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Lumbee pow-wow to feature special family attractions

The Lumbee Tribe's annual Pow-Wow and Cultural Festival, sponsored by LRDA, is scheduled for September 12-14 at the N.C. Indian Cultural Center. The Pow-Wow will officially kick off Friday with Grand Entry beginning at 6 p.m.

As an added attraction to this year's Pow-Wow, a carnival will be set up to provide games and rides for children and adults. Thursday night is Family Night, admission is \$6.00 per person with unlimited rides.

This year's Pow-Wow should attract some of the best dancers from across the country, with over \$5,000 to be awarded in prize money in dance and drum competition.

Thousands are expected to attend this year's event to share in and learn more about Lumbee Indian Culture and enjoy all the activities.

Visitors can enjoy camping during the event or canoeing on the beautiful Cultural Center lake. Canoes and campsites are available for rent at the site.

Indian craftsmen and traders will sell crafts and handmade items and also for sale will be Indian frybread and other food items.

The Pow-Wow is open to the public. This is an opportunity to enjoy traditional Indian dancing and music and other forms of art that were a part of the ancient religions of Indian cultures of the past.

This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the N.C. Arts Council. For more information call LRDA at (919)521-8602.



News from Compensatory Education, Title V

Indian Education Project, Title V, Director Maybelle Elk announced today that the project has scheduled SATURDAY ACADEMY, a five-week program open to 150 students at Purnell Swett and Red Springs High Schools.

On September 14, at both campuses, a program especially designed to assist students in improving their SAT scores will begin.

During the five-weeks Academy students will be taught techniques which should improve SAT scores in math and verbal reasoning.

One hundred eleventh and twelfth grade students from Purnell Swett High School will be selected to participate. Enrollment in the program is open to 50 students in grades 9-12 at Red Springs High School.

According to Ms. Elk, instructors for the Saturday morning (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) sessions will come from faculty staffs within the Public Schools of Robeson County.

"We will utilize teachers who hold expertise in test-taking skills," the director commented.

This is the second year that the federally-funded project has sponsored the Academy at base school sites.

"Indian Education, Title V is committed to designing programs which help improve SAT scores for students in Robeson County," she continued.

Five weekly sessions are scheduled for September 14; 21; 28; October 5; and 19. Ms. Elk stressed the importance that students must understand that once they are enrolled in Saturday Academy they are required to attend every session.

Interested students at Purnell Swett and Red Springs High Schools may contact Ms. Elk at the Central Office of the Public Schools of Robeson County; or the guidance counselors at their respective schools. Application deadline is September 12.

Ms. Elk announced that the SAT will be administered at Pembroke State University on December 7, and at a location to be announced on November 12. She has encouraged students to take the test on one of these dates.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report by Ken Johnson

Program chairman Ron Sutton presented Judge Robert F. Floyd of the Robeson County District Court System. Judge Floyd is from Fairmont and a graduate of Campbell Law School.

"The responsibilities are many including juvenile cases, child and spouse abuse, divorce, first offender criminal cases, basically the cases we deal with are non jury cases, civil cases and driving under the influence. Our court has nothing to do with insurance cases. We have many drug cases. It seems that poverty brings on these problems where an easy quick dollar is needed. So many of them turn to selling drugs. We see this problem more and more, as poverty and drugs go hand in hand. Our prison facilities are over crowded. We have house arrests, probations, community services, misdemeanors. DWIs with 60 days to 2 years incarceration, .10 is enough for conviction. Any time you drink you are at risk. Insurance rates go up from \$2500 to \$4100. Child abuse cases are among the worst as the inability to testify is

prevalent in children." The club voted \$100 to the Durham McDonald House. The Kiwanis Family Day will be held on Sept. 7 at the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw. Dr. Rimberg announced Circle K Club at the College is being reactivated and their officers will attend next Tuesday's Kiwanis meeting. Also on September 16th a Town Meeting type of meeting will be held at the Lumberton Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Buddy Bell, Clay Maynor, Mitch Lowry and Judy Revels attended the Lumberton Club last Thursday at the Southern Kitchen.

Members of the Elizabethton Kiwanis Club attended our club including Lt. Gov. Jerome Juseph who spoke of the need for us to increase our membership and we extend an invitation to people who wish to help us to serve the community of Pembroke. We need you.

Presiding-Clay Maynor; invocation- Garth Locklear; song leader- Ed Teets; Program- Ron Sutton; Reporter- Ken Johnson.

LOOKING BACK...

Summer 1954-All Star Teener Baseball Team



Thirty-seven summers ago John W. "Ned" Sampson, a beloved Lumbee Indian coach of Robeson County, brought together a group of young Native Americans to form an all-star teener baseball team.

To form the team Sampson drafted players which had shown athletic potential and excellence in their schools and communities. In the spring of 1954, selected players from Pembroke, Magnolia, and Prospect schools reported to practice at Pembroke State College's baseball field.

Pembroke businessman Hubert Oxendine coordinated a financial drive to local merchants to purchase uniforms for the players. Pembroke VFW Post 2843 became the team's official sponsor.

Under the leadership of Coach Sampson, and with the support of their respective communities, the young

athletes swept their district as champions and advanced as participants in the statewide teener baseball tournament held that year in Monroe, NC.

During the first round of competition the Native American All-Star Team defeated the Monroe team before falling to Lincoln in the second round.

Those representing the team were: foreground: Tecumseh B. Brayboy, III, bat boy. Front row, kneeling, left to right: Jeffery Maynor; Tim Brayboy; Horace Hunt; Roderick Locklear; Jackie Ray Locklear; H. Dobbs Oxendine, Jr.; Purnell Locklear; and George Hayes "Ronie" Sampson. Back row standing: Welton Locklear; Harold Chavis; Randall Chavis; Abner Lowry Jr.; Adrian Woodell; McKinley Jones, Jr.; and Pete Butler.

(Photo courtesy of Tim Brayboy, Cary, NC)

Director discusses rape problem at Pembroke BPW meeting

On Monday, August 5, the Pembroke Chapter of Business and Professional Women (BPW) learned about the myths and realities of rape in modern America. Ms. Margaret Crites, recently appointed Director of

the Robeson County Rape Crisis Center, introduced the group to the reasons for and the services of the Center at BPW's monthly meeting. Ms. Crites also stressed the need for volunteers at the Center, temporarily

located in the Robeson County Church and Community Center Building at 210 E. 15th Street in Lumberton.

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It seems that everyone off the reservation wants to know how to get to Gator's Country Store.

Some folks have even asked me to tell them my friend's real name.

Well, Gator's is a real popular place on the reservation. You can get a little credit until Saturday. You can get those hard to find things like a new cooter-shell hat and the coldest Baptist beers in three states.

With the unemployment the way it is around the reservation, people just hang around Gator's and talk about Gorbachev and the price of blue corn.

So if you folks want to partake of some high level debates and enjoy a good cold Baptist beer to boot then here's how to get to Gator's.

Once you get to the center of the reservation turn right. Follow that road until you pass a cow pasture on your left. As soon as you pass the cow pasture you will come upon an intersection. Keep going on down that road a piece until you go through the swamp. After you get out of the

swamp, turn to the left at the first road and follow that road and you can't miss Gator's.

Gator's Country Store is the one with two gas pumps. Little Debbie cake stickers on the window and a large green trash can with "Custer got Slouxed" painted in white letters.

Now that you "tourists" have arrived at the Kennebunkport for Indians, I know you will want to meet Gator.

Gator is not his real name and for the life of me I can't remember anyone ever calling him any other name. I know he has another name.

The word is that Gator got his name from his younger days when he went up north to work. It seems that Gator bit off a finger, an ear, a toe and a nose--not off of the same man mind you. But from four men who did not respect Gator's heritage.

We need more Gator's.

Upcoming Activities

REVIVAL PLANNED AT CHEROKEE CHURCH

Fall Revival at Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church will be held September 15-20. Sunday night services will begin at 7 p.m. and Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. Special guest speakers and music will be featured each night. The speakers will be: Sunday night- Rev. Mike Cummings; Monday night-Rev. Bill James Locklear; Tuesday-Rev. Donald Bullard; Wednesday- Rev. Patrick Cummings; Thursday night-Rev. Johnny Chavis; Friday night- Rev. James H. Woods.

The church is located off Highway 71 between Red Springs and Maxton, across from Oxendine School.

The pastor, Rev. Julian Ransom, cordially invites everyone to attend.

YOUTH CRUSADE PLANNED

A Youth Crusade will be held at Purnell Swett High School on Sunday, September 8- through Wednesday, September 11. Services begin nightly at 7 p.m. Special speakers and special music will be provided.

MITCHELL FAMILY REUNION

The Mitchell Family Reunion will be held Saturday, September 28, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Godwin Heights Park in Lumberton.

For further information, please call Shelby Dial at 521-9761 or 422-3010 or Dovie Freeman at 738 8767.

JUNIOR MISS LUMBEE PAGEANT 1991

The Junior Miss Lumbee Pageant will be held September 6, 1991 at 7 p.m. at the PSU Performing Arts Center. Thirteen contestants will be competing for the title. Admission is \$5 per person. This will be the first Junior Miss Lumbee Pageants.

LOCAL VFW NEWS

On September 7, 1991 the Pembroke VFW Post will prepare an old fashioned free military breakfast, (SOS) at the post home at 8 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend. Harold Hunt is commander.

On September 8, the Locklear Lowry VFW post 2843 will observe their annual Veteran's Day Sunday at the Rowland Church of God on Highway 130, located two miles west of Rowland. All veterans and guests are asked to assemble at 10:30 a.m. for morning worship and a fellowship meal will follow.

On September 9 the Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 will hold their regular monthly meeting at the post home located on the Union Chapel Road in Pembroke. Supper will be served at 7-p.m. Membership is now open for all qualified veterans.