

Democrats for Dole Victorious in efforts

by Connee Brayboy

Democrats for Dole were elated Tuesday night when Elizabeth Dole was elected to fill the Senate seat of retiring North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms. She overcame a strong challenge by Democrat Erskine Bowles. No one was more excited than Pembroke's Town Manager McDuffie Cummings who had joined other Robeson Democrats in support of Dole.

"It is a great day for Robeson County and a great day for Indians," Cummings said. "Dole has demonstrated her personal integrity and concern for the values citizens of North Carolina look for in a candidate. We all believe our leaders should demonstrate good moral values and she certainly meets that criteria. We also agree with her on the issues of health care and a better economy for the State. Federal recognition is important to me also. I believe, with Dole's election, our (Lumbee) recognition is closer than it has ever been."

Cummings was particularly excited that Indian voters gave Dole 28% of their votes. "Senator Dole has publicly promised federal recognition and we have delivered a significant number of Indian votes. We are confident that she will keep her commitment and push for our Lumbee Bill," Cummings said.

Twenty-eight percent of Indian votes for a Republican candidate is historic. In addition to agreeing with Dole on health care, the economy and federal recognition, many Indian farmers apparently followed the lead of agri businessmen Roger Oxendine and Larry Sampson who are anticipating Dole's support for the Tobacco Bill.

While she did not carry the County, Dole did receive 36% of the votes, with 7,327 for Dole and 12,711 for Bowles.

In Other Races

Congressman Mike McIntyre will serve another term in the US House of Representatives representing District 7.

Long time county commissioner Berlester Campbell, representing District 2, was narrowly defeated by newcomer Hubert Sealey. Unofficial returns show Campbell with 1,122 votes and Sealey with 1,137. And Rep. Ron Sutton handily overcame opposition from a young Republican, Christopher Lowry in the District 47 House race. Unofficial totals show Sutton with 6,528 and Lowry with 2,413.

Rep. Doug Yongue incumbent in District 46 outdistanced Republican challenger Linwood Faulk 3,024 to 1,581 unofficial tallies. Rep. Donald Bonner was unopposed as was Senator David Weinstein.

Meet the Authors of new Indian Basketball Book at Berea Baptist

Tim Brayboy and Bruce Barton, authors of the newly released book, "Playing Before and Overflow Crowd" will be at Berea Baptist Church on Saturday, November 9th, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. to autograph books. The book signing will be held in the fellowship hall.

The newly released book is a detailed account of the Indian Basketball League and tells the story of this period in history when Indians were not allowed to compete with either whites or blacks.

Foster Child Adolption Brings Joy: Hundreds of Children still waiting for homes

Winston-Salem—North Carolina is celebrating foster child adoption this month, kicking it off in a celebration in Winston-Salem with hundreds of families, social workers, and children needing adoption.

"People who adopt foster children are very joyful people. They know, without a doubt, that they are making a difference in life. And what more could any of us want than to make the world a better place?" Said Carmen Hooker Odom, secretary, NC Dept of Health and Human Services. "Foster child adoption brings great joy out of tremendous heart-break."

More than 600 children are ready to be adopted today have no family yet identified. They are children of all ages, mostly over five years old. Many have special needs. Many are siblings who need to be placed together.

Of the 9,642 NC children in foster care today, 2,919 need to be adopted. 1,239 of them have had court action to terminate parental rights, which is necessary before they can be available for adoption. Families have already been identified for many of these children. 1,385 NC foster children were adopted last year.

Six NC parents of adopted children wrote to tell what foster child adoption means to them. Following are quotes from some of those essays. Go to www.dhhs.state.nc.us/adoptionstories.htm for the complete essays with photos.

Sondra H. Guyton of Elizabethtown wrote, "People often tell me how lucky our children were to have gotten such a good home and what good people we are to have taken them in. I tell them we are the ones



Purnell Swett High Beta Club Inducts New Members

Purnell Swett High School held an induction ceremony Monday, November 4, 2002 for students joining the school's Chapter of the National Beta Club. There were 87 inductees. Students who join the Beta Club are required to have a 3.0 GPA, be in grades 10-12, and cannot have any in-school suspensions either prior to the semester or before the induction ceremony. Principal Wesley Revels encouraged Club members to work diligently toward the fulfillment of the Beta Club motto, "Let Us Lead By Serving Others." He also encouraged parents to work with children. Mrs. Pamela Wright, 11th grade Guidance Counselor, is the sponsor for the Purnell Swett Beta Club. This is the second year Purnell Swett High School has had a Chapter of the National Beta Club. Inductees included the following: Grade 10 - Stephanie Anderson, Marcus Ayers, Amber Bullard, Lance Carter, Jason Chandler, Brittany Clark, Cameron Clark, Chelsea Collins, Jon Cummings, Amanda Ellis, Heather Fagan, Phillip Graham, Datrik Hammonds, Prentis Harris, III, Ashley D. Hunt, Carrie Hunt, Jodie Hunt, Kendria Hunt, Roger Hunt, Jr., Whitney Hunt, Patrick L. Jacobs, John Jones, Telisha Lee, Ashton V. Locklear, Barret Locklear, Brandy Locklear, Bret L. Locklear, Daniel K. Locklear, Danika Locklear, Emmanuel Locklear, Faron Locklear, Ferris Locklear, Heather Locklear, Jeffery Locklear, Kristin Locklear, Lauren Locklear, Natalie Locklear, Whitney B. Locklear, Justin Long, Miranda Lowery, Sesilie Lowry, Meghan Maynor, Douglas McGirt, Erica McGirt, Yancey McGirt, Anthony Miller, Brittany L. Oxendine, Daniel C. Oxendine, Perry Oxendine, Christin Ransom, Latoya Roberts, Deidra Ross, Ana Scott, John Scott, Zora Stewart, Alex Strickland, Jeri Strickland, Rosaline Whittington, Gabrielle Wright; Grade 11 - Adam K. Bryant, Cierra Canady, Herman Brent Chavis, Benjamin Collins, James Travin Deese, Julianna Dial, Jessica Graham, Keosha Hunt, Telina Hunt, Barret Locklear, Danita Locklear, Damien D. Hunt-Locklear, Desmond D. Hunt-Locklear, Elizabeth Locklear, Kara-Lynn Locklear, Archie McMillan, LaMorris McRae, James W. Oxendine, Leigh Andre Oxendine, Ryan G. Oxendine, Kahesha Ricard; Grade 12 - Jeremy Demery, Randi M. Hunt, Katrina Locklear, Michelle Locklear, Tiffany Locklear and Phillip Oxendine. The picture above includes all members of the Purnell Swett High School Chapter of the National Beta Club.

Local Racing American Quarter Horse earns second place

Amarillo, Texas-- Nipeminthebud. A two-year-old bay gelding, owned by Jeff Jones of Pembroke, NC, captured second place in the \$58,887 Fall American congress futurity G3 at Beulah Park in Grover City, Ohio.

Nipeminthebud, ridden by Roy Brooks and trained by Stacy S. Charette, covered the 400-yard race in a time of 20.131. The top finishers for this race, by order of finish, were Jewels First Moon, nipeminthebud, special cheques, Jess Shu and built Jesse.

American Quarter Horse racing is conducted at nearly 100 racetracks throughout North America with total purses reaching over \$73 million in 2001. Fans enjoy the thrill of watching "America's Horse" clock speeds in excess of 50 m.p.h. Last year, fans wagered \$317 million on over 8,200 American Quarter Horse races.

The American Quarter Horse Association is the largest equine breed registry in the world with more than 4 million registered horses and 333,000 Members. For more information about AQHA and its programs, visit www.aqha.com or contact AQHA Customer Service at (806) 376-4811. For more information on American Quarter Horse racing, contact Trey Buck, AQHA Manager of Race Marketing, P.O. Box 200, Amarillo, Texas 79168, (806) 376-4888, ext 366, email: tbuck@aqha.org, fax: (806) 349-6403.

Bazaar 2002

An old fashioned down-home church bazaar will be held at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church in Lumberton NC, on November 16, 2002, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

FirstHealth's Boone and Caliri receive national fitness industry honors

Pinehurst—The Medical fitness Association (MFA) has recognized two FirstHealth of the Carolinas employees for outstanding achievement in medical fitness. The awards were announced Oct. 10 in Chicago during the organization's eighth annual conference.

Bob Boone, Vice President of Professional Services at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital and the MFA's immediate past president, received the Don Schneider Special Recognition Award for outstanding service to the medical fitness industry and to the association.

John Caliri, Operations Director for the FirstHealth Centers for Health & Fitness in Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Raeford and Pembroke, received the Distinguished Service Award for Director, which recognizes management excellence in medical fitness center operations.

The Don Schneider Special Recognition Award, named for a pioneer in the medically based fitness industry, is presented to an individual who through individual and collective service has significantly advanced the medical industry through volunteer MFA service. During his term as president, Boone led the association through a transitional time and was a primary architect in the MFA's conversion from a privately held organization to a stand-alone professional association.

Under his leadership, the MFA created relationships with the American Hospital Association, the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary rehab, the American Council on Exercise and other like-minded professional organizations.

Boone has been involved with the Medical Fitness Association since 1992 and has been active on its board since its creation in 1998. He served three years as secretary/treasurer and the past two years as president.

Caliri's award was based on criteria that included his recognition as an exceptional director who significantly advanced the welfare of his facility and company while contributing to the advancement and/or recognition of the medical fitness profession through service to MFA and related organizations.

Recognized as a leader in the fitness industry, Caliri serves as vice president of the SouthEastern Health and Fitness Alliance (SEHFA) and on various MFA committees.

The Richmond-based Medical Fitness Association, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association, represents more than 400 medically based fitness centers in the United States, Canada and Japan.

Maxton Parade planned December 12

The Town of Pembroke is again making plans for an exciting and wonderful Christmas Parade for this upcoming holiday season. We certainly hope that you will include this date ad time on your calendar to come and take part in the parade. Participation in the parade is free. You may also purchase Booth space: food-\$30, food/crafts-\$35, crafts-\$25.

The Town office will be accepting call-in entries for the parade through December 12. When you call, make sure you have 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. We welcome cars, floats, bands,

marching groups, trucks, etc. in the parade. Lineup will start at Townsend Middle School on December 14th around 8:15 a.m. You will be given a line up number at that time.

Again, come join us on Saturday, December 14, 2002 in Maxton, NC for our parade. The Town Office telephone number is at the top of the 844-5231. For further information, call the town office or Mrs. Delia Quaison at (910) 844-3431 during the day.

It is our goal to have a safe and enjoyable parade. For this reason, we are asking only adults to throw candy. Also, horses will not be allowed in the parade. We would like to thank you for your cooperation on these very important matters. by Ervin Jacobs, Maxton

New Book by Vine Deloria "Evolution, Creationism, and Other Modern Myths" ratchets up national debate Challenging Evolutionists and Creationists

Denver, CO- Fulcrum Publishing, a leading independent publisher, announced the release of Evolution, Creationism, and Other Modern Myths, by controversial writer, thinker and philosopher Vine Deloria, Jr.

The book, challenging both evolutionists' and creationists' positions as false choice within a closed Western belief system, promises to ratchet up a hot national debate to a new level.

Golden, Colorado-based Deloria, who has authored many nationally acclaimed books, is a leading Native American scholar whose contentious writings and teachings about religious studies, history, law and political science have often polarized the academic community.

Said Deloria, "The question of origins is caught between mindless religious propaganda and narrow, scientific orthodoxy. Their parochial ways of thinking are obscuring what should be the true debate: does current Western thought as well as evolutionists and creationists beliefs about our origins accommodate increasingly contradic-

tory new data. I believe it does not. This now overwhelming evidence demands the release of Evolution, Creationism, and Other Modern Myths." He expects the book to be bitterly attacked by "smug academics."

Deloria fundamentally challenges the false distinction between science and religion.

"Currently", he said, "science competes with religion because both activities have been separated out from human experience and boundaries have been created to isolate them from each other."

The current model of evolution maintains a single event, really just an extension of Judeo-Christian religious beliefs. What was Western religious dogma is now "natural law".

He points to new discoveries that many monstrous catastrophes have visited earth in the form of direct meteor hits, each time exterminating close to 90 percent of living organisms. And resulting tsunamis, huge waves caused when meteors strike the ocean, deposit

debris hundreds of feet thick in a matter of days. These discoveries point to serious anomalies in current "tree of life" evolutionary theories, and the slow, linear evolution of biological and geological events.

More importantly, Deloria asserts that the closed Western system has caused both evolutionists and creationists to ignore the implications of these discoveries and other compelling evidence. "We suffer from the sin of modernism, believing we know more about the ancients than we really do," said Deloria. "My book points to a third way of thinking that examines the rich verbal traditions handed down from non-Western culture over thousands of years. They almost universally speak of a series of worlds prior to the present one. And they raise many provocative questions: Were we the first humanoid species to live on the planet? Was the sudden appearance of civilization in Mesopotamia thousands of years ago the result of alien visitors? I hope Evolution, Creationism, and Other Modern Myths forces both science and religion to become more empirical and look at all the data—only then can we discover the truth about our origins."