

Benefit Sing Planned for five-year old cancer patient



There will be a Benefit Gospel Sing for Master Devan Jacobs, a cancer patient who is five years old. The benefit sing will be held on Saturday, April 17, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at Prospect United Methodist Church. The church is located approximately five miles NW of Pembroke, five miles NE of Maxton, and five miles SW of Red Springs, across from Prospect School.

There will be no admission charge, however, a love offering will be received.

Featured groups for the event will include the Carter Family, the Oxendine Quartet, the Bryant Family, and the Prospect Community Men. For further information contact Mr. Lee Carter at 910-521-0846 or Prospect United Methodist Church at 910-521-2111.

Allen C. Meadors is named UNCP's Chancellor

Pembroke, N.C. -- Dr. Allen C. Meadors was elected the new chancellor for The University of North Carolina at Pembroke by the UNC Board of Governors on April 9.

Chancellor-elect Meadors is currently Chief Executive Officer and Dean of Penn State Altoona. He was one of three finalists and was recommended to the board by UNC President Molly C. Broad.

Dr. Meadors will begin his duties July 1 replacing Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine, who has served UNCP for 10 years. The new chancellor's salary will be \$145,000.

President Broad said it was an "extraordinarily successful" chancellor search for UNCP. Dr. Meadors has proven track record, she said.

"Allen Meadors has compiled an enviable track record of stimulating and managing growth in a variety of academic settings," President Broad said. "He brings to UNCP great energy, enthusiasm, and strong commitment to reinforcing and strengthening UNCP's historic ties to the local community and the region's public schools."

Penn State Altoona is the second largest of the 23 Pennsylvania State University campuses with more than 3,800 students. During the past four years under Dr. Meadors leadership, the university has seen unprecedented growth in enrollment and a growing number of undergraduate programs.

In remarks to the press following the announcement, Dr. Meadors said he is excited about leading an "exceptional" school.

"My first priority will be establishing a collective vision for the university," Dr. Meadors said. "Then, we will begin going out and marketing the university to students."

"We want to make sure we have the highest quality instructors, and we must support our faculty," he said.

"We will begin outreach in a wide variety of directions. We want growth with a vision and growth that makes us a better campus and university."

The Board of Governors approved enrollment growth recommendations for UNCP of more than 40 percent over the next eight years. President Broad called the recommendation a "very ambitious set of enrollment growth targets."

The UNC president outlined four goals for UNCP that her choice for the new chancellor is well qualified to meet. She cited enrollment growth, connections with the public schools, ties to the community and development of the regional economy as top priorities.

"I believe a university is the most important player in economic development of the community it serves," President Broad said.

In other areas such as student satisfaction with instruction, President Broad said UNCP is already leading the way.

"UNCP is the high water mark of this system for the quality of student interactions with faculty," she said.

Dr. Meadors said improving student life on campus will be a primary goal for his administration.

"UNCP has a very nice campus," he said. "It is very comfortable and well laid out for students. We must make Pembroke truly a residential campus, and that takes a lot of work."

Dr. Meadors said he will be very "accessible" as UNCP's chancellor.

"A university should be a leader in bringing people together in a collaborative fashion," he said. "If somebody doesn't get to know us, it will be our fault."

Chancellor-elect Meadors said his outreach efforts will not overlook UNCP's history or the local community of American Indians it has served since 1887.

"I will say to them as I will say to our students, we have to look to the world beyond race and religious lines and look to the larger global community," he said.

Dr. Meadors said he considered himself a typical American with diverse ancestry that includes American Indians on both sides of his family.

The chancellor-elect is 51 and a native of Van Buren, Ark. Dr. Meadors and his wife, Barbara, have two sons, Tyson, 15 and Jarrett, 14.

He has a broad educational and professional background that includes careers in the Air Force, in the health care industry and in higher education.

Dr. Meadors received a Ph.D. in administration and education from Southern Illinois University; a Master in Health Services Management from Webster University; a masters in Psychology and human relations from Webster University; a Master in Public Administration from the University of Kansas; a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Northern Colorado; a bachelor degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Arkansas and an associate degree in computer science from Saddleback College.

He has been Dean and CEO of Penn State Altoona since 1994; Professor and Dean of the College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma; Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Administration, College of Public Health at the University of Oklahoma; Executive Director of the Northwest Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute; Associate Professor and Director of the Division of Health Administration, School of Allied Health Sciences, University of Texas; Western Regional Coordinator for Southern Illinois

University, Adjunct Professor and Program Coordinator, Webster University; Assistant Professor and Program Director Illinois University; Health Care Consultant, Assistant Director of Health, Kansas; Manager of Institutional and Drug Review, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas; Captain, United States Air Force Medical Service Corps and Hospital Administrator and Clinic Administrator.

Dr. Meadors has written and spoken widely on health care issues and is a member of an array of professional and civic organizations. He has won a number of honors, including two outstanding faculty awards, an outstanding professional service award from the University of Texas and Penn State's Ben Lane Award for outstanding contributions to student affairs.



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Gladys Hunt appointed to Arts Council

Mrs. Gladys Hunt of Fayetteville, North Carolina was recently appointed to the North Carolina Arts Council by Governor Jim Hunt.

Mrs. Hunt is the Executive Director of the Cumberland County Association for Indian People and has a wide interest and involvement in the arts.

The Arts Council operates as a division of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, the Nations First Cabinet Level State Agency for the Arts History and Libraries.

The North Carolina Arts Council was established to enrich the cultural life of the state by nurturing and supporting excellence in the arts and by providing opportunity for every North Carolinian to experience the arts.

Mrs. Hunt will add greatly to the council as she will bring a wealth of experiences and information to enrich its operation and will encourage new initiatives.

Open House planned at UNCP for high school students

Pembroke -- The Admissions Office of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke will host an open house on for high school juniors on Friday, April 16. Registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. In the Givens Performing Arts Center on campus.

Information sessions include college preparation, scholarships and financial aid, student activities and fraternity and sorority life, athletics, and career decisions.

An optional campus tour is from 11:15 a.m. until noon.

For more information about the open house, call Deana Johnson, Assistant Director of Admissions, at (910) 521-6262 or 800-949-UNCP.

Open House at Camp Dixie

Camp Dixie is hosting a Summer Camp Open House on Saturday, May 8. Parents and potential campers will go through a two-hour orientation and "day-in-the-life" of a camper. Call the Camp Dixie office at 910-865-5180 for more information or visit our website at www.campdixie.com.

Women's Conference Set for April 21-22

Raleigh -- Governor Jim Hunt will join U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis Herman for a women's conference scheduled for April 21-22 in Raleigh. Sponsored by the N.C. Council for Women, the conference is expected to attract hundreds of business and professional women and others representing councils and agencies serving women. Space is still available.

"Coming Together for a Brighter Future" is the theme of the conference, which will meet at the North Raleigh Hilton on Wake Forest Road and will feature a one-day focus on women's health concerns. Sessions will target working women, individuals from councils and commissions for women, and staff of programs serving displaced homemakers and victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The conference is open to all women.

Governor Hunt and Labor Secretary Herman are scheduled to speak at the luncheon April 21. Among other conference speakers expected to participate are Dr. Susan Blumenthal, U.S. assistant surgeon general; N.C. Administration Secretary Katie Dorsett; Marty Langelan of Langelan

and Associates, Washington, D.C.; Pat Hendel, president of the National Association of Commissions for Women; N.C. Senator Beverly Perdue; N.C. Representatives Alma Adams and Wilma Sherrill; and Brenda Summers, president of N.C. Equity.

Health Day, April 22, will include a panel discussion about osteoporosis, heart disease and menopause. Workshops will focus on substance abuse, nutrition and diabetes, health issues affecting older women, cancer, and Medicare/HMOs/long-term care.

A pre-conference activity on April 20 will bring together staff of displaced homemaker programs statewide for professional development training.

The \$100 registration fee covers five meals, refreshments, educational materials, health manual, workshops and speakers. To register or for more information, contact Elaine Monaghan or Jean Carroll, Council for Women, (919) 733-2455.

The Council for Women, a division of the N.C. Department of Administration, is the official state advocacy agency for women in North Carolina.

Lumbee Tribe to Receive Children's Free Health Insurance Outreach Grants

The Lumbee Tribe and the Cherokee Tribe of North Carolina have been awarded \$50,000 each for 1999 to implement outreach to help Indian children get enrolled in the new state approved Children's Health Insurance Program known as CHIP.

The grant award is from the Duke Endowment Fund and is to be passed through the NC Department of Human Services to each tribe. The grants are slated to renew in October of 1999 for the year 2000 outreach activities. Since the state started the CHIP program only 36% of eligible children in Robeson county have enrolled in the program.

LRDA's goals with the grant include having every eligible Indian child enrolled in the program by September of the year 2000.

The CHIP program provides free health insurance to children who qualify and provides a host of services including eyeglasses and dental coverage. LRDA will utilize a planning committee in its outreach activities

and will target schools, churches, community doctors and health care agencies in its outreach program.

The Executive Director, James Hardin of LRDA, serves on the state planning committee for the program and announced the \$50,000 1999 and 2000 awards at the LRDA's board meeting recently.

The board feels that this award along with LRDA's pow wows and Lumbee homecoming projects can be creatively paired to reach those Lumbee children who desperately need these services. The outreach area for the grant includes Robeson, Hoke, Scotland, Cumberland and Bladen counties.

Mr. Adolph Blue, Chairman of LRDA, stated that "This program makes me feel good. We will be providing a service to our Indian children and LRDA is proud to be able to do this with this grant."

The public can apply for the service now at any LRDA office in the service area or for more information call 910-521-8602.

UNCP Jazz Choir & Ensemble perform with Mike Lee

Tenor Saxophonist and Composer Mike Lee will perform with the UNCP Jazz Choir and Ensemble TUESday April 13 at 7:30. The concert will take place in the Moore Hall Auditorium and feature Mr. Lee as soloist and as composer. HE is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and an active performer and composer in New York. He has appeared, studied and recorded with many important Jazz figures such as Joe Lovano, Maria Schneider, Rosemary Clooney, Mel Torme, Benny Carter, Eddie Daniels and Gary Burton. Mike Lee's compositions have been recognized by the Thelonius Monk Institute and by Broadcast Music Incorporated.

The UNCP Jazz groups will also perform the music of Duke Ellington to honor the 100th anniversary of his birth. Rhythm and Blues, Bebop, Swing and Rock'n' Roll will complete the evening of American Jazz and Popular Music.

Mike Lee will also be conducting workshops and coaching sessions with area high school students and the students in the UNCP Music Department Jazz Studies Program. His residency is co-sponsored by the UNCP Music Department and the Selmer Company, maker of fine woodwind instruments.

For further information please contact Dr. Larry Arnold at UNCP ext. 6404, larnold@papa.uncp.edu or the Music Department Office, UNCP ext. 6720.

Miss Lumbee Applications now being accepted

The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) is currently accepting applications for the 1999 Miss Lumbee Pageant.

To qualify as a pageant contestant, the applicant must be a Lumbee female, between 17 1/2 and 26 years of age, a high school graduate and be single, never married or co-habited and assessable to Pembroke as a home base.

If you meet the criteria and are interested in competing as a contestant, please contact James Monroe Chavis at (910) 521-2462. You can pick up applications at the Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Office located on Union Chapel Road in Pembroke.

Applications must be completed and returned by May 13, 1999.

The Miss Lumbee Pageant, sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) is one of the main events of the Lumbee Homecoming.

This year the pageant will be held on the campus at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Givens Performing Arts Center, July 2, 1999 at 8:00 P.M. Admission will be \$9 per person. Tickets will be sold in advance because of the large attendance in the past. So watch the papers and get your tickets early in advance. For additional information call (910) 521-2462.



Seated left to right: Bessie, Polly, Leola and Josephine. Standing left to right: Floyd, Archie, Lois and Laymon

The Lowries Get Together

At the home of Bessie Locklear in the Evans Crossroad Community a special moment took place the other week as her 7 brothers and sisters along with their families came together and took the time for their very first family photo. Over the years there had been reasons or special circumstances for the 8 children of Pearl Lowrie Locklear, daughter of Polly Lowrie, the youngest daughter of Henry Berry Lowrie, the Indian Outlaw/Hero to get together, but family photos had not been taken.

While interviewing these descendants of Henry Bear I asked them one question "was Henry Tuscarora or a Lumbee?"

"Well, there is no way that he

could have been a Lumbee. The name was not changed of these Indians around here until 1956" replied Leola.

"Are you glad that Henry's story had finally been put on film for everyone to see?" I asked the eight great grandchildren, in reference to the movie "Through Native Eyes." "I just hope that they get it right this time. God only knows "Strike at the Wind!" never told the truth about him except for the fact that he was a great man and the writer of that show doesn't know what happen to him because he never came and talked to us" replied Polly.

"Can you tell me what happened to him?" I asked them. "We can Cookie, but you cannot print it, because we want the Legend to live on. That is the way that he would have wanted it" said Bessie the oldest of the great grand children.

As I was taking the family photographs I told them about my plans to make a book with pictures about Henry Bear. "That is a great idea" Josephine said. "It is time that somebody did a book that told the story with pictures." Well, that is my plan" I replied. "Well you know that you have our blessings," the older brother Floyd said.

by Vinita Maynor-Clark

Cape Fear to hold annual Hospice Memorial Service

Cape Fear Valley Home Health & Hospice will hold its annual Hospice Memorial Service on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. At Haymount United Methodist Church, 1700 Fort Bragg Road in Fayetteville.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

"We gather together to remember and express gratitude for the lives of loved ones and friends who have been under hospice care," said Mike Weaver, Hospice Chaplain. "Anyone who is interested in joining us in this service of remembrance is welcome to attend."

Hospice is designated to assist terminally ill patients and their families in the comfort of their own homes. A team of professionals and trained volunteers provide medical care as well as emotional and spiritual support to help both patients and family members.

If you would like more information, please call Cape Fear Valley Home Health & Hospice at 609-6745.

Sandy Plains UMC to hold plate sale

Sandy Plains United Methodist Church Plate Sale will sponsor a plate sale on April 23, 1999 from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Cost: Chicken or BBQ - \$5.00. Combination - \$6.00. Directions: 2468 Union Chapel Road between Pembroke and Hwy. 72.

Call-in-Orders: Only on day of sale (April 23). Telephone: 521-8600. Orders of 10 or more delivered within 12 miles.