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Red Springs Center & Fayetteville State University Meeting the Needs of Students



Shown above are: (left to right) Madie Rae Locklear, Director of Red Springs Neighborhood Service Center, Gina Jackson, student at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke and James D. Teasley, Advisor for Fayetteville State University's Educational Opportunity Centers Program.

The Red Springs Neighborhood Service Center, a component of Four County Community Services, Inc., provides many services to the citizens of the area. Among the services that they provide is office space for Fayetteville State University's Educational Opportunity Centers Program. Mr. James D. Teasley is advisor for the program and offers assistance to persons interested in post secondary education. He offers counseling, advice and assistance with financial aid.

Most recently, Gina Jackson, a client of the Educational Opportunity Centers Program, enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She has earned an associate degree at Robeson Community Col-

lege. Mr. Teasley is extremely proud of Ms. Jackson's accomplishments and feels that she is an example of what hard work and determination can achieve.

"I met Ms. Jackson," Teasley said, "at the Red Springs Neighborhood Service Center. She was referred to our program by the Center's Director, Ms. Madie Rae Locklear."

At the time, Gina was interested in attending college to further her education in accounting. She enrolled at Robeson Community College with the assistance of the Educational Opportunity Centers Program.

Teasley assisted Gina with applying for admissions and financial aid. She was admitted in the fall of 1992 into the Business Computer Program-

ming and Accounting Program at RCC.

"Gina was an excellent student," Teasley said, "and graduated with honors in both courses of study. She was also elected Student Government President."

After graduation from RCC, Gina applied for admission to Fayetteville State University. She was again assisted by The Educational program. She was accepted at Fayetteville State but decided to attend UNCP instead. She is majoring in Accounting with a minor in Computer Science. She continues to receive EOC services. Gina is scheduled to graduate from UNCP in 2000.

Ms. Madie Rae Locklear, Director of the Red Springs Neighborhood Services Center, also takes pride in the achievements of Ms. Jackson.

"It is indeed rewarding to see the accomplishments of this single parent. I encouraged her to further her education and referred her to Mr. Teasley for assistance. One of the many services provided by our center is referral services. It is always gratifying to see one of our clients successful in her endeavors."

Gina is a veteran of the United States Air Force. She and her son, Jamaal Jackson, are members of Salem Missionary Baptist Church. While attending school at RCC she worked part time and qualified as a Notary Public.

"I am grateful to Ms. Locklear and Mr. Teasley for having confidence in my ability. They have both been very supportive and provided inspiration for me through my educational endeavors. I am also thankful that they are my friends." Ms. Jackson said.

Federation of American Indians to Conduct Political Workshop at Upcoming Unity Conference

The North Carolina United Federation of American Indians will conduct a Political Forum at the 1998 Indian Unity Conference, Friday March 13, at 3:00-4:45 P.M. in the Marselles Room at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville. Immediately following the Forum, the Federation will host a hospitality suite from 4:45 -7:30 P.M. Everyone's invited to attend.

The Federation is a North Carolina registered organization with a mission to address Indian issues for all NC Indian Tribes. Formed in 1985, the Federation has been called upon to intervene with tribal issues across the state.

One main focus of the Federation is political awareness. Political Awareness is an important need for the Indian population in the state in order to make wise political choices. A firm understanding of local and state political structure, procedures, and issue stance, gives the Indian voter the political knowledge to make wise political decisions. The Federation address this focus by bringing political candidates together in a political forum so that the Indian population can meet face-to-face, ask questions, and listen for answers, thus

gaining information to make better choices at the voting booth.

The political forum will "showcase" the following local candidates who have confirmed attendance. Hoke County Board of Education-Teddy Locklear; Robeson County Board of Education-Gloria Lowery; Robeson County Clerk of Superior Court-Jo Ann Locklear; Robeson County Commissioner Noah Woods; Hoke and Cumberland County Commissioners Tony Hunt; Wake County Commissioners-Betty O. Mangum; Robeson County Sheriff-GLENN MAYNOR; NC House of Representatives-Ronnie N. Sutton.

The Forum will showcase the following state candidates: State Auditor-Ralph Campbell; Lieutenant Governor Dennis Wicker; Secretary of State-Elaine Marshall; State Treasurer-Harlen Boyles; US Senate-D.G. Martin; Secretary of Education-Mitch Tyler.

The panel format will allow each candidate time to present his/her platform with a question and answer period.

Milton Hunt, Mayor of Pembroke and Gwen Carr, Political Director for the American Indian Desk, Democratic National Headquarters will also be on the panel.

U.S. Chamber Honors Rep. Mike McIntyre

Washington, D.C. -- Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre recently received the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Enterprise" award, representing his support on key issues of importance to American business.

"Congressman Mike McIntyre's record clearly demonstrates an understanding that better jobs, increased productivity, and economic growth go hand in hand with the success of American business," said Thomas J. Donohue, President of Commerce pro-business seal of approval.

The Chamber awards the Spirit of Enterprise based on rankings it gives members of Congress in its annual publication, *How They Voted*. Votes included in the rankings must be recorded floor votes on issues which the Chamber's Board of Directors has established policy and the Chamber's position has been communicated to members of Congress prior to the vote.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

Commissioner Noah Woods to host Public Forums

Robeson County Commissioner for District 4, Mr. Noah Woods, will hold Public Forums in District four at the following locations on dates and times listed:

Maxton-March 9, 1998-7 p.m. Maxton District Court Room, 123 South Florence Street, Maxton, NC.

Prospect-March 10, 1998-9 p.m. Prospect School Cafeteria, Maxton, NC.

Red Springs-March 17, 1998-7 p.m. District Court Room, 218 South Main Street, Red Springs, NC.

Pembroke-March 19, 1998-7 p.m. Courthouse, 210 Main Street, Pembroke, NC.

The purpose of the Public Forums is to receive comments, input, and to answer questions from constituents regarding matters of interest to citizens of Robeson County.

Commissioner Noah Woods welcomes your attendance and participation.

Mangum, candidate in commissioner's race in Wake County

A Democrat has joined two Republicans in the race for the Wake County commissioner seat from District 3. Betty Oxendine Mangum, a Cary resident, filed recently to run for the seat that Republican Leo Tew holds. A retired instructional specialist with the state Department of Public Instruction, Mangum has worked for many state and local candidates over the years, but this is her first run for public office.

"County commissioner is one of the most important positions there is," she said. "That particular body looks at planned growth, looks at environment and, more important than that, it looks at how we educate our children and how we fund that process."

Tew, who is in his first term, faces a primary challenge from Jan Pueschel, a lawyer who works for the state House committee investigating the \$100,000 payment to Algic Toomer, a former employee of the state Division of Motor Vehicles.

Deadline for Registering

The Robeson County Board of Elections (BOE) wishes to remind all county residents that the deadline to register for upcoming May primary is just around the corner. All persons interested in registering to vote must complete a voter registration application. Applications can be obtained from the BOE office. The completed application must be turned over to the BOE office on or before April 10, 1998. For more information call 671-3080.

Creative Writing Workshops for American Indians of North Carolina

The North Carolina Humanities Council is sponsoring two free workshops for the purpose of creating writings for *Feeding The Ancient Fires*, an anthology of works by North Carolina American Indians to be published within the coming year.

The first workshop, which is for American Indians of Dublin and surrounding counties, is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th, 1-5 P.M. in Dublin at Bladen Community, Bldg. 117, Room #102. The second, which is for American Indians of Orange and surrounding counties, is scheduled for Sunday, April 5, 1-5 P.M. at Orange County Public Library, Main Meeting Room, 300 W. Tryon Street in Hillsborough. Please remember to bring paper and pens. Cherokee author/poet MariJo Moore will facilitate

Dr. Ruth Dial Woods Receive Isaiah Reid Distinguished Leadership Award



Dr. Ruth Dial Woods was recently awarded the Isaiah Reid Distinguished Leadership Award. This award is presented annually to an alumni of student who has distinguished herself/himself as an outstanding leader in the area of Educational Administration. Dr. Woods is an alumni of the Educational Administration Program of South Carolina State University.

The award was presented at the Hilton Hotel in Palmetto Dunes, SC. Dr. Woods was also guest speaker for the program.

Dr. Woods is a native Robesonian. She attended the public schools

before attaining a B.A. degree in English and Spanish from Meredith College in Raleigh, NC, a M.A. Ed in School Administration and Supervision from Pembroke State University, and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration from South Carolina State University. She has completed all required course work to advance to candidacy for the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Woods served the public schools in Robeson County for 27 years as a teacher, educational media specialist, director of federal programs, and assistant superintendent and associate superintendent. After serving as an adjunct professor in the fall of 1993, Dr. Woods joined the faculty at Fayetteville State University. She taught educational leadership in the master of school administration degree program and curriculum and leadership in the doctoral program in educational leadership. She also served as coordinator for the North Carolina Principal Fellows Program and the Master of School Administration Degree Program, and administered the School of Education's Title III Teacher Education Program. In August, 1997, Dr. Woods retired from teaching. She is currently the administrator of the Fayetteville State University and Z. Smith

Reynolds Foundation partnership program. PROJECT REAP (Recruitment of Minorities for Advancement in the Profession) and planning consultant in the University-School Teacher Education Partnership (USTEP) program.

As the recipient of numerous community, civic, state and national awards, Dr. Woods has balanced her academic life with service to others. She has been a civil and human rights activist. She self-identifies as American Indian, humanist, activist, and feminist. Selected honors and awards include: The Leo Reano Award for Service to Education from the National Education Association, the North Carolina Human Rights Award from the North Carolina Association of Educators; the Community Leadership Award from the North Carolina Human Relations Commission; the Henry Berry Lowry Award from the Lumbee Tribal Agency-Lumbee Regional Development Association; the Governor's Distinguished Woman of North Carolina Award; the Woman of Distinction Award from the United Tribes of North Carolina; and an eight-year appointment by the North Carolina General Assembly to the University Board of Governors as the first woman to receive an at-large appointment.

Union Chapel School-Class of 1934-35 Reunites



The Union Chapel School Class of 1934-35 recently met for a reunion. Members of the class attending are shown above. Seated, left to right, are Ruby Baker Locklear; Belton Jones; Willard Locklear; Grace Wilkins Oxendine; Magnolia Jones. Standing, left to right, are: Stella Oxendine Locklear; Mary Lee Locklear; Eunice June Oxendine Jones; Lucratie Cummings Locklear; Novella Jones; Jo Ann Locklear; Thelma Wilkins; Lou Izer Oxendine; and Cathie Lee Maynor Locklear.

Revival to begin at Riverside

Revival services will begin at Riverside Independent Baptist Church on Sunday, March 22, and run through Friday night, March 27. Sunday night services will begin at 6 with week night services beginning at 7:30 P.M. Special speakers will be the Rev. David Hunt, pastor of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, and Rev. Buster Seaton of Knoxville, TN. The pastor of Riverside, Rev. Jerry McNeill, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.



A photograph of the 1934-35 class at Union Chapel School.

Revival Planned at New Bethel

Revival services will be held at New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church beginning March 15 and lasting through March 20. Sunday night service will be youth night and will begin at 7 P.M. Week night services will begin at 7:30 P.M. The church is located on the Iona

Church Road between Rowland and Fairmont.

Evangelists for the revival will be Curtis Oxendine, Tony Hunt, Patrick L. Cummings, and Jerry Scott. Special music will be provided each night.

The public is encouraged to attend by the pastor, James H. Woods, and the congregation of New Bethel.