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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



SRMC pediatric staff accepted a Starlight Fun Center from Wal-mart employees. From left: Anita Hunt, unit secretary; RN Laura Bridgers; Tonya Meares, Wal-mart UPC Associate; Brenda Sealey, unit manager; Linda Locklear, nursing assistant and Carol Hicks, Wal-mart assistant manager.

SRMC Receives Fun Center For Pediatric Patients

Now children hospitalized at Southeastern Regional Medical Center will have access to more fun and games to help fill their long hours in bed and speed their recoveries. Recently representatives Carol Hicks and Tonya Meares of Wal-mart store #1155 located at 4301 Fayetteville Rd. in Lumberton presented a Starlight Fun Center to the medical center's pediatric unit.

The fun center is a brightly colored, mobile entertainment unit which can be wheeled directly to the bedsides of children who are hospitalized. Its VCR, TV monitor, videocassettes and Nintendo video game system with a library of games can provide hours of entertainment for youngsters confined to their beds.

"In the short while since the fun center has been here, it has definitely been in great demand by the children," said Brenda Sealey, unit manager for pediatrics/nursery.

"It's certainly a valuable addition to the toys and games we have available for our patients." The Fun Center Program started in 1992 by the Starlight Children's Foundation brings therapeutic entertainment to more than 42,000 hospital-

ized children each month nationally. In 1994, the Wal-Mart Foundation joined forces with Nintendo to support this program by contributing \$750,000 as part of a three-year commitment toward the sponsorship of Starlight Fun Centers. Nintendo, as part of its retail partner program, is matching the Wal-Mart donation. The fun center donation to SRMC represents one of more than 350 Wal-Mart sponsored fun centers. More than 1,200 fun centers will be placed in more than 540 hospitals throughout North America by the end of 1997.

Each Wal-Mart store chooses the destination for its fun center, according to Hicks and Meares. The Southeastern Regional Medical Center Foundation accepted the fun center on behalf of the medical center, according to Sissy Grantham, executive director.

Founded in 1983, the Starlight Children's Foundation enhances the lives of seriously ill children through programs such as wish-granting and in-hospital recreational activities. With offices throughout the U.S., Canada, the U.K., and Australia, Starlight's programs touch children's lives worldwide.

Congressman Mike McIntyre Announces \$266,965 for Columbus County Crime Fighters

Washington - Congressman Mike McIntyre announced today that the Columbus County Sheriff's Department has won a grant from the Justice Department for five additional full-time officers. McIntyre said the \$266,965 grant pays up to 75% of the total salary and benefits over three years for the law enforcement officers. The grant is part of the Justice Department's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program. Congressman McIntyre stated, "I supported the 1997 act that grants

\$1.4 billion to the COPS program. This funding is vital to achieving the goal of hiring 100,000 additional police officers nationwide by the year 2000. In the Seventh Congressional District alone, more than \$9 million has been hired to protect our communities against violent acts of crime!" Congressman McIntyre said, "This grant program is working, and I commend Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson and the Columbus County Sheriff's Department for taking the initiative to seek these funds."

Visions of Harold Collins, include self-sufficiency for NC Indian Cultural Center



Harold Collins was born in 1957 of Native American parents and is a member of the Lumbee Cheraw Indian Tribe. Known better to those in the world of weight lifting competitions as "Iron Bear" he has been three time National Powerlifting Champion, two times the World Bench Press Champion and three times he has been the United States Representative in the "World's Strongest Man Contest". He will be going to that competition for the fourth time on January of 1998. He holds the records in that competition of "The Axe Hold" the Crucifixion, and "The Log Press."

Collins is the owner and operator of The Power House, one of the healthiest places in Pembroke, where you can get both your mental and physical conditioning together. Collins, who spends over 4 months a year in competitions around the world, has been working on a special project for over a year. The project is selling 2,000 pairs of Lumbee Tennis Shoes. He is hoping that the \$140,000 that will be raised by the sale of these shoes will help the Cultural Center get back on its feet and help it to become self-sufficient. His dream is to see events out there for the public every month. One of the things that Collins hopes for is the return of the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" to be performed at the site again. "I am hoping that it will return and not only play in the summer months but during special times of the year like Thanksgiving and Christmas," Collins said. "When the folks around here are at home, we could have the play and have gospel singing and a lot of things" stated Collins. "This year 1997 I sponsored the

VA Medical Center Telephone Advice Program

The Fayetteville VA medical Center Telephone Triangle Program is a user friendly telephone advice program.

Patients who have medical questions, need to check on an appointment or have other questions, may wish to speak with a health care professional in our telephone advice program. You may talk with our telephone advice professional by calling (910) 822-7940 or toll free 1-800-771-6106 ext. 7940.

Arthritis Exercise Programs Begin Jan. 12

The Southeastern Lifestyles Fitness Center at 4895 Fayetteville Rd. will begin two exercise programs for people with arthritis on Jan. 12. These include two types of activities: PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) and water exercises. Aqua for Daily Living. For more information or to register, call 738-5433.

Healthy Resolutions '98 Set For Jan. 10

Find out how to change for today and tomorrow—not just next week. Join us for exercise demonstrations, motivational speakers, tours, refreshments and more on Saturday, Jan. 10, 1998, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Southeastern Lifestyle Fitness Center, 4895 Fayetteville Rd. This is no charge for this program. Call 738-5433 for more information.

American Red Cross 12 Days Of Christmas

On the First day of Christmas Take an American Red Cross CPR class.

On the Second day of Christmas donate Blood at an American Red Cross Blood Drive.

On the Third day of Christmas learn to swim with an American Red Cross swim class.

On the Fourth day of Christmas send a message to our Military overseas through the American Red Cross.

On the Fifth day of Christmas become an American Red Cross Volunteer.

On the Sixth day of Christmas take an American Red Cross disaster class.

On the Seventh day of Christmas volunteer in the American Red Cross Office.

On the Eighth day of Christmas learn about HIV/AIDS through the American Red Cross.

On the Ninth day of Christmas become an American Red Cross Instructor.

On the Tenth day of Christmas become an American Red Cross Life Guard.

On the Eleventh day of Christmas volunteer at an American Red Cross disaster shelter.

On the Twelfth day of Christmas donate money to the American Red Cross.

American Red Cross, Patricia Brayboy Executive Director Robeson County Chapter

World Record Breaking Event for the Cultural Center," Collins said. "In 1996 I sponsored a "Pull for Life" to raise money for St. Jude's Research Center, and I also raised money to help a local child get a wheelchair," he continued. "In 1995 I raised over \$100,000 for the March of Dimes in Los Angeles, California," stated Collins. "However, my biggest goal now is to sell these 2,000 pairs of Lumbee Tennis Shoes. And when they are sold there will not be anymore made. I am going to hold a celebration at the Cultural Center and we are going to have it for the people that bought the shoes and those that wanted to but could not. It will be a Gospel Singing and an old fashioned Dinner on the Grounds," Collins said. "Selling these shoes which are only \$70 a pair will provide jobs at the Cultural Center and the buyer will have a Collectors item, just like a baseball card, a piece of history. "It is time for our people to pull together and for the Cultural Center to blossom. Together we can conquer anything that comes our way, alone we are divided and will fall. We need to assist the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. Then one day it will in turn help us!" Collins concluded.



Dale G. Deese, (left) Executive Director of Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. presented an award to Ms. Margaret Chavis, widow of Bobby R. Chavis in honor of his service to the Lumbee River Legal Services. The ceremony was held in the offices of the Lumbee River Legal Services, Pembroke, NC on December 19, 1997. The award was given in recognition of Mr. Chavis' years of dedicated service to Lumbee River Legal Services and his commitment to empowering low-income people. Mr. Chavis served on the Board of Directors of LRLS from 1979 until his death on March, 24, 1997. Ms. Chavis is shown surrounded by family. Also in attendance were Chavis' brother, Dr. James B. Chavis; his children: Bobby R. Chavis, Jr., Charles Allen Chavis, Christel Chavis Parker, Belinda Chavis Listoe; and his sister, Joanne Chavis Wrey.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—To learn more about the growing interest in women's sports and a campaign to interest girls in taking part in sports, call the Women's Sports Foundation at 1-800-227-3988.

Tools, such as those made by Craftsman, can make a much appreciated holiday gift.

Mouldings can add charm or personality to a room. For more information about medium density fiberboard (MDF) mouldings call the Particleboard/Medium Density Fiberboard Institute at (301) 670-1752.

Through free medical treatment, Shriners Hospitals help save children's lives. Call 1-800-237-5055 to refer a child.

Free Health Checks In Fairmont

Free health screenings will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Fire Hall in Fairmont. Checks for cholesterol/HDL, blood pressure, and blood sugar will be offered to all adults 18 years and older. In addition, educational displays on breast cancer, medications and many other health related topics will be featured. These free screens are sponsored by The Robeson County Partnership for Community Health. Call 671-5595 for more information.

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The Organization's Leadership Dinner Was Held Last Wednesday at UNC Pembroke

Pembroke - Stephen M. Smith was honored for his service to HealthCare 1999 during the organization's leadership dinner held last Wednesday at UNC Pembroke. Smith, president Interim HealthCare headquartered in Whiteville, served as chair of the nine-county health care consortium the past two years. UNC Pembroke Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine hosted the event and welcomed more than 60 attendees from a variety of related fields. On behalf of the advisory committee, Oxendine presented a plaque to Smith and thanked him for his leadership. Steve Smith served as chair of HealthCare 1999 from 1995 to 1997, and her served with distinction. Oxendine also recognized and thanked the other members of the advisory committee for their work during the year on behalf of improving the health of the region's citizens. Guest speaker for the evening was Floy Work, a nationally recognized consultant in community-oriented human services from Charleston, S.C. Work clients include non-profit health care organizations, and she stresses collaboration as a means to succeed. "You are an energetic group of people working to improve the health of the region," Work said, "and improving the health depends on relationships. You are exponentially stronger when you are working together. "Diversity is necessary in commu-



UNC Pembroke Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine (right) presents a plaque to Stephen M. Smith, president of Interim HealthCare headquartered in Whiteville, who was recognized for his leadership as chair of HealthCare 1999 during the past two years. (UNCP Photo by Bobby Ayers)

linians initiatives and creating initiatives where none exist in the region. The 5th Annual Health Care Summit will be devoted to this effort. Community representatives will come together to discuss their needs while developing a plan of action for their communities. HealthCare 1999 was awarded an operational grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust in 1993, and was selected by the American Hospital Association as one of the 25 national demonstration sites in its Community Care Network Program. The Community Care Network seeks to enhance collaboration and cooperation among existing health care providers in the region to produce a more seamless system of care, to improve overall community health, and to increase accessibility to health care. The HealthCare 1999 partnership includes more than 100 organizations, led by UNC Pembroke, Southeastern Regional Area Health Education Center, Womack Army Medical Center, Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, Bladen County Hospital, County of Cumberland, Southeastern Regional Medical center Foundation, the Southeastern North Carolina Health Alliance and others. For more information about HealthCare 1999 or its 5th Annual Health Care Summit, call HealthCare 1999 director Anne Lowry at 910-521-6182.

May all the wonders of the season bring you peace.

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