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## Pembroke community remembers 9/11

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Sept. 11, 2001, was a day of sorrow and destruction. One UNCP organization sought to inject some honor into the day's legacy.

The Office of Community and Civic Engagement sponsored the 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service in Pembroke on Sept. 10.

About 100 UNCP and public school students and other community volunteers spent the day helping their community.

President Barack Obama and Congress established the annual service event in 2009. It is recognized by service groups and organizations around the country.

Melvin McDermott, AmeriCorps VISTA representative for CCE, helped coordinate the day's activities. He said volunteers went to Chevy to the Levee in Lumberton, as well as Sacred Pathways Ministry and other locations around Pembroke to perform community service.

### Local help

McDermott said one of the activities volunteers executed was the Robeson Church and Community Center Project, which he compared to Habitat for Humanity.



Photo by Mindy Hubbard

An American flag sits in front of the Tommy Hawk statue on the UC Lawn. Miniature American flags lined the walkways in remembrance of 9/11.

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## Students' use of social media gets free refills back at Bert's

By Jessi Strunks  
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When students returned to school in fall 2011, they found that prices were raised at the campus eatery, Bert's Café.

Not only did Bert's raise the price of food, they also did away with free refills and free to-go boxes.

Students began a Facebook and Twitter protest that got the attention of Bert's.

Retail manager Jane Kay said that the food prices were standing but that "refills were to cover

the costs, as well as the boxes. We took care of getting free refills back."

Kay went on to say that she has confirmation that the policy of having to pay extra for to-go boxes will be eliminated. Kay asked that students "bear with us and it will all get straightened out."

Located right above Bert's Café is the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and its Director Mike Severy, who offered the first 2,000 students a free mug or cup which could be used all year for free refills at Bert's.

When asked how he felt when he first found out about Bert's taking away free refills, Severy said that "as a financial manager, I understood, but as a patron of Bert's, I didn't like it."

Severy said that he likes to offer these mugs to students because it's a nice perk for students and because it is a good way to help push the idea of going green.

For now, students no longer have to pay for refills and will soon be able to get free to-go boxes. The increased prices of food, however, will remain.

## Pembroke ABC Store remains closed

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Just short of three years since its closing, the Pembroke ABC Store is still not ready to be reopened anytime soon.

That was the newest update on the store at the Pembroke Town Council meeting on Sept. 6.

The store has been closed since Oct. 20, 2008.

What that meeting did not end with, however, was a clear date for the store's reopening, if it reopens at all.

### Budget

It all comes down to a money issue to make the project a go, as Joshua Malcolm, chairman of the Pembroke ABC Board told the town council.

Malcolm, along with Michael Neville and John Campbell, replaced the ABC board in May 2009, seven months after the store was closed after an audit revealed money and inventory were missing.

At the town council meeting Sept. 6, Malcolm said that the ABC board has determined it will be



Photo by Mindy Hubbard

Senior Sarah Lineberger refills her drink in Bert's recently. Bert's changed its refill policy after students voiced their opinions about the change that began in August.

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