

Kent Jacobs is missing



KENT JACOBS

HOPE MILLS-Kent Jacobs is missing, and has been since March 10, 2002. Kent has mental retardation and requires medication. Last seen in the Colonial Heights area of Hope Mills, Kent is physically 42 years old but has the mental capacity of a 9 year old. Kent is the oldest of Martha Jacobs' five children, including a former Miss Lumbee, Jackie Jacobs.

The family is doing everything they humanly can to find their beloved brother and son. Please help them.

If you have seen KENT JACOBS, please contact the CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE at (910) 323-1500 or (toll free) Cue Center for MISSING PERSONS at (877) 838-7852 or CRIMESTOPPERS at (910) 483--TIPS.

AROUND THESE PARTS

Dr. Zoe Locklear resigns UNC-P post for NCDPI Associate superintendent position

PEMBROKE — Pembroke native Dr. Zoe Locklear has resigned her post as Dean of the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in favor of an associate superintendent's position with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh. Her duties will include responsibilities in leadership development and special services. Dr. Locklear resigned Thursday (Aug. 8) at UNC-Pembroke.

Locklear will also be in charge of two divisions, including exceptional children's services and human resource management, and the Office of Charter Schools. Human resource management includes teacher licensing and teacher education and teacher recruitment.

She also resigned her position Wednesday (Aug. 7) on the state board of education where she had served since 1999.

Former Miss N.C., Rebekah Revels, keeps scholarship monies and continuing accolades and support ST. PAULS-Plans continue in Rebekah Revels' hometown of St. Pauls to honor her with a parade and reception on Friday. The event begins at 5 p.m. at the R.A. Hooks Community Center on third Street.

A former Miss Lumbee, Ms. Revels was forced to resign when a former boy friend revealed that he had taken photos of her when, according to her, she was changing clothes. The photos reportedly show her from the waist up.

Miss North Carolina pageant officials recently notified Ms. Revels that she would be allowed to keep her scholarship monies of \$12,000.

Many Robesonians of all colors and hues have remained strong supporters of Ms. Revels despite the loss of her title. She has conducted herself with dignity and grace, according to just about every reader this newspaper staff has contacted.

Back to School Laughter Cures Summertime Blues

Pembroke, N.C. - Going back to school should not cause the summertime blues. Students at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke have a cure they want to share-laughter.

The Campus Activities Board at UNCP is kicking off the first week of classes this fall semester with two free comedy shows. The public is invited.

Things are getting a little crazy on Wednesday, Aug 21 when Adam Ace performs at 9 p.m. in the Chavis University Center. Whether its imitating Britney Spears, Micheal Jackson or Madonna, Adam Ace is a hit on the college comedy scene. His show is full of props, costumes, dancing and audience participation.

Performing on Saturday, Aug 24 9:00 p.m. in the Chavis University Center is Tommy Blaze. Having appeared in a season finale of the hit TV show "Friends," as well as "Star Search," "MTV's Half Hour Comedy Hour" and HBO's Young Comedians, "Blaze is no stranger to the small screen. He's also a hit comedy festivals and college campuses. The Adam Ace and Tommy Blaze shows are part of a week long schedule of events welcoming students back to the UNCP campus. The UNCP Campus Activities Board is a division of the Student Government Association, whose function is to program activities and on campus entertainment for the students and the university community.

Poems from Pembroke residents wanted

The Talent Literary Guild is sponsoring and amateur poetry contest, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1,000,000 grand prize.

"We are delighted to sponsor this contest" says Thomas Grey, Poetry Director. "Poets deserve opportunities to exhibit their work and get recognition. We expect our contest to encourage new poets."

To enter, send one 21 line poem or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskyou Blvd., PMB4 Ashland, OR 97520, you also may enter online at www.freecontest.com

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is September 5, 2002. The editors reserve the right to publish the winning poems online. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.



Happy Birthday, John!

John Whittemore, son of Charles and Sandra Whittemore of Fayetteville celebrates his 19th birthday this month. John resides in Fayetteville and is currently a manager at Turtles Music located in Cross Creek Mall. Wishing you peace and happiness for many years to come. I am blessed to have such an awesome Bro and good friend. Use your talents. There is no better time than now.

Finger Printing for Children Scheduled August 31

CUE Center will host a finger printing in an effort to aid children with a current photo, finer print and useful information concerning missing children and adults. The event will be held at the Wal-Mart on Main Street in Hope Mills, NC from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. August 31, 2002 (Saturday). CUE will feature Kent Jacobs a missing man from Hope Mills, NC to bring awareness of his case in hopes to produce any new information concerning his disappearance. The family of Tristen Myers, a missing child from Roseboro, NC will be on hand to aid in this event. CUE Center is a nonprofit organization that aids all 100 counties of North Carolina's families who suffer a missing loved one. To learn more about CUE visit their website at ncmissingpersons.org. CUE serves cases of missing children and adults, it is a total 100% volunteer run center.

Problems with Software Delay Tax Notices

Problems associated with the tax software may delay the delivery of tax bills beyond the discount period during the month of August. All owners of taxable property who wish to receive a discount for early payment during the month of August are encouraged to make payment directly to tax administration. Payments will be calculated using the prior years billing. Any underpayments will be billed after the discount period, and any overpayments will be process as refunds following the tax billing. Tax Administrator Garrett Alexander said that he is still hopeful that bills will be sent during the month, but it appears that problem with the information systems will delay mailing until the third or fourth week of August.

Over the past nine months, Tax Administration has continued the process of improving the information systems purchased several years ago, however problems with the interface between the two primary systems continues to interrupt operations. Changes to improve statutory compliance and property classification by the software have been ongoing over the last nine months. Steps taken in the previous year to create the tax billed for 2001 adversely affected those changes. 2001 was the first year Robeson County billed taxes from the new software systems. Mr. Alexander said, "the new systems enhancements developed for the County to calculate elderly exemptions and transfer data between software programs required a number of updates and tests to resolve problems caused by last years billing process. Unfortunately program preferences used for the first billing in 2001 had foreseen consequences that required significant evaluation and alteration. The program enhancement deployment delays have prevented an earlier billing. We are still working diligently with the software companies to create the 2002 tax bills.

The Tax Administrator advises everyone wishing to take advantages of the discount period to make payment prior to the end of August. You do not need a bill to make a payment. Receipts for payment will be provided. Those citizens with large numbers of properties are requested to pay by check or money order as some delay may occur in preparation of large numbers of receipts. You may contact Tax Administrator by phone or in person.

Family Medicine Physician Joins Pembroke Family Practice

Jessica M. Tucker, MD has joined the staff of Pembroke Family Practice Center, one of Scotland Health Care six rural health clinic located through Scotland, Robeson, and Marlboro counties. Dr. Tucker joins Dr. Martina Dockery-Bullard and Physician Assistant Denis Ricard in providing care to patients of all ages. She comes to Scotland Health Care System from Self Regional Health Care System in Greenwood, South Carolina. Where she recently completed a three-year residency in Family Medicine.

While in training, Dr. Tucker was the recipient of the prestigious Mead Johnson Award for Graduate Education in Family Practice. She was one of 20 national recipients chosen for this award out of 170 family practice nominees, and the only nominee from South Carolina. According to Dr. Gary Goforth, director of the family practice program Self Memorial Hospital. Dr. Tucker's selection was based on her leadership qualities, scholastics achievement, community service and exemplary patient care. "She gives unselfishly of her time and talents by serving as a patient educator with the New Haven Apartments latino Community, informing them about issues such as tuberculosis, self-breast exams and various diseases," said Goforth. "She has served as a medical mission volunteer on trips to Nicaragua and Honduras, and has provided medical care to the patients in the Green-

Congressman Mike McIntyre Recieves Oncology Medal of Honor Award

Washington, D.C. - U.S Representative Mike McIntyre will be the first recipient of an international public policy award for his congressional work to assist workers who have lost their jobs.

McIntyre will be presented the Public Policy Award by the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security. Congressman McIntyre will receive the award at the Wilmington Employment Security JobLink Career Center located at 717 Market Street at 11:00 am. Harry Payne, Chairman of the NC Employment Security Commissioner of Labor, will present Congressman McIntyre with this award.

McIntyre also won the North Carolina Employment Security Advancing Workforce Development Award.

Reception, Scholarship to honor resigned Miss NC

"Welcome Home Rebekah" is the theme for a reception and procession the St. Pauls Chamber of Commerce has planned for Rebekah Revels on Friday August 16, 2002.

Miss Revels, who won the state title of Miss North Carolina in June, and resigned in July, will be honored by her hometown of St. Pauls, at the R.E. Hooks Community Center during the hours of 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. She will arrive in a horse drawn carriage after a small Board Street Parade.

At the reception, Miss Revels will sing the opera aria that helped her win the state title.

A scholarship has been established in her honor. It will be presented annually to a St. Pauls High School senior.

The Rebekah Revels Follow Your Dream Scholarship has been established at Lumbee Bank, P.O. Box 176, St. Pauls, North Carolina 28384. Tax deductible donations may be mailed to that address or dropped off at the Hooks Center during the reception.

All friends and supporters of Miss Revels are invited to drop by and meet and greet the 24 year old Hometown Girl.

For more information, please contact Chamber of Commerce President Sara Hayes at 910-865-4079 or Lumbee Bank's Linda West at 910-865-4196.

North Carolina Indian Cultural Center to form Theater & Arts Group

By Vinita Clark

The North Carolina Indian Cultural Center invites the cast of the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind", former Board Members of the Robeson Historical Drama Association Inc. and everyone that is interested. To attend an "open meeting" on Saturday August 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is being held to form the North Carolina Cultural Center Theater & Arts Group.

The 27 year old amphitheater that sits on the grounds of the NCICC is unused with the exception of the occasional wedding 8 months out of the year. There are many events that can be held at the site and alot

of people would come not want come to see "Strike at the Wind".

The purpose of the group will be to have events at the Adolph L. Dial Amphitheater such as plays, pageants and other events. "There are alot of show etc., that can be put on at that amphitheater. It shouldn't just have to sit there for 8 months out of the year and just rot and decay. Just think of the money that can be made out there"

At 7:30 on August 17, 2002 we will see just how many people are interested in forming this group and keeping some kind of events going at the NCICC on a year round basis.

Leveraging Tribal and Non-Tribal Funds

By Alex Baker, LTG Public Relations

Funds made available by the USDA Commodities program and the Lumbee's Tribal Council Community Services Partnership Food Distribution program has enabled Mt. Hebron Church to set up separate food distribution programs. For the next three months, the church will distribute USDA Commodities each Saturday and Thursday and these food will be available for all needy families in the community. On Mondays from 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. only needy Lumbee families may receive food purchased with funds made available from the Lumbee Tribal Council.

While the church has established a distribution schedule, Margina Jones Director of the Church Outreach Food Distribution Program, said "if someone is hungry call the church any member can open up the building. Doesn't have to be only those days. So please call if you are in need and we will see that you receive some help."

Individuals are encouraged to bring boxes or bags and to offer their assistance as volunteers is needed.

wood, United Ministries Free Clinic."

Dr. Tucker is excited about come back home to practice medicine and joining the Pembroke Family Practice Staff, stating "I am look forward to working with Dr. Dockery-Bullard and Mr. Ricard and to building the medical practice in Pembroke. In addition to English I speak fluent Spanish, which I feel will be a great asset to the practice and provide better access to health care. In intend to pay and active part in the Pembroke and Laurinburg communities. "Dr. Tucker has special interest in women's and adolescent health care."

Dr. Tucker grew up in Fayetteville, North Carolina where she earned a B.S. degree in Biology at Fayetteville State University. She is a graduate of East Carolina University School of Medicine in Greenville, North Carolina, and is fluent in both English and Spanish. She is married to Micheal Tucker of Wilmington, North Carolina, who has a Masters in Business Administration. The couple make their home in Laurinburg. They have a daughter Carmen, who is one year old. "Carmen's grandparents are just as excited as my husband and I are that we are locating in this area" stated Dr. Tucker.

For more information or to make an appointment with Dr. Jessica Tucker, call Pembroke Family Practice at (910) 521-4462.