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Stanley Clark

Stanley Clark promoted to JDM in Robeson County

Lumberton, NC—Stanley Clark has been promoted to Judicial District Manager in District 16B in Robeson County effective June 1. Clark replaced Delton Oxendine who retired.

Clark is a career criminal justice professional and a Robeson County native, said Secretary Theodis Beck. "I am confident he'll be a dedicated manager for his staff and the offenders they supervise."

In his new position, Clark manages a staff of 61 people who supervise more than 2,500 offenders on probation or parole in Robeson County.

Clark, a Lumbee Indian, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He began his criminal justice career in 1979 as a deputy for the Robeson County Sheriff's Department. He served eleven years working his way to Sergeant in 1989. He served as an intensive probation officer and was named chief probation/parole officer in 1998.

Clark and his wife Jeanette have two grown sons and three grandchildren. They live and raise Simmental cattle off their 80-acre farm in the Prospect Community where Clark grew up.

Woods Awarded Ph.D. at UNC-Chapel Hill Commencement

Ruth Dial Woods of Pembroke was awarded the degree, Doctor of Philosophy in Education with a concentration in curriculum and Instruction at the 199th Commencement at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Woods is a retired career educator in the public schools and higher education. In 2000, she was recognized as one of 100 distinguished alumnae of Meredith College where she received a bachelor's degree in Spanish and English. She earned a master's degree in school administration and educational supervision from Pembroke State University, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from South Carolina State University.

Dr. Woods' dissertation, "Growing Up Red: The Lumbee Experience," describes the descendants of those aboriginal American Indian Tribes who were enslaved, relocated, and forced into assimilation by European immigrants that

included the English, the Welsh, and the Scots. The customs, beliefs, practices, and values of more than seventy Lumbee elders are described against a backdrop of slavery, prejudice, disenfranchisement, poverty, and dehumanization. The oral histories are validated by the research of records and documents and the reflection and retrospection of Dr. Woods' own experiences growing up in Robeson County as an American Indian. The dissertation describes the hardships, humiliating experiences, and deferral of respect for the heritage and culture of the Lumbee who have persevered and developed ethnic pride in spite of barriers, obstacles and adversity. The dissertation reconstructs the past through oral history and affirms, reclaims, redeems and restores the American Indian traditional culture and tribal descent of the Lumbee and Tuscarora Indians in Robeson County.

SRMC Earns Accreditation from JCAHO Survey Team

J. Luckey Welsh, Jr., president and CEO of Southeastern Regional Medical Center, announced that SRMC and its affiliates have received accreditation from the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Based on the results of an on-site survey during late February and early March, SRMC demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's nationally recognized health care standards and earned a full, three-year accreditation.

"Every three years, we invite the JCAHO surveyors into our Medical Center to review all aspects of our facility and the care provided to patients here," Welsh said. "Thanks to our physicians and employees for making this latest survey a success!"

In addition to the Medical Center, the JCAHO team reviewed these SRMC affiliates: Southeastern Home Care Services-- including Hospice of Robeson and the Home Medical Equipment store-- Carolina Manor Treatment Center, WoodHaven Nursing and Alzheimer's Care Center as well as

outpatient services and primary care clinics located in Lumberton, Fairmont, Red Springs, Rowland and St. Pauls

"During the survey, JCAHO physicians, nurses and administrators reviewed virtually every aspect of our organization's operations," Welsh said. "The survey team evaluated how well SRMC complies with performance standards that affect quality of patient care. To do this, the surveyors interviewed patients and staff, examined medical center records, and directly observed patient care."

Welsh said the SRMC and its affiliates received an overall, combined score of 92. "This is an excellent score in today's survey climate. Because our survey was conducted in the early part of the year, we were one of the first organizations reviewed under the new standards," Welsh added. "Surveyors noted that physicians and employees work together to demonstrate their commitment to quality and safety."

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's

health care through voluntary accreditation. SRMC has been accredited by the JCAHO continuously since 1962.

JCAHO is governed by a 28-member board with members representing the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the American Dental Association, the American Hospital Association, and the American Medical Association. It also includes representatives from the public and from the nursing profession.

Fairmont Medical Clinic to Open in New Location

Soon Fairmont residents will receive health care in a spacious, more modern facility. Fairmont Medical Clinic will open in its new location, 101 North Walnut St., across from the Fairmont Post Office on Monday, May 21. The current clinic at 208 Iona St. will close at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 17, to prepare for the move.

The new building is approximately 6,000 square feet, including a second floor storage area. There are five additional exam rooms in the new clinic for a total of 10. A

new procedure room will enable providers to perform more procedures than before. X-ray services will also be offered when the new clinic opens. In addition to the nurses' station, the office will also feature a laboratory and a triage area. A new Community Conference Room is available for meetings and health education programs.

The clinic is owned and operated by Southeastern Regional Medical Center along with four other primary clinics in Lumberton, Red Springs, Rowland and St. Pauls. Opened in its current location in 1992, the Fairmont Medical Clinic was the first primary care clinic established by SRMC.

The cost of construction and site work was estimated at \$626,000. Adams and Britt Construction Company of Lumberton built the new structure.

Health care providers at Fairmont Medical Clinic are Paul Gordon, M.D., Eugenia Howie, M.D., and Brenda Elkins, FNP-C. Hours of operation will remain the same, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Call (910) 628-0655 for an appointment.

Railroad Crossing in Pembroke Made Safer

RALEIGH--- The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has replaced antiquated protective devices with new warning signals and automatic gates at the Deep Branch Road (SR 1339) crossing of the CSX railroad in Pembroke.

Installation of the new equipment cost \$99,300 with 90 percent provided by the Federal Government and 10 percent by the state. CSX and NCDOT will split the cost of maintaining the devices. CSX schedules 33 trains daily

over the Pembroke crossing. Besides freight trains, that number includes Amtrak passenger trains that may operate at speeds up to 79 mph.

The Pembroke project is part of a comprehensive statewide program to enhance highway safety by adding or improving signals and gates at public railroad crossings. Mechanical warning devices of some sort are now in place at 2,247 of North Carolina's 4,472 public crossings.

Fund-raiser for Toby Carter Planned July 7

RAFFLE Hand crafted 24" American Indian Drum with cradle and sticks. A Drawing will be held July 7th @ 12:00 noon at Lost Colony Trading Post on Hwy. 74.

A local student, who by an unfortunate accident, cut off his right hand while making a cradle for a traditional drum. Toby is a traditional and contemporary drum player and singer of Native People in our Home Land. He is

currently a senior at Lumberton High School. After graduation, Toby will be attending Lee University, thanks to a scholarship he won at the National Music Competition in St. Louis last summer. Music has always been a very important part of his life.

HELP US TO HELP HIM COVER MEDICAL EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE.

Tickets are only one dollar per chance. For more information call (910) 843-1704 or (910) 739-3238.

Memorial Day Program Scheduled May 28th

2001 ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM (HONORING OUR VETS) will be on Monday, May 28th starting at 10:00 AM, at the Gardens of Faith Cemetery, 5190 Fayetteville Road, Lumberton.

Guest Speaker will be Brigadier General John Atkinson, US Army Green Beret. Other guest will be Dr. E. B. Turner, Robeson County commissioner, Glen Maynor, Robeson County Sheriff, Robeson County Veterans Honor Guard-Post 2843, Tommy Wellington, singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic", Kelli Wallace, singing

"Star Spangle Banner", David Lilloco, The Green Beret Sports Parachute Team from Ft. Bragg, and Officer John Flynn, Lumberton Police Department.

Bring the children because Freckles the Clown will be doing balloon sculptures for them.

Refreshments will be from: Pepsi of Lumberton; Subway; Fayetteville Road, Lumberton and Cakes & Pastries Unlimited, Lumberton.

Fun & excitement for the entire family. Our way of paying tribute and honor to our Veterans and those who have given to our country.

Check Out These Web Sites:

- Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:
- The U.S. Army Reserve at www.goarmyreserve.com.
- The American Pet Products Manufacturers Association at www.appma.org.
- Fair, Isaac & Co at www.myfico.com.
- Equifax at www.equifax.com.
- buy.com at www.buy.com.
- Netgrocer.com at www.netgrocer.com.
- Sun Microsystems at www.sun.com/staroffice.
- Friskies dry cat food at www.friskies.com.
- The new Gillette for Women Venus razor at www.gillettevenus.com.
- America's Plain Language Will Kit at www.willkit.net.
- The American College of Gastroenterology at www.acg.gi.org.
- Pleasant Hawaiian Holidays at www.2Hawaii.com.
- Merry Maids at www.merrymaids.com.
- BETTERMAN at www.bettermannow.com.
- North Carolina's gardens at www.visitnc.com.
- NASA at <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov>.
- Ditropan XL at www.DitropanXL.com.
- Cooled ThermoTherapy at www.cooledthermotherapy.com.
- The American Stroke Association at www.StrokeAssociation.org.
- Avent Future Mother Skincare at www.aventamerica.com.
- Saga Holidays at www.sagaholidays.com.
- The American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

Thank You for Praying for us and other Kindness

Crystal Hammonds
February 13, 1991- May 4, 2001



To the people and churches of Robeson County: We the family of Crystal Hammonds would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who have reached out to us during our daughter's sickness and death. We hope thru this insert, we are better able to reach all of you. We want you to know as you were praying for us, we were also praying for you as well. Even until the end, Crystal said she trusted the Lord. Therefore we have no choice but to agree that the Lord's will was done through out. That was our prayer. May God continue to bless you all.

T.R., Miranda, Celeste Hammonds & all her family

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Dr. Ken Johnson

And he continued, "The addition of Ladies Soccer is truly a new challenge for our young Lady Braves. The numerous things we are adding takes time. Soccer is a real plus for us. We will have record enrollment this fall. Soccer will have two games on August 27th, our opening day. Soccer will really be strong in three years. We are excited for our new Honors Group. They will be challenged by many opportunities and not have to go to Chapel Hill to get this experience. Education is 75% of the state's budget. We are not stepping backwards in education." Chancellor Meadors answered many questions from the members.

Chancellor Meadors passed out the events schedule for 2001 and 2002. "We are really your university. We have Erin Brokovich, Ralph Nader, Rag Time, the Eroica Trio, Footloose, a Christmas Carol, Emile Pandolfi, Titanic, Death of a Salesman, and Nostalgia Series, and the Family Night Series."

Invocation-Grath Locklear, Reporter- Ken Johnson.

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday at the Jade Garden Restaurant with President Carlton Mansfield presiding.

Program Chairman Ed Teets presented Chancellor Allen Meadors as the speaker. "Thanks for having me back," were the Chancellor's opening words and the members were in rapt attention. We can all see new housing going up along with the new soccer field and it has lighting already installed. Track too is included in the latest planning. The housing is truly impressive. The new millennium has many surely come to Pembroke. And the Chancellor said, "We are trying to make each year's education accessible to our students. There will be 400 new students. Next week's trip to China is for promoting a feeling of international acceptance educationally. We learn so much because of our foreign student contacts. Educational majors stay in the profession longer than other professions. It is still very challenging. Teachers are very resourceful in reaching their pupils."

How Railroads Help Build A Cleaner Environment

(NAPS)—Here are some facts and figures that should make environmentalists smile. They show how railroads are on track when it comes to building a cleaner environment.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that locomotives are three times cleaner than trucks on an emissions per ton mile basis.

According to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2.5 million fewer tons of carbon dioxide would be emitted into the air each year if 10 percent of intercity freight now moving by highway were shifted to rail.

Over the past five years alone, railroads have invested billions of dollars in more than 4,000 locomotives that are more fuel efficient and environmentally friendly. Railroads are committed to substantial reductions in atmospheric emissions. They endorse an EPA proposal that calls for a 60 percent reduction in nitrogen oxide emissions from locomotives manufactured beginning in 2005.

Railroads are the most fuel efficient form of ground transport. Railroad fuel efficiency has increased 64 percent since 1980,



Investments in new technology and infrastructure have made the railroad industry more environmentally "cleaner and greener" than ever before.

when a gallon of diesel fuel moved a ton of freight an average of 235 miles. In 1999, railroads moved a ton of freight an average of 386 miles per gallon.

If just 10 percent of the freight moved by highway were diverted to rail, the nation could save as much as 200 million gallons of fuel annually. Experts now estimate that on average, railroads are three times more fuel efficient than trucks.

For more information about railroads and the environment, visit the Association of American Railroads' Web site at www.aar.org.