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Lumbee Arts Festival and Pow Wow To Be Held This Week End

A host of multi-talented artists and craftspeople are slated to perform and exhibit at the Lumbee River Arts Festival and Pow Wow to be held May 21-22 in Lumberton.

"Outstanding Indian artists and craftspeople from around the state and the nation have committed to be here," said Ray Littleturtle, master of ceremonies for the event. "Many of these artists have received state and national honors for their work," he said. "We will have some of the best authentic American Indian arts, crafts, music, and dance from tribes of the eastern United States."

"While many of the artists will be from out of the area, many local Indian artists with excellent talents will be showcased," said Littleturtle. The head dancers for the event are April Whittemore, the reigning Miss Lumbee, and Cochise Clark, a veteran of Desert Storm, said Littleturtle.

"Miss Whittemore is a fine example of the kinds of talent to be seen at the festival," said Littleturtle. She is a beautiful and successful young woman who presents

and performs traditional Indian arts and dance, he said.

Whittemore said she is honored to be selected to serve as head female dancer. She said she had been active in Indian cultural affairs and pow wows for many years.

"My style of dance is known as women's traditional," said Whittemore. She explained that women's traditional dance is slow and very graceful. "The dance is a way that we show respect and honor for mother earth, our elders, and other good things in our life," she said. For this dance, the traditional clothing is a buckskin dress, shawl, and feathered fan.

"I enjoy participating in Indian festivals and pow wows," said Whittemore. She noted that she has traveled to many events, has met a lot of good people, and made a lot of lasting friends.

The Lumbee River Arts Festival and Pow Wow will be held May 21-22 at the Robeson County Fairgrounds in Lumberton. The general admission for the event will be \$3.00 and \$1.00 for senior citizens and youth under 13.



Miss Lumbee April Whittemore

Protest March Planned in Hoke County June 12

The Indians of Hoke County will hold a Protest March on Saturday, June 12 beginning at 11 a.m. The march will be to protest the discrimination against Indians by the governing officials in Hoke County. No Indian serves on any commissions or appointments in the county. There is one Indian on the Hoke County Board of Education and the Register of Deeds is an Indian. The other boards and commissions are not representative of the racial make up of the county, according to the organizers of the march.

The march will begin at 11 a.m. at Raeford High School and will proceed to the county court house. There speeches will be heard and then the marchers will return to the high school.

All Indians are urged to join in this march. The list of grievances range from the Sheriff's Department to the zoning board.

Pembroke High Class of 1948 To Reunite

The class of 1948 of Pembroke High School will hold its Forty Fifth Year Reunion on Saturday, May 29 at 8:00 a.m. The event will be a breakfast at Linda's Restaurant in Pembroke. Joyce Locklear Williamson of Fort Worth, Texas is Class President. Lindy Martin of Mountain Brook, Alabama is reunion Coordinator for the class.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

Miss Laurie Smith, Horticulturist of the Extension Service was the speaker at the Tuesday night meeting held at the Town and Country Restaurant. She was presented by Ray Lowry, program chairman for the evening. Miss Smith is a graduate of North Carolina State Dept. of Agriculture. Her chief interest being plant and insect control. Her many duties include research in the tobacco, cotton, peanuts and soy beans industry, crops the horticulturist deals.

Fire ants cover all parts of Robeson County, the most distinguishing feature is their stinger located at the rear of the abdomen. Alcohol and other antiseptics may be used to treat their sting. They form small hills and scramble to fight off the intruder. They can be found in fields, ditches the woods. Drenching the mounds with diazinon, turban or orbene will help to eradicate but not entirely because they tunnel in to the ground.

Fire ants come in black and red and like to eat greasy food. The Horticulturist deals with the hundreds of plants, flowers, shrubs, land cover, landscaping, insecticides used in disease control in aiding better growth. Any type of community enrichment programs. Miss Laurie Smith may be located by calling the Extension Service, the telephone number is (919) 671-3276 located in Lumberton.

Presiding Larry Chavis; Prayer, Vardell Swett; Song leader, Ray Lowry; and Program Reporter Ken Johnson.

Retirement Dinner Held at Deep Branch



Deep Branch Elementary School recently held a retirement dinner at the Ramada Inn for two retirees, Carrie M. Jones and Fannie Locklear. Jones a teacher will be retiring with 31 years of service and Locklear, a teacher assistant is retiring with 27 years of service. Attending the dinner were school board members, past and present co-workers, family members,

and a host of friends all commending the retirees for a job well done and for services rendered to the schools and students of the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Shown left is Carrie M. Jones and Fannie Locklear, is shown right.

Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund Established

The Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund has been established by Indian Solidarity, Inc. The fund will be used to help defray medical expenses involved in the transplant procedure which are not covered by medical insurance.

Carolyn Coronado is chairperson of the Health Committee for Indian Solidarity and through this Committee the Fund has been established.

Every year thousands of Native Americans and other racial minorities die from leukemia, aplastic anemia and other fatal blood diseases. Many of these deaths could be prevented and the patients cured by a marrow transplant.

The unique characteristics of an individual's marrow are inherited in the same way one inherits skin, eye, and hair color. This means that, when no matching sibling is available, the best chance of finding a matched marrow donor is with someone from the same racial background. In most cases, a Native American's best chance of finding a perfect match is with another Native American.

Many people are willing to be volunteer donors once they have learned of the need and have the simple blood test to see if they match a patient looking for a donor. Donating bone marrow does not mean that you donate bone. It means that you donate marrow in a simple surgical procedure involving anesthesia. Donated marrow completely replaces itself in a matter of weeks.

Thousands of Native Americans and other racial minorities are awaiting a "miracle match" and time is critical.

Ms. Coronado explained that of the more than 1,600 transplant by the National Marrow Donor Program only seven have been Native Americans. "These statistics are alarming! And there are several Native Americans right here in our community who are in need of a transplant." In some instances, the need is further complicated by a lack of funds to meet the costs by patients that are not covered by insurance. For this reason, the Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund has been established," Ms. Coronado continued.

A plate sale will be held in the town park in Pembroke on Friday, June 4, from 11 a.m. until to raise to be used by patients who need a bone marrow transplant. Plates are \$4.00 each and include an opportunity to receive a color TV in a drawing to be held on the same date.

Cancer Society's Jail and Bail Fund Raiser Set For June 3 and 4

What do many of our community leader have in common? They, along with other personalities, will be in "jail" on June 3rd or 4th. Not to worry, they are not going to a "real" jail. As participants in the American Cancer Society's Jail and Bail, they'll be raising money for the fight against cancer. For a \$25 fee, a real police officer will go to the office of homes of the person you would like arrested. Their participation is strictly voluntary. If they agree, they will be led away in handcuffs to the American Cancer Society's jail at Pembroke State

NC Indian Housing Board to Meet

The North Carolina State Indian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will meet May 24, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in Clinton, North Carolina at Coharie Village Apartments, located at 610

Those wishing to contribute to this fund, may send tax-deductible contributions to P. O. Box 2460, Pembroke, NC 28372 and the checks should be made payable to the Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund.

All funds contributed will go directly to assist patients who suffer from blood diseases who need a bone marrow transplant. "There are no administrative costs," Ms. Coronado explained, "therefore, every dollar donated will go straight to the cause of defraying medical expenses." There is a 42-year-old man, H.B. Bullard, as well as a six-year-old child, Rachel Ward, who are Native Americans and who are in need of a bone marrow transplant. Time is critical for these patients. There are others in the area who are in need of a transplant, but they have not yet been listed on the national registry," Ms. Coronado explained.

"We are trying to meet a need. And encourage others to help us to help others."

A screening test will also be held during the plate sale to recruit others to become bone marrow donors. The American Red Cross will do the testing.

To be tested as a potential marrow donor requires nothing more than having a simple blood test and consenting to have your tissue type listed anonymously in the Registry of the National Marrow Donor Program. There are no costs involved for Native American tissue typing.

The window of opportunity for minority patients all too often closes before a donor can be found.

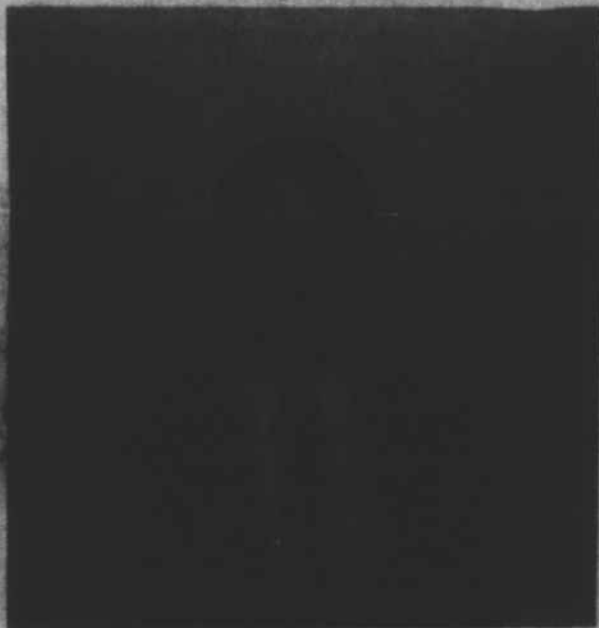
"We at Indian Solidarity are simply trying to keep that window from closing on Native Americans," Ms. Coronado said.

To clear up any misunderstanding before it occurs, Ms. Coronado explained that the Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund, while established because Native Americans are under represented on the Registry of Bone Marrow Donors, would certainly not refuse a person in need of assistance that meet the criteria.

For additional information on tissue typing, call 1-800-228-1496. For more information on the Bone Marrow Transplant Fund, call Indian Solidarity at 521-1823.

After bail is set, the prisoners are given one hour to raise bail by calling friends and family to made pledges to the American Cancer Society. All profits from Jail and Bail will go toward funding cancer research, service to cancer patients and lifesaving educational programs of the American Cancer Society. If you're interested in having someone arrested, call 521-1218 on June 3rd or 4th during the fund raising event.

Royal Lane, Clinton, North Carolina. The meeting is open to the public, however, anyone desiring to speak before the board of commissioners, must submit a written request by Friday, May 21, 1993.



Timothy L. McNeill

McNeill Named to New Post at SGH

Timothy L. McNeill has been named director of planning and outreach services at SGH Healthcare Corporation, the parent company of Southeastern General Hospital. McNeill is a native of Robeson County and a graduate of Magnolia High School. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Pembroke State University in 1988 and his master of health care administration from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1992. He joined SGH after completing an administrative residency at Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

"It is a pleasure to return home," McNeill said. "I am looking forward to assisting in the strategic development of various outreach services at SGH that will further benefit health care delivery in and around Robeson County."

In addition to serving as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, McNeill is the recipient a Veterans Affairs Scholarship, a N.C. Health, Science and Math Award, and a U.S. Public Service Award. He is the son of L.H. and Hazel McNeill of Lumberton. His two younger sisters, Amy and Lorna, attend high school in St. Pauls.

Graduates From Western Carolina University

Western Carolina University, Chancellor Myron L. Coulter conferred degrees on 1,117 students Saturday, May 8, at the university's 1993 spring commencement exercises. The class is the largest in the university's 104-year history. William C. Friday, president emeritus of the University of North Carolina and one of the nation's best known and most well respected leaders in higher education, delivered the commencement address in the Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center.

Listed are area students in the graduating class, showing each student's field of study. All students received bachelor's degrees, except where graduate-level degrees are noted. Appropriate honors also are designated. Area students graduating are: Lumberton—Kenneth Wayne Graves, 1021 W. Fifth St., management, Maxton—Mary Elizabeth Barton, Rt. 3, Elementary Education, Shannon—Vance Locklear, Industrial Distribution.