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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Dr. Lowry Appointed to Girl Scout Board of Directors

Dr. Earlena Lowry of Pembroke was appointed to the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council, Inc. Board of Directors at the recent council annual meeting.

Dr. Lowry, Administrator for the public Schools of Robeson County, holds a doctorate in Education Administration from South Carolina University. She has made innumerable contributions to the educational field, and was honored with the title of Administrator of the year in 1991. Dr. Lowry is a Sunday School leader, volunteer at Pembroke State University and has served on a Motivational Task Force at Fayetteville State University.

A Girl Scout volunteer since 1974, Dr. Lowry has worked in several capacities as a member of the Robeson County Girl Scout Advisory Board, past board of directors member, leader, consultant and advisor.

Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council, Inc. serves 18,000 girls and 8,000 adults in 20 central North Carolina Girl Scout counties and is a United Way agency.

Women and Investing Workshop to be held

"Women and Investing" workshop will be held Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Lumberton (off I-95 Ext. 22). Early Bird Registration is \$25 before April 15. The event is being sponsored by the Ladies of BID Investment club. To register call (910) 671-0025 or 800-869-5785.

Revival planned at Salem

Revival services will be held at Salem Missionary Baptist Church on the Red Hill Road, Maxton, beginning April 5-8. Guest speakers will be Rev. Lindberg Chavis, pastor of Bakers Chapel and Rev. Ernest Best.

The pastor of Salem, Rev. Don Bullard, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend. Sunday night services will begin at 6:30 p.m. and week night services at 7:30 p.m.

Purnell Swett High to Sponsor Home and Garden Show

Purnell Swett High School will be sponsoring a Home and Garden Show. Sponsors will be the Purnell Swett Champs Program. The show will be Thursday, April 9 at the school beginning at 1:15 p.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. Students, faculty, staff, parents and community will be participating.

Items to be sold include flowers, vegetable plants, swings, picnic tables, plant stands, grills, Easter cakes, cookies, terrariums, candy, artwork by students and faculty, and various craft items. There will be fun, games and music for everyone.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Pembroke Middle School Open House

Pembroke Middle School will have Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, March 24. Open house will be from 5 til 6 p.m. A Workshop on End of Grade Testing will be held from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Eighth Grade Career Planning will be between 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. followed by a PTA meeting.

For further information call Pembroke Middle School at 521-9464 or 521-9869.

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, Rev. Davey Locklear, pastor of Freedom Assembly of God and Rev. Donald Bullard, pastor of Salem Missionary Baptist Church.

The pastor of Riverside, Rev. Jerry McNeill and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Poster, Essay and Speech Contest Winners Announced

The Robeson Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) held its annual Poster, Essay and Speech Contest in conjunction with the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' contests.

The poster contest is for third, fourth and fifth grade students and had a general theme, "Backyard Stewardship" or "Conservation of Natural Resources." The Essay and Speech contest's theme was "Wetlands Are Wonderful." There was a separate contest for each grade level.

Each participating school chose a first, second and third place poster/essay/speech winner. All participating schools first place winners were submitted to the Robeson SWCD's competition. Each school first place winner received a ribbon, certificate and \$5 cash prize, second and third received a ribbon and certificate.

Poster Contest School Winners

The third grade school winners were: Long Branch School first-Arian Genova, second-Sarah Graham, third-Emily Smith, Magnolia School first-Crystal Freeman, second-TJ Dudley, third-Collin Montes, Southeastern Academy first-Ashley Jacobs, second-Jordan Williamson, third-Lauren Fogleman.

The fourth grade school winners were: Long Branch School first-Justin Caulder, second-Erica Britt, third-Concetta Lowery, Tanglewood School

first-Jessica Gaskins, second-Mary Boughton, third-Sarah Ward, Southeastern Academy first-Paulo Martinez, second-Laura Marion.

The fifth grade school winners were Magnolia School first-Ashley Hammonds, second-Sasha Rose, third-Michael Ellis, Southeastern Academy first-Mary Elizabeth McMillan, second-Amanda Speights, third-Whitney McFarland.

Essay Contest

The school winners were: Southeastern Academy first-Zack Ward, second-Eric Lownes, third-Elizabeth Taylor, Red Springs first-Charity Braz, second-Teresa Brockington, third-Tonya Wood.

Speech Contest

The school winners for 7th grade were: Pembroke Middle School first-Richard Wayne Cole, second-Phillip Oxendine, third-Faith Renee Brooks, Southeastern Academy first-Katie Bullock, second-Laura Neal, third-Davis Bowen, Fairgrove School first-Justin Baker, second-Vernonia Williams, St. Pauls Middle Schools first-Briana Rutledge, second-Megan Jolly, third-Luke Hickman.

The school winners for 8th grade: Pembroke Middle School first-Jessica Oxendine, Rowland Middle School first-Antoinette Hampton, second-John Thompson, third-Tierra Leach, St. Pauls Middle first-Nikke Clement, second-Shannon Wells, Southeastern

Teachers Organization Endorses Sutton

Pembroke -- The North Carolina Association of Educators, Inc. (NCAE) headquartered in Raleigh has officially endorsed the candidacy of Rep. Ron Sutton, Democrat, of Pembroke for re-election to the North Carolina House of Representatives.

NCAE President, Joyce H. Elliot, stated in her endorsement letter to Rep. Sutton "your support of public education in our state is greatly appreciated by our 70,000 members."

Rep. Sutton emphasizes that he is a strong supporter of public education in N. C. and has the students, educators and parents in mind as he approaches all educational issues.

Part of the endorsement process includes a mailing to each NCAE member in the 85th House District informing them of Rep. Sutton's commitment to NCAE's legislative program.

Rep. Sutton to Support Health Care for Children

Rep. Ron Sutton of Pembroke is going to Raleigh next week ready to support a proposal that would provide health care for thousands of children in working-class families.

Gov. Jim Hunt called a special session of the General Assembly to consider a plan that would cover children in families that make too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to easily afford private health insurance. The session begins March 24.

"This special session will give us a chance to do something good," said Rep. Sutton. "We can help hard-working people get something back for their tax dollars that go to Washington and Raleigh."

The federal government would pick up most of the tab for the health care. Under a bipartisan bill that Congress passed last year, North Carolina will receive \$79.9 million for the first year of the program. Lawmakers must appropriate \$27.7 million in state dollars.

Scouts Hold Annual Scout Show

Lumberton, NC -- Hundreds of young people across Robeson County have looked forward to a certain Saturday for months now. They are our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers, and Saturday, March 21, 1998, is their annual Scout Show at Lumberton St. High School.

The Scout Show is an exhibition day for scouts and explorers to display the crafts, projects and activities they have been working on since the fall. There will be booths, exhibits, and concessions for the whole family. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m., including the District Pinewood Derby championship race, which will take place in the early afternoon. Les Abbott, co-chair of the event, will officiate the race and expects a large turnout.

"The show itself is a great learning experience for all who participate," explained Laura Kemp, co-chairperson of this year's event. "It gives each scout the chance to see other scouts

from around the county in action, and develops the leadership, organization and communication skills of those who take the lead in preparing their display," she continued.

The theme for the 1998 event is "Crime Prevention." McGruff the Crime Dog and the D.A.R.E. Band will be making special appearances that day along with exhibits from the Robeson County Sheriff's Department, the Public Schools of Robeson County Resource Officers, and the Lumberton Police Department. The public is invited to come out and join the scouts and their families for a day of fun, learning, entertainment, and to participate in the scouting experience.

The Scout Show is a program of our local Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America, and will showcase the talents of Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Explorer Posts from every community in Robeson County.

Rep. Sutton said, "I believe in public education. I know our public school system is improving locally as well as statewide and I will do all I can to further the growth and development of all our students and teachers." One of the most important issues facing the General Assembly in the next four years is funding for education, including buildings, supplies and teachers salaries.

Rep. Sutton stresses that he is committed to supporting Governor Jim Hunt's agenda to ensure that N.C. teachers are funded at the national average by the year 200. That will mean funding substantial pay raises each year until then. "We can and must find the money to help keep our brightest and most talented teachers in the classrooms," Sutton said.

Rep. Sutton does not like that idea. "The premiums have already been paid, with taxpayers' dollars," Rep. Sutton said. "Working people should not be asked to pay again to receive health care for their children."

The plan has widespread support, but some lawmakers want to charge premiums.

The plan would cover children in families making up to twice the federal poverty level. That is \$32,100 a year for a family of four.

Some states are expanding Medicaid to provide the health care. But Dr. David Bruton, the state secretary of health and human services, developed a non-entitlement program. That way, North Carolina can control the cost.

Rep. Sutton said, "We can help hard-working people get something back for their tax dollars that go to Washington and Raleigh."

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

Academy first-David Percival, second Akhil Hedge, third-Joy Bullard, District Winners.

All first place winners were eligible to compete in the Robeson SWCD District level competition. All District winners received certificates. The third place winners received \$10, second \$15 and first place winners received \$20 and a trophy.

The Robeson SWCD's poster winners were: Third Grade first place Arian Genova, second Ashley Jacobs and third Crystal Freeman. Fourth Grade first place Jessica Gaskins, second Paulo Martinez and Justin Caulder received an Honorable Mention for his poster. Fifth Grade first place Ashley Hammonds, second-Mary Elizabeth McMillan. Essay winners were first place-Zack Ward and second place-Charity Braz.

The Robeson SWCD Speech winners 7th grade were first place Katie Bullock, second Briana Rutledge, third Richard Wayne Cole and Justin Baker received Honorable Mention. 8th grade winners were first Jessica Oxendine, second David Percival and third Nikki Clement.

All first place District winners will compete in the Area VII Competition.

All programs and services provided by the RSWCD are available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, marital status handicap or national origin.



Jo Ann Lowery

Distinguished Practitioner Awards Given By UNCG Counseling Program

Greensboro--Dr. Michael Wells of Dobson and Dr. Jo Ann Lowery of Pembroke have received the 1998 Distinguished Practitioner Awards presented annually to graduates of the Department of Counseling and Educational Development at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Dobson and Wells received the awards at the state meeting of the N.C. Counseling Association on March 5 in Greensboro. The awards were presented at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro alumni and friends gathering during the meeting. Both received doctoral degrees in 1993.

Lowery, of 85 St. Anna Road, Pembroke, earned her Doctor of Education degree at UNCG. She is a nationally certified counselor, with certification as a teacher, school counselor and curriculum specialist. Lowery is a grant coordinator with the Robeson County public schools, where she has worked for almost 30 years as a teacher, counselor, consultant, and supervisor. She also has taught since 1993 at Pembroke State University as an adjunct professor in the counselor education program.

She has developed, organized and coordinated numerous programs, including in-service programs for all counselors within Robeson County public schools and the Regional Counseling and Leadership Conference held at UNCG. One of her recent proposals received a \$75,000 grant from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction for improvements to Robeson County high schools. Lowery is a member and volunteer in several organizations, including the Robeson

Transfer Open House At UNCP

Pembroke -- The University of North Carolina at Pembroke will hold a Transfer Open House this Thursday, March 20 from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Community college and undergraduate attending other colleges and universities are invited to attend.

Thursday evening's open house will be held in room 213 of the University Center. Friday's registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby of Moore Hall.

For more information, call the Admissions Office at 1-800-949-UNCP or 521-6262.



Jessica Oxendine, Contest Winner

Metrolina Native American Princess Pageant to be held

The 1998-1999 Ms. Metrolina Native American Princess Pageant will be held May 1, 1998 at 2601 A-East 7th Street, Charlotte, NC at 7:30 p.m.

Come into Queen City's Celebration of Native American Pride. "Keeping Light of our Heritage while Facing Expectations of the Twentieth Century" is the theme of the pageant.

For further information, please contact Patrick or Lisa (704) 331-4818.

Contestants must be members of a Native American Tribe with proper certificates of their membership.

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.

Revival Planned

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.

McIntyre Urges U.S. Tobacco Companies To Buy U.S. Tobacco

Washington, D.C. -- Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre, along with several of his congressional colleagues, today sent letters to the chief executive officers of the nation's five largest tobacco companies urging them to buy U.S. grown tobacco in 1998.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "In order for our honest, hard-working farmers to continue to have the opportunity to grow tobacco and provide for their families, it is critical that American tobacco companies purchase American tobacco. This commitment is an essential component in our efforts to preserve the economic stability of tobacco farmers, their families, and their communities."

The letter, signed by Congressmen Bob Etheridge, Bill Hefner, David Price, Sanford Bishop, and Congresswoman Eva Clayton, stated, "As a purchaser of tobacco, you have the ability to alleviate much of the instability and unrest that currently exists among growers, their families and their communities. It is critical for you to send a strong and unmistakable message to American tobacco farmers and their communities that you support them. We implore you to publicly pledge that you will fully meet your purchase intentions for the 1998 market season and purchase enough tobacco from stabilization to avoid another quota cut in 1999."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has previously announced a 17% quota reduction for flue-cured tobacco. Tobacco companies are required to make public their purchase intentions and must purchase 90% of those intentions or face a penalty. Tobacco not purchased goes into Stabilization and is utilized when companies need more leaf tobacco.

8th Annual NC Native American Juried Art Exhibition to Open

Greensboro--The Eighth Annual North Carolina Native American Juried Art Exhibition will open at the Guilford Native American Art Gallery on Sunday, March 22, 1998. A reception will be held from 2-5 p.m. The gallery is located at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 North Davie Street.

This exhibit features both contemporary and traditional artists from the Lumbee, Haliwa-Saponi, Coharie, Meherrin, Navajo, Tuscarora, eastern Cherokee, Western Cherokee and Ojibwa tribes.

A few of the artists will be demonstrating their talents during the opening reception.

The exhibit opened during the 23rd

Annual NC Indian Unity Conference held March 12-14 in Fayetteville, NC.

Awards were given for Best of Show-Karl Anthony Hunt (Lumbee), Best of Traditional-Senora Lynch (Haliwa-Saponi), Best of Contemporary-Roger Willie (Navajo), Honorable Mention-Patricia Richardson (Coharie), Kenneth Locklear (Lumbee), Damien Locklear (Lumbee), Senora Lynch (Haliwa-Saponi), Torey Romero (Ojibwa), Shelia Godwin (Lumbee), Shantonia Chavis (Lumbee) and Billy Locklear (Lumbee).

The featured artists for the exhibit is Ms. Patricia Brewington Richardson (Coharie) of Hollister, NC.