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Lumbee Nation Represented at Powwow

Miss Lumbee Jammi Lowry and Little Miss Lumbee Brandi Chavis attended the 19th Gathering of Nations Powwow held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The powwow brought together more than 500 tribes and over 3000 dancers and singers. One event that took place at the gathering was the Miss Indian World pageant. Tia Smith of the Cayuga tribe Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, Canada was crowned as the new Miss Indian World. Attending the powwow allowed the girls to meet ambassadors from other tribes, as well as the prestigious honor of representing the Lumbee people. When asked about the trip, Brandi replied, "This was my first time traveling to New Mexico and I really had a good time at the powwow." Jammi had this to say about the event, "It was a humbling experience as I watched and entered with the dancers into the arena from the four corners of the earth. It was an honor to be able to represent my people."

SRMC Volunteers Honored at Annual Banquet

More than 130 volunteers and guests were honored at a garden reception and banquet held on April 25 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center as part of the weeklong celebration of National Volunteer Week. Luckey Welsh, SRMC president and CEO, welcomed the volunteers from all areas of the medical center and its affiliates. He said, "The most valuable and expensive thing one can give away is time, and you do that." After a dinner prepared and served by the Food Service staff which included beaked salmon, marinated grilled chicken breast, prime rib roast of beef au jus, vegetables and a variety of deserts, the keynote speaker Mike Collins, a Robeson County native and president of Perfect Work Day company, offered advice for caregivers: his motivational talk was, "Fun is Not a Four-Letter Word." Following the presentation, certificates of appreciation were presented to volunteers for service during the past year at the Medical Center, Hospice of Robeson, Camp Care, WoodHaven Nursing and Alzheimer's Care Center, Southeastern Cancer Center and Southeastern Lifestyle Center for Fitness and Rehabilitation. Hospital Volunteer Coordinator Beth Ivey, Vice President Reid Caldwell and Patient Relations Director Jeanne Stevens recognized 76 volunteers who work in many areas of the medical center's main campus including patient relations, recovery, admissions and registration, mail delivery, food

Business Visions Honors Area's Top Individuals

PEMBROKE, N.C. - A Pembroke pharmacist who built a medical supply and home health-care business with nearly 400 employees was named business Person of the Year at the 6th annual Business Visions awards dinner. Howard Brooks and HealthKeeperz were honored April 30 at a banquet that is hosted by UNC Pembroke's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development and the small business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC). Corporate sponsors were BB&T, Acme Electric, CP&L, Southeastern Regional Medical Center and Lumbee River Electric Membership. Executives including President Mark Cabral from Alamac American Knits accepted the Entrepreneur of the Year Award. This year, the company re-opened the Lumberton textile company that now employs 330. The Spirit of Unity Award went to Robeson Community College President Fred Williams. Mr. Williams, who is retiring this year, guided the college through rapid enrollment expansion and troubles, including a yearlong probation by the Southern Association of Colleges (SACS). UNC Pembroke's top business students were also honored. Kelley Iverson, who serves as assistant women's soccer coach for UNCP, was named top student in the Master of Public Management program.

John Bullard was named the outstanding student in the Master's of Business Administration program. He is a Lumburg banker, employed by Lumbee Guaranty Bank. Sabrina Pickens of Pembroke was named outstanding undergraduate business student. UNCP Chancellor Allen C. Meadors praised the collaborative efforts between business, community and higher education. "With the Regional Center, the Small Business Center and our growing investment in COMtech industry and technology park, our university is reaching out in many ways to its surrounding community," Chancellor Meadors said. "By 2007, the university will spend \$80 million in construction, making us a growth industry and a partner in the economic development of the region." Mr. Brooks, whose company was called one of the fastest growing businesses in Robeson County, said he remains focused on the benefits his business provides. "What it's about is creating the resources that create income for our employees and create positive outcomes for the people we serve," Mr. Brooks said. "We see between 5-600 patients every day." Alamac's President Cabral said the resurrection of his company was a community effort. "We were not certain we could make this work, but we knew we had the ability to make this a successful venture," Mr. Cabral said.



John Bullard, Lumbee Guaranty Bank
"Greg (Taylor of the SBTDC) and many others were very important to our effort. We had a lot of support." RCC's Fred Williams said his personal accomplishments are secondary. "Much more important that the things I have done are the people I've worked with and the lives we have affected over the years," Mr. Williams said. "We must all learn to work as a whole." Keynote speaker was Dr. Warren Gulko, a professor in the Cameron School of Business at UNC Wilmington. He was former director of the Small Business and Technology Development Center at UNCW. UNCP's Associate Vice Chancellor for Outreach Richard Bothel, who introduced Dr. Gulko, was host for the evening event at Pine Crest Country Club in Lumberton.

2002 Heartquest Health Fair

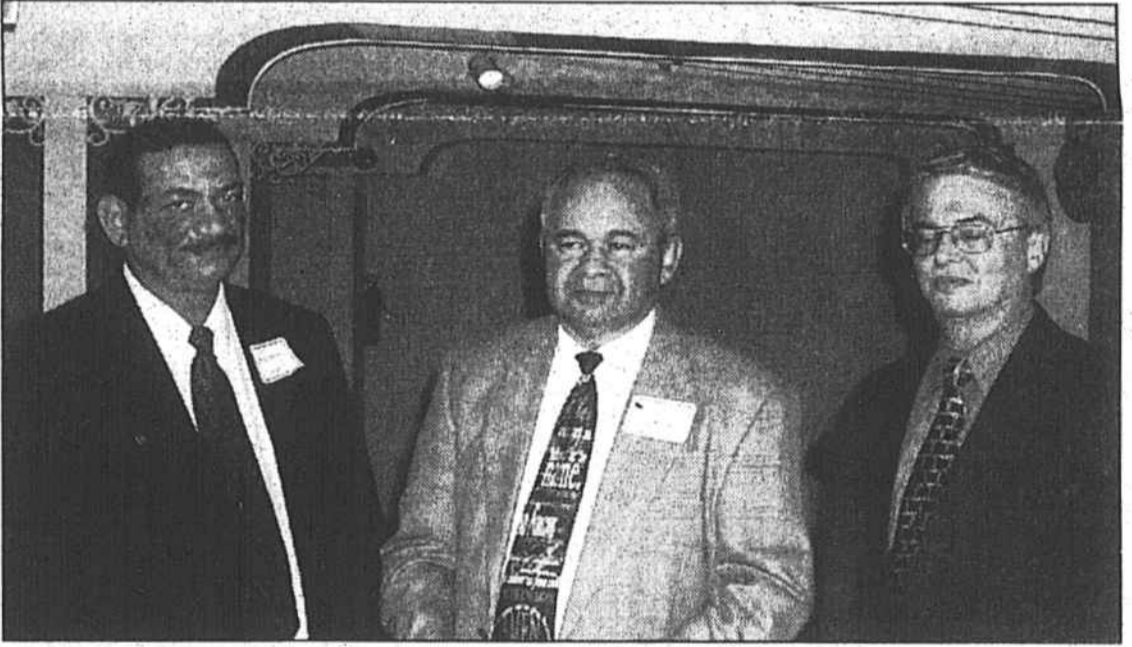
Come be a part of the 2002 Heartquest health fair and community event at Columbus County Hospital. Free health screenings to include cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, free giveaways, and much more. Friday, May 17, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come be a part of this huge event. If you have any questions, call 642-9610.

Free Poetry Contest Open to Pembroke-Area Poets

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling almost \$5,000.00. The deadline for entering is May 18, 2002. To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line www.rainbowpoets.com. "We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's Contest Director. "Our desire is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. North Carolina has produced many wonderful poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from the Pembroke-area."

Friends of the Library to sponsor book sale

The Friends of the Robeson County Public Library will sponsor a book sale, starting May 16th and ending May 18th, 2002. It will be held in the old Osterneck auditorium, 101 North Chestnut Street, Lumberton, NC. The book sale will open at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 16th and close at 9 p.m. It will continue at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 17th, and close at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, the last day of the book sale, the sale will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m. All books on Saturday will sell for \$1 per bag. For information call the library at 738-4859.



From left to right: Ben Jacobs- LRDA, Howard Brooks- HealthKeeperz, and Cavin Clapp- Acme Electric.

FirstHealth Mobile Health Services Van Schedules Pembroke Screenings

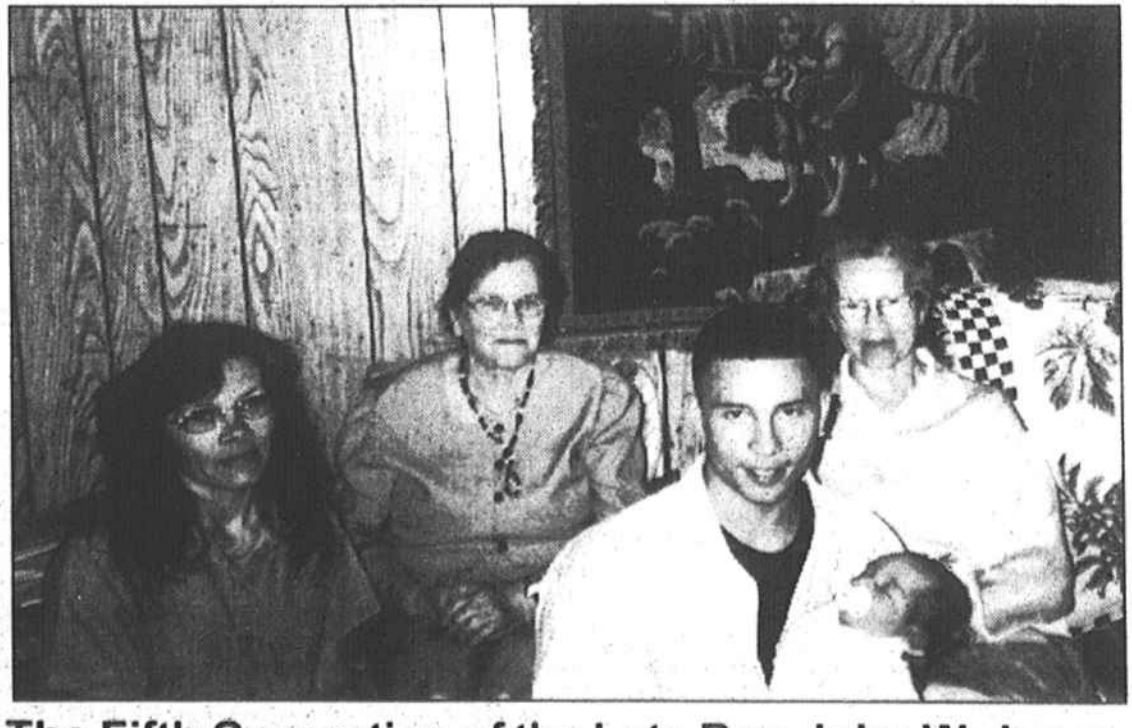
A FirstHealth Mobile Health Services van will be at the FirstHealth Family Care Center- Pembroke for osteoporosis or mammography screenings once a month from early May through late August. The following screenings have been scheduled:
*Osteoporosis, Thursday, July 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
*Mammography, Thursday, Aug. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are required. For further information, or to schedule an appointment, please call 1-888-534-5333. For more information on FirstHealth Mobile Health Services, visit the FirstHealth of the Carolinas Web site at www.firsthealth.org.

ARE YOU AN AMERICAN INDIAN?

The American Cherokee Confederacy was incorporated in the state of Georgia in 1976. We are accepting members with 1/16 or more of Indian heritage, you don't have to be just Cherokee, as long as you don't belong to another tribe or organization. For information, contact the American Cherokee Confederacy Tribal Office, 619 Pine cone road, Albany, Georgia, 31705-6906 or call (229) 787-5722.



Front row, from left, Reva Freeman (Fairmont), Nell Fields (Lumberton), Eva Shull (Fairmont), Frances Cameron (Lumberton); Second row; Dottie Strawcutter (Lumberton), Etha Harris (Pembroke), Raymond Lamb (Lumberton), Beverly Bryant (Bladenboro) and Etta B. Jones (Pembroke) were recognized by SRMC for more than 300 hours of volunteer service each during the past year.



The Fifth Generation of the Late Rev. John W. Jones. Pictured from in the back from left is Mrs. Eunia Jones, great-great grandmother, and Mrs. Betty Locklear, great grandmother. In the foreground from left is Cynthia Chavis, grandmother, Christopher Chavis, father holding his son Traylyn Jikiya Chavis.