

Editorial And Opinion Page



Rev. Welton Lowry celebrates 89th birthday



PEMBROKE-Rev. Welton Lowry, Pembroke stalwart and political, spiritual and educational leader, celebrated his 89th birthday with many of his friends Wednesday Morning (Sept. 26) at Lumbee Drive In Restaurant in Pembroke.

Rev. Lowry, still active as a Baptist minister, was treated to breakfast and a birthday cake and gifts. His smile is evidence of his happiness and surprise.

Sharing the camera with him (left to right) are Ms. Lillie Heckman, cook, and Regina Deese and Kathy McMillan, cashiers and workers.

Rev. Lowry was born September 26, 1912. (Bruce Barton photo)

THE LUMBEE TRIBE HAS MADE GOOD DECISIONS in hiring Dr. Ruth Dial Woods as tribal administrator and Patrick Bullard as finance officer. Competent is a good adjective to describe both of them. Dr. Woods, once an associate school superintendent and Director of Indian Education, and Bullard, presently chairman of the school board, and a former finance officer for the schools, will provide good leadership for the tribe in the crucial days ahead ... as I see it.

LRDA to Open Boys & Girls Club

LRDA is extremely proud to report that the very first Boys and Girls Club of America unit in a non-federally recognized tribal community is scheduled to open in Pembroke at the Clinton L. Thomas Community Center in October. LRDA has secured a major funding commitment from the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, who has a joint initiative in place with HUD and the Office of Native American Programs to help establish Boys and Girls Clubs in Indian Country.

This will be the first such club in a state recognized tribal area. HUD and the National Boys and Girls Club Organization have established over ninety clubs jointly on reservations since the initiative started.

The Pembroke Unit Club will adjoin a one hundred unit housing project and is within walking distance of two other housing projects.

Limited transportation will be provided to Red Hill and Hawkeye Sands Housing Projects, two current tribal housing complexes.

The club locally is expected to have over five hundred club members in two years.

The partners involved in bringing this new service are LRDA, Pembroke Housing Authority, The Town of Pembroke, The Boys and Girls Club of Lumberton/Robeson County, and UNC-Pembroke Youth Technology Program.

Look for a major announcement in the media about this new service in the month of September and on all the outstanding partners helping to make it possible for all the youth in this area.

For more information, please call James Hardin at (910)521-8602 or visit our website at www.lumbee.org

Windtalkers to Open Summer 2002

Santa Monica, CA-MGM Distribution Company has moved the release date for Windtalkers from the currently scheduled November 9th, 2001 to June 14, 2002 (Flag Day). It was announced recently by Robert Levin, president of worldwide theatrical marketing and distribution for MGM Studios, Inc.

"Windtalkers" starring Nick Cage and directed by John Woo is a film that both the filmmakers and the studio are extremely proud of. It is a vivid and realistic story inspired by true events that took place during World War II. The story is one of sacrifice, heroism and courage. We feel certain that this great film will be enjoyed by the broadest possible audience during the strong summer play period," says Robert Levin.

In Windtalkers there are secrets that need to be kept and heroes that need to keep them.

On December 8, 1941, the United States declared war on Japan. For the next several years, U.S. forces were fully engaged in battle throughout the Pacific, taking over islands one by one in a slow progression toward the mainland Japan. During this brutal campaign, the Japanese were continu-

ally able to break coded military transmissions, dramatically slowing U.S. progress.

In 1942, several hundred Navajo Americans were recruited as Marines and trained to use their language as code. In Windtalkers, Marine Joe Enders (Nicolas Cage) is assigned to protect Ben Yahzee (Adam Beach)-a Navajo code talker, the Marines' new secret weapon. Enders' orders are to protect his code talker, but if Yahzee should fall into enemy hands, he's to "protect the code at all costs." Against the backdrop of the horrific Battle of Saipan, when capture is imminent, Enders is forced to make a decision; if he can't protect his fellow Marine, can he bring himself to kill him to protect the code? The Navajo code was the only one never broken by the Japanese, and is considered to have been key in winning the war.

Directed by John Woo, the film stars Nicolas Cage, with co-stars Adam Beach, Peter Stormare, Noah Emmerich, Mark Ruffalo, Brian Van Holt, Roger Willie, Frances O'Connor, and Christian Slater. Windtalkers was produced by John Woo, Terence Chang, Tracie Graham, and Alison Rosenzweig, from a script by John

The age of an object can be measured by how many of the radiocarbon atoms in an object have decayed. Half the radiocarbon in an object breaks down about every 5,700 years.

Editorially Speaking

Contemplating sensitive information and Encouragement from our Tribal Council

We will refrain from writing about the recently adopted re-districting plan by the Board of Education this week while we continue to contemplate whether we will publish some very sensitive and delicate information we have documented on Chairman Patrick Bullard.

In the meantime, we are encouraged with our Tribal Government and the hiring of Dr. Ruth Dial Woods as Tribal Administrator. Her employment brings us, in our opinion, one step closer to a smooth transference of programs and duties from LRDA to the Tribal Council. The most important issue right now is that the transition be done without a loss of services to the people. Dr. Woods, we believe can help bring about a unifying of the two groups and thereby unify more solidly the Lumbee people.

Southeastern Regional Medical Center Support Group Meetings in October

Unique Surviving Sisters, a female cancer support group, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Obbie Lee Community Education Room of the Southeastern Cancer Center, 1200 Pine Run Dr.; call 671-5768. Next meeting: October 9, 2001

Super Lungs, a support group for persons with breathing problems or lung disorders, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Assembly room at Southeastern Regional Medical Center; call 738-5403. Next meeting: October 9, 2001

Alzheimer's Support Group meet the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the dining room of WoodHaven Nursing and Alzheimer's Care Center, 1150 Pine Run Dr.; call 671-5703. Next meeting: October 11, 2001

The Compassionate Friends support group, designed to offer friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings, stepparents and grandparents, meets the third Monday each month at 7 p.m. at Southeastern Home Health, 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. There is no charge for these sessions. For more information, call (910) 671-5655. Next meeting: October 15, 2001

Man to Man, a prostate cancer support group and lecture series, meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Obbie Lee Community Education Room of the Southeastern Cancer Center, 1200 Pine Run Dr.; call 671-5730. Next meeting: October 16, 2001

The Stroke support group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the rehab services lobby of Southeastern Lifestyle Center for Fitness and Rehabilitation, 4895 Fayetteville Rd. Next meeting: October 16, 2001

Diabetes support group sponsored by Southeastern Home Health meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. Health care professionals speak on topics helpful to persons with diabetes and their families. For more information, call 671-5600. Next meeting: October 25, 2001

Narcotics Anonymous (NA), a self-help group for people recovering from drug addiction, meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at Carolina Manor Treatment Center, 1100 Pine Run Drive. For more information, call &38-1191.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), a self-help group for recovering alcoholics, meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Carolina Manor Treatment Center, 1100 Pine Run Dr., 738-1191.

Al-Anon, a weekly support group for family members of alcoholics, meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Carolina Manor Treatment Center, 1100 Pine Run Dr., 738-1191.

Free Breast Cancer Screens Offered to Women Ages 18 and Older
Women, ages 18 and older, may be eligible for a free breast exam or mammogram during the month of October. To determine eligibility, please call Sandra Gray, RN, at the Robeson County Health Department at 671-3232. These free screens are being offered through the cooperation of Southeastern Regional Medical Center, Robeson County Health Department, Lumberton Radiological Associates and physician volunteers.

Farm Service Agency Seeks County Committee Candidates

The **Farms Service Agency (ESA)** is looking for candidates for the farmer-elected County Committee election to be held this fall. "It is crucial that every eligible agricultural producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the US Department of Agriculture," says Giles B Floyd, Robeson/Scotland FSA, County Executive Director. "The County Committee system needs everyone to get involved from voters to committee candidates. Almost anyone eligible to take part in a local FSA program may be a candidate for the committee."

Nomination forms can be obtained from FSA County offices. Completed nomination forms are due back to the FSA office by October 29. FSA will notify nominees and mail election ballots to eligible voters in mid-November, and completed ballots will then be due back to FSA offices by December 3. The election will end December 10, and elected members and alternates will take office January 1, 2002.

FSA County Committees make decisions on: commodity price support loans and payments; establishment of allotments, yield and marketing quotes; farmer loans; and other farm disaster assistance.

"The County Committee is an important part of the service delivery of the USDA. We'd like to include more farmers in nontraditional operations and peoples who livelihoods depend on farming", said Floyd. "We're also looking for small farmers, specialty crop farmers, truck farmers, and spouses or business partners- anyone who would be able to add some new or different experiences to their Local County Committee."

For more information contact your local USDA Farm Service Agency office at (910)739-3349.

Saddletree Church of God to present Gospel Music Explosion

The Young at Heart of the Saddletree Church of God are planning a Gospel Music Explosion on Friday, October 5, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. The featured singers will include the Saddletree Church of God Mass Choir, the Sycamore Singers; the Locklear Brothers and the Tylers; and Rev. and Mrs. Terry Oxendine.

The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Millard Maynard and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

If you have **DIABETES** and **INSURANCE** you may be eligible to receive your **Diabetes Testing Supplies** at little or no cost.

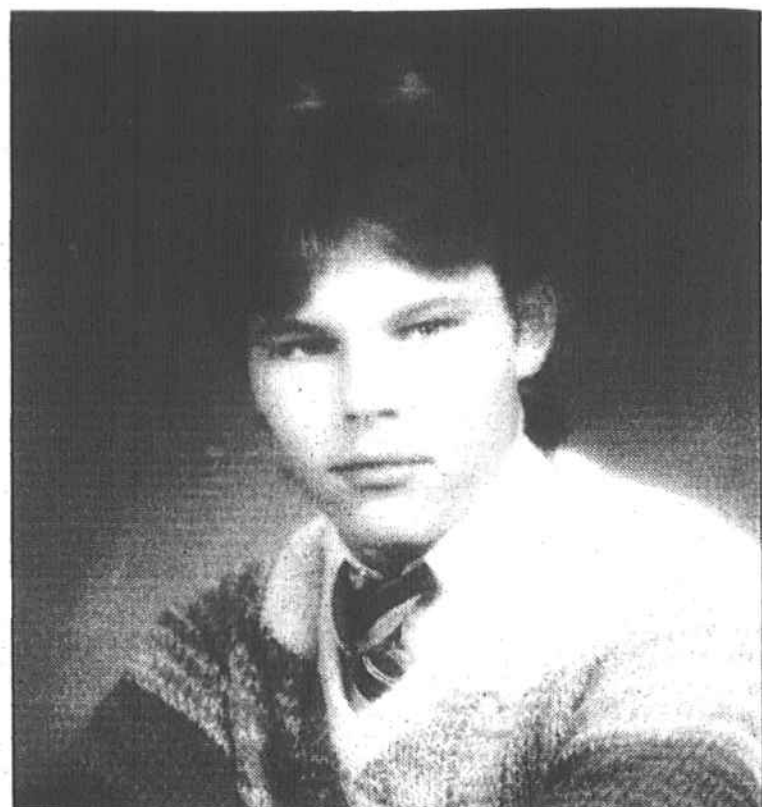
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The past cannot be remade.
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My memory shall not fade.
I loved and still love you dearly.
When we meet fear shall not be
within me.
Tell me, what is it like to be up there?
To have all your sins stripped bare
What is it like to watch people cry
for you?

To have people want to die, so they can be with you.
Your idol, I mean my hero.
Even if you were nothing, you'd be my zero.
And with this I end my thoughts.....
"Uncle Bobby I love and miss you dearly"
by Jeriad Jacobs

Love always, Momma, sisters Janet & Kristi, brother in law Daryl and nephew Jeriad

Son of Raeford Woman Serves Aboard Nuclear-Powered Submarine



NORFOLK, VA. Imagine on office without windows and filled with high-tech equipment, Tomahawk missiles and MK-48 torpedoes are nearby and a nuclear reactor provides your power. Your location is hundreds of feet underwater and unknown but to a few. Sounds unrealistic, doesn't it? Not for the Sailors stationed aboard the submarine USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723), based in Norfolk, VA. To protect the interests of the United States, sailors like Chief Petty Officer Andrew Frahm work everyday in this environment.

Working on an attack submarine is perhaps the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. Everyone plays an important role aboard this 360-foot vessel, and not even for a brief moment can they escape their responsibilities in this tight-knit community. Frahm, son of Shirley Frahm of Raeford, N.C., is one of these extraordinary men on whom the Navy relies to carry out the submarine's vital mission.

"I am the sonar leading chief petty officer, as well as the first lieutenant division officer," said the 37-year-old sonar technician.

A submarine is a different world than the one most people are used to. Operating silently in the cold depths of the world's oceans and seas, a nuclear submarine is completely insulated from the outside world, making it the ultimate stealth weapon. In this arsenal hidden beneath the waves, up to 150 submariners live together in a space equivalent to a three-bedroom house. As members of this elite group, submariners enjoy unique and interesting experiences that compensate for the difficulties they encounter.

"I enjoy the training and technical knowledge that I have gained since I have been on the sub," Frahm said. "I think the best part about being on a sub is the close-knit community and the fact that we learn to defend and trust each other."

Attack submarines like Oklahoma City are a vital part of the Navy and the national defense structure. They are designed to silently seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships at sea or launch strikes with tomahawk cruise missiles at targets ashore. Their missions also include intelligence collection and insertion and extraction of clandestine special operations forces.

"I believe the submarine community is important to the Navy because we have the Tomahawk strike capability, stealth optional capability and the independent operational ability," said the 1982 graduate of Hoke County High School.

Frahm joined the Navy in May of 1986 and has had many exciting experiences during his 15-year naval career. "We just completed and exercise in which the ship spent a couple of weeks under packed ice, which was really an exciting experience. We also had the opportunity to visit Bergen, Norway, for a port visit," he said.

Serving in the world's most powerful Navy gives sailors a sense of accomplishment and personal pride in protecting America's red, white and blue. For Frahm, it is also a duty that most richly deserves the proud and time-honored title "Submariner".

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