



Howard Brooks and Jamie Locklear are shown above. Howard Brooks is affiliated with Healthkeeperz and they are major sponsors of an upcoming tournament, Tour Championship which will be held November 18-20 at Duke University at the Duke Club Golf Course. Jamie Locklear has qualified for this tournament. He wishes to thank his supporters, Howard Brooks and Healthkeeperz for giving him the opportunity to pursue a dream. Without them it would not be possible, Locklear said. "I really want to thank you as well as PACC, LRDA, Lonnie Locklear and Sons Construction, and the many others who have helped with the golf tournaments, fund-raisers and anonymous donors who also helped. I am grateful to UNCP, my family, wife and kids, friends, Pates Supply and all who have helped me," Locklear stated.

Locklear will continue pursuing his golf dream next year and anyone interested should contact the Jamie Locklear Golf Enterprise.

Education assistance for Lumbee students

The Lumbee Tribal Council has established a scholarship for high school seniors. Applications are available at the Tribal Office at 707 Union Chapel Road in Pembroke or online at www.lumbeetribe.com. The purpose of the award is to encourage Lumbee students to pursue higher education. Applicants must be: (1) an enrolled member of the Lumbee Tribe, (2) a graduate from a North Carolina high school with a 3.0 or higher, and (3) be accepted into a college or university and enrolled full-time.

Interested tribal members should contact the Tribal Office at 521-7861 ext. 214 or visit the tribal website at lumbeetribe.com for further information. Funds are limited and applications are due November 29, 2002. Scholarships will be awarded in January for the 2003 spring semester.

Lumbee Housing Rehabilitation Program applications available

The Lumbee Tribal Council Housing Program will accept applications for housing rehabilitation services starting November 18 until January 30. The program provides services for repairs, renovations and/or replacement of existing substandard housing conditions for qualified low-income Lumbee families. The rehabilitation program is designed to eliminate substandard conditions that address health and safety housing issues.

All applications previously filed with the Tribal Council from November 2001 do not have to update their application until further notices. Updates will be required at the time applications are pulled for services. In order to apply for rehabilitation services, the following information on all members in the household will be required: copies of birth certificates, picture identifications, tribal enrollment and social security cards, current bank statements. Applications will not be accepted without all supporting documentation for each member of the household.

Contact the Lumbee Tribal Housing Program at (910) 521-1341 for further information.

First Bank teams up with FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital to deliver smiles

Pinehurst, NC--November 4, 2002-First Bank helped make Halloween more heartwarming this year for those associated with FirstHealth Critical Care Clarke Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (Clarke NICU) and First Health Critical Care Transport (CCT) by donating a year's supply of "First Bank Buddies" to the hospital today.

The hospital has big plans for these little beanbag animal buddies. All newborns in the Clarke NICU will begin their lives with their very own beanbag buddy. The men and women of the CCT will also be providing their young patients with beanbag buddies to help comfort the children in critical situations.

Jimmie Garner, First Bank President & CEO, sees involvement in the community and with FirstHealth as the core of First Bank's corporate philosophy. "This is part of an ongoing commitment we have to giving to the community," explained Mr. Garner about the Halloween event. "First Bank and FirstHealth have strong relationship that is mutually beneficial."

First Bank has donated beanbag buddies to the Clarke NICU since 1999, and is expanding its donation to include the CCT for the first time this year. Gloria Bradford, Assistant Director of the CCT, said this about First Bank's donation today: "They are great to work with and we know that the First Bank buddies make a big difference by keeping the kids minds off of what is happening. This program is very well received by both the children and their parents."

FirstHealth Critical Care Transport, based in Aberdeen, NC, is available on a 24-hour basis. Those in need of assistance are transported in a critical care ambulance staffed with a registered nurse, a critical care paramedic and an EMT driver.

For images of the event or more information please contact the Lauren Rivers at the Fivers Agency.

NCDOT will not close lanes on I-95 in Robeson

Raleigh--The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will not close lanes on Interstate 95 at mile marker 38 in Robeson at this time due to weather conditions.

The department will reschedule the lane closings at a later date. Information will be sent out once a new date is determined.

For more information on this project, contact the bridge maintenance engineer in Fayetteville at (910) 829-6345 or Traffic Services at (910) 486-1452.

Fire Department holding fund raising event

The Pembroke City Fire Department is having a special fund drive for the next several weeks in cooperation with Community Support Services. Families will be contacted by phone and asked to make a pledge. Each family that pledges receives a beautiful 10X13 Canvas Mount Portrait, compliments of the Department. Proceeds are being used for new equipment. For any additional information call 1-800-253-2638. They appreciate your past support and look forward to your help this year.



Daniel Locklear, left of Pembroke, and Lance Morgan of Maxton stand next to Toyota's championship off-road racing Tundra truck during the 2002 National FFA Convention which was attended by more than 50,000 people (Oct. 30-Nov. 1). Locklear and Morgan are members of the Purnell Swett High FFA chapter. Toyota's focus at the National FFA Convention centered on community service, both at its display booth and through teacher and student workshops. Four non-profit groups-America's Promise, Foods Resource Bank, National Public Lands Day and the YMCA National Sage Place-joined in this effort, offering advice and ideas on how to start community-service projects.

Local Organization Awarded Prescription Assistance Grant

Raleigh-- The North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission today announced a grant of \$243,302 to NC Commission of Indian Affairs for prescription assistance services covering Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke and Sampson counties. The grant will provide assistance to seniors and low-income individuals of all ages in acquiring free, low cost or discounted medications. In addition, any senior can receive counseling on the safe and wise of prescription drugs.

"Education seniors about appropriate drug use is a unique feature of our State's prescription drug benefit program. Senior Care. Seniors especially need help paying for their prescription drugs but this grant also will help people of any age who cannot afford their medication. This innovative medical management program will help all our seniors get the proper treatment they need and deserve. It is a real win for North Carolina's communities and our elderly," said Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue, chair of the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission.

Funded organizations will contract with local pharmacists to counsel seniors in identifying drug utilization issues such as drug-to-drug interactions and duplicative therapies. Seniors who are eligible for Senior Care will receive counseling services at no cost. Other seniors will be able to use the services through payment of a minimal fee, based upon ability to pay.

Under this initiative, 23 new and existing community-based programs were selected by the Commission to receive a total of approximately \$3 million annually. In awarding these grants, the Commission gave priority to organizations proposing to serve diverse populations, ensure geographic dispersion, and building capacity within local communities to respond to area health needs.

The Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission was established by the General Assembly to receive and allocate 25% of North Carolina's share of the multi-billion dollar national tobacco settlement agreement reached in 1999. The Commission is comprised of 18 individuals representing a wide background of health care experience throughout North Carolina.

Maxton Parade

The Town of Pembroke is again making plans for an exciting and wonderful Christmas Parade for this upcoming holiday season. We certainly hope that you will include this date ad time on your calendar to come and take part in the parade. Participation in the parade is free. You may also purchase Booth space: food-\$30; food/crafts-\$35; crafts-\$25.

The Town office will be accepting call-in entries for the parade through December 12. When you call, make sure you have a telephone number where you can be reached and the name of a contact. Please call between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. We welcome cars, floats, bands, marching groups, trucks, etc. in the parade. Lineup will start at Townsend Middle School on December 14th around 8:15 a.m. You will be given a line up number at that time.

Again, come join us on Saturday, December 14, 2002 in Maxton, NC for our parade. The Town Office telephone number is at the top of the 844-5231. For further information, call the town office or Mrs. Delia Quaison at (910) 844-3431 during the day.

It is our goal to have a safe and enjoyable parade. For this reason, we are asking only adults to throw candy. Also, horses will not be allowed in the parade. We would like to thank you for your cooperation on these very important matters. by Erwin Jacobs, Maxton



McDaniel Lucas Jr. to perform at Harper's Ferry Baptist Church

McDaniel Longwolf Lucas, Jr. will be the featured soloist at Deep Branch Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 22, during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Lucas, 38, is music director at a Baptist church in Oklahoma City. He has a degree in pian, organ and voice from Oklahoma City University where he also received a Master degree in Opera Performance.

Lucas is the son of McDaniel Longwolf Lucas, Sr. of Pembroke and the late Mary Elizabeth Lucas of Minnesota. He is the great grandson of Daniel Bucky Locklear of Pembroke.

The pastor of Harper's Ferry, Dr. Glenn Harris and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.



Linda Oxendine



Stan Knick

Authors to speak at forum

On November 25, 2002 UNC Pembroke faculty members Dr. Stan Knick and Dr. Linda Oxendine will present a program based on their recently published book, "Fine in the World: Lumbee Language in Time and Place."

The program which will take place at 7 p.m. in the Thomas Assembly Room of the Native American Resource Center, is co-sponsored by the UNCP Friends of the Library, the Native American Resource Center and the Department of American Indian Studies. Dr. Walt Wolfram, a linguistics professor and specialist from NC State and collaborator of the book, will also be speaking.

The event is free of charge and open to the public. A reception will follow the program.

New book about Lumbee Language available at UNCP

By Lyzanne Charles

The new book "Fine in the world: Lumbee Language in Time and Place" written by Walt Wolfram, Clare Dannenberg, Stanley Knick and Linda Oxendine, is now available at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke's Native American Resource Center (NARC).

The book, which is an easy and interesting read, discusses the origins and evolution of what is referred to as Lumbee English over the course of several centuries and in the context of Lumbee culture.

Co-authors of "Fine in the World," Dr. Stanley Knick and Dr. Linda Oxendine, are professors at The University of North Carolina at Pem-

broke.

Dr. Wolfram, a linguistics professor at North Carolina State University, has studied dialects in the Tar Heel State for many years. Dr. Dannenberg is a professor of English at Virginia Tech.

"All humans do mark ethnic boundaries through language, and the Lumbee have done this by developing their own form of English," Dr. Knick said.

"Fine in the World" also discusses the similarities between Lumbee English and other dialects, but notes the variances that make Lumbee English a distinct form. It also notes how Lumbee English continues to evolve as it comes in contact with other ethnicities.

"This form of English evolved over time as people came into contact with each other. It is a form of speaking English that has been shaped by a group of people and is entrenched in our culture and so is a part of our identity," said Dr. Oxendine, who is chair of UNCP's American Indian Studies Department.

Dr. Oxendine also stressed that Lumbee students should learn standard English, but she said that they should not have to sacrifice their own way of speaking. She said that Lumbee children learn to speak standard English at school, but their connections to the Lumbee community keep them in contact with Lumbee English.

Neither Dr. Knick nor Dr. Oxendine believes that Lumbee English is in danger of becoming extinct. Dr. Oxendine noted that since 1887, there had been an effort to standardize Lumbee English, but it had failed.

"Even with pressure of over 100 years and the categorization of Lumbee English as 'bad' English, it has survived," Dr. Oxendine said. The book notes that, unlike other Native American groups who lost

their ancestral languages fairly late, the Lumbee people lost their traditional language early because they were exposed to the English colonists and language earlier than the other groups.

"Early contact lead to earlier loss of traditional languages," Dr. Knick said.

He said it is important to know this because of the argument that some people make that the Lumbee people are not Native American because they have no traditional language. He said it is important to note that there was once a language spoken by the Lumbee people and now the only word left is "Lumbee."

Dr. Knick also said the disappearance of the traditional Lumbee Language did not destroy Lumbee culture.

"Humans adapt, that's who we are. The disappearance of the ancestral language, while it is a sad thing, did not stop the Lumbee people from being Indian. They just went about it in a different way," he said.

He said that it is important to note that, Language is fluid. We tend to see language as a solid, where nouns and verbs are fixed, but language is liquid, it flows."

Dr. Oxendine said the greatest impact of "Fine in the World" is that, "It will help both Lumbee and non-Lumbee understand why we speak as we do, and, hopefully, it will take away the label that it is bad. It is just different and different does not mean deficient."

"Fine in the World" is published by the Humanities Extension Publications of North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., 2002 and is on sale at UMCP's Native American Resource Center and costs \$15 plus tax.

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