

# Music, health information combine at Fiesta Latina

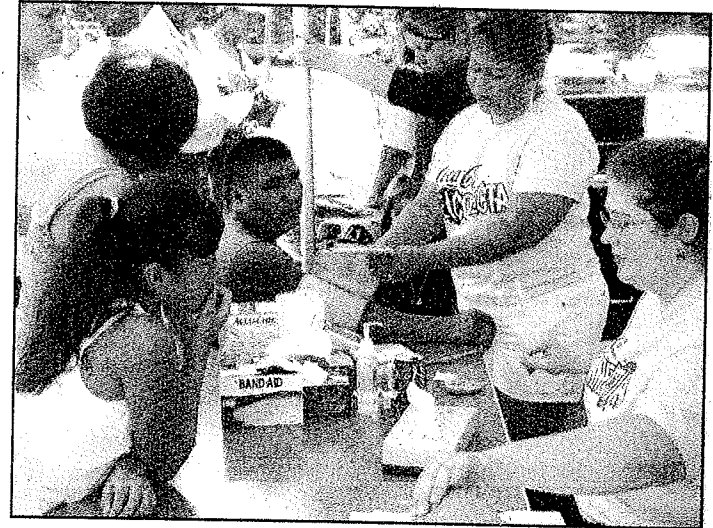
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The 12th Fiesta Latina drew at least 1,000 people to Greene County Health Care for music, dancing, kids slide and some health education, too.

All the medical information provided by GCHC and 10 agencies was available in both Spanish and English, he said.

"We figure it's a good way to get the Latino people involved," said Steve Davis, event coordinator and director of the migrant program. "It encourages the local community to come out as well and learn about the La-



*Photo by Margaret Fisher*

Felix Martínez gets his blood pressure checked by Elvira Cruz, a medical assistant from the Walstonburg Medical Center, as his wife Teofila Martínez and daughter Daniela Martínez, 10, watch. Also pictured (right) is Rachel Mizell, a bilingual physician assistant.

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tino culture."

There were free blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol screenings and visitors could take home a prize by making a written commitment to quit or not start smoking and spinning a prize wheel. The latter was provided by Greene County Health Department.

Davis said there are usually about 30 agencies, but cutbacks in travel likely prevented many of the agencies, some in Raleigh, to attend this year.

food.

"It's a good event for all Hispanics to get together and meet people and get information," said Felix Martínez after he got his blood pressure checked.

Healthy Greene, a chapter of Healthy Carolinians, provided information on physical activity, nutrition, injury prevention and chronic disease. The group is recruiting members, including individuals, who have the same goals, said Erica Payton, health educator.

The N.C. Coastal Pines Girl Scout chapter is seeking girls 5 years old or older who would like to be part