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## Mayor Milton Hunt announces bid for Re-Election

Mayor Milton R. Hunt, 59, announces his bid for re-election as Mayor of the Town of Pembroke. He is married to Polly Deese Hunt. They have two children and six grandchildren. Mayor Hunt is self-employed in Dry Wall Construction, semi-retired.

During his tenure as Mayor, Hunt has seen tremendous growth and progress in the Town of Pembroke, particularly in the commercial areas. Competent town government must have a willingness to do whatever is necessary to help with the growth of the town, promote good relationships with the citizens, business and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Hunt released the following statement: "It is a known fact that progress doesn't come about by sitting back and doing nothing. It has been my pleasure to serve with many council people that pro-

notes the substantial growth of the town I have been a part of. Under my administration, the town has been able to move into the next Century better prepared to serve our town.

"A good example of the substantial growth of new business and job opportunities in the town is the Wal-Mart which is coming soon, along with other businesses to better serve our town and community. The Town of Pembroke in the future will continue to have expanded services because there are many planned areas of growth already in progress.

"As you know, Com-Tech, the Industrial Park on the outskirts of town will soon be providing many jobs which will help to decrease the unemployment rate. The Town of Pembroke played a major role in making this a reality. I continue to serve on the Board of Directors of

Com-Tech.

"It has been my pleasure to serve the town and community for many years. With your help and vote, I will continue to bring my experience and give my time to ensuring that the entire town where I was born and raised (I have never lived outside the town) continues to prosper."

Mayor Hunt has served on the following prestigious boards: Cardinal Health Agency-two years; Robeson Community College-seven and one-half years, two years as Vice Chairman, Lumber River Council of Governments, two years; Southeastern Economic Development Committee, two years; Pembroke Civic Club (Jaycees), twenty-eight years; Lumbee Tribal Chairman, three years; Chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Party for four

years; Founder and president of the Big Buck Hunting Club, 25 years; Com-tech Board of Directors, three years; Chairman Advisory Board, Progressive State Banking, sixteen years; Bicentennial Committee, UNCP, Department of Social Services Board of Directors, four years.

Hunt continued "I list these boards and committees that I have served on and some I continue to be a part of, because the combination of these services and the knowledge and contacts I have made in the various capacities has helped me to have a broader view of how to improve the Town of Pembroke and the contacts I've made have made it possible for me to be an effective leader and see the tremendous growth of our town. Your vote on November 4, 2003 will be greatly appreciated."



Mayor Milton R. Hunt

## Miss UNCP steps down

Pembroke-Aja Locklear notified UNCP Pembroke officials Monday of her decision to step down as the reigning Miss UNCP.

"We regret that this situation has occurred," said Dr. Diane Jones, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. "In light of the circumstances in this case, we believe it is in the best interest of everyone involved that UNC Pembroke accept Aja's decision to relinquish the title so that she can turn her full attention to the pursuit of her education. It is time to leave these unfortunate events behind and move forward."

A sophomore, Locklear won the title of Miss UNCP on January 30, 2003. A Miss UNCP she was a contestant in the Miss North Carolina Pageant.

Newspaper reports stated that Locklear was found guilty of a misdemeanor on Friday, October 25 in Robeson County District Court, stemming from a September 27 charge.

Due to the nature of the case, University officials decided the best course of action was to wait for the court to rule on the case. Locklear's decision to step down makes is unnecessary for the University to make any changes in reaction to the court's finding. The 2003 Pageant runner-up will be offered the opportunity complete the on-year term as Miss UNCP. The next 2004 Pageant is scheduled for January 29 and seven contestants have entered the scholarship competition.



## UNCP's Youth Smart writing contest winners

PEMBROKE, N.C. - In observance of the events that occurred September 11, 2001, the UNCP YouthStart Program held an Essay/Poetry Contest for the program participants as a way to express what September 11 meant to them.

Martha Chavis, (left), a junior at South Robeson High School, was the winner of the

Poetry Contest, titled "Where were You?" Tabitha Jacobs (right), a junior at Purnell Swett High School, was the winner of the Essay Contest, titled "It could Have Been You." Both students received a Certificate of Award, \$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card and a YouthStart Duffel bag.

## Tribal government awards scholarships

The Lumbee Tribe presented Birth through Kindergarten Education.

The scholarships awarded were based on a written essay and grade-point average of 2.5 or higher. McPhail was the first recipient of the William Lonnie Revels Scholarship, which is given to the applicant with the highest grade point average. Tracy Guerra, Scholarship Committee Chairwoman said, "It is always a pleasure to assist members in their pursuit for higher education. The committee selected these ladies out of the numerous qualified applicants. We regrettably did not have the funds to assist all the members who applied and are deserving, but I feel confident that the awardees chosen will utilize these funds in a manner to the benefit of not only themselves, but to the tribe and future generations to come."

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## Capt. McNeill to lead county law enforcement association

PEMBROKE, N.C. - Assistant Chief Larry McNeill of the UNC Pembroke Police and Public Safety Department was elected president of the Robeson County Law Enforcement Executive Officer's Association.

The association consists of top executive law enforcement officers of agencies in Robeson and Hoke counties. Its mission is to network on law enforcement issues and to build ties between different agencies.

UNCP has been a member-agency of the association since it began 10 years ago.

"I believe this is an important agency for the local law enforcement, and I am honored to be elected to lead them," Capt. McNeill said. "Our mission is to improve the quality of life in Robeson and Hoke counties through effective law enforcement methods."

"Helping people by making neighborhoods safer is what we do in law enforcement and in the association," he said.

UNCP Campus Police Chief David Helton said Capt. McNeill's election was well deserved.

"Capt. McNeill is a long-time member of the association and a dedicated public servant," Chief Helton said. "He will do a great job in promoting law enforcement as president."

The Law Enforcement Association also hosts the Arthur Oxendine Memorial Firearms Competition and Scholarship Banquet each year to promote firearms proficiency and to fund four \$750 scholarships each year.

McNeill is a 30-year veteran of campus law enforcement who has risen to the rank of captain and to the position of Assistant Chief. He is also a Pembroke Town Councilman and a member of Congressman Mike McIntyre's Law Enforcement Advisory Committee.

McNeill is married to the former Glenda Gail Jacobs, and they have four children.

## Arts Council sponsors Contra Dance

Red Springs-The Red Springs Arts Council will sponsor a contra dance on Saturday night, November 15th. The dance will be held in the old gym at the Flora Macdonald Academy in Red Springs and will feature the live "old time" and Celtic music of the Myrtle Beach band Gaelstorm. Linda Thomas will be the caller for this dance and she is equally talented with beginners and long-term dancers. According to Arts Council President, John Bowman, "Contra dancing is a form of traditional folk dancing that is similar to square dancing, but sets of couples dance in fac-

ing lines. It is an easy form of dance to learn, the music is lively and the dancing can be vigorous. No experience is necessary as each dance is taught by the caller, and with Linda Thomas, we will have one of the best callers around. Both couples and singles are welcomed. And you don't have to dance if you don't want to; the music is a treat in and of itself!" The dance will begin at 8:00 p.m., but there will be free contra dance instruction before the dance at 7:30 taught by experienced dancers. Tickets for the Saturday night dance are \$5 and will be available at the door.

## Local Authority Enters World of Cyberspace

PEMBROKE - Pembroke Housing Authority, one of five public housing authorities operating within Robeson County, is the first to create a web site for use in operating and managing its affordable housing program. The Authority first began using web site for practical use in the day-to-day operations in August 2002. Since that time, nearly four thousand visitors have accessed the Authority's website. The address is [www.pembrokeha.com](http://www.pembrokeha.com).

The Authority's mission is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing for qualified applicants of Pembroke and surrounding communities. "Our website will increase the accessibility of our programs," says J.Garth Locklear, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. "We strive to provide for fair housing and equal opportunity for all interested persons," says Locklear. "By offering access to our services via our website twenty-four hours a day-seven days a week, applicants and interested parties may contact us through this website and receive valuable information pertinent to our housing assistance program. Vendors and contractors can also register their business with our Procurement Office. Simply put, we are available on a limited basis after hours," states Locklear.

The staff of the Authority maintains the website with Macromedia Dream Weaver MX software. Items accessible from the website include office e-mail addresses for administrative staff, pertinent policies and procedures relevant to the daily operations and management, employment application, housing assistance application, FY2004 Annual Plan, organizational chart, and general information and details of the housing stock. Photos of the Board of Commissioners, Mayor, and staff are available for identification purposes. Upgrades and additions planned for the future include floor plans of existing housing units, site layouts, email addresses for maintenance employees and an electronic Newsletter. The website is currently under review by the staff for compliance with ADA accessibility guidelines. The website was designed by the staff of the Authority and constructed by Reggie Oxendine of the UNCP Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development. UNCP in partnership with Advanced Internet Technologies (AIT) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, provides web-hosting services to the Authority.

## Tribal government receives REACH Grant

The Lumbee Tribe has received a grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to administer the Residential Energy Assistance Challenge (REACH) Option under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), currently operated by the Tribe.

Under the REACH Program, the Tribe has committed to using the funds to assist 75 Lumbee families in the counties of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland to reduce the energy burden through the purchase of heating or cooling systems, installation of weatherization assistance by window

installation, and various energy conservation educational material.

These services will occur in collaboration and will target tribal members who are served through the LIHEAP. LIHEAP provides American Indian families with heating and cooling assistance. The household must meet the guide line, cannot have resources over \$2,200, and must be an American Indian with the energy bill in their name. Further information can be obtained by contacting June Jacobs or Betty Deese at the Lumbee Tribal Office at 910-521-7861 or 800-659-6585.

## Gospel sing sponsored by tribal government

The Lumbee Tribe will host a gospel singing featuring: the Oxendines, the Pierces, Brother Wilbert & Family, Scottie Deal, and Shelly Strickland. The singing will start at 7 p.m. at Old Prospect Church. It is free and everyone is invited to attend.

The event is to sponsor Miss Shelly Strickland as Miss Indian North Carolina.

A former Miss Lumbee, Miss Strickland has well represented us and we are confident that she will live up to our expectations. Admission is free, however, a love offering to help cover the traveling expenses for Miss Strickland will be appreciated.