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## Robeson County Residents Urged to Support Open-Heart Services

Local residents can support an effort that will improve access to heart care for the people of Robeson and surrounding counties. Southeastern Regional Medical Center and Duke University Health System are applying for approval to operate an open-heart surgery program in Lumberton. The NC Division of Facility Services will conduct a public hearing on the proposed open-heart surgery center on Tuesday, June

18, at 1 p.m. in the A.D. Lewis Auditorium of Robeson Community College.

The heart center, to be managed by Duke University Health System, will allow SRMC to provide open heart surgery and interventional catheterization services.

For more information about the hearing and how you can support this effort, call (910) 671-5499.

## Blues Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Adolph and Dorothy Blue celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 4th with a dinner in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, Pembroke.

It was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Randall Blue and grandsons, Randall Eric Blue and Matthew B. Blue.

The couple were married May 4, 1952 in Dillon, South Carolina.

## Spiritual Gathering

Lumbee Tribal Elders Council presents Their 8th Annual Summer Solstice Traditional Spiritual Gathering-June 13th, 14th and 15th. Youth Craft Class- Saturday At the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center in Pembroke, North Carolina. Sunrise, Noon and Sunset Sacred Fire Ceremonies.

Drug Free- Pot Luck Meals - Barter Only  
Everyone Welcome  
Reviving Yesterday to Create Tomorrow  
Thank you,  
Vanessa Coronado  
Lumbee Tribal Elders Council  
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## Indian basketball Book's publication date in sight ...

As many of you know, Tim Brayboy and I have been working on a book about Indian basketball in Robeson & adjoining counties for some time. And the end is in sight.

We expect to present the book at the second annual meeting of the Indian Basketball Alumni Association, Inc. at the Indian Education Resource Center (located in the old "Indian" Pembroke High School building), next door to the UNC-Pembroke chancellor's residence, some time in December. There's our goal anyway! We can say with absolute certainty that the second banquet will be held when we have completed the book. At the meeting we will also disclose our long range plans, and present our non-profit corporate status to Indian basketball adherents. More information will be forthcoming in the next few days and weeks. The name of the book is:

### PLAYING BEFORE AN OVERFLOW CROWD,

The story of Indian basketball in Robeson & adjoining counties between 1939-1967.

The book, now about 90% complete, is a history of "Indian" basketball in Robeson as we remember it. Information is scant, but it was a time of rank segregation although positive currents emanated from the unique social incubator and experiment. The book explores what happened, where it happened, when, how, who, and, most importantly, WHY?

Also, what valuable lessons can be learned from this special moment in time?

TO RESERVE A COPY, fill in the blanks and send it to Indian Basketball Book, c/o Bruce Barton, Post Office Box 362, Pembroke, N.C. 28372. Or call 910-521-2054 for more information. We also welcome old "Indian" basketball photographs and memories.

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## Teen Explorers Find Health Care Careers at SRMC

"I learned how to care for people and be reliable, how to feel comfortable about your job and cooperate with others," said fifteen-year-old St. Pauls High School student Monica Wilkins. She was responding to a question about what she had learned during her months as an Explorer Scout at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

SRMC is hosting two posts of explorers, a division of the Boy Scouts of America for youth ages 14 to 20 years. The career development program is providing high school students throughout Robeson County with an opportunity to learn first-hand about careers in health care. Jon Thorsten, director of medical imaging who started the SRMC Explorer program, said that 25 students indicated an interest in nursing while another 60 showed a preference for allied health careers at the first meeting held last October.

Since then, these teens **Jon Thorsten** twice each month for presentations, tours and hands-on experience in health care. They have looked at many facets of care giving from food services to cancer care, from careers in medicine to those in pharmacy. Along the way they have also picked up valuable information, including how to do CPR and where to find scholarships available locally for students entering medicine, nursing or allied health fields. Leadership experience as well as character education, life skills and service learning are also emphasized in the program.

"I am excited about the program's success this past year," said Thorsten. "Also I am thrilled about our job-shadowing program for the summer. This experience will add some extra depth to our program."

Nurse Educator Wanda Faircloth led the Explorer nursing post. "My Explorers hated the program to end," she said. She also added proudly that the mother of one of her scouts had enrolled in the nursing program at Robeson Community College as a result of her daughter's Explorer experience at SRMC.

Sixteen-year-old Tamara Oxendine, a student at Purnell Swett High School, said of her months as a member of the allied health post, "I learned a lot about different fields in health care and that I want to be a medical scientist."

Students between the ages of 14 and 20 years who are interested in joining the Explorer program at SRMC should contact Thorsten at 671-5150 or thorst01@srmc.org.

## From the Desk of the Superintendent

by Dr. Barry Harding, Public Schools of Robeson County

Last Thursday marked the end of the school year for almost 24,000 students in the Public Schools of Robeson County. Actually, for over 1,000 of them, it marked a milestone in their lives. Those were the students who have arrived at a crossroads. Having received their diplomas meaning they had completed their public education, they now have a decision to make. Will they go on to attend a college or university or trade school, enter the military or go into the Workforce? There are other roads which could be followed but those three are the major ones.

Actually, if attending college was the choice, it had probably been made much earlier. Certain courses require for college acceptance would have had to have been taken early in their high school careers. Hopefully, grades were sufficiently high to have assured them of being qualified for the college of their choice.

Regardless of whether they attend college or not, it's important for these graduates to realize that education is a continuing process with other means of continuing to expand on what they learned in our schools. Entering the work force, for example, doesn't mean that they've written off further education. Adult education courses are available at community colleges like our own Robeson Community College or at UNC-P courses which could help them to advance in their jobs or prepare them for other jobs. Such courses can be taken at times that fit around their work schedules. It's also possible that taking some of these courses could spark an interest in returning to school to learn a new profession.

The military also offers classes which could help them while serving and also when return to civilian life. It's an opportunity wasted if not taken advantage of.

Our curriculum and programs have been designed to have our graduates as ready as possible to be productive citizens. Even if they decide against pursuing any further formal education at this time, we have tried to sufficiently ground them in certain basics which would make them easily trainable by industry. By encouraging them to take courses like advanced math and principles of Technology along with having them involved with our College Tech Program, we have been able to prepare many of them to make the choices between further education or immediate entry into the work force.

As another group of young people heads out into the world, we are confident that we have made every effort to prepare them for their next step in life. Our prayers for their success go with them.

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## UNCP hires assistant for Career Services

Pembroke, N.C.-UNC Pembroke's Office of Career Services has hired Lori Ann Bumgarner as assistant director. The position at the office was created to accommodate a growing student body.

Under the guidance of Director Lisa Schaeffer, the Career Center is ranked number one for student satisfaction in annual surveys of all graduates in the University of North Carolina system.

"I'm excited to be at this school and working with Dr. Schaeffer," said Ms. Bumgarner. "We have so much in common, it's almost scary."

Ms. Bumgarner comes to UNCP from Methodist College, where she was director of the Office of Career Services.

"The center helps all students, not just seniors," she said. "We start with freshmen, getting them acquainted with the service. Then, we do career planning with sophomores and help juniors with internships."

Of course, seniors trickle into the office when they realize there is a world beyond college life. The center prepares them with mock interviews, resume assistance, career fairs and on-campus recruitment, Dr. Schaeffer said.

"We are always trying to provide more services and programs, especially now that the university is growing," said Dr. Schaeffer, who is a 16-year veteran in the Office of Student Affairs. "One area we would like to focus on is internships because gaining experience in student's major area is important in the career decision-making process."

Ms. Bumgarner has set goals for the Career Center, including creating an on-line graduate survey and changing the school's current computerized job search tool to Recruiting. Most importantly, she wants to introduce the career center to new students with more interactive presentations.

"They have fun while they are learning about what services are available to them," she said.

At Methodist, Ms. Bumgarner created an interactive game designed for freshmen seminar classes called "Who Wants to be a Survivor?"

"Dr. Schaeffer is really interested in the idea," Bumgarner said. "It's definitely something we could do here."

A Cherryville, N.C., native, Ms. Bumgarner completed her undergraduate degree in psychology and a minor in sociology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She headed to The University of South Carolina for a master of Education degree, and returned to North Carolina to work at Methodist college.

## Takonna Lyn Bullard captures title of Overall Miss Richmond County



Takonna Lyn Bullard of Red Springs, NC has captured another title, Overall Miss Richmond County.

She is the daughter of Michael and Teresa Bullard. She will be competing for Little Miss North Carolina in Hickory, NC July 24-27. She will represent Overall Miss Richmond County.

## In The Armed Forces

May 20, 2002 (FHTNC)--Marine Corps Pvt. Courtney L. Hunt, a 2001 graduate of Hoke County High School, Raeford, N.C., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Hunt successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Hunt and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Hunt spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Hunt and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values--honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Hunt and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

## UNCP names Brewington a Student Marshal

Pembroke, NC--Thomas Brewington of Pembroke recently served as the Student Marshal representing the School of Business at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke's 2002 Spring Commencement.

Brewington is the son of Tony and Peggy Brewington. He is a junior majoring in Business man-

agement. Marshals carry their respective school's banner and lead the graduates of that school during the processional and awarding of diplomas.

It is an academic honor requiring faculty nomination and selection by the dean of the student's school of study.