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LOCAL LUMBEE IS PRO WRESTLING STAR



Chris "War Eagle" Chavis

What appears to be a new first for the Lumbees is the bright new rising star of the North American Wrestling Association, Chris "War Eagle" Chavis. War Eagle, as he is known to his wrestling fans, reportedly is the first Lumbee to be a professional wrestler. Chris, as he is known to his Robeson County Indian friends, is originally from Pembroke, North Carolina. Born in Robeson County, Chris was primarily raised in the Hampton, Virginia area.

Chris' love of the outdoors and sports has made him an outstanding athlete.

In Virginia, he excelled in high school both athletically and academically. Chris was voted "Most Valuable Lineman" while playing football, won shotput and discus titles in track, and wrestled on the state championship team. Chris was voted "Best Athlete" in 1976 and was a major factor in his school winning the AAA division championships in football, track & field and wrestling. Bethel High School in Hampton was voted by the state to have the best athletic program in Virginia. The award that Chris and his team mates worked hard to win is still proudly displayed in the school's showcase.

Chris' abilities didn't stop on the playing field. During his Junior and Senior years, Chris was voted "Best Student" by his classmates, and was honored nationally in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." He participated in the military ROTC program during his final three years in school, and achieved the rank of Cadet Commander.

Chris was offered several scholarships, but chose to attend James Madison College in Virginia. He felt this school near his home offered the athletic and academic programs he wished to pursue. He also knew the Washington Redskins football team scouted this school regularly for new recruits. Washington's loss almost became Miami's gain when the Dolphins offered Chris a contract as a free agent. Chris refused the offer because he was involved with a health and fitness program working with young people. He felt he was needed more to help people in this field rather than on the football field.

Two years ago, Chris' interest turned to his love of wrestling. He was introduced to Champion "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers. Buddy encouraged Chris to enter the world of professional wrestling. Training under Larry Sharpe in his monster factory, he learned the professional skills of the sport. Buddy then introduced him to George Scott, former wrestling star and now promoter with the N.A.W.A. George and Buddy have worked closely with Chris and feel that they have discovered one of the outstanding stars of the future.

While growing up, Chris often visited in the greater Pembroke area where his paternal grandparents lived on a tobacco farm. The son of Stoney and Patricia Jacobs Chavis, Chris always loved the rough and tumble lifestyle experienced by young boys in rural Robeson County.

War Eagle recently stated that he has two major goals. The first is to become the N.A.W.A. Heavyweight Champion and the second is to display his wrestling talents before his hometown fans in Robeson County.

Chris, along with the other stars of N.A.W.A. can be seen Saturdays at noon on WBTW Channel 13, in Florence, South Carolina. In addition, N.A.W.A. wrestling is scheduled in both Florence and Bennettsville, South Carolina in the near future. Watch Channel 13 for details. When Chris and the other N.A.W.A. stars in the area, it is an evening well spent to go see a superb Lumbee in action.

Chris' knowledge of the ring and outstanding physique is a real threat to anyone brave enough to enter the squared circle. The warning from Chris is "Don't get me mad, you don't want to see this Indian on the Warpath."

Lucas Appointed To Assistant Loan Officer At SNB

Lumberton-Jack Lucas has been appointed to assistant loan officer at Southern National Bank in Lumberton, City Executive Rod Bullard has announced.

Lucas, who joined SNB in 1988, serves as branch manager for the Roberts Avenue Branch.

A native of Pembroke, Lucas graduated from Utah's Brigham Young University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations and a

Master of Business Administration degree, with a concentration in finance and banking.

Active in his community, Lucas serves with the Lion's Club, Home Builders Association, and Kiwanis Club.

Lucas, and his wife, Susan, have one child; Evelyn Rebecca. He is the son of James and Geneva Lucas of Pembroke.

Harry Reed Acquires Bob's Mobile Homes



Effective July 1, 1990 Harry Reed of Route 5 Box 437, Lumberton, NC purchased Bob's Mobile Homes, which operated at 3601 Elizabethtown Rd. Lumberton, NC. Mr. Reed has been operating the business as the general manager for 1 1/2 years. Mr. Reed has 20 years retail experience in the housing industry. The new business will operate at its present location under the name of Harry Reed Homes.

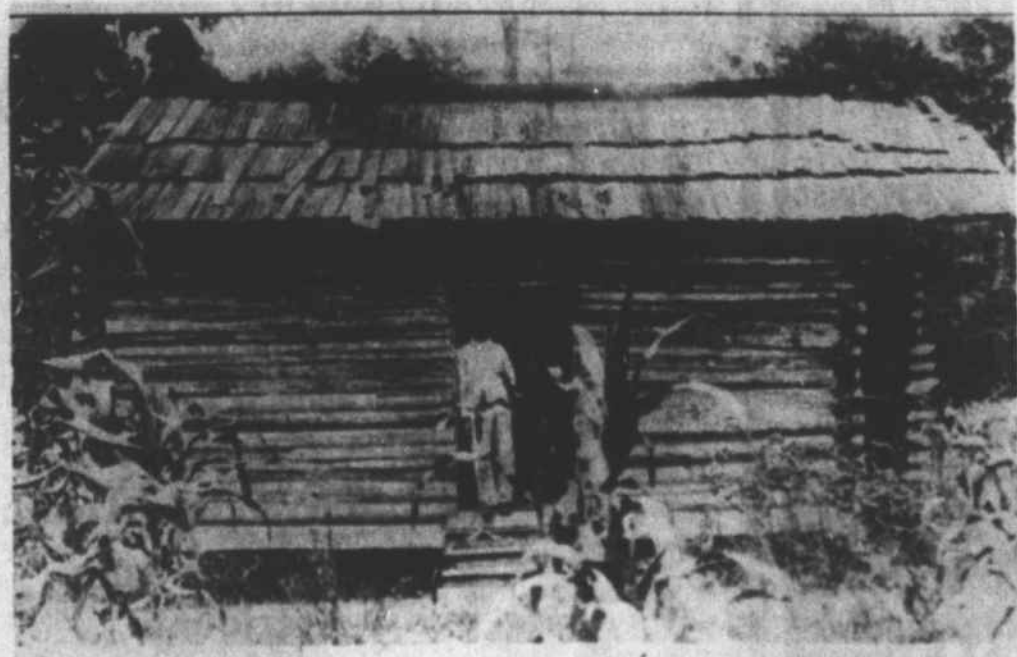


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LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY



The house shown above is the Andrew Strong Cabin depicted in the 1909 edition of Mary C. Norment's LOWRIE HISTORY, Page 129. It is the house where Donahoe assassinated Boss Strong, Andrew's brother, and a member of the Henry Berry Lowrie Band.

The cabin is probably 22 feet across, with only two doors, opposite each other with many small peeps. There is a hem-sill-plate, and a mud-and-stick chimney, the lower part of which is protected by the overhanging roof. The upper part is fallen off for the same reason that you can see one of the pole rafters next to where the upper chimney used to be, and for the same reason that a couple

of the two-foot-long shakes are loose, and for the same reason that corn is growing up to the front door.

As of 1909 no one has lived in this house for four or five years. The roof "shakes" at the ridge of the roof are arranged in a "turkey tail" to protect against the prevailing winds. When the storm blows against the back of the turkey tail the water cannot get into the roof as easily. The door, which had a leather-flap for a cat-door, is now missing. The pillars are of heartwood. A board is nailed between each log to keep the wind out. The logs are probably mud-and-mess chinked. The logs are saddle-retched at the corners.



This photograph is of Steve Lowrie's widow, Catherine Oxendine Lowrie. She was married to Steve, the brother of Henry Berry Lowrie from 1863 until 1874.

This photograph appears in the 1909 edition of Mary C. Norment's LOWRIE HISTORY, page 156.

Photographs and information provided by Wes Truchinay.



This is a photograph of Polly (Neelyanne) Lowrie who lived to be 91 years old [1871-1962]. She was a daughter of Henry Berry Lowrie.

She is mistakenly listed as Mollie Lowrie in the 1910 Census of Robeson County at which time she had ten children at home.

In 1900 [at the time of the 1900 Census] she was living in Mississippi.

Her father, Henry Berry Lowrie, disappeared in February, 1872.