



On April 1, 2004 the House Resources Committee held a hearing on HR 898, legislation to grant the Lumbee Tribe federal recognition. Congressman Mike McIntyre has secured 234 co-sponsors of this bill and testified before the Committee about the need to pass this important legislation. McIntyre is shown giving his testimony.



Shown above: Jimmie Goins, Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe and Senator Elizabeth Dole. They are shown at the hearing on federal recognition for the Lumbee held in Washington, DC on April 1. Both of them testified before the House Resources Committee. Senator Dole introduced the Lumbee Bill in the Senate.

Legal Aid to sponsor Family Law Forum

Legal Aid of NC - Pembroke Office and SFC are sponsoring a free Family Law Forum from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2004 at the O.P. Owens Building 455 Caton Road, Lumberton, North Carolina. For further information contact: Ida T. Baker (910) 521-2831

Gloryland Road Food Bank to sponsor yard sale

On Saturday April 10, 2004 the Gloryland Road Food Bank located on Dixie Drive in Red Springs will be holding a yard sale to help purchase food for hungry families in this area. In 2003, the food bank fed over 3,000 people on a continuous basis. Also, on Saturday beginning at noon and lasting until 2 pm or until the food runs out will be the monthly food giveaway. There are no restrictions on who can receive this food. However, no one is allowed to pick up food for another person without a doctor's note or approval of the management of the food bank. Please come and help us feed the needy families in our area. Donations are being accepted at the location. For more information please call 843-8384 or 521-9076.

National Library Week April 18-24

PEMBROKE, N.C. - National Library Weeks is April 18-24, and the Sampson Livermore Library at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke has scheduled several special events, including its annual book sale and poetry/prose reading. The theme this year is "Something for Everyone @ the Library." Library Week is also "fine free" week. All fines are forgiven for books returned the week of April 18-24. The annual Library Book Sale begins Monday, April 19 ends Wednesday, April 21. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. A half-price sale will be Thursday, April 22, 9 a.m. to noon. The sale is in the upstairs lounge/reading area. Winners of the library's annual Poetry/Prose Writing Contest will read their works Wednesday, April 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the library. A reception will follow in the second floor lounge.

Competition stiff at UNCP's 23rd Science Fair

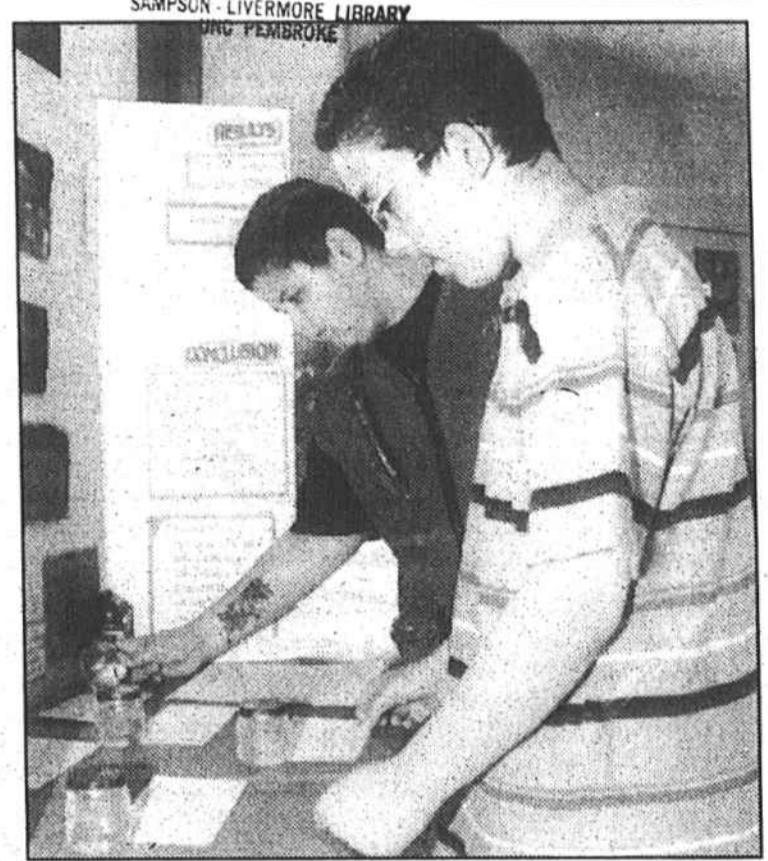
PEMBROKE, N.C. - Nearly 800 students, teachers and parents attended the 23rd UNCP Science Fair Wednesday, March 24, at the Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC). One of UNCP's longest running success stories, the Science Fair is science, discovery, competition, fun and lots more, as the participants noted. For chemistry professor and long-time Science Fair judge, Dr. Len Holmes, it is about raising the bar in science. "This year, I have to say, I am impressed. I have seen some good questions," Dr. Holmes said. "The projects are getting more sophisticated every year." For Rick Johnson, Lead Science Teacher for Moore County Schools, the Science Fair is about building participation. "We have seven schools represented this year and 40 projects, from elementary through high school, and some of the entries are unbelievable," Johnson said. "This is an excellent program that we want to grow in Moore County." Johnson was right about the projects from his schools. North Moore High School junior Paige Brown was the overall winner. For Brown, it is about doing something that is interesting. "I worked every day for about two weeks on this project," she said. "My advice to other contestants is to do something that you are interested in. That way you put more into it." Brown's winning entry, on measuring the content of organic matter in soil samples, was worth a \$1,000 scholarship to UNCP. For Dylan Locklear and Timothy Aponte, sixth graders from Union Chapel Elementary School, the Science Fair is about caring for the environment. They compared the acidity of water samples from samples taken all over Robeson County. "We learned that most of the water here is polluted, and there's lots of trash," Aponte said. "We need to take care of our water." Locklear's grandfather, who worked many years at a water treatment plant, helped the pair with research. Patrick Sessoms, an eighth grader at West Pine Middle School in Moore County, said family history had a hand in his Science Fair project too. "We are a family of tobacco growers, so I am trying to continue family history," Sessoms said. Sessoms studied the effects of pH on Angel Trumpet plants grown in a hydroponics environment. His handcrafted display was sharp, and Sessoms had times his plant growth perfectly to show off the effects of alkalinity or acidity in the water, which bubbled through the root systems in glass containers. "I did about 15 hours of research and well over 48 hours of work," Sessoms said. "I do carpentry work in the summer, so I made the stand and light hangers myself."

Besides doing research on the Internet, Sessoms learned to use advanced spreadsheet software to graph the results. "Hydroponics, or growing plants without soil, has been around since the Aztecs," he said. "A four-by-four foot garden could feed a family of four." For Science Fair veteran John Harbison, a teacher at Fayetteville Academy, the Science Fair is about training the next generation of scientist. "As a nation, we are behind in science," Harbison said. "I like what I see here. In my six years with the Science Fair, there has been tremendous improvement, and I've seen some great projects today." At the end of the day, Harbison was pleased with the results. Fayetteville Academy's Elyse Russing won first place in the Senior Physical Science division, and Tyler Britt took first place in Senior Technology. For Flora McDonald Academy third-graders, Brennen Slater, Christy Johnson and Peyton Wood, who were busy examining all the entries, the Science Fair is about the joy of discovery. Studying at her family's hog farm, Wood learned which antibiotic ointments worked the best for piglets, that have just lost their tails. And, she learned more than that. "Yes, they squeal really loud, and their mamma's get mad," she said. "I want to be a vet." Slater said he learned that "a full moon has the most gravitational pull on tides." And, Johnson said she learned that "the darkest colors of clothing are the hottest." For Northwood Temple Academy 10th grader Brett Young, who was attending his third Science Fair, it is about ideas. "It's exciting to see different ideas," he said. His idea named, "The Electric Tickle Device," studied the effects of low voltage electricity on plant growth and was good for second place in the Senior Biology division. The award earned Young a trip to state competition. The top eight finishers in the elementary divisions and the top two finishers in the junior and senior divisions qualify for the state competition later in the spring. For Science Fair coordinator, Dr. Jose D' Arruda, this was his 23rd Science Fair. He never tires of the event, which was held this year in GPAC and in large tents on the lawn because of campus construction. "It was one of the best fairs ever," Dr. D' Arruda said. "The tents really provide a complete festival atmosphere, and we had over 400 projects."

Moore Regional Pregnancy Fair scheduled for April 22

PINEHURST - Expectant parents always have lots of questions about prenatal care and childbirth. New parents probably have even more questions about the care of their newborn. Area residents can attend the upcoming FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Pregnancy Fair and get those questions answered. "We feel it's important for mothers and the entire family to get a good head start," says Wanda Post, the hospital's assistant director of Women and Children's Services. "The Pregnancy Fair is an excellent way for people to learn the basics about childbirth and parenting. They also get the opportunity to ask experts about more detailed questions or concerns they may have." An interactive question-and-answer session will highlight the April 22 program, which will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Fair Barn, 395 Magnolia Drive, Pinhurst. Topics will include prenatal care, pediatrics, childbirth, mother-baby care, neonatal services and breastfeeding. More than 30 vendors from throughout the Sandhills will also be present with a variety of giveaways to share. There is no cost to attend the Pregnancy Fair, and registration is not necessary. For more information on FirstHealth's birthing centers and free Childbirth Education classes, click on "Services" on the FirstHealth Web site: www.firsthealth.org.

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Setting up their project are Dylan Locklear and Timothy Aponte, sixth graders from Union Chapel Elementary School in Robeson County.

UNCP students join Indiana University Research program

PEMBROKE, N.C. - Three undergraduates from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke will travel to Indiana University this summer to take part in a 10-week research program. Angelie Santos, a junior biology major, Aleesha Herring, a sophomore psychology major, and Corey Revels, a freshman biology/chemistry major, have been accepted to the MEDIC-B Scholars Program. MEDIC-B (Minority Education and Development Initiative for Careers in Biomedical Research) is a two-year program that offers research opportunities for promising undergraduates. Santos, who is returning for a second summer to the Bloomington, Ind., campus, said she is fortunate to be able to continue her research project. "In my second year, I will work in the same lab, so I can continue my project," she said. "I am working on the role of the sindbus virus in initiating the translations and replication of RNA." The daughter of UNCP Biology Professor Dr. Marilu Santos, she is a Lumberton High School Graduate. Herring, a Cape Fear High School graduate and member of UNCP's University Honors College, said she is very excited to have been admitted into the program. "It's a good opportunity," she said. "I'll be doing research with professors in an area that I choose, probably in social psychology or child development." Herring said UNCP psychology Professor Dr. Patrick Cabe encouraged her to apply for the program. "It was a long application process, but I'm glad I did it," Herring said. "Dr. Cabe said he thought it would be good for me, and that I would represent UNCP well." Revels looked at other summer opportunities, but MEDIC-B looked like the best option. "I am very interested in the immune system," Revels said. "I hope to be able to study how cells communicate." MEDIC-B pays all cost and a stipend too, but Santos, who plans to go to graduate school, said the experience is priceless. "The research experience helped me a lot," she said. "At UNCP, labs meet once a week, but going to a research university, you get in-depth exposure, like graduate school." UNCP is one of seven universities in the MEDIC-B program. Chemistry Professor Dr. Len Holmes coordinates the MEDIC-B program at UNCP. "This program with Indiana University has been very good for UNCP," Dr. Holmes said. "Over the past six years, a dozen deserving science students have had the benefit of participating in the important field of biomedical research." "This opportunity is highly competitive, and it is indeed a mark of distinction for UNCP, Angelie, Aleesha and Corey," Dr. Holmes said. Herring is active in several campus groups. She is a Student Marshal, an Ambassador for the Office of Admissions and a Peer Advisor for the Office of Advisement and Retention. Santos and twin sister, Angelin, are Student Marshals. Angelie is a member of Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society, TriBeta Biology Honor Society and the Health Careers Club. She was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. From the Philadelphia community near Pembroke, Revels graduated from Purnell Swett High School. He is a member of the Health Careers Club and plans to go to medical school. "MEDIC-B is more for undergraduates who will enter Ph.D. programs, but there is a lot I can learn about lab techniques and science," Revels said. "I am seeking the Knowledge. I enjoy that, so I'm going to take full advantage of this opportunity." MEDIC-B is funded by the National Institute of Health's General Medical Sciences' Division of Minority Opportunities in Research, through their Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) Branch. The major goals of MEDIC-B are to prepare students for graduate school and future careers in research. Each year 34 undergraduate students are selected to participate. MEDIC-B affiliate institutions include Alcorn State University, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, New Mexico State University.

Final applications being evaluated for Ten Star Basketball Camp

Final applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 11 Foreign Countries attended the 2003 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp Location Include: Hickory, NC, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Champaign, IL, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Baltimore, MD, Ypsilanti, MI, Hamilton, NY, Bluffton, OH, Lock Haven, PA, Lebanon, TN, Commerce, TX, Blackburg, VA, Poultney, VT, Olympia, WA, and Beloit, WI. For free Brochure, call (704) 373-0873 ANY-TIME.

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