the following statement

kee Chapel Holiness Methodist, is vice area is further expansion and indicative of my desire and ability to serve others. Serving on the her second elected term, although she has served since 1997 when and is a challenge that I have demonstrated I enjoy and am up to the husband, the late Mr. Conrad Ox- challenges. It is an opportunity to expand my knowledge and I have and may need extensions on their learned a great deal about the co-operative program. I wish to con-of our Help A Needy Friend Pro-

growth. I am happy to have been a part of this important decision. There are several programs available to help our elderly and disabled. These programs are there for those who are on fixed incomes

been a rewarding experience for

tinue to be of service to the member consumers of our cooperative and am proud of the growth and progress we have made since I have been a board member.

"Four million dollars have been "Serving on the LREMC board has returned to the consumers in the form of capital credits and our rate me. I see it as an opportunity to for electricity has not increased serve. My civic and community during my tenure as a board memactivities in my community, ber. The addition of Pope Air Force cern for our cooperative.

gram, we can help those who need help paying their electric bill. I am happy that these programs are there to assist out consumers.

"I would greatly appreciate your vote and support at our Annual Meeting on October 8 at the Givens Performing Arts Center at UNCP, beginning at 6 p.m. A vote for Ruth Oxendine is a vote for continued commitment and con-Herbert Clark of Scotland County

## Pastor Appreciation Day held at Berea Baptist

Berea Baptist Church of Pembroke, NC observed Pastor and wife Appreiciation Day, Sunday September 22, 2002. Speaker for the occassion was Dr. Michael Brooks.

Rev. Bruce Swett is pastor of Berea Baptist Church. A covered dish followed the service in the Fellowship Hall.

## **COMtech groundbreaking Sept. 30**

from Scotland County, announces his bid for re-election to the LREMC Board of Directors, representing District 9. Mr. Clark has served for fifteen years on the board and has served as the president of the board for more than one term

Mr. Clark issued the following statement: "I have served with pride and dignity for the past fifteen years. Knowledge and training are necessary ingredients for successfully operating a cooperative. It has been several years since I completed my Board Training Course for Electric Systems, however, I have continued to attend workshops and training courses to keep informed and abreast of the latest improvements in the delivery of electrical services.

"For more than eight years, I have had the privilege of representing LREMC on several state the Help a Needy Friend Program

Seeks Re-election to EMC Board Herbert Clark, representative boards. This has served to enhance my learning and knowledge and has resulted in the continued growth and progress of our local cooperative.

We have had extensive expansion of our service area, including Wal-Marts in Lumberton and in Cumberland County; a new shopping center in Cumberland County and a new State Correction Facility in Scotland County. These are just a few of the newest expansions we have made.

I am proud also of our programs that are geared to accommodate and assist those who are elderly, handicapped and on fixed incomes. We have programs available to assist them with their electric bills. We offer a program where the consumer can pay the same amount on their electric bill each month. This allows them to know how much they must budget for electrical service. We also have

which is a fund raising program we do each year to help the economically disadvantaged pay their electric bill. These are all valuable programs and are available to help those who are less fortunate than others. This is what the cooperative means to me, an opportunity to serve the people.

'While I am proud of my distinction as a member of the board of directors of LREMC. I am even more excited about my service at my church. Gray Pond Baptist Church, where I serve as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher of the Adult Class and I have been privileged to hold various other offices. I sincerely solicit your support and pledge to continue to represent you, the member consumers, with the same diligence and commitment I have demonstrated over the past fifteen years. Thank you for voting Herbert Clark in the past and please do so again on October 8th

public to what is happening at building. the Carolina Commerce and Technology Center near Pembroke (COMtech)

forward campaigning.

The COMtech, à 612 acre industrial site, is located on NC 711 between Pembroke and Lumberton (4 miles from Pembroke; 7 miles from Lumberton) and will be home to many industries and enterprises that will in time produce jobs, including a technology high school by the Public Schools of Robeson County, and facilities by Robeson Community College and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Executive Director Tony Normand also announced during the ceremonies that two clients ("taxpaying businesses") have already announced plans to build on the site.

The official reason for the ceremony was to officially break the ground for a community facilities building to be built in the

red letter day in the county as cluded the presentation of a sold the land to COMtech and some 500 business and commu- check for \$434,500 from U.S. the rich and diverse communitynity leaders gathered to take Department of Agriculture of- of Robeson County that has part in groundbreaking ceremo- ficials to help offset costs for seemingly banded together to nies to officially introduce the the proposed 3.200 square-foot make COMtech a reality. Con-

> was the guest speaker and her citizens working together for praised the partners of the en- the greater good." One leader.

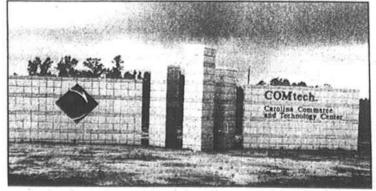
> commissioners, local towns like is banding together in an almost Pembroke and Lumberton and unheard of way in our racial and federal, state and local multi-cultural county goverments. He called it standing together in unity.

Congressman McIntyre praised

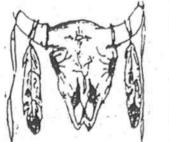
PEMBROKE-Monday was a near future. Ceremonies in- Pates Supply Company who gressman McIntyre called the Congressman Mike McIntyre project "Robeson County and terprise, including the county who begged anonymity, said. "It

Remarks were also given by

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The entrance to COMtech or, more correctly, "Carolina Commerce and Technology Center"



## Gospel Singing Planned at Pembroke First Baptist

Gospel Singing will be held at Pembroke First Baptist Church on Sat. October 5, 2002 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Featured singer will be The Pierce Family; The Jacobs Family; The Lumber River; Coharie Singers from Clinton N C

Pastor Kent Chavis and members invite you to come and be blessed