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Little Miss Lumbee Participates in Strawberry Festival



Little Miss Lumbee Morgan Britany Hunt participated in the N.C. Strawberry Festival on May 6 in Chadbourne, NC. Morgan has been busy this year making appearances and performing across the state as Little Miss Lumbee. Some of her most recent appearances include: performing during the NC Indian

Unity Conference; performing at the NC Cancer Institute; participating in the Little Miss Fayetteville and Little Miss Lumberton pageants; and performing at Pembroke Elementary, Deep Branch, and Union Elementary programs. She has several more events scheduled for the remainder of her reign as Little Miss Lumbee.

Chavis Speaks at 4-H Citizenship Program

Phoebe Marie Chavis was one of the guest speakers at the Robeson County Citizenship Focus for 4-H'ers. The program was co-sponsored by the county 4-H program and the Lumberton Kiwanis Club. Phoebe spoke about the Citizenship Program sponsored by the 4-H and her experiences while serving as a delegate to Washington Focus, Washington, D.C. Phoebe was the top winner at her school last year in the Citizenship Program.

which made her eligible to serve as a delegate to Washington, D.C. Also on the program were Ray Griffin, Lumberton City Manager; Harry Ivey, Lumberton City Council; James Martin, Robeson County Manager; John P. Barker, Robeson County Public Schools System Board Chairman; William P. Johnson, Robeson County Public Schools System Superintendent; Richard Townsend, Robeson County District Attorney; and Diane Phillips, Assistant Public Defender.

Phoebe is a sophomore at West Robeson High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Jane Chavis.

—NEWS BRIEFS—

Region IV Principal of the Year

Rose Marie Lowry, principal of Union Elementary School, Rowland, NC, has been selected 1989-90 Wachovia Principal of the Year for the South Central Regional Education District in a program co-sponsored by the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Selection of the regional winner was based on personal interviews and individual portfolios which described biographical, philosophy of educational administration, professional development and educational service.

Lowry has been employed by the Robeson County Schools for thirteen years. Following a successful career as an elementary classroom teacher and four years as director of the federal project, Health Career Awareness, she became principal at Union Elementary School five years ago. Miss Lowry is a member of both the NCAE state board and the NEA national board. In fact, she is the national chairperson of the American Indian-Alaska Native Caucus of NEA. Besides being an active member of the Pembroke Business and Professional Women's organization, she has opened a new restaurant in Pembroke, Rose-Mary's. Miss Lowry has a B.S. degree in elementary education from Pembroke State University, two master's degrees from UNC-Greensboro, and an Educational Specialist degree from East Carolina University.

The eight regional Principal of the Year winners will be interviewed in Raleigh next week by a state selection committee. Three finalists will be chosen. Between May 15 and May 19, on-site visits will be made on each finalist's school by a second state selection committee. The state winner will be announced in June. The state winner will receive a plaque, \$1500 for personal and professional use, and \$1500 for use in his-her school. The remaining seven regional winners will receive \$850 each for personal and professional use and \$850 each for their respective schools.

Jacobs Sentenced to Six Years

Timothy Jacobs pled guilty to 14 counts of second-degree kidnapping May 4. He agreed to a plea bargain and was sentenced to six years in prison, followed by six years suspended sentence with supervised probation. Superior Court Judge Anthony Brannon handed down the sentence. The charges stemmed from the February 1, 1988 takeover of the Robesonian newspaper in Lumberton.

Brannon allowed Jacobs to be released on \$20,000 secured bond and he was ordered to begin his sentence June 19. He will report to the Cumberland County Jail where he had been incarcerated since March 10.

Jacobs, along with co-defendant Eddie Hatcher, was acquitted in federal court in October for the incident.

Hatcher remains in a San Francisco jail. His extradition hearing there is scheduled for May 23. He stated that he would fight his return to North Carolina "every step of the way." When asked if he would consider a plea bargain, Hatcher said: "Why should I plead guilty to charges that I have already been acquitted of. That is double jeopardy and that's unconstitutional...I will continue to fight."

Local Attorneys Nominated for District Judge

Robeson County Bar Association has nominated three Lumberton attorneys for the district court judgeship left vacant by the death of chief Judge John S. Gardner.

Nominated were John B. Carter, a Black who is assistant district attorney; J. Stanley Carmichael and Bruce F. Jobe, both white, and private attorneys.

The Governor's office will make the appointment in the next 60 days.

Woman Receives Record Sentence

Ruth Locklear was sentenced to 70 years in prison on Monday after a Robeson County Superior Court jury found her guilty of trafficking cocaine by possession and conspiracy to traffic cocaine. Judge Antony Brannon sentenced her to 35 years on each count. She was also ordered to pay a fine of \$500,000.

Eugene Smith, 21, of Route 3, Maxton, was tried as a co-defendant on the same charges. He was acquitted on both counts.

Locklear was arrested on a drug bust at her home in September. It was alleged that more than 400 grams of cocaine was confiscated at that time. Also arrested at that time were two Cubans, Ms. Locklear's daughter, Tina, Demetrius Locklear and Larry Locklear.

The Locklear home was raided again in February. Arrested at that time along with her was her son, Harold Keith Locklear, his wife, Norma Jean Locklear, Ronda Lee Odum, and Jerome Odum. Ms. Locklear has not been tried on the second charges and faces the possibility of receiving 21 years if convicted.

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Landowners Appeal Catawba Lawsuit Again

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Staff Writers

ROCK HILL — Attorneys for area landowners have appealed the Catawba Indian land lawsuit to the Supreme Court for the second time, seeking an end to the 8½-year-old legal battle involving rights to 144,000 acres in York, Lancaster and Chester counties.

The 24-page petition was filed late Saturday at the Supreme Court by the Washington office of the Boston-based law firm Hale and Dorr, which argued

that a federal appeals court used the wrong law when it ruled on the case.

The appeal was filed on behalf of all landowners being sued in the case, including the cities of Rock Hill, Fort Mill and Tega Cay, Springs Industries, Celanese Corp., Duke Power Co. and other individual landowners.

In recent weeks, national real estate companies have stopped issuing title insurance in the Catawba claim area. A Rock Hill Area Chamber of Commerce study has estimated that up to \$200 mil-

lion in real estate transactions in York County are being adversely affected by the suit.

Canadian businessman Stephen Mernick has been unable to complete his \$65 million purchase of Heritage USA because of the suit. Last week, Mernick's attorneys asked the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to allow the Catawbas to attach their claim to the proceeds of the land sale instead of the property. The court may issue a ruling next month.

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LRDA Head Start Staff Awarded Child Care Credentials

Submitted by LRDA Staff

Allie Lois Sanderson of Fairmont, Ilene McNeill and Teresa Bell of Shannon, have been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession through its affiliation with the National Association for the Educator of Young Children.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluating and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. Although the first credential was awarded just 12 years ago, over 33 states already include CDA in child

care licensing regulations. Others are considering similar action.

Parents who use child care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare. Every candidate for the CDA Credential is observed working with young children and is evaluated by a team which includes early childhood experts and a parent. The candidate must demonstrate ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

CDA is having a positive effect on the quality of center-based child care. Its biggest impact may yet occur with its latest availability for family day care, the most common form of care for young children.



ALLIE LOIS SANDERSON



ILENE MCNEIL



TERESA O. BELL

PEMBROKE KIWANIS NEWS

Program Chairman Clayton Maynor presented Dr. James Martin, Executive Director of the Robeson CCounty Health Care Centers of Fairmont, Pembroke and Maxton. The movement for better health services for the poverty ridden congested cities started in 1966 when the war on poverty started and has now spread to the rural poverty areas. Some of the large congested areas of the big cities had practically no doctors, so 25 major grants were set up as comprehensive family health services. All of the areas needed broad political support, so the consortium came about. Robeson Health Centers was one of these projects, and additional physicians were added. It has been very difficult to recruit family physicians as so many choose to specialize in one area or needs of people. 13,000 people are taken care of in Robeson County by the Consortium. There are two doctors in each of the Centers in Maxton, Pembroke and Fairmont, sharing the functioning collectively. The strengthened services for prenatal and post natal, services for the elderly and chemical abuses patients. There is a challenge to retain physicians, find grants, some businesses cut back on health insurance and everyone does not carry Medicaid insurance.

Presiding--President-elect Mitchell Lowry; Song Leader-Hay Lowry; Program-Clayton Maynor; Invocation-Adolph Dial; Reporter-Ken Johnson.



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PSU CHANCELLOR AND MRS. PAUL GIVENS. An "Appreciation Dinner" will be held in their honor at 6 p.m. Friday, May 12, at the Chavis University Center. Dr. Givens retires June 30 after 10 years at PSU. For more information on this dinner, see the Pembroke State University news on page 3.