

Celebrating 100 Years of Indian Education in Robeson

Editor's note: Our Indian Renaissance began with passage of 1885 N.C. Laws, Ch. 51 designating Robeson County Indians as "Croatan Indians" and providing for an Indian School System. Read the Carolina Indian Voice weekly as we tell this remarkable story throughout 1985 in celebration of our CENTENNIAL OF EDUCATION.

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Miss Lumbee Scholarship Pageant To Be Held July 5

Lumbee Homecoming, sponsored by LRDA, will present the annual Miss Lumbee Scholarship Pageant on Friday, July 5, 1985 at PSU's Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m.

The Pageant serves as a showcase of talent and poise for young ladies of the Lumbee Community. By entering this annual event, which is a preliminary pageant for the Miss America Scholarship Pageant young women not only have an opportunity to present their talent and professionalism to the community, but they have an opportunity to compete for valuable educational scholarships to supplement their post secondary education.

This year Lumbee Homecoming is proud to present the seven lovely and talented young ladies who are vying for the title of Miss Lumbee 1985.

You are invited to attend the annual Miss Lumbee Scholarship Pageant this year and show your community support for the contestants from your community.

The reigning Miss Lumbee, Lee Pam Oxendine, will relinquish her crown at this time.



Shelly Chavis
Contestant #2



Annette Harding
Contestant #5



Tammy Johnson
Contestant #3



Janet Brown
Contestant #6



Clara Brayboy
Contestant #1



Brenda Lowery
Contestant #4



Angie Cox
Contestant #7

AWARDS BANQUET SLATED FOR JULY 3

One of the highlights of Lumbee Homecoming 1985 will be the Lumbee Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held at the Pembroke Jaycee Building on July 3, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this affair is to present four prestigious awards to Lumbees who have dedicated their lives to the plight of the Lumbee people. These four awards are 1) Business Person Award, 2) Henry Berry Lowry Award, 3) Distinguished Service Award, and 4) Advancement of Education Award.

Master of Ceremonies for this affair will be Mr. Gary Locklear, Law Partner in the firm of Chavis and Locklear located in Lumberton, NC. He received his B.A. Degree from Pembroke State University and a M.A. Degree from Appalachian State University. Also, he received his Juris Doctorate in 1979 from the University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC. He is a practicing member of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Lumbee Homecoming announces this year's winners in advance so that all those who wish to attend to honor these winners will be allowed to do so.

Henry Berry Lowry Memorial Award winner for 1985 is



the Rev. Simeon F. Cummings of the Sandy Plains community. He has dedicated his life to improving the Indian community through his Christian ministry and willingness to help people.



Business Person of the Year recipient is James C. Maynor of the Mt. Airy Community

He is a businessman, a community advocate, a family man, as well as an individual with an excellent record of economic development achievements.



Advancement in Education Award winner is Earlie B. Maynor of Pembroke. He has been recognized as "an outstanding school volunteer who has made a significant impact on the promotion and advancement of community education in North Carolina."

The Distinguished Service Award has joint recipients this year: 1) Rev. Julian Ransom of Pembroke and 2) James Mitchell of Rowland. Both recipients are well known for their unique wisdom, Christian character, and concern for their fellowman. Both are respectable leaders

County Commissioners Approve a 5 Cents Hike in Taxes on 4-3 Vote Oxendine, Morgan and Douglas say 'No!'

Lumberton-After sundry budget sessions, the county commissioners officially approved the budget for the coming fiscal year Monday night. It means, essentially, that the property tax rate is 91c on \$100 evaluation of real property. For instance, under the new rate, the owner of a home valued at \$50,000 will pay about \$455 in property taxes. Under the old rate of 86 cents, the owner was paying about \$430.

County Manager Jim Martin, in his first budgetary battle after replacing Paul Graham as chief executive, had originally asked for a 10 cent hike in taxes. The county commissioners trimmed another cent off Martin's request Monday night before finally approving the budget

on an unusual 4-3 vote. Voting for the measure were commission chairman Sammy Cox, and H.T. Taylor, Bill Herndon and Carl Britt. Voting against the budget were: Wyvis Oxendine, Jack Morgan & Henry Douglas. It is interesting to note that all those in favor of the new budget and the 5 cents hike in taxes are white. Those opposed are Oxendine and Morgan (Indians) and Douglas (Black). The new budget includes a 3 percent increase in salaries for county employees with a maximum of \$600 for any employee. The commissioners also trimmed \$14,103 by eliminating a dog warden position and also reduced social services from \$70,000 to \$60,000 for utilities.

FAMILIAR SOUNDS HERALD ANOTHER SEASON OF STRIKE AT THE WIND



Rehearsals are in progress for another season of "Strike at the Wind."

by Dale Edwards Graham

The sounds are familiar: an occasional slap because of a mosquito bite...A small group of actors on one side of the stage laughing about a mis-... summers ago...On stage left the director is blocking a scene. The location is the Lakeside Amphitheatre near Pembroke. The sounds are rehearsals for another season of Strike at the Wind.

The atmosphere is special. Young and old, white, Black and Indian working together as "one big family." That's what it takes to prepare the 10th season, a season Director David Oxendine says "promises to be the best."

Each member involved in the drama spends approximately 230 hours together over a 14 week period; six weeks of rehearsal and eight weeks of shows. This season opens Saturday, July 6 and runs through Saturday, Sept. 7.

Jim Mask, a Lumberton resident, who is studying drama at PSU said, "I like the show... I was impressed with the script." Jim will be portraying Saunders this season. Ten years... Ten Seasons. For several cast members, their summer is planned

well in advance. They will once again portray a character in a musical drama they believe in...a drama that has become a part of them.

Dora Chavis is returning for the 10th season as the character "Aunt Mary"

She said, "The character 'Aunt Mary' gives me the opportunity to re-live experiences in my own life." Mrs. Chavis continued, "I love the

drama...It's a show everyone should take the time to see." Also celebrating ten years with Strike at the Wind are Carnell Locklear, general manager, who portrays Boss Strong, a member of the Lowrie Gang; Robert Bryant, who portrays Shoemaker John; and Lee Wiggins, who portrays Lina McNair and the Missionary in the show.

In talking with former and present cast members over the last ten years, they all have the same sentiment: they hope the local population will take the time to see the production. Many involved say that residents of Robeson County take for granted that the drama is there and they will see the show someday. If the facts were known, probably the majority of the residents of

Robeson County have not seen Strike at the Wind yet. Like a lot of people this writer was skeptical at first, but after seeing the show one time in 1976, I have averaged seeing the show four times per season. Why so many times? Well, it's a part of me...It's a part of my history. And it's a part of yours.

Strike at the Wind tells the story of how we all have progressed over the last 120 years. How we all have learned from our mistakes... How we have all become better people by learning from our mistakes.

The show offers music, as arranged by Willie Lowery. The show tells a love story. It tells of hate and resentment, of defeat and triumph. It is a story for all people...A story for young and old. It's great comedy, music, drama, action and it's a great show for the entire family.

Make this the year you see Randolph Umberger's "Strike at the Wind." One thing is sure, you will want to see it again.

Ticket prices are \$7 reserved, \$5.50 for general admission, \$4.50 for senior citizens (65 and over) and \$3 for children under 12. For more information call the Strike at the Wind offices at (919) 521-3112.

KNOW YOUR POLICEMEN....



Donald Kenneth Baker

by Cheryl Bullard

Donald Kenneth Baker, 26, of Pembroke is a new comer to the Pembroke Police Department. "I've been a PPD for four months now and enjoy working with the other officers," Baker said.

According to Baker, a former auto mechanic for eight years, he will enroll in the Basic Police Training Program at Robeson Technical College this month. "I also plan to enroll in two other courses; burglary and narcotics investigation," Baker commented.

When asked why he chose police work over auto mechanics, Baker said, "I've been interested in law enforcement since high school. Further more, I heard there was an opening, applied and got the job."

Officer Baker, his wife, Foncell and two children attend Sandy Plains United Methodist Church, Pembroke.

Officer Baker is the son of Donald and Patsy Baker of the Moss Neck Road, Pembroke.

ANA/JTPA complex in Pembroke. For more information about tickets call 521-9761.



James Mitchell

in their respective communities which is a sound attribute.

Congratulations to all the Honorees. More accolades will be given them on July 3, 1985. Tickets are available from Gary Deese at LRDA's



Rev. Julian Ransom
Come on out and join the other members of the community

Calendar Of Events Lumbee Homecoming 1985

Friday, June 28, 1985: Pow-Wow - Riverside Country Club Field at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (Admission \$1.00)

Saturday, June 29, 1985: Pow-Wow - Riverside Country Club Field at 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. (Admission \$1.00)

Tuesday, July 2, 1985: Kick-Off Dance Presenting Miss Lumbee Contestants - Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse at 8:30 p.m. (Admission \$3.00)

Wednesday, July 3, 1985: Business & Award Banquet - Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. (Admission \$6.50)

Thursday, July 4, 1985: Little Miss Lumbee - Performing Arts Center, Pembroke State University at 7:30 p.m. (Admission \$4.00)

Friday, July 5, 1985: Miss Lumbee Scholarship Pageant - Performing Arts Center, Pembroke State University at 8:00 p.m. (Admission \$5.00)

Friday, July 5, 1985: Coronation Ball - Old Foundry Banquet Room at 11:00 p.m. (Admission \$12.00 per couple, Breakfast Included)

Saturday, July 6, 1985: Activities in the Park - Pembroke Town Park at 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. 6 Mile Race, 3 Mile Fun Walk, Booths in the Park & Traders, also Country Cooking, (LIVE) Z101 FM Entertainment, Weight Lifting, Arts & Crafts

Saturday, July 6, 1985: Lumbee Homecoming Parade - Downtown Pembroke at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 6, 1985: Reception and Art Display - Old Main, Pembroke State University at 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 6, 1985: "Strike At The Wind" - Riverside Country Club at 8:00 p.m. (Admission \$2.00 for Children 12 years and under - Adults \$5.00 - Senior Citizens \$4.00 - Reserved Seats \$6.00)

Sunday, July 7, 1985: Gospel Singing - Performing Arts Center, Pembroke State University at 8:00 p.m. (Admission Free)