

Pembroke Area chamber Annual Banquet to be held January 18th at UNCP

The Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner will be held January 18, 2003 in the Chavis University Center at UNC-Pembroke.

This is a major fund-raising and publicity event for the Chamber. The reception begins at 6:30 P.M. in the University Center with the dinner following. A dance will follow at PM. Tickets are available from Chamber officers.

"Billy Ray Hall, President of the N.C. Rural Economic Development center in Raleigh will be the keynote speaker for the event," said Ben Jacobs, Chamber President. Awards will be presented to outstanding businesses and leaders in the Pembroke area. "All Chamber members and persons interested in economic development in Pembroke are encouraged to attend," said Jacobs.

"The mission of the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote the general welfare and the quality of life for all through sound economic development," said Jacobs.

The Chamber will present three major awards. The Pembroke Appearance Award is a new honor to be presented to a business or orga-

nization that has provided outstanding leadership in improving the appearance of the Pembroke community. The Business of the Year Award will be presented to a Pembroke area business that has experienced outstanding growth and that has served as a leader in the area. The Harry West Locklear President's Award will be presented to a Chamber volunteer who has provided exemplary service to the Chamber.

The Chamber will install new officers who will serve from 2003 to 2005. R.D. Locklear, of Locklear Financial Group will replace Ben Jacobs as the PACC president. Angela Chavis, of First Bank, will replace Robert Canida, of UNC-Pembroke, who served as vice-president. Keith Branch, of Progressive State Bank, will replace Ron Brown of Pate's Supply, in the position of Treasurer. Beverly Locklear of Healthkeeperz will replace Angela Revels of Healthkeeperz, in the position of secretary. Ben Jacobs of Lumbee Regional Development Association will replace Teresa Oxendine of UNC-Pembroke in the position of executive director.

Individual tickets are \$30.00 per person. A corporate table is \$150.

LRDA Staff sponsors Boys & Girls Christmas Party

LRDA employees have once again shown their devotion and concern for those they serve. This year the employees gave of their own and helped solicit local sponsors for the annual Christmas party for the local Boys & Girls Club Pembroke unity members.

The staff raised \$500.00 to help sponsor the party for the over 125 Club members and their families. The Club is located in the Pembroke Housing Authority, Clinton Thomas Community Building, in the Strickland Heights Housing project in Pembroke.

The LRDA Board of Directors founded the local Club in 2001 in partnership with the Pembroke Housing Authority, the town of Pembroke, the University of NC@Pembroke Triumph Program, and the Boys & Girls Club of Lumberton. It is the first nationally sanctioned Club in a non-federally tribal community in the nation.

The club is managed by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Robeson County and is locally directed by Glenda Hadden and her staff. Glenda is a former Miss Lumbee.

The donation by the LRDA staff and contributors helped to provide a meal, fruit, and gifts for the kids at their Christmas party set for December 19th. Local merchants also donated items for the party, recruited by the local Club's staff.

LRDA staff continues to go beyond the call of duty to serve the communities. This kind of care can be shown when we all reach out to help our children no matter what their race or creed.

Lumbee Partnership considered a success

The Lumbee Tribal Council is proud to announce its partnership with 18 local, faith based and non-profit organizations to distribute food with the Community Services Partnership Program was a success for the year 2002.

Award grants to the total of \$18,000, was released to the organizations to administer the distribution of food within their communities. A review of the program yielded that together the organizations and the government assisted a total of 8,271 people with volunteer hours reaching almost 3,000.

The Lumbee tribal government would like to thank the following organizations for their help and assistance in the success for this program: Northside Church of God, Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Riverside Independent Baptist Church, Robeson County Church & Community Center, Burnt Swamp Philadelphus Volunteer Fire Dept., Union Chapel Community Baptist, Prospect Ladies Auxiliary, Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, Baker's Chapel, Senior Citizens of Mt. Olive Holiness Church, Antioch Baptist Women, Saddletree Church of God, American Indian Mothers, MT Elim Baptist, and Vision of Christ.

To be eligible for the Lumbee Community Services Partnership Program the organization must be non-profit and organized for charitable purposes and be within Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties. The organizations must agree to service Indian people that are not members of the organization and that demonstrate need.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, and the Office of Community Services provide funding for the Lumbee Community Service Partnership.

Magnolia High Alumni Reunion Scheduled for July 3rd

Magnolia High School Alumni Reunion is scheduled for July 3, 2003. A planning session is scheduled for January 13, 2003 at 7:00 PM at Fuller's Restaurant. All former students of Magnolia High School are urged to attend the planning session. For more information call Louis Locklear at 671-4121.

It's the truth or I ain't here by Screaming Eagle

My Granny Leanna loved to make quilts. But the one I like the best was the one my Grandpa Will brought home from WWI, it was an ole wool thing that keeps us youngun's feet warm a many a night. Little did I realize at the time it had been through a war, and kept Grandpap Will warm while in the trenches in Germany and France. Course, Ole Granny Leanna's quilts was "purrier than you ever seen," and was mostly made from scraps from the clothes us younguns could no longer wear, or was plain "ruint" as Granny would say. I remember years later after Granny passed on, my mother hollering at us younguns for using Granny's quilts for laying on out on the porch. "Boy, my mother would sure 'raise cane'..... course to us younguns, had no idea the pain, and love that went into such doings as 'quilting'."

Well, I'm here to tell ya, "I dun learnt' my lesson." Cause for the past year I've been making a quilt, just like ole Granny Leanna done. I laid it out, designed it, cut it and stitched it all by hand, and all by myself. That's right...and over 350,000 stitches later, holes poked in every finger. I'm "here ta' say," if I was to give it to my younguns and caught them outside with it laying on the porch, "they'd be heading for the woodshed!!" Well, truth be told, I just found a new respect for Ole Granny Leanna, and for Lumbee women in general cause making quilts ain't no joke! It's a pile of work. I don't think I could ever make a quilt as good as a Lumbee gal, or ole Granny Leanna, but it looks pretty good..... which is why it's coming to the Carolina Indian Voice, and then to Mother Earth's Creations for a couple of months...then, it's going to be raffled off to benefit a childrens charity. I can't see it going any other place, except for there. As for all you grannies out there who are making quilts the old way, my hat's off to ya. I sure hope you take the time to come to see the one I made in the up coming weeks, about the first of January or there abouts.

The official "Quilt Raffle Committee" consists of the following individuals: Ms. Connee Brayboy and Ms. Mary Barton-Largent, Carolina Indian Voice; and Mr. Erwin Jacobs who can be contacted through them. Any questions, concerns or comments should be directed towards them. Lastly, if you or your organization is involved with children and are a charitable org and would like to do a benefit in the coming year with "Screaming Eagle Art," contact either of the individuals listed above with info on your org. I know Granny Leanna would want it this way. Well, it's the truth or I ain't here.....

Many people have experienced the fear of sitting in the dentist's chair awaiting the noisy drill to repair diseased teeth. Those who do not care for their teeth at all will eventually lose them and without teeth one will have difficulty chewing food, speaking clearly and smiling with confidence. Through preventive dental care, tooth decay and gum disease can be avoided along with the expensive treatment needed for repair. Prevention is simple and should start at birth.

After every feeding, wipe the baby's gums with a damp cloth to remove plaque. Avoid feeding for a prolonged period of time and most importantly do not give the baby a bottle during naps and bedtime. Prolonged exposure to sugary liquids causes baby bottle tooth decay and costly future dental problems. If your child needs a bottle as a pacifier, use water as a substitute. Start weaning your children from their bottle around twelve months of age and end bottle use by fifteen months of age or as soon as he or she can hold a cup.

Baby teeth may break through as early as four months of age which begins the process of brushing teeth with fluoride toothpaste and a soft tooth brush. If your child is still breast feeding after six months your doctor may prescribe fluoride drops or tablets, especially if your water source is from a non-fluoridated well. Fluoride makes the tooth surface more resistant to decay and promotes remineralization. Public water supplies and soft drinks usually contain a sufficient amount of fluoride. Consult your physician before taking fluoride supplements because excessive fluoride intake can cause dental fluorosis, a discoloring of the enamel.

Brushing and flossing are the most important weapons against plaque formation, the film of bacteria and mucus that causes cavities. Tartar accumulates on your teeth when the plaque is hardened. Bacteria in plaque produce acids and toxins which decay teeth and cause gum disease. To remove the plaque, brush in a circular motion twice a day for at least five minutes using a soft brush and replace when it becomes worn. In addition, floss with waxed or unwaxed floss once a day to remove the plaque a toothbrush can not clean. Simply slip the floss between your teeth and saw back and forth around each tooth. Children under the age of five most likely do not have the dexterity to effectively brush their teeth and will need daily assistance. Encourage your child to brush their own teeth, but make sure to finish the job.

Regular dental visits are another must in caring for your teeth. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends initial evaluation by twelve months of age. Teeth cleaning by a dental hygienist is recommended twice a year. Your dentist may apply a sealant, slippery plastic material, on newly formed permanent teeth to reduce cavities and tooth decay. Contact your insurance company regarding coverage on dental visits or the county health department for assistance.

Preventing tooth decay is easy. With the help of your dentist, take responsibility to care for your teeth with regular flossing and brushing with fluoride toothpaste. All of this will help avoid the torment and expense of teeth fillings or teeth extractions. Early exam and preventive care will protect your smile today and in the future.

A Front Page Editorial Editorially Speaking

Politics, Referendums and Federal Recognition

The Lumbee Tribal Council voted finally to hold a referendum on amending the Lumbee Constitution. The document claims the State of North Carolina as its territory. This should never have been. Lumbee territory has always been Robeson and adjoining counties. We are happy, however, that the tribal council has agreed to give the people the opportunity to decide the issue. We still believe in the collective wisdom of the masses and believe a vote on the amendment will result in amending the document to Robeson and adjoining counties.

It is sad that politics showed up in the government when some folks apparently in an attempt to remove James Hardin from the council wanted to eliminate Cumberland County. We will be happy when tribal council members get over their seeming obsession with LRDA. It is not advantageous to any of us. Of course we have those in our midst who do not wish to see a unifying of Lumbee attributes. And again we have others who do not wish to see federal recognition.

Politics again arose, in our opinion, when the council also decided to let the membership vote on whether to have at-large districts. We believe the tribal membership will not be fooled by this. We have the same problem with at large council members as we had with at large LRDA board members. We simply believe that those who govern us should live among us.

We are awaiting also the time when folks who are speaking about our document, and especially those who are elected to represent us under that document, can adequately understand and explain the three distinct branches of government, executive, legislative and judicial. That is the premises for our constitution, based of course on the US Constitution which history says was based on an Indian form of government.

We hope Council woman Linda Hammonds was misquoted when we read that she said: "Legislative powers belong to the people." We are sure that Hammonds knows that she and the other council members comprise the legislative branch of Lumbee government.

We hope also our Lumbee Tribal Elections Board will abide by the Constitution and conduct itself as dictated by the document as a distinct body, separate and apart from the executive branch, the legislative branch and the judicial branch.

We are still happy the people will have an opportunity to correct the blatant error in the Constitution. The traditional Lumbee territory has always been Robeson and adjoining counties.

The opinions expressed in this article are solely those of the editor, Connee Brayboy.

Applications being accepted to Ten Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 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 foreign countries attended the 2002 Camp College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Hickory, NC, Thousand Oaks, CA, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Dubuque, IA, Champaign, IL, Macomb, MI, Saint Paul, MN, Hamilton, NY, Bluffton, OH, Lock Haven, PA, Lebanon, TN, Commerce, TX, Blacksburg, VA, Olympia, WA. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 Anytime. 4-15-03

Seniors in Motion program continues to help

The "Seniors in Motion" program will continue to help Seniors and physically handicapped individuals obtain mobility equipment and continue to live at home. This program has already assisted many and will continue services in this area.

Equipment provided in this program includes motorized and manual wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility equipment, and it is usually available at no cost to the patient.

Some of the services include: Working directly with the patient's physician to complete necessary paperwork and free in-home evaluations/equipment fittings. Also, all equipment is delivered to the patient by rehabilitation personnel with safety and operation instructions given. To receive assistance, call 800-594-1225

Sandy Plains to distribute food packages

Pembroke-Sandy Plains United Methodist Church has a limited number of commodity food packages for general distribution. Persons making application for food assistance will be asked to provide verification of household income, their case number if they or anyone in the household receives food Stamps, their social security number, and their North Carolina Driver's License number. Applicants will also be asked to verify that no one else residing in the household will file a request for USDA donated food. Those interested in participating should call the church at (910) 521-8600.

American Modeling and Talent Convention to be held in Charlotte

Carolina Talent Modeling Agency and Millie Lewis International-Charlotte, have teamed up together to compete in the 39th annual American Modeling and Talent Convention to be held in Charleston South Carolina January 15th-20th-2003.

Models, singers, dancers and actors will compete in events which will spotlight their talents.

Carolina Talent has participated in the AMTC since its inception. This is the only vehicle we use to market our models and actors to larger markets such as New York, Miami, and Chicago, according to agency director Mandy Silla. Over one hundred agents will be in attendance at the to scout our group.

Models and talent from ages four to thirty-five will be scouted by the top agents in the industry. MCA Records, MTV, Sweetheart Records, agencies such as Ford, New York, Elite Models Worldwide, agencies from Paris, Tokyo, Hamburg, and Milan.

Carolina Talent Inc, in business since 1963 has had the honor of bringing home more overall winners to convention than any other agency in North America or Canada.

Schedule of Spiritual Gatherings for 2003

The Lumbee tribal Elders Council, Inc. have announced the following dates for the 2003 year Spiritual Gatherings.

March 21-23 Spring Spiritual Gathering at the NC Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke, NC

Free Camping

June 20-22 Summer Spiritual Gathering at the NC Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke, NC

Free Camping, bring crafts to trade--no selling.

July 5 The Lumbee Tribal Elders Council, Inc will have a booth set upon the campus of the University of North Carolina at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke in observance of the Annual Lumbee Home Coming.

September 19-21 Fall Spiritual Gathering at NC Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke, NC

Free Camping.

December 20-21 Winter Solstice Spiritual Gathering at NC Culture Center, Pembroke, NC

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