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Two Earn Professional Certification at SRMC



Jack Crain has achieved the status of Certified Employee Assistance Professional (C.E.A.P.) by meeting the educational and work experience standards established by the Employee Assistance Certification Commission of Arlington, VA. As part of the Certification process, he successfully completed an examination in his field. The program at Southeastern Regional Medical Center is an assessment, referral and counseling service for employees needing help with personal problems that may affect their performance on the job.

A native of Missouri, Crain has served as Employee Assistance Coordinator at Southeastern Regional Medical Center since 1993. He also holds a master's degree in clinical psychology and is an ordained minister of the Christian Church.

A resident of Lumberton since 1975, he has held other counseling positions, including director of the addictions program at the Southeastern regional Mental Health Center and clinical director of Carolina Manor Treatment Center.

Eugene C. Cole, Dr. P.H. to Present Assessment of Health Risk to Prospect School

Dr. Eugene C. Cole, Director of DynCorp health Research Services in Morrisville, NC, will be present in the Prospect Community on Tuesday - September 18, 2001. Dr. Cole has prepared an "Assessment of Potential Health Risk to Children at Prospect School Relative to Chronic Facility Problem Affecting the Indoor Environmental Quality." He will be at Prospect United Methodist Church (New Sanctuary) at 6:00 PM on the 18th of September for a presentation of his knowledge of air quality as related to molds and other fungi. Dr. Eugene Cole conducted an "onsite inspection of the entire facility" of Prospect School on August 21, 2001. Dr. Cole will answer your questions in regard to environmental conditions not only of Prospect School but also through out the state of North Carolina. We need to know all we can about the air quality in our public schools and how we can make it healthier for all persons.

Dr. Cole comes to encourage the Robeson County Public School system "to utilize the Prospect School situation to develop a proactive approach to indoor environmental quality that can work to the benefit of all of its schools, and employees, and most importantly to those whom they are pledged, dedicated and entrusted to serve - the students and their parents." Therefore, all public schools officials, staff, school staff personnel, board members, parents/grandparents/guardians, students, teachers, teachers assistants, principals, assistant principals, county commissioners, politicians, and public servants of Robeson and surrounding counties are invited to this informative session with Dr. Eugene C. Cole on Tuesday - September 18, 2001 at 6:00 PM in Prospect United Methodist Church.

Environmental condition is a concern of all people and is a concern that must not be taken lightly. Dr. Cole has spent a great deal of time researching this concern and comes well qualified to address the concern. He is a Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, and holds a Master of Science in Public Health Microbiology and a doctor of Public Health in Biohazard Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Cole is very dedicated to the health of children and is a presenter that one does not want to miss. Hence, you are invited to join us with Dr. Eugene C. Cole at Prospect United Methodist Church (3929 Missouri Road, Maxton, NC) on Tuesday - September 18, 2001 at 6:00 PM.

For directions and/or questions in regard to Dr. Cole's visit, you may call (910) 521-8503 on Monday and Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM or (910) 521-8669 on Saturday and/or Sunday before September 18, 2001.

SRMC Physician to Practice at County Health Department

Jonathan Rich, D.O., has joined the medical staff of Southeastern Regional Medical Center and is practicing internal medicine at the Robeson County Health Department. He also sees patients at the Dr. Arthur J. Roberson Medical Clinic in Lumberton.

Dr. Rich said that he relocated to Lumberton from Detroit, Mich. to work in an underserved community. "I have a National Health Service corps scholarship, and I need four years of service in an underserved area to fulfill my obligation," he said. "I looked around at several areas, and Lumberton seemed to have the most interesting opportunity."

A native of Long Valley, N.J., he earned his medical degree from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Mo. in 1998. He completed both a one-year internship and a two-year residency in internal medicine at St. John/Detroit Riverview Hospital in Detroit in 2001. "We are very excited to have Dr. Rich with us," said Warren Ratley, SRMC director of physician practices. "We are pleased that we can provide professional staff to offer adult health care at the health department. We al-



Jonathan Rich

ready collaborate with the health department in offering maternal care to their patients. With Dr. Rich's help, we will be able to improve the continuity of care that adult patients at the health department need."

In his spare time, Dr. Rich enjoys traveling, going to the movies, eating out, and arts and crafts. Dr. Rich and his wife Julie, also a physician, make their home in Lumberton.

"I'm happy to be in Lumberton, and I look forward to meeting all my new patients and forming a friendship with them," he said.



Jami Lowry

Lowry Selected as Lay Person for the District

For the members of the United Methodist Churches, the selection for the lay person of the year seemed not an extremely difficult task. Jami Lynn Lowry of Pleasant Grove Methodist church received the prestigious honor of being selected as lay person of the year for the district.

As a child, Jamie was a member of the children's choir and was faithful. She next joined the youth choir at age twelve because of her musical skills. She often provided special music for worship services by singing a solo or with other individuals in addition to singing in the choir. She is the assistant pianist and also plays the violin on special occasions. Her musical skills have been a great assets to the church.

Jami now serves on the Evangelism committee and is a faithful committee member. She visits those who are ill and sometimes prepares a meal for them. She is also a member of the administrative council of her church and was elected as a member of the Pastor Parish Committee at Charge Conference. She serves as the assistant pianist for the church and has a leading role in the church's Christmas plays.

She is a faithful member of our church and faithfully attends the youth and the Administrative Council meetings. She is a member of the Design Team for the SEJANAM 1998 Conference and a summer intern for the church. She is a jurisdictional representative for the Shared Focus team on Young People for Methodist Ministry. She also attends district and conference youth events and is a leader at both levels. She often works with the small children at church and leads them in various activities. The children consider her a role model. She is well mannered and is highly respected in the church. Parents do not hesitate to leave children in her care.

Jammi was an honor graduate in high school and was her class president. She received many awards in high school and received an outstanding senior award at our church district lay rally. She was active in many extracurricular activities in school and chose activities with worthy goals; she was a leader of officer in most of these groups. She was also involved in community activities that helped those who are less fortunate. Participating in many activities and maintaining excellent grades required her to use her time wisely.

Jammi as a jurisdictional representative on the Shared Focus Team on Young People for Methodist Ministry; this committee gave a report to General Conference (which created the team in 1996) of recommendations for Youth and Young adult Ministry. She attends several weekend meetings during the year and is now serving in her second quadriennium. She was invited to attend EXPO 2000, a consultation for youth and young adults to explore Christian vocations. She was a member of the design team for the SEJANAM Conference that is held annually at Lake Junaluska. She also served as a summer intern for the church where she worked in lay ministry with children and senior citizens. She has been faithful in attending district and conference events.

"Jammi has an excellent moral constitution and has never had any behavioral problems. She has been a model child and is role model as a youth for the young children in our church. Her self-discipline is one of her outstanding traits and she is able to manage her time well so that she is involved in activities that are important and make a difference. She is well mannered and highly respected in the church and community; her moral and Christian values are always evident. Parents from the church and community do not hesitate to leave their children in her care," stated Robbie Lowery.

She has recently completed EMT training and is now ready to serve as a volunteer in the community; she attended the training by taking night classes while a full-time college student. She competed in the Miss Lumbee pageant and placed second. She is an honor student in college and was chosen as a marshal this past year.

Jami is the daughter of Harvey and Linda Lowry and serves as the reigning Miss Lumbee.
by: Robby Lowry

25th Annual Native American Cultural Festival/Pow Wow

Greensboro- The Guilford Native American association is pleased to announce that they will be celebrating their annual Cultural Festival and Pow Wow on September 14- 16, 2001. The Cultural Festival/Pow Wow is cosponsored by Guilford Native American Association and Greensboro County Park, a division of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. The three-day event will be held at Greensboro County Park, Greensboro, NC.

A cultural Festival for K-6th graders will kickoff the event on Friday, September 14. The cultural Festival will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. School children from throughout Guilford and surrounding counties are invited to attend the festival. Admission is \$2.00 during the festival only.

Activities to take place during the festival include Native American storytelling, pottery and beadwork demonstrations, and traditional dancing. Featured performers for the festival will include the Ximallii Aztec Dancers of Mexico. Native American traders will also be selling traditional arts and crafts.

The Pow Wow will officially begin Friday, September 14 with the Opening ceremony at 7:00 p.m. and will continue through Sunday, September 16 with various activities including intertribal dancing, dance competition, drum competition, arts and crafts competition, honoring ceremonies and a gospel singing. The Pow Wow will feature dancers representing tribes from throughout the United States and Canada. The dancers, ranging from babies to our elders, will compete for prize money in several different dance categories. Food vendors will be on hand selling various foods, including traditional Indian frybread and tacos. General admission is \$5.00/day, senior citizens \$1.00, children 6-12 \$1.00, children 5 and under free.

To celebrate our 25th year, we will be featuring and honoring those persons who through the years were responsible for planning and producing the successful Pow Wows. Serving as Master of Ceremonies will be Ray Littleturtle of the Lumbee Tribe.

Our Host Drum will be for the Red Wolf. Our-Head Dancers will be Keith Colston, Tuscarora/Lumbee Tribe from Baltimore, ND and Brenda Sexton, Lumbee Tribe from Randleman, NC. Head judge will be Archie Lynch, Haliwa-Saponi Tribe from Hollister, NC.

Our theme for this year's Cultural Festival/Pow Wow is Twenty-Five Years of Tradition and Progress. More than twelve thousand dollars will be awarded in dance and drum competition. We anticipate two hundred to two hundred & fifty dancers and ten to fifteen drums.

For further information regarding the Cultural Festival and Pow Wow, please call (336) 273-8686.

Full-Time Cancer Care Comes to our Community



Dr. Susan Whelen

Laurinburg, NC- This summer Scotland Health Care System welcomes Dr. Susan Whelen, medical oncologist, to the staff of Scotland Cancer Treatment Center. As a Consulting Associate of Duke University Medical Center, Dr. Whelen offers state-of-the-art treatment and the latest advancements in therapies for patients with cancer and blood-related diseases close to home. She is Board Certified by the American board of Internal Medicine and is actively pursuing certification in Medical Oncology. She resides and practices full-time in Laurinburg.

Dr. Whelen earned B.A. degrees in Biology and Religion at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia. She states, "My background in religion has helped me tremendously with my cancer patients. If desired, I am very comfortable talking with them about God, their beliefs and end-of-life issues." Upon completion of her undergraduate studies and influenced by her mother's career as an oncology nurse, Dr. Whelen then earned a Bachelor Science in Nursing degree at the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing. "I practiced as a pediatric nurse for about a year in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, so I am familiar with North Carolina and working in a rural area," she stated.

Though she loved nursing, the desire to become a doctor was strong. "Because I loved helping people so much I decided to become a doctor," she continued. "Seeing my mother's satisfaction helping her cancer patients inspired me to attend medical school so that I too could help cancer patients. She still lives and works in Delaware, right where I grew up, and it is so nice to have her as a resource."

Dr. Whelen attended medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she also completed an internship in Internal Medicine. She went on to complete an Internal Medicine Residency at the Medical Center of Delaware/Christiana Care Program and recently completed an Oncology Fellowship at Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

"We are so excited to have Dr. Whelen join the Scotland Cancer Treatment Center," commented Camille Utter, RN, BSN, OCN, Coordinator of Scotland Cancer Treatment Center. "It's a wonderful asset to our community to have a full time medical oncologist who can offer the latest in cancer care from Duke."

Dr. Whelen is no stranger to life in a small town. Having grown up in rural Delaware, she was eager to begin her practice here. "I am thrilled to be working with the wonderful staff and patients at Scotland Cancer Treatment Center," she stated. "Camille and the entire staff at Scotland Cancer Treatment Center are caring, compassionate people. This is not just a job for them. They are committed to their patients, to high quality care, and to cancer awareness and prevention."

Dr. Whelen's love for her work shows in the care she extends to her patients. "I love what I do," she said. "Cancer patients are so special. I have met the most amazing people and learned so much from them. It's a rare privilege and responsibility to treat and care for these patients. It's also very important to give people in a rural area access to cutting edge cancer treatment, clinical trials, and surgeries. I'm excited to be working with Duke University Medical System, which provide lots of options for our patients and their care. It is very encouraging that today more people are surviving cancer and not just living longer, but living better."

Mr. Reed Schaffer, Dr. Whelen's fiancée, joins her in Laurinburg. Dr. Schaffer is from Richmond and has most recently worked in the computer industry. The couple, who are planning to marry in October, look forward to becoming involved in the community. Dr. Whelen, along with the Scotland Cancer Treatment staff, is actively involved with the Scotland county Relay for Life.

Dr. Whelen will be joined by Dr. Jeffrey Chen, the hospital's newest general surgeon, on October 30 for an informative program on the detection and treatment of breast cancer. The program, entitled "Breast Cancer: Detection and Treatment", begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the WR Dulin Conference Center. To register, please call 910-291-7550.

Scotland Cancer Treatment Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The Center presently offers treatment for cancer and certain blood disorders. For more information or to make an appointment with Dr. Whelen, contact the Center at 910-291-7630.

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 have 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!

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