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Indian Business Leaders Across The State To Meet At The Upcoming Indian Unity Conference

A meeting of Indian business leaders of North Carolina will be held March 16 at the Bourdeau Inn and Convention Center, Fayetteville, according to Ben Jacobs of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs which is coordinating the event. The meeting will focus on resources for developing Indian businesses in the state. The seminar will include a workshop on business planning as well as meetings with other business leaders in the state, Jacobs said.

He stated that the seminar will also give business leaders and opportunity to meet representatives of over 10 agencies in the state who provide assistance for developing businesses.

Jacobs said, "The seminar will provide information on the status of Indian owned businesses in the state." He noted that, according to

information compiled by the Commission of Indian Affairs, there are over 1000 Indian owned business in the state. "We hope to get 100 Indian business persons to attend the meeting," he said.

The seminar will address major business development efforts in Indian communities and the need to increase networking and communication among Indian business leaders of the state. At the meeting four Indian business leaders who are in key positions in the state's business community, will give remarks about Indian businesses.

Jacobs said, "There is a registration fee of \$5 per person to attend the seminar. The meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. Contact the Commission of Indian Affairs at 919-733-5998 or the Indian organization in your area for further information."

Tribal Radio Station Seeking To Expand With An FM Division

Lumbee Regional Development Association in 1987 purchased and began operating WYRU Radio Station in Red Springs. WYRU is the strongest AM radio in the county with 5,000 watts of power, operating at 1160 on the radio dial.

In July 1988 LRDA applied for a FM license to operate in Robeson County with the center of the radial contours of the FM signal being located in St. Pauls, NC.

LRDA filed an application and has currently cleared the "public comment" phase of the Federal Communications Commission's review process.

LRDA expects by mid year to have final plans in place to expand into an FM operation in its telecommunications venture.

An idea that will be strongly studied will be the conversion of either the AM or FM division becoming an all gospel format, targeted to serve the more than 100 Indian churches in the station's service area.

A component that will continue is the Media Training Center that LRDA began July, 1988 under its job training and economic development programs which is geared to training enrollees in all the facets of employment in the radio media field.

Currently LRDA has 15 students enrolled in its center at WYRU in Red Springs. The 24 radio stations in the immediate area, through the Media Training Center, will have enhanced recruitment opportunities to fill available jobs.

Since purchasing WYRU, LRDA has upgraded the entire station with modern studio equipment that allows students to be exposed to the type of equipment that they would encounter in a large urban employment market.

LRDA has secured an option on land in the St. Pauls area to construct any necessary tower transmission base, eventhough programming of the FM station might be done in Red Springs and "bounced" off the tower antenna in St. Pauls.

This would eliminate building a station and the cost associated with such construction. At the present time this is only an option being studied. Eventually a fully operational studio may be built in St. Pauls. In expanding into the telecommunications field LRDA is presented opportunities to expand its areas of expertise, to create training and job employment opportunities and to establish a business venture that might generate revenue and monies for the tribe to pursue other economic development interests.

LRDA is proud and thankful for those businesses in Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland counties who have advertised

for the past year and a half. The agency hopes to have available by the end of 1989, FCC permitting, a quality new FM station programming to a specially identified audience who will continue to patronize the businesses with renewed vigor and support.

Submitted by LRDA Staffer

TRAINING SESSION PLANNED FOR PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS

The Robeson County Youth Services will hold a training session of prospective volunteers on Wednesday, March 15, and Thursday, March 16. The training sessions will be held at the Mental Health Center.

For more information, please contact Christy Strickland at 738-1431.

Anyone interested in being a one-on-one volunteer with a young person should consider attending the training sessions.



Nine year old Kent Porter aims for a strike in the bowling lanes at PSU's James B. Chavis University Center. Porter is the son of Bonnie Porter of

the Prospect community and was at Pembroke State with a group of Prospect Boy Scouts recently. [David Malcolm photo]

PEMBROKE KIWANIS REPORT BY KEN JOHNSON

The monthly business meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant with President-elect Ronnie Sutton presiding. Members voted \$1,000 for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Ed Teets presented the Scout budget report from Committeemen Henry Smith, Ken Locklear, Francis PUNCHBACK and Ed Teets. The scouts will augment their budget with fund raising projects.

Budy Bell reported that the highway clean up campaign will be conducted four times a year on the portion to 711 from Rose Marie's Restaurant to Harpers Ferry Church. The clean up the highway department reports is state wide and will save the state millions of dollars. Trash bags will be furnished as will the pickup of the trash.

Sec. Mitchell Lowry reported March 8th is the date for the International Kiwanis Convention to be held in Columbia, SC.

Marshall Locklear was granted a leave of absence because of illness and Marshall has invited members to visit him.

An interclub visit will be this Thursday at the Laurinburg Kiwanis Club. Their meeting place is the cafeteria of the Hospital. Members attending are Jeff Maynor, Ray Lowry, Ron Sutton, Bill Oxendine, Pete Jacobs, Arnold Locklear and Mitchell Lowry.

Larry Chavis and Frank Daughtry are co-chairmen for the Boy Scout Fund campaign for the area.

Presiding-Ron Sutton; Invocation-Clay Maynor; Song Leader-Ray Lowry; Reporter-Ken Johnson.

POLITICAL- SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE PLANNED

The International Indian Treaty Council and the American Indian Movement will be hosting a political and spiritual conference beginning on Friday, May 26, 1989 thru Monday, May 29, 1989 (Memorial Day weekend). The conference will be held on Chief Billy Redwing Tayac's family land in Port Tobacco, Maryland. Since time immemorial, American Indians have held gatherings in Southern Maryland alongside the Potomac River.

The theme of the conference is "Beyond the Pow-Wow." A vision for the 21st century focusing on the political and spiritual struggle of Indian people, it will be a new beginning of unity without government and non-Indian paternalism. All concerned native people of the Western Hemisphere and non-Indian supporters are urged to attend this historical event.

For further information contact the East Coast Regional Office or the Main Office in Minneapolis, MN. ((612)-872-7812.

AUDITIONS PLANNED FOR OUTDOOR DRAMA

Auditions for the 14th season of the outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind!" will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sunday, March 26 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Adolph Dial Amphitheater. All acting parts are available. David Oxendine returns as Director. For more information call 521-3112.

Art Contest To Be Part Of Unity Conference

An art contest to recognize the talents of American Indian artists North Carolina will be one of the features of the annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference. The conference, which is sponsored by the United Tribes of North Carolina, will be held March 16-18 in Fayetteville.

"The competition is intended to encourage the state's American Indian artists of all ages, giving them a vehicle of recognition," according to N.C. Administration Secretary James S. Lofton. "Over the years, this annual art contest has proved to be popular and entertaining."

Persons who wish to enter the contest must be American Indians who are currently residing in the state. Entries may be submitted in five categories: original drawings, paintings, basketwork, wood carvings and beadwork. March 10 is the entry deadline.

Contest entries will be displayed during the conference. Judging will be held March 16, and awards will be presented during the conference banquet March 17.

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, a member organization of United Tribes of North Carolina, is helping to coordinate the contest. For more information on contest rules and regulations, contact Wanda Burns-Ramsey at the commission, P.O. Box 27228, Raleigh, NC 27611 or call 919-733-5998.

Entries must be submitted in one of the following Indian organizations: Coharie Intra-Tribal Council, Rt. 3 Box 340 E. Clinton, NC 28328; Cumberland County Association for Indian People, 102 Indian Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28301; Eastern Band of Cherokees, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719; Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, P.O. Box 99, Hollister, NC 27844; Meherrin Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 508, Winton, NC 27986; Lumbee Regional Development Association, Pembroke, NC 28372; Metrolina Native American Association, 6407 Idlewild Road, Suite 103, Charlotte, NC 28212; N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, 227 E. Edenton St., P.O. Box 27228, Raleigh, NC 27611; Waccamaw-Siouan Development Association, P.O. Box 221, Bolton, NC 28423.

Local Methodists To Rally Sunday, March 5

The Annual Rockingham District Lay Rally of the United Methodist Church will take place on Sunday, March 5. This year it is being held in two sections to accommodate what is expected to be an overflow crowd. The program will begin at 3 p.m. at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church in Lumberton, and the program will begin at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Rockingham.

Featured speaker at both gatherings will be Dr. Robert C. Frazier, Conference Lay Leader of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a former Rocky Mount District Law Leader, a position he held for eight years. Dr. Frazier was a 1988 delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church, which is the highest honor as well as responsibility a lay person in the United Methodist Church can have bestowed upon him. The speaker is in much demand as a seminar/retreat leader and as a speaker.

A mass Choir composed of choir members from the churches in Robeson County will be featured at the rally in Lumberton, and the choir members from the United Methodist Churches in the Richmond County area will compose the mass choir that will sing at the rally in Rockingham.

A District Lay Person of the Year is being selected from the Robeson County area, which has 25 charges and 42 United Methodist Churches. This person will be recognized at the Lumberton rally. A District Lay Person of the Year will also be selected from the Richmond and Scotland County area, which has 28 charges and 37 churches. This person will be recognized at the rally in Rockingham.

The youth selected as Outstanding High School Seniors will be recognized at the rally that is held nearest to where they live.

The small, medium and large membership church with the best attendance will be recognized at each rally. Child care will be provided at the host churches.

Dr. Dotsy J. Reynolds is the Rockingham District Lay Leader and the Reverend William W. Sherman, Jr. is the District Superintendent.

MARCH PROCLAIMED AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN NORTH CAROLINA

Governor Jim Martin has proclaimed March as Women's History Month in North Carolina, a time "to encourage recognition of contemporary women for their marked and varied achievements."

"North Carolina women have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life for all our citizens," Governor Martin said in the proclamation. "From rocking the cradle to rocketing into space, women have held great influence in many walks of life."

On March 29 in Raleigh, the 1989 Distinguished Women of North Carolina Awards will be presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to the state or nation.

"This is the sixth year that these

awards have been presented to outstanding North Carolina women," said Administration Secretary Jim Lofton.

The Distinguished Women of North Carolina Awards are sponsored each year by the N.C. Council on the Status of Women in the N.C. Department of Administration.

The council identifies and assesses the needs of women in North Carolina and makes recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly and other policy-making groups on ways to improve the status of women. The council also collects and distributes information on women's issues and identifies and encourages development of programs designed to serve the needs of women.

Local Government Art Funding May Be Doubled Through Grants

The N.C. Arts Council will match up to \$5,000 in "new money" allocated by cities, towns, and counties to their local arts agencies. The Local Government Challenge grant program's application deadline is April 1, and all funds awarded must be sent between July 1, 1989 and June 30, 1990.

This grant program is intended to encourage funding for local arts programs, public support for the arts and recognition of the positive impact of the arts within communities. The challenge grant funds must be matched dollar for dollar by local public monies appropriated above the highest previous support levels. In addition, the N.C. Arts Council requires that where one exists, a local arts council or commission must

receive the local government matching funds. Administrative, operating and programming expenses may be supplemented with these funds.

The Local Government Challenge grant program's principal evaluation criteria are the possible incentive value of the funding and the applicant's local government's commitment to provide a qualifying local match.

For more information on the Local Government Challenge grant program, contact the Community Development Section, N.C. Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, NC 27611 or call 919-733-7897.

The N.C. Arts Council is a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

OUR MEN IN UNIFORM

VICTOR L. BULLARD
Navy Seaman Recruit Victor L. Bullard, son of Lynn E. and Virgie R. Bullard of Maxton, NC recently reported for duty aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Mahan, home ported in Charleston, SC.

A 1988 graduate of West Robeson Senior High School, he joined the Navy in June 1988.



Chancellor and Mrs. Paul Givens will be honored with an "Appreciation Dinner" for their ten years of service to Pembroke State University

on May 12. [See accompanying article on Page 3: "Pembroke State University" by Gene Warren, public information director.