

## Books, BBQ & Bluegrass: Library's annual fundraiser is April 23

PEMBROKE, N.C. - "We're putting together a down home North Carolina get together to raise money for student scholarships," said University Librarian Dr. Elinor Foster. "Books, Barbecue and Bluegrass" will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, April 23 in the Main Reading Room of the Sampson-Livermore Library. Entertainment for the event features Shelby Stephenson and his Family Band, Bluegrass legend Les Sandy and fiddler Michael Munford. The featured speaker is D.G. Martin, host of UNCTV's "North Carolina Bookwatch." The annual fundraiser, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will benefit three projects - an endowed scholarship for the University Honors College, an unrestricted scholarship and a textbook scholarship. There will be a buffet dinner and silent auction. The cost is \$50 per person and attendance is limited to 100. For ticket information, please call (910) 521-6655 or email [lillian.brewington@uncp.edu](mailto:lillian.brewington@uncp.edu). "What better way to enjoy a fun-filled evening than attending 'Books, BBQ and Bluegrass!'" said Friends of the Library President Bruce Ezell. "Not only shall you have a good time, you will be helping a worthy cause. This year's benefit is a real bargain." "If you really enjoy country and bluegrass music, come and hear our own Shelby Stephenson and his associates," Dr. Ezell said. This event has become an annual tradition for the Friends of the Sampson Livermore Library, said Dr. Foster. The friends raised \$10,000 last year at the event. "This is the third year for this event, so we are building on a tradition of fun and fundraising," Dr. Foster said. D.G. Martin is a former Vice Chancellor for UNCP's Office of Advancement and served 10 years as UNC's chief lobbyist. He is in his fifth season hosting "North Carolina Bookwatch." His series on home-cooking restaurants in North Carolina for Our State magazine will be published as a guidebook late this year. At "Books, Barbecue and Bluegrass," Martin will talk about the books that explore and encourage a sense of community. Shelby Stephenson and his Family Band have been entertaining North Carolinians for many years. Dr. Stephenson is joined in the band by his wife Linda, brothers Paul and Marshall and cousin Mike Langdon.



Shelby Stephenson



Michael Manford

Dr. Stephenson is a professor of English and creative writing at UNCP and was a recipient of the UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence. He is editor of the literary journal Pembroke Magazine and author of numerous collections of poetry, including the forthcoming work, "Possum." Les Sandy, a Hoke County resident, played guitar and performed comic sketches as "Uncle Puny" with Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys other bands. Sandy played guitar on Monroe's first recording in 1954. He played with many of the legends of Bluegrass, including Slim Mims and Jimmy Martin. He performed on the Louisiana Hayride and in many venues. In 1973, Sandy came home to live and work near Raeford. He will bring his fiddle and his comic wit with him on April 23. Michael Munford, who grew up in nearby Elizabethtown, picked up a fiddle 8-9 years ago as an undergraduate at UNC Wilmington. It was love at first sound, he said. "I didn't know I had any musical ability until then," Munford said. "I am trained as a dancer." Munford, a technical assistant at the library, has a diverse background on folk dancing, including clogging, flatfoot, Irish stepdance, Scottish hardshoe, Highland and rhythm-tap. He will perform at UNCP's Taste of Culture at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 7 in the University Center Lounge.

## 23rd Annual Pow Wow & Fall Festival October 15-17

This unique cultural event offers a rare opportunity for Tennessee's Native American Indians and visitors from all heritages living in Tennessee and surrounding states to come together for a celebration of music, dance, and the arts. The NAIA Pow Wow & Fall Festival also offers an educational opportunity for the public to discover and learn more about the diversity of American Indian traditions, song, dance, basket-weaving, carving, games, and other cultural events. NAIA is extremely proud of its 23 years of service to the Native American Indian residents of Tennessee. NAIA is an intertribal non-profit organization that provides social and educational services and opportunities, including cultural revitalization, case management, job placement and education training opportunities to the more than 15,000 American Indians living throughout our Great State of Tennessee. NAIA is governed by an all-Indian Board of Directors. The success of this annual event increases each year due to sponsorships, grants, and increased audiences. Additionally, we have added more quality artists and craftspeople, dancers, and musicians to enhance this special and unique event. How can you and your organization help others in our community? Purchase advertisement sections in our NAIA Pow-Wow Book (1/8 page - 1 full page available). In addition to distributing this at the pow-wow, we distribute it to all Tennessee Congressman Senators, and other government staff and agencies because it provides useful information about the American Indian population, especially here in Tennessee. Monetary donations of support. You can assist us in our commitment to provide free admission to all children on Friday and free admission to all senior citizens and physically challenged individuals throughout the weekend. We strongly urge you to support this cultural event in Tennessee. The pow wow brings in revenue to Davidson and surrounding counties through hotels and restaurants (visitors and participants from across the USA and Canada stay here), and many area stores where vendors purchase supplies. The NAIA Pow-Wow is one of the largest held east of the Mississippi River. All monies raised go directly to the NAIA Education/Scholarship Fund and the NAIA Emergency Relief Assistance Fund. No board member or volunteer personnel are paid - we are truly a volunteer organization. Please contact either Ray Emanuel at 615/232-9179 to discuss your support opportunity. Help us help other in Tennessee. Together, we truly can make a difference.



UNC-TV recently aired a story on Diabetes among Native Americans. The story featured Miss Lumbee 2003, Morgan Hunt and her mother Demetrius Hunt, John Oxendine Mr. Lumbee, Health Professionals Dr. Danny West, and Dr. Ronny Bell, and Mr. Greg Richardson from the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe. Shown is Morgan Hunt, Miss Lumbee.

## Service-learning project funds UNCP students in Washington

PEMBROKE, N.C. - As a service-learning project, Dr. Leslie Hossfeld's sociology class at UNC Pembroke will go to Washington D.C., on March 30. Manufacturing job losses in Robeson County is the issue the class will take to the nation's lawmakers. The UNCP students are participating in a large project, organized by local community groups, called "Jobs for the Future." One class member summed up the mission to Washington. "Our goal is to keep jobs here and help small businesses expand in our region," said UNCP sociology major Christina Pridgen of Hoke County. "We will speak on behalf of displaced workers who have seen their jobs go overseas." "I know people in my community who have lost their jobs," Pridgen said. "It affects the entire community." Not only will the UNCP group speak for displaced workers, they will ride with them to Washington. Pridgen and 22 classmates organized the trip with help from Dr. Hossfeld and the Center for Community Action, a Lumberton community development organization. Four busses will leave at 12:30 a.m. and return at 11 p.m. on the same day. The itinerary includes visits with Congressman, Dr. Hossfeld said. "The big news is that Congressman Mike McIntyre is behind this project with even greater emphasis than before," Dr. Hossfeld said. "During our day in Washington, we will deliver a Congressional briefing on job losses at 2 p.m., followed by a press conference at 3 p.m." Dr. Hossfeld will speak at the briefing. The sociology professor, with assistance colleagues at UNC Wilmington and North Carolina State University and UNCP students in her class, provided research for jobs for the Future project. "Last semester my students in Research Methods conducted in-depth interviews with agency representatives about the impact of job loss in Robeson County," she said. "This semester, my Community Development class has done a brilliant job organizing the March 30 event by working closely with the Center for Community Action and other groups in four phase - grant writing, planning, publicity and community organizing." Service-learning is the practice of integrating community service onto the classroom to enhance student learning Dr. Hossfeld said students apply what they learn in class to real issues in the community. "In addition, students participate in filed research by conducting in-depth interviews with displaced workers," she said. "These students will have the applied experience of community organizing during the first half of the course, and then match their experience with theory and other case studies on community organizing during the second part of the semester." Dr. Hossfeld said students learn from experiences like this. "I believe the organizing experiences and academic training these students receive will benefit them in any job they choose, but, mostly importantly, it will make them engaged members of their communities," she said. "For myself, it helps me blur the boundaries between teaching, research and service, the essence, I believe, of what being a sociologist is all about." And, Dr. Hossfeld said, "It helps UNCP live up to its mission statement of being part of community teaching and service." Throughout March, Dr. Hossfeld's class recruit community volunteers to travel to Washington on four busses (one bus is sponsored by UNCP's Student Government Association) and raise funds to pay cost of 24-hour sojourn. To learn more about the project, email [hossfeld@uncp.edu](mailto:hossfeld@uncp.edu) or go to [www.poverty.org/jobs/](http://www.poverty.org/jobs/).

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Diabetes Foundation Benefit Ride  
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Time: Ride starts 2:00 pm  
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## Swett High's poetry reading and art exhibition planned

The annual poetry reading and art exhibition is scheduled for Monday - March 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Indian Education Resource Center. Come and enjoy creative writing, art, and entertainment of Purnell Swett High School students. Sponsored by Mrs. Yvonne Dial, Mrs. Delora Cummings, Mr. Gregory Sampson, Mrs. Sandra Helveston.

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