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People in the News



Little Miss Robeson County wins another title

Miss Lakeshia Ariella Jacobs, the seven year old daughter of William and Ella Mae Jacobs of Pembroke was crowned "Little Miss Sunburst USA" in a beauty pageant held at Biggs Park Mall on August 29. She received three large trophies, a lovely crown and her beauty fee paid for the state finals to be held in May 1993. Lakeshia also won "Most Photogenic" and "Prettiest Complete Attire" at the pageant. Lakeshia also holds the title as "Little Miss Robeson County 1991-1992".

Congratulations again Lakeshia!!!

Locklear Promoted at SGH Pharmacy

Eric Locklear has been promoted to the new position of assistant director of pharmacy at Southeastern General Hospital. Locklear had served as pharmacy clinical care coordinator since joining SGH in May, 1990.

Locklear, a native of Pembroke, earned his undergraduate degree in pharmacy from UNC-Chapel Hill. He holds both a master's degree in hospital pharmacy and a master's in business administration from the University of Utah. He has completed residency training in hospital pharmacy at Gallup, New Mexico, and the University of Utah Hospital and Clinics.



Eric Locklear

Gospel singing champions to be featured at Prospect

Department of administration presents highest honor to Jones

Alton Bruce Jones, Jr. of Raleigh, a native of Pembroke, received the N.C. Department of Administration's 1992 Award for Excellence, its highest honor, in ceremonies Thursday, September 3.

Mr. Jones, 62, is executive director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

Administration Secretary James S. Lofton made the presentation to Mr. Jones and nine other employees in recognition of their outstanding and meritorious performance. They were nominated by fellow employees within the department.

"These employees are excellent role models for other state employees and represent all state employees who take pride in their work and the services they perform for the citizens of North Carolina," Secretary Lofton said.

Families, friends and co-workers attended the ceremony in the auditorium of the Albert Coates local government Center.

Mr. Jones received a plaque and three days of vacation. His name has been engraved on a plaque permanently displayed in the Administration Building, joining the names of previous recipients.

In nominating Mr. Jones for the award, co-workers praised him for his public service to North Carolina Native Americans. Under his leadership, the commission's budget has increased from a state biennium appropriation of \$25,000 to its current budget of approximately \$4 million in both state and federal funding. Largely due to his guidance and foresight, the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs has been a model for similar commissions in other states.

Mr. Jones, a graduate of Pembroke High School, earned a B.S. degree from Pembroke State College and a master's degree from George Peabody College. He has been executive director of the Commission of Indian Affairs since 1976, prior to which he was a classroom teacher and school principal. He was a founding member of the Lumbee Regional Development Association and continues to serve on this

Tribe, the Henry Berry Lowry Award. He continues his services to the Lumbee people today as one of the leaders in the tribe's efforts to receive federal recognition.

His national recognition as an Indian advocate has led to his two-term election as president of the Governors' Interstate Indian Council and as southeast area vice president of the National Congress of American Indians. Mr. Jones has two children, Alton Bruce III, 32, and Gwendolyn Jones Hackney, 34.

Other 1992 Awards for excellence recipients are Joyce W. Allen of Knightdale, grants administrator with the Council for Women; Mercidee W. Benton of Goldsboro, an accountant with the Office of Fiscal Management; W. Ames Christopher of Raleigh, assistant director (retired) of the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities; Frank W. Hudgins Jr. of Manteo, aquarium curator at the N.C. Aquarium/Roanoke Island, Office of Marine Affairs; Jesse Johnson of Wilson's Mills, purchasing agent in the Office of Fiscal Management; C. Carlton Myrick of Raleigh, deputy director Reeves of Asheville, western regional director for the Council for Women; Peggy S. Sawyer of Camden, secretary for the District Veterans Service Office, N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs, Elizabeth City; and Donald M. Sibley of Raleigh, building systems engineer in the State Construction Office.

The Awards for Excellence Program was established in 1986 to recognize and reward employees of the N.C. Department of Administration. The awards are presented annually.



LRDA accepting application for Lumbee service awards til Oct. 16

LRDA announces it will be receiving nomination applications for the Lumbee Service Awards through October 16, 1992. The Categories will be: Henry Berry Lowry Award, Distinguished Service Award, Business Person of the Year Award, Advancement of Education Award, Lumbee Elder Award, Hamilton McMillian Award, Indian Student of the Year Award; 3 categories: Middle School Student, High School Student, Post-Secondary Student. Please call Wanda Locklear, (919) 521-9761, for nomination forms and criteria information. All nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. October 16, 1992. The Lumbee Awards Banquet will be held November 20, 1992.



Lumber River COG recognizes local women

Two local women affiliated with Richmond Community College have been recognized by the Lumber River Council of Governments for their outstanding work related to the Job Training and Partnership Act program. Diane Pate Oxendine of Red Springs received the JTPA Adult Participant of the Year Award for 1991/92. Diane Ivey, RCC's JTPA Associate for Scotland County, received the JTPA Project Overall Excellence Award for 1991/92.

Oxendine, a 1991 Practical Nursing graduate, is employed at Scotia Village and also works part time at Scotland Memorial Hospital.

"I always wanted to go into nursing," said Oxendine. "After several false starts, I decided this time I would make it. Though I was receiving other financial assistance, the additional assistance from JTPA meant I could pay my tuition, fees, and books from JTPA funds and use the other monies for living expenses."

The assistance came in handy for the divorced mother of four. "You can't work and go to nursing school too," said Oxendine, who had worked for five years as a teaching assistant with severely and profoundly handicapped students. "And when you look at the fact that nursing textbooks can cost over \$200 a quarter, you understand the need for seeking help with finances."

Though juggling college and parenting are major accomplishments, what let Ivey to recommend Oxendine for the award was how Oxendine handled a tragedy involving one of her children.

"Several weeks into the third quarter of the four-quarter program, an accident involving her youngest daughter almost ended Diane's nursing career before it began," said Ivey. "Six-year-old Natasha was crossing the street in front of her house when she was struck by a car. She was seriously injured."

In her nomination, Ivey described the surgeries, the extended hospital stay, and the months of therapy which followed. She also described the woman who struggled to be a student nurse while being the mommy her child so

desperately needed during this ordeal. "Needless to say, she contemplated quitting school many times," said Ivey. "But she was determined to stick it out. She took the attitude that if she were meant to a nurse, she would be able to find the strength to do it."

Oxendine made it and has worked as a LPN for the past year. She credits her own mother for being there for her and helping with housework and meal preparations.

"There was a lot of family support," she smiled. Oxendine's children are Ian, 13; Joseph, 12; Toni, 10; and Natasha, 8. The JTPA program helps students afford the cost of training so they can successfully enter the workforce. During the 1991/92 academic year, Ivey admitted 35 students into RCC's JTPA program. At the end of the program year, 90% were employed.

"It's really gratifying to help someone like Diane who is struggling," said Ivey, who serves as counselor, confidant, and cheering squad for her participants. "I meet with each student every two weeks. I monitor their grades and attendance. When they need to be referred to other agencies, I make a contact with that agency and make sure the students understand what services are available."

Over the course of the year Ivey becomes more than a counselor, she becomes a friend. "Most of these people are adults who may not have people who take an interest in their lives," said Ivey. "We talk about their grades, upcoming tests and how we can solve any personal or class related problems that arise. When they make good grades, we are proud. When their grades fall short of what

we hoped for, we talk about how to improve. It's not all it takes to help them become successful, but it helps."

For more information on the JTPA program at RCC, contact Diane Ivey at the Scotland Center at 276-1388.

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Robeson County Library celebrates 25th anniversary

LIVE ON THE LAWN
The Robeson County Public Library Celebrates its 25th anniversary with live on the Lawn '92, Saturday, September 26 at the Lumberton High School in Lumberton. The free Anniversary concert and Tailgating Party will feature Three Live Bands, A Roaming Magician, Balloon

Sculpting, Fire Truck Displays, outdoor family picnic and tailgating party. Enjoy the sounds of great Country and jazz bands as you eat, then take your seat in the stadium at 7:30 for two musical hours of the North Carolina Symphony.

Free tickets are available at your local public library. Registration forms on the tickets entitle you to valuable drawings during the concert intermission from free dinners to store gift certificates. You must be present to win. In the unlikely event of Rain, the event will be held in the school auditorium.



Prospect United Methodist Church's Oxendine's Quartet will be featured in the Bi-Monthly Gospel Sing at Prospect United Methodist (across from Prospect School). The Oxendine Quartet are the Grand Champions at a recent Gospel Singing Contest. The sing will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday Night September 20th. The public is invited to participate in this evening of good Gospel Music.

Also appearing will be the Musical groups of Prospect United Methodist Church. We would be glad for your group to sing. You can call the church at (919) 521-2111 for more information. Come and let's enjoy singing praises to God on Sunday Night, September 20, 1992 at 7:00 p.m.