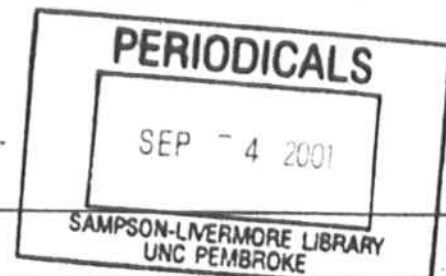


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## Psychiatrist Joins STMC Medical Staff

Psychiatrist Hassan Jabbar, M.D., has joined the medical staff of southeastern regional Medical Center and is associated with the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center.

Because of a lifelong goal of helping his fellow man, he said, "There is no better field in which to fulfill this goal than in the field of medicine."

A native of Syria, Dr. Jabbar earned his medical degree from Aleppo University in 1988. He worked as medical director of a family practice clinic in Syria and then practiced at the Tartous Military Hospital emergency department and trauma center there.

After moving to Canada, Dr. Jabbar completed additional training in Toronto. His background includes extensive experience in emergency psychiatry and crisis intervention.

He came to the United States in 1997 to enter the residency program at the MetroHealth Medical Center, a training center for the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. He completed a four-year psychiatric residency in July of this year and heard about the local practice opportunity through his friend, Dr. Angel Vazquez.



"I have always wanted to come south," said Dr. Jabbar, "I liked what I saw when I got here. I like southern people, and the environment is friendly."

In his spare time, Dr. Jabbar likes to travel and play soccer. He said he hopes to provide quality psychiatric care to the people of Robeson and Scotland counties.



## Myranda Chavis Awarded the Grace Epps Scholarship

The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization presented the annual Grace Epps Scholarship to Myranda Javon Chavis, August 6 at UNC-Pembroke.

Myranda graduated from South Robeson High School. She participated in the Native American Student Association, AISES, and Beta Blub. In her senior year she served as editor of the Mustang yearbook staff and was recording secretary for the FBLA Club.

Myranda is the daughter of Roy and Jackie Chavis of Lumberton. She plans to attend UNC-Pembroke this fall and plans to major in the field of education.

## Moving Forward: Transition, Housing, Economic Development, Tops Tribal Council Meeting

by Darlene Jacobs, Public Relations

At its monthly tribal meeting the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe discussed at great length transition, economic development initiatives, and housing. "We are moving forward with programs," stated Councilman Lonnie Revels. With regard to appointments, it was reported that the names submitted for appointment to the North Carolina Indian Housing Authority are Councilman Danita Locklear and Councilman Jimmy Hunt. Councilman Revels ended by saying that the interviewing process for the hiring of staff has begun.

Critical to the tribe is economic development. At the helm of the tribe's economic initiatives are Councilmen Daucey Brewington and Craig McMillian. "We are exploring ideas at all levels of government and there are some great opportunities for economic ventures with government contracting agencies. We want to capitalize on as many areas as we can," reported Councilman McMillian. "We

are on a fast track. We are inviting Indian owned businesses to send their resumes to the tribe for input into our data bank of available resources. We have been in contact with the United Indian Development Authority and we are excited with the possibilities and what is unfolding for the tribe." The tribe is co-sponsoring an electronic commerce training session geared to Indian owned businesses and is scheduled to be held September 27, 2001 at UNC Pembroke.

In other business, the council reviewed policy and procedure documents on the down payment assistance, rehabilitation assistance, and mutual help for the housing program. Outlined in each of the plans were eligibility requirements and application procedures. Councilman Jimmy Hunt was more than pleased to restate to the body that the tribe had received notification from Congressman Mike McIntyre that the Lumbee Housing Plan submitted to HUD had been approved. Representatives from HUD

will be meeting with the council members on September 5th and 6th at the tribal offices to discuss in detail the plan before it is fully implemented.

Linda Hammonds, Chairperson of the Constitution Committee, distributed data that had been collected at public hearings and from surveys administered during Lumbee Homecoming and in District 17 by the district's representative. Other data distributed was information from the Census 2000. A proposed draft of the Constitution should be ready to present at the September tribal council meeting.

Finally the tribal Council passed resolution for the Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity brotherhood for American Indian males and Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, an organization for American Indian women. The resolutions recognize the historical significance of each of these groups, their leadership, contribution, and commitment to American Indian women, men, and communities across North Carolina and the nation.

## FCC Announces Indian Initiative Website Redesign

Washington, DC- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announces the redesign of its Indian Initiatives website ([www.fcc.gov/indians](http://www.fcc.gov/indians)). The Indian Initiatives website is a portal to fine information about the work being done at the FCC regarding Indian Country, including rulemaking items and the Indian Telecom Training Initiative (ITTI). In addition the website includes information on Native American programs of other government agencies.

The new website allows visitors to easily find important information relevant to the tribal community on universal service support programs, which subsidize telecommunications services throughout tribal lands. These programs, such as the Lifeline and Link Up Programs, help ensure that all eligible households that want access to the telecommunications network are able to afford it by helping to pay a portion of basic monthly phone bills and initial hookup charges. The website also gives information describing how to participate in the FCC rulemaking process, as well as information on Tribal Land Bidding Credits available to participants in FCC spectrum auctions.

Another feature of the website is Internet Resources for Indian Country. It is a one-stop resource to find programs, assistance and information provided by government agencies and other organizations specifically for residents in Indian Country.

"The Internet Resources guide provided by the FCC is a great place to find information about the numerous programs offered throughout the federal government aimed at assisting Native Americans," said J.D. Williams, Chairman, National Tribal Telecommunications Association.

The enhanced website also provides information regarding the Indian Telecom Training Initiative (ITTI) efforts at the FCC. The FCC, in conjunction with the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), is hosting the ITTI 2001 Seminar, the second annual comprehensive telecommunications seminar for American Indian Tribal Leaders and other interested parties. This seminar is designed as an educational networking event that will allow American Indian leaders to learn more about ways to increase access to telecommunications services in Indian Country. The seminar is scheduled for September 23-26, 2001 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Last year's conference was the largest gathering of native American tribal representatives ever assembled to address telecommunications issues. The nearly 600 seminar participants included representatives from 135 tribes.

For more information on the ITTI 2001 seminar, please visit [www.fcc.gov/indians](http://www.fcc.gov/indians); call (888)225-5322, and select option 2 after the recorded message or call (717) 338-2888; or, email the FCC at [ITTI2001@fcc.gov](mailto:ITTI2001@fcc.gov). To register for the seminar you can call NECA directly at (800) 351-9033.

For more information regarding the Indian Initiatives at the FCC, please contact Geoffrey Blackwell, FCC Liaison to Tribal Governments at (202) 418-8192, email: [gblackwe@fcc.gov](mailto:gblackwe@fcc.gov).

## PACC Member News & Report August 2001

### Pembroke Day is September 5

The 12th Annual Pembroke Day will be held Wednesday, September 5 at UNC-Pembroke from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You are cordially invited and encouraged to support this event by attending and/or contributing a door prize.

Pembroke Day is a major event sponsored by UNC-Pembroke, Town of Pembroke, the Chamber and area businesses and citizens. Pembroke Day provides you with an excellent opportunity to promote your business and to improve networking among students, university staff, and chamber members. For additional information on this event contact Diane Jones at 521-6226.

### Mark Your Calendar!

Next Regular Chamber Meeting: Thursday, August 30, Sheff's Seafood at 12 noon.

### Lumbee Homecoming is Big Success

Over 40,000 people attended the Annual Lumbee Homecoming Festival which was held in Pembroke July 1-8. There were capacity crowds at many of the Festival events which were sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Town of Pembroke, and area businesses. The leaders of LRDA and town of Pembroke wish to Thank the public for its participation and support of this major community event.

The Pembroke Chamber was well represented by a float in the Lumbee Homecoming Parade.

### COMTECH is focus of Chamber Retreat

Tony Normand, Chief executive Officer of COMTECH was the featured speaker at the Annual Chamber Retreat held June 14 at UNC-Pembroke. COMTECH is a major new economic development venture that is being developed in a partnership that includes Robeson County Board of Commissioners, UNC-Pembroke, Robeson Community College, Public Schools of Robeson County, and Lumbee River EMC. Normand provided an excellent overview and discussion of COMTECH which is making good progress on its development goals.

### Chamber Seeks Membership Dues

The Chamber needs the support of members to pay their annual dues and to solicit new members to the Chamber. For over 30 years, the Chamber has served as a leader in Pembroke. The PACC is a nonprofit corporation that is organized to promote the general welfare of the area and the quality of life for all its citizens through sound economic development. A major benefit of your membership in the Chamber is the opportunity to network with other business leaders to promote business and economic development. Most of the Chamber activities are accomplished with volunteer work of the officers and committee members who serve as the workforce to support the Chamber. Your membership dues are a major investment that you can make to support economic and community development in Pembroke.

## Maxine Blue, Family Nurse Practitioner at New Location

River Quest Medical Care would like to welcome my patients to my new location at 258 Lowe Road (located between Deep Branch Fire Department and Highway 74), said Maxine Blue, Family Nurse Practitioner.

"We are pleased to offer acute and chronic health care services. In addition, we had added Occupational Health Services for area industry," Blue said.

"Come visit us at River Quest Medical Care on our opening date of September 10, 2001. We look forward to seeing you!" she continued.

Walk-ins and Scheduled Appointments from 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
Telephone: (910) 735-1234

## SRMC Support Group Meetings in September

**Unique Surviving Sisters**, a female cancer support group, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Obbie Lee Community Education Room of the Southeastern Cancer Center, 1200 Pine Run Dr.; call 671-5769. **Next meeting: September 11, 2001.**

**Super Lungs**, a support group for persons with breathing problems or lung disorders, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. in the assembly Room at Southeastern Regional Medical Center; call 738-5403. **Next meeting: September 11, 2001.**

**Alzheimer's Support Group** meets the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the dining room of Woodhaven Nursing and Alzheimer's Care Center, 1150 Pine Run Dr.; call 671-5703. **Next meeting: September 13, 2001.**

**The Compassionate Friends** support group, designed to offer friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings, stepparents and grandparents, meets the third Monday each month at 7 p.m. at Southeastern Home Health, 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. There is no charge for these sessions. For more information, call 671-5655. **Next meeting: September 17, 2001.**

**Man to Man**, a prostate cancer support group and lecture series, meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Obbie Lee Community Education Room of the Southeastern Cancer Center, 1200 Pine Run Dr.; call 671-5730. **Next meeting: September 18, 2001.**

**The Stroke** support group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the rehab services lobby of Southeastern Lifestyle Center for Fitness and Rehabilitation, 4895 Fayetteville Rd. **Next meeting: September 18, 2001.**

**Happy Hearts Cardiac Support Group**, for people with heart disease and their family members, meets on the third Thursday of every month in southeastern Regional Medical Center's Assembly Room at 7 p.m. Call 671-5067. **Next meeting: September 20, 2001.**

Southeastern Home Health sponsors a **Diabetes Support Group** at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. Health care professionals speak on topics helpful to persons with diabetes and their families. For more information, call 671-5600. **Next meeting: September 27, 2001.**

**Narcotics anonymous (NA)**, a self-help group for people recovering from drug addiction, meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at Carolina Manor Treatment Center, 1100 Pine Run Drive. For more information, call 738-1191.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)**, a self-help group for recovering alcoholics, meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Carolina Manor Treatment Center, 1100 Pine Run Dr., 738-1191.

**Al-Anon**, a weekly support group for family members of alcoholics, meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Carolina Manor Treatment Center, 1100 Pine Run Dr., 738-1191.

### New Series Begins: Tuesday, September 18, 2001

**The Bereavement Support Group**, designed to offer support to grieving persons who have experienced the loss of a loved one, will begin a new five-week session on September 18, 2001. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in Hospice of Robeson's conference room, 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. There is no charge for these sessions. For more information, call the Hospice of Robeson, 671-5655.

## Big Sweep 2001

**BIG SWEEP**, North Carolina's annual clean-up of our waterways and shorelines, will be held on the Lumber River on Saturday, September 15th from 9 am until 1 pm. Neill Lee, Robeson County Big Sweep Coordinator, is looking for individuals and organizations who are interested in volunteering to clean up the Lumber River by boat or at bridges and landings along the river.

After not being able to clean the river in September of 1999 due to flooding on the river from hurricane Floyd, the citizens of Robeson County and river lovers from all over responded with a record number of volunteers for **BIG SWEEP 2000**. Last September 159 volunteers spent a Saturday morning picking up 24,000 lbs. of trash tossed into the Lumber River by thoughtless litterbugs. Across North Carolina 16,104 volunteers picked up 596,477 lbs. of trash from our state's waterways and shorelines.

Unfortunately these same inconsiderate litterbugs had another year to pollute the Lumber River with their drink bottles, worm cups, fishing line, tires, cigarette butts, styrofoam containers, oil containers, dead animals and whatever else they could find to throw in the river.

To volunteer to clean up after these Lumber River polluters or for more information, contact Neill Lee at Lumber River State Park at (910)628-9844. Your help and support will be appreciated!

## NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick Competition September 15th

Young pro football fans will have the opportunity to exhibit their football skills when the St. Pauls All-stars AAU Club and Parnell Oil Co. host an NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick competition of Saturday, September 15.

The Robeson County Punt, Pass & Kick competition is free and open to boys and girls ages 8-15. It will be held beginning at 10 a.m. at the St. Pauls High School football field. For competition information, call Paul Terry at 865-4179, Waders Burden Jr., at 865-1345 or Doug LaFerne at 856-9906.

Entry forms also are available at The St. Pauls Review anytime and at Biggs Park Mall in Lumberton Saturday, August 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. when a registration will be held. A birth certificate is required at registration and registration ends September 8.

The NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick football competition allows youngsters to showcase their talents in punting, passing, and place kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy. Age classification is as of December 31 of the current year.

The top finishers from each of eight age groups at the Local competition will advance to a Sectional competition. The winners at the Sectional competition will have their scores compared with other Sectional champions; the top five scores from the pool of Sectional champions advance to the Carolina Panthers Team Championship, to be held at Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte at an upcoming NFL game.

Age group champions at this level will be declared NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick team champions. The top four finishers in the boys' and girls' divisions within each age bracket from the pool of all team Champions will qualify for the National Finals at an NFL playoff game in January.

A number of NFL players have competed in Punt, Pass & Kick, including top former and current quarterbacks such as Miami's Dan Marino and New England's Drew Bledsoe.

The NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick competition is produced by NFL Properties and sponsored nationally by Gatorade.

## Navajo Code Talkers to Participate in Indian Telecom Training Initiative

Washington, D.C.- The Navajo Code Talkers, recent recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal for their service to the country during World War II, will participate in the Indian Telecom Training Initiative (ITTI) 2001 annual conference. The event is scheduled for September 23-26 at the Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas and is cosponsored by the FCC and the National Exchange Carrier Association.

ITTI's mission is to facilitate the deployment of telecommunication services at reasonable rates - to all Native American Indians living in Indian Country by providing educational and networking opportunities to American Indian Tribal Governments and Tribal telecommunications industry leaders. Through these seminars as well as a variety of other proceedings, the FCC is following the mandate of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, in which Congress directed the FCC to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable telecommunication services.

The participation of the Code Talkers in this event underscores the importance of ITTI. Their role in World War II epitomizes the impact of communications in all facets of daily life and their significant achievement will be recognized at this conference.

For ITTI conference information please call Nancy Plon at (202) 418-2899. For more information regarding the Indian Initiatives at the FCC, please contact Geoffrey Blackwell, FCC Liaison to Tribal Governments at (202) 418-8192.

To register for this event contact NECA-ITTI 2001: at 1-800-351-9033.

## The Museum of the Cape Fear Needs Volunteers

Need variety in your life? Need an outlet for your vitality? If the answer is "yes," the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex needs you as a volunteer. Learn about special volunteer opportunities at **Volunteer Orientation Day on Thursday, Sept. 13**. The museum will hold a morning information session, from 10 a.m. to noon, and an evening session, from 7 to 9 p.m. Choose the one that suits your schedule.

"The museum needs volunteers to give guided tours of the 1897 Poe House, Arsenal Park, and the museum," says Leisa M. Brown, curator of education. **Only three and a half hours** of a volunteer's time are needed to giving tours of the 1897 Poe House, Arsenal Park takes only one hour, and only one to two hours for group tours in the museum.

"We have set our goals high and hope to recruit 12 new tour guides," adds Brown. "Are you one of those 12 people who would like to play a vital role at the museum?"

As a volunteer, you will reap many rewards from serving your community and sharing your knowledge, to meeting new people and being part of an organization that enhances Cumberland County's quality of life. Additional benefits include two annual field trips to scenic sites and historic properties in North Carolina, a beautiful reception in the fall and an elegant luncheon in the spring. You can help the area's rich history come to life for visitors to the Museum of the Cape Fear. To register for Volunteer Orientation Day, call Leisa Brown at 486-1330.