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"Ned" Sampson joins NCHSAA Hall of Fame



Pembroke, NC--"there's no other person like our coach, Mr. Ned," a former basketball player said of John W. "Ned" Sampson. Sampson, a three-sport star and 1953 UNCP graduate was nominated in August to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's (NCHSAA) Hall of Fame. He is a legendary player and coach, and the father of Oklahoma University head basketball coach Kelvin Sampson. According to the Raleigh News and Observer, Sampson may be the best Native American athlete ever from North Carolina. Although he excelled in three

sports, Sampson was best at basketball in high school and UNCP and had an outstanding coaching career at Magnolia High School. He took the news with characteristic modesty. "It's something I did not expect, but I'm glad and I feel honored by being selected," Sampson told Earl Vaughn Jr. of the Fayetteville Observer. "I really enjoyed playing ball. When we came along, that's about all there was to do, that and work." Sampson went on to a great career at UNC Pembroke. His talents went mostly unnoticed nationally, but after a game against a traveling all-star team, Sampson received a letter from Duke All-American Dick Groat saying he was the best basketball player he had ever played against. He averaged 24.3 points per game in his senior season at UNCP in 1952, and he scored a school record 40 points against Campbell University. At 6-foot-2, 190 pounds, Sampson was a pure shooter who could use either hand, according to "Playing Before an Overflow Crowd," the

book by Bruce Barton and Tim Brayboy that chronicled the all-Indian basketball league. "This is the best thing I've heard in a long time," Barton said of the Hall of Fame nomination. "He's my hero and a class act. Mr. Ned has more friends than anybody I know." Sampson coached at Magnolia from 1953 through 1967, winning Indian High School Athletic Conference championships in both men's and women's basketball. He was a teacher, coach and athletic director at Pembroke High from 1968 through 1977. Ronnie Chavis, who helped nominate Sampson for the hall, said he always got the best out of his players. Chavis is athletic director for the Public Schools of Robeson County and serves on several NCHSAA committees. "I'm very happy for Mr. Ned because he's getting his due," said Chavis, who played against Sampson's teams and later worked for him. "He always seemed the same, win or lose. He took the talent he had and worked extremely hard to bring out the best in them." The all-Indian conference was not sanctioned by the NCHSAA, and

Sampson's election is an important recognition of its outstanding players, coaches and fans, Chavis said. Basketball is in the Sampson family's blood. Son, Kelvin, played basketball and baseball at Pembroke High School and later UNCP. He is head basketball coach at Oklahoma University. Ned and Kelvin are the only father-son tandem in UNCP's Athletic Hall of Fame. "He was a great, great athlete," Kelvins aid of his father in his biography, "Kelvin Sampson, The OU Basketball Story." "I was inducted more for what I accomplished after I left. He was inducted for what he accomplished there." While the Sampsons prepare for another basketball season, Mr. Ned has a few additional dates on his calendar. The eight new members of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame will be honored at Kenan Stadium on September 25 at UNC-Chapel Hill's game with the University of Louisville. The new members will officially be inducted at a Hall of Fame banquet next spring at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill.



Nina Nicole Locklear

Graduate of McLeod Regional Medical Center School of Medical Technology

Nina Nicole Locklear of Pembroke was among four graduates from the McLeod Regional Medical Center School of Medical Technology in Florence, South Carolina on July 29, 2004. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The daughter of Harold and Zona Locklear of Pembroke, Locklear is married to Michael Locklear. She is anticipating employment with Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

Native Americans to Gather in Charles City, VA for 53rd Annual Fall Festival and Pow-Wow

Native Americans from Maine to Florida will join the Chickahominy Indian Tribe as they Celebrate their 53rd Annual Fall Festival and Pow-Wow, Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26, 2004; on the Chickahominy Tribal Grounds in Charles City County, Virginia. Grounds open at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 25, with Grand Entry at 12:00 noon. Sunday hours are 11:00-6:00 p.m., with Grand Entry at 1:00 p.m. The Festival/Pow-Wow will feature Native American dancers, drummers, singers and crafters. The longest running traditional Pow-Wow in Virginia, the Chickahominy gathered in 1951 at Samaria Indian School, which is now home to Samaria Baptist Church. The Pow-Wow/Fall Festival later moved to the current tribal grounds. Stephen Adkins, Chief of the Chickahominy Indian Tribe believes that the Chickahominy Pow-Wow is an excellent way for the public to share the rich Virginia Indian culture directly with the Indian people. "The 53rd annual Fall Festival and Pow-Wow promises to be an exciting event for all who choose to attend," comments Chief Adkins. "The Chickahominy Indian Tribe strives to provide a wholesome family environment in which people can learn about the Tribe through song, dance, crafts, lectures and informal conversation." All veterans will be honored during the Grand Entry ceremonies each day with special recognition to soldiers currently serving in the Middle East. Native American crafters will have jewelry, pottery, beadwork, leather crafts, and other Native American arts and crafts for sale. Historical and cultural demonstrations, including backwoods survival demonstrations and flute music are

planned. Special dance exhibitions will take place at various times each day. Food will be available and will feature Indian Fry Bread/tacos, hamburgers and hot dogs, fish and chips and plenty of cold beverages. Marvin "Many Horses" Burnette will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for this year's Gathering. A member of the Oglala Tribe, Lakota Sioux Nation of South Dakota, and career U.S. Army Veteran, Burnette is a favorite at Pow-Wows across the nation, frequently invited to serve as MC or traditional lead male dancer. Honored to serve, Burnette says, "Although all native people have their own tribal traditions, when we approach the circle, we share differences in cultures as we dance as "One People." The featured host will be Red Wolf, from Holister, North Carolina. Several drums have been invited. Head male dancer is Mikar Richardson, member of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe; head female dancer is Nokomis Lemons from the Rappahannock-Portabago Tribe. Jay Hill, Seneca/Objiwa, will be the Arena Director. The festival is open to the public. No admission is charged; however, donations will be appreciated. Transportation from the parking lot and seating will be available for senior adults and disabled citizens. Tribal officials recommend that attendees bring their own lawn chairs and blankets. Due to health and safety regulations, pets are not permitted on Pow-Wow grounds. For further information about the 53rd annual Pow-Wow/Fall Festival, including directions to the Chickahominy Tribal Grounds, please visit our website at www.chickahominytribe.org or call (804) 966-2448.

Arthritis and diabetes clinic to open at SRMC

Soon residents of Robeson County and surrounding areas will have access to full-time medical specialists who treat arthritis and diabetes. Both these new physicians have joined the medical staff at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Dr. Frederick A. Talip, a rheumatologist, and Dr. Analy M. Torres, an endocrinologist, are opening their combined practice, Lumberton Diabetes and Arthritis Clinic, at 4300 Fayetteville Road in Lumberton on August 2. The physicians, both natives of the Philippines, are a married couple who live in Lumberton with their two children. "We chose Lumberton because it offered an opportunity for us to practice our sub-specialties exclusively," said Dr. Talip. "We will be accepting patients often by referral from other physicians in the area." The two doctors relocated from Louisiana where they were affiliated with Teche Regional Medical Center in Morgan City, La., for the past three years. "There are many people in this area who have been diagnosed with diabetes," said Dr. Torres. "I treat adult patients with diabetes, but I do not treat children younger than 15 years." Dr. Torres earned her medical degree from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila in 1993. She completed residency training in internal medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1998. She completed a fellowship in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism in 2000 at the Health Science Center in Syracuse, N.Y., which is affiliated with the prestigious Joslin Center for Diabetes. She is board-certified in internal medicine and in sub-specialties of endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Torres will limit her practice to treating patients with diabetes and other metabolic disorders. Dr. Talip earned his medical degree from the Cebu Institute of Medicine in Cebu City, the Philippines. He also completed residency training in internal medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1998. Further training in rheumatology took him to Providence, R.I., where he completed a fellowship in 2000 at the Roger Williams Medical Center, which is affiliated with the Boston University School of Medicine. He is board-certified in internal medicine and in the medical sub-specialty of rheumatology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He plans to limit his practice to disease of the joints and related disorders. "We came from a smaller town than Lumberton, and we believe this area is large enough to allow us to do what we love most-treat the many patients here who struggle daily to manage arthritis and / or diabetes," Dr. Talip said. "We think that the demographics of this area will allow us to have a significant impact on the health status of the community." Drs. Talip and Torres may be reached at their clinic at (910) 671-8556 or 671-9252, P.O. Box 1408 300 W. 27th St. Lumberton, NC 28359 (910) 671-5000 www.srmc.org

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Indian Health Forum set for Lumberton

RALEIGH - The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs will host the second of two American Indian Community Health and Human Resource Forums on Sept. 2 in Lumberton. A forum in June was held in Burlington. The forum comes early in Healthy North Carolina Month, proclaimed for September by Gov. Mike Easley to urge citizens to participate in prevention, wellness or fitness activities. "Gov. Easley has challenged every North Carolinian to get involved with Healthy North Carolina Month," said Secretary Gwynn Swinson of the N.C. Department of Administration. "The forum will address health issues of special interest to our American Indian citizens. Knowledge is power, the power to save lives through healthy lifestyles and early intervention." The Commission of Indian Affairs is housed in the Department of Administration. Dr. Leah Devlin, state health director, and other state health leaders will be featured speakers. Topics will include public health, chronic diseases among Indians, mental health reform, engaging tribal communities to improve healthcare, and strengthening tribal communities through economic development. The forums continue the effort of the annual American Indian Health Summit, which began in 2001, focusing on improving healthcare in Indian communities. The Lumberton forum will meet at the Southeastern Agricultural Center. Participants may register on-site. The \$25 registration fee covers all workshops, materials, breaks and lunch. For vendor information or to register early, call Sonya McIver with the Commission of Indian Affairs at (919) 733-5998. According to the 2000 Census, over 99,000 Indians live in North Carolina. The eight state-recognized tribes are Eastern Band of Cherokee, Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation, Sappony and Waccamaw-Siouan. Indian urban organizations are located in Fayetteville, Greensboro, Charlotte and Raleigh.



Takonna Lyn Bullard a resident of Red Springs, North Carolina is the new North Carolina Majestic Queen, winner of \$10,000. She is the proud 11-year old daughter of Micheal and Teresa Bullard. She attends school at Mt. Zion Christian Academy where she is a raising seventh grader. Takonna performed an outstanding tap routine to "Turn the Beat Around", which required a lot of talent skill, and speed. The four day event was held July 21-24 at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. Out of 15 other contestants in her category, Takonna won wardrobe, and swimsuit. She received the highest score out of 133 contestants that participated during this four day event, thus given the title North Carolina Majestic Queen, crowned by Miss North Carolina 2004, Kirstin Elrod, herself. As Takonna says, "Whatever you set your mind to you can achieve it, and I will proudly represent my state with beauty grace and pride!" While holding this title, she will be traveling throughout North Carolina raising \$10,000 for the Masonic Home in Oxford. The Miss North Carolina Court are the only women allowed in the Masonic St. John's Parade. Takonna has a personal goal of raising \$2,000 for the University of North Carolina Pediatric Cancer Clinic. Although her schedule is very, very busy she enjoys taking time to recall all those memorable moments from her previous pageants, which have "helped her to become a better person" says the proud eleven year old. Takonna also says the song "I Believe", sung by Fantasia Barrino, this years American Idol winner, inspires her and always reminds her of the scripture, "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me", found in Philippians 4:13. But no matter what Takonna does, win or loose, her family and friends stand behind and support her 100 percent!

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