Pembroke town library getting renovations

By Danielle Hairston
Staff Writer

Pembroke Public Library, the second-most used library in the Robeson County system, closed on Aug. 8 for much-needed renovations.

The improved library will re-open in the middle of February. In the meantime, employees will be stationed at other libraries under the Pembroke County system.

With construction well under way, the town plans to expand the children’s area, juvenile/young adult section and the reference hearing section.

Additionally, they will increase the size of the computer room, adding six additional computer spaces.

With a total of 2,800 square feet being added, the cost exceeded $46,000. The USDA relieved the financial debt, loaning $232,000 and providing $235,000 in grants.

“We were glad that we could get the funding, providing citizens from within,” said McDuffie Cummings, town manager.

Cummings said the renovations “will improve the quality of life for young and old.”

Visitors to the library have reached over 2,000 a week, requiring expansion in order to comfortably fit visitors.

“I am very active library for a community this size,” Cummings said.

This 450 square foot building was built in 1961, a size was sufficient enough to serve its roughly estimated 200 patrons.

Today, the library serves more than 17,000 people, citizens of Pembroke and the surrounding areas.

Over the years the library has acquired volumes of work that exceed 23,000.

“Tina Jacobs, principal of Pembroke Elementary School. Pembroke Public Library is located at 413 Blaine Street in Pembroke.

Students dance on stage with Britney Spears

By Allyson Betot
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For many, Britney Spears has been a dominant public figure for their entire lives. For two lucky UNCP students the degree of separation between themselves and Spears got quite a bit smaller on Aug. 24.

Senior Nikki Wever ended a contest on the Raleigh radio station G105’s website for free tickets and a special surprise for her and a friend. Wever was announced as the winner on Aug. 24 and on the following day it was confirmed that she and a friend, Allyson Betot, were going to the concert that night and would be dancing on stage with Spears to her hit single “I Wanna Go.”

“I couldn’t believe I had won the contest to go on stage with Britney Spears until we got to the RBC Center and met her bodyguards,” Wever said.

Upon arrival Wever and Betot were given strict instructions from Spears’ head of security.

After the opening acts, Destiny’s Child and Pauly D, Spears took the stage and finally Wever and Betot received their cue to make their way to the stage.

“It was still hard to believe even as I was going up the stairs leading to the stage and I was nervous, but once I was on stage and saw Britney and her dancers I kind of forgot about everything else and just had a great time,” Wever said.

Students wait in line to place their orders at the new Starbucks on campus.

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By Alissa Perritt
Around The Town Editor

Local advice if you want the best hot dog, go to Perritt’s.

Cinder Perritt opened Perritt’s convenience store at 4506 Pine Log Road in Lumberton in 1983. In 2002 she decided to turn a section of the store into a restaurant.

Cinder Perritt said she started off along with good business, and it has never let up. She said new customers often become regulars because the food is real, and everything is made fresh when you order it.

Perritt’s prices are hard to beat. They sell breakfast and lunch, and the restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Perritt’s is famous for its hot dogs.

“When I opened this store I want the make sure we sold the best hot dog,” Cinder Perritt said.

And many customers would agree so.

Patrick Chavis said he stops by Perritt’s every day during his lunch and gets four hot dogs all the way.

“There ain’t no better like Perritt’s. The people are friendly and food is good,” he said.

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By Will Wade
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