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Miss Lumbee selected as Miss Indian North Carolina

The reigning Miss Lumbee Nahir Locklear was recently selected as the new Miss Indian North Carolina. Nahir was crowned during the 16th annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference in Charlotte. The Miss Indian North Carolina pageant is sponsored by United Tribes of North Carolina, and is a preliminary to the Miss Indian USA Pageant.

The pageant contestants from across the state were judged during the three day pageant on a wide range of talents from knowledge of tribal history and current issues to contemporary issues.

Miss Locklear, a freshman at PSU, had a slight edge over the other pageant contestants. In November she was selected first runner up to Miss Indian USA.

Nahir will travel extensively across the state as an ambassador for all Indian people promoting the special essence of precious lifeways of American Indians.

Nahir stated "If American Indians as a people are to survive, we must preserve the dreams of our ancestors for a better tomorrow."

Nahir is the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel R. Locklear. She plans to pursue a career in the business field. She has a special interest in issues and concerns of Indian women in the world of business and plans to address these issues and concerns during her reign.

Submitted by LRDA



NAHIR LOCKLEAR, MISS INDIAN NORTH CAROLINA

First Annual Mid Winter Prayer Service and Indian Dance Deemed Successful

Prospect School was the scene of a very unique happening February 22. The first union of a prayer service and Indian dance ever to take place was held. It began with a grand entry with the Cristian flag, carried by Harold G. Dial, and the American flag, carried by John R. Brayboy, a Vietnam veteran, headed the procession of Indian dancers. The full procession was lead by head male dancer, Derek Lowry and head lady dancer, Angie Goins. After the dancers had circled the drum several times and stopped there was a reading from the Sacred Book, the Bible. Psalm 118:18-24 was read.

The Running Water Drummers from Fayetteville rendered a variety of war songs, round dances and two steps. After about ten minutes of dancing, the D & L Gospel Singers praised God with a melody of lively and spiritual songs and adoration anthems. Following this was the prayer service. Rev. Jimmie Dial began with a word of encouragement and adjurement to the parents of the children in attendance. Rev. Dial then anointed the little ones with oil and prayed a prayer of blessing upon them.

The teenagers in attendance were called and Evangelist Priscilla Jacobs and Rev. Samuel Wynn anointed them with oil. Following this, Evangelist Jacobs brought an earnest message of God's power and might. The power of

the Holy Spirit was upon her and she delivered the word that pierced the heart and mind. She concluded by praying a prayer of blessing on the teenagers and asking God to raise up a standard of protection about about our young people.

Rev. Wynn concluded with a pray and scripture reading from Psalms. "Brothers," Wynn said, "for years missionaries and preachers have done a number on our people, making them feel ashamed of our culture. But there is nothing wrong with being Christian and being Indian. Indians can see God in every thing." Rev. Wynn concluded with a prayer of peace.

Also praying at the event was E.B. Surles of Clinton, NC.

A special thanks to all the dancers; John R. BRAYBOY for carrying the American flag; James Hardin and LRDA for providing the drinks, ice and popcorn; Dexter Earl Locklear and James Earl Locklear for providing the barbecue and feeding the dancers; Helen Godwin and Pauline Jones for selling the drinks and pop corn; Prospect School and community and the many friends who helped make this first mid-winter prayer service and Indian dance a success.

by Harold G. Dial

D & L Gospel Singers to perform at PSU's 'Gospel Music' Festival



The D&L Gospel Singers of Pembroke, who will be performing in the second annual Pembroke State University "Gospel Music Festival" Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m.

BY GENE WARREN

[This is the second in a series of articles on groups who will be performing in the second annual Pembroke State University "Gospel Music Festival" Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in PSU's Performing Arts Center.]

They call themselves the D&L Gospel Singers because, when the group was originated in 1966, the last names of the two families making up the group were either Dial or Locklear.

They were the first Indian gospel group in Robeson County to record an album.

Now a nine-member group with several different last names, they will be one of the groups performing as Pembroke State University presents its second annual "Gospel Music Festival" Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in PSU's Performing Arts Center.

Group members are Lori Cole, Julie Locklear and David Locklear, vocalists; and Harvey Dial, Eddie Carter, Ray Locklear, Glenn Locklear, Mickey Oxendine, and Tommy Hatfield, musicians. They make their homes in Pembroke.

Only Harvie Dial, founder of the group, is an original

member still active with the present group.

Although the group has never taken to the road full-time, it fills approximately 150 dates per year. Not only does it travel extensively in the Carolinas, it fills dates throughout the South, performing in Florida, Virginia, Georgia, Maryland and extending its ministry into Kentucky and Tennessee.

Over the past 23 years, the D&L Gospel Singers have recorded many albums. They now have six recordings available with several songs doing well on a number of gospel charts.

Former group member Myrtha Jacobs wrote "He'll Be With Me," which touches the lives of audiences during concerts as well as those who listen by radio.

Another former member, Camela Lowry, penned several songs for the group with one of the most popular being "Calvary," which became an inspiration for the group as well as those people hearing it during performances or on radio.

The aim of the D&L Gospel Singers is to see many souls come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. It is their desire to be living witnesses of Christ through their music and voices.

Only in Robeson ...



Scrapiron and I received all our W-2's last week and we decided to take them to Mary Ann so she could file our taxes. Mary Ann has been doing my taxes since I started filing about five years ago.

We figured we could catch Mary Ann at home on Saturday afternoon. As I drove up to the house, I heard an awful racket coming from inside. I blew the horn and all of a sudden the front door flew open and Mary Ann's husband, Slim, came running out, waving his arm like he had just gotten into a honey bee hive, and hollering some kind of language that was neither native nor English. I told Scrapiron to hit the ground and I reached behind the seat of my pick-up truck and got my pump shot-gun. I ran as fast as I could to the house, jumped on the porch on my belly and slid into the living room with my shotgun above my head, just like a scene from a Clint Eastwood movie.

I knew someone was inside stealing Slim's arrowhead collection so I was prepared. As I rolled over, pumping my old Remington at the same time, I drew a bead and began to put my finger on the trigger when I heard a roar coming from the dimly lit room that housed a 48" color t.v. in the far corner. "Tarheels, Tarheels, go go Heels."

Then it hit me. Slim and his friends were watching the Final Four. And these were Carolina fans.

After I had made a complete fool of myself, I got up brushed off my overalls, unbreeched my gun and put it back in my pick-up truck. Got me some fresh air and put in a new chew of Redman chewing tobacco. By that time they had a t.v. times' out and Slim come out and invited us to come in and join the gang watching the NCAA basketball tournament. Slim said we could come in and stay but we couldn't talk. I did not want to offend Slim and Mary Ann so Scrapiron and I went in and joined his friends. Everyone was dressed in Carolina blue. All the food was blue, even the Kool Aid.

Slim was jumping up and down and waving his arms like he had chewed some loco weed. Mary Ann was giving people the high-five and the low-five and acting just like she needed to go to the sweat-lodge.

"What about them Heels?" Slim said. I told him that I only pulled for teams like Indians, Redskins, Braves and before I could finish yelled "Carolina is my team!"

I settled down in a large Carolina bean bag next to the door and I remembered Slim's never been to college a day in his life and in fact he has never been to the town of Chapel Hill. I remember when he dropped out of the fourth grade because he was embarrassed by being the only student in our class shaving.

Championship Wrestling to feature Wahoo McDaniel

Professional wrestling returns to Robeson County Saturday evening, April 13, with a big, star-studded card at Bill Sapp Recreation Center in Lumberton.

Carolina Championship Wrestling comes to town with the featured main event: the legendary Chief Wahoo McDaniel taking on his longtime nemesis, the "Ragin' Bull" Manny Fernandez. "I'm coming to Lumberton to see a lot of my old friends," said the former National Wrestling Alliance United States champion, "and I'm gonna need their support and encouragement on April 13, when I get another shot at Manny Fernandez."

Everybody's favorite Dirty Rhodes will do battle with Sweet Stan Lane. A member of the former championship tag team the Midnight Express, Lane will be accompanied to the ring by his manager Jim Cornette.

Of special interest to many, World champion girl wrestler Bambi will put her gold belt on the line against

number one challenger Lady X.

Other Carolina Championship Wrestling stars to do battle in Lumberton include the Renegade, Brad and Rocky Anderson with their manager Gene Anderson, and Tommy Angel.

Rounding out the card will be a Russian Roulette Battle Royale. A first for Robeson County, this special match continues until only one man or woman is left standing.

A special Wrestlers' Autograph Party will be held at the recreation center from 7-8 p.m. the night of the event, allowing local fans the opportunity to meet, talk with, and have their pictures taken with all their favorites.

Ticket prices are family-priced at \$5. General Admission and \$8. Ringside. Advance tickets may be purchased at Kimbrell's Furniture in downtown Lumberton.

For more information, please call 671-3869.

SWEET STUDENT TO ATTEND WEST POINT
Christopher Edward Osendine, a senior at Funnell Sweet has received an appointment to attend West Point in the fall. He has decided to enter the five year program which includes a year of prep school. Christopher will

leave in August for basic training, then enter school September 1. He has been in ROTC at Funnell Sweet for three years and is Flagg Commander of his unit.

Christopher is the son of Charles and Diane Osendine of Pembroke.

PLATE SALE AND BENEFIT SINGING PLANNED
Upper Room Holiness Church, pastor, Annie L. Lewis, announces a plate sale and benefit sing to be held Saturday April 13. The event will be held at the Upper Room Holiness Church, located on Highway 211 East, five miles out of town toward Lumberton, before the overhead bridge on the left. The event will begin at 10 a.m. The open air service will begin at 2:30 p.m. The benefit singing will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature the Born Believers, the Upper Room Trio and others. barbeque and chicken plates \$4.75 each.