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## Protest March To Be Held In Hoke County

The Native Americans in Hoke County are planning a protest march on Saturday, June 12th beginning at 11 a.m. in Raeford. They will march from Hoke county High School to the Hoke County Courthouse.

The Indians are protesting the following grievances in Hoke County:

- Unconstitutional zoning by board of adjustment; unacceptable firing of Native Americans and others in the sheriff's department; employment practices and wages; unfair sentencing in court system for minorities; discrimination in scheduling of court cases; the lack of representation on committees appointed by the board of commissioners and other policy making boards; and other discriminatory practices.

All Indians are encouraged to participate and to wear their native dress.

## Pembroke Student Scores Perfect 4.0



Jessica Marlo Chavis scored a perfect 4.0 on the testing for fourth graders in the county school system. She is the only fourth grader in the system to make a perfect score.

Jessica is the daughter of Tonnie and Sandra Chavis of Pine Street, Pembroke. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Iuela Chavis and the late Leonard Chavis of Pembroke.

She is a fourth grade student at Pembroke Elementary and is a student of Mr. Bobby Oxendine.

The school will present a special award to Jessica on Friday in the awards ceremony at Pembroke Elementary.

M Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph John Bartlack are shown on their honeymoon.

## Only Lumbee Unit Supervisor of Probation and Parole Earns Professional Certification

Tony Hunt of the NC Department of Correction was awarded the Advanced Criminal Justice Certification by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education Standards Commission May 21, 1993.

Tony Hunt is a Unit Supervisor, the only Lumbee Indian Unit Supervisor of Probation and Parole in the state, with the NC Department of Correction.

The Advanced Certificate is the highest Professional Certificate awarded to Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Officers in North Carolina. Typically, only 275-300 Advanced Certificates are awarded yearly by the Standards Commission.

To qualify for the Advanced Certificate, officers must complete a combination of professional training and relevant education, as well as, meet minimum experience requirements.

The Standards Commission certifies all of the State's law enforcement officers, correctional officers, probation and parole officers, company police, and other specialties. It also established minimum employment and training standards, training content, and instructor standards. The Commission maintains certification files on over 22,000 criminal justice officers.

Hunt is one of 82 officers to receive the Advanced Certificate at the Commission's quarterly meeting held in Wilkesboro.



## Lt. Col. Thomas H. Wynn New Book Available Now

The *Lumbee*, the latest book authored by Dr. Adolph L. Dial is now available in the Resource Center of Pembroke State University, as well as the Book Store on the campus.

As stated in the title, *The Lumbee*, is a history of the Lumbee people and is the second book by historian Dial. He has co-authored *The Only Land I Know*, and has written many articles and historical documents on his tribe, the Lumbee.

## NC Indian Housing To Host Seminar

The North Carolina State Indian Housing Authority will host a training seminar for current and prospective grantees of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) Program. Topics to be covered will include long range planning, project development, ANA application review and funding process, evaluation criterion, budget preparation, business planning and application preparation.

The 2 day session will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 22-23. This is a no cost ANA/SEDS Training Seminar for current and prospective grantees for Area I only. Area I includes the twenty seven eastern states and the District of Columbia. Travel and per diem expenses are the responsibility of the grantee. The training seminar will be conducted by The Falmouth Institute, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia, the training and technical assistance contractor for the Administration for Native Americans.

If you would like further information contact The Falmouth Institute, Inc., 3918 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 302, Fairfax, Va. 22031, phone: (703) 641-9100.

## Only In Robeson

by Joe Frybread

Mother's Day was so nice! I had worked at the beach hanging sheetrock all week and everyday I thought about that big dinner I was going to have at Mom's on Sunday. I got off work at 12 noon on Friday and me and the boys drove back to the Reservation as fast as we could. We got home in time to cash our checks at the general store and pay some bills before night. I had to get a Mother's Day present....I wanted something special. I had two things in mind, a 48 quart cooler that my mom could take to the beach for those spots or a big electric mixer so she could keep cooking those 13 layer chocolate cakes.

I finally picked the cooler. Sunday morning I got up early and put the cooler in the back of my Indian convertible and headed to Scrapiron's house. Since Scrapiron is from Pennsylvania and has no family on or near the Reservation I try to include him in all my family functions. Scrapiron lives about four miles from the Reservation on the other side of the river. In order to get to my Mother's house from Scrapiron's, we had to cross the River bridges and then back on the Reservation.

As we entered the bridges my heart swelled with pride. Five or six State Highway Patrolmen were assigned to the entrance of the Reservation to welcome Indians home for Mother's Day and were checking all non-Indians for their tribal enrollment cards.

## Former Robeson County Resident, Lt. Col. Wynn Retires From the Military

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H. Wynn, son of Mrs. Lummie Jane Wynn, and the late Chief Wynn of the Saddletree community, recently retired from the United States Army after serving approximately 30 years with the active and reserve forces. Colonel Wynn attended Magnolia High School, and graduated from Pembroke State University, with a major in "BioChemistry". He also holds two additional degrees in "Mechanical Engineering Technology" and "Business Administration".

Colonel Wynn is married to Mrs. Betty Mae Creel of South Carolina. They have a daughter, Paula, who is an upcoming senior at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, majoring in "Mechanical Engineering". They also have a 15-year-old son, Tommy, a ninth grader, who aspires to become a "Rocket Scientist." Colonel Wynn and his family currently resides in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is employed with the Department of Energy as a Program Analyst.

Colonel Wynn is a highly decorated veteran. He served three tours in Vietnam with the "Big Red One" 1st Infantry Division, 1967-69. A few of his military honors include the Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Accumulation Medals with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement medals with Oak Leaf Cluster, and several Unit Presidential Citation Awards and Certificates. Colonel Wynn began his military service at Fort Jackson, South Carolina in 1963. Some of his foreign assignments includes Southeast Asia and Europe. He held stateside assignments at the Pentagon; Ft. Huachuca, Arizona; Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey; Ft. Gordon, Georgia; and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Colonel Wynn is active in community and civic organizations. He is a member of several professional organizations, and enjoys outdoor nature activities.

## Partnership Tackles Health Care Problems In The County

"We are paying for a Cadillac, but we're getting a Beetle", said Thad Wester, M.D., Deputy Director of the NC Health Department, describing "the bottom line" costs of the current health care system in the U.S. Dr. Wester spoke to about 50 area leaders who attended a health forum sponsored by the Partnership for Community Health of Robeson County held May 20 at Pembroke State University. According to Dr. Wester, cost will drive health care reform for the next five years. He predicted that access to health care will improve gradually after that.

represent Robeson County and addressed the forum. Rep. Frances Cummings told the group during dinner that 488 bills dealing with health care have been introduced during the current session of the General Assembly.

According to Cummings, who serves on the Health and Human Services Committee, two of these bills bear watching. House Bill 84 (the Fletcher-Geraldy Health Care Act) would change the organization of the health care system in N.C. It would also provide access to the health care system for all residents as

"Preventive care is the piece of health care that is now missing," he said. "Preventive disease instead of treating or managing it is the key to driving down costs". Changes in personal life-style—such as stopping the use of tobacco, exercising regularly, lowering the amount of fat in the diet, and avoiding the abuse of alcohol and drugs—could postpone 42 percent of the total deaths in this country at virtually no cost, according to Wester. Wester said that true change in our health care system must begin in the local community. He praised the efforts of the Partnership in assessing the problems and finding solutions at the grassroots level.

well as emphasize preventive and primary care. It would reward training institutions that increase the number of primary care providers and would erase the distinction between public and private health care. House Bill 729 (the Small Employer Health Insurance Assistance Act) would make health insurance more affordable for small businesses and self-employed individuals. Healthcare insurance could be purchased through regional alliances. Sen David Parnell described several bills that has been introduced into the Senate.

Health care consultant Mike Felix and Jim Burdine, president of the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, both of Allentown, Pennsylvania, described the goal of the Partnership which is to establish, through collaboration, a shared health care vision with the local community and to develop strategic implementation plans that make possible realizing that vision. After a brief snapshot of local demographics and measures of community health, participants at the forum divided into groups to discuss four major health concerns. These has been gleaned from interviews with people throughout the county and further defined by previous meetings of the Partnership. The topics were: health and the economy; adolescent health; primary care; and health and education.

The most complex of these is Senate Bill 2 which would introduce managed competition into the health care system and offer health care to all North Carolinians to be paid for by payroll taxes. According to Parnell, the controversial nature of this bill has probably doomed it to a slow death in a subcommittee. Donald Hiscott, president of Southeastern General Hospital, commented on the afternoon long session. "I am very positive about the results of the forum today. I saw lots of enthusiasm on the part of participants. This is an action group, not a study group. Our aim is to help improve the health of the people of our county while improving the health care delivery system here."

Reed Morton, of the American College of Healthcare Executives, charged these groups with answering three questions about each of the problems: "What are the challenges presented by each of these concerns? What kinds of resources are available to solve these problems? What advice would you give to people working on solutions to these concerns?" Health care is also a major concern to state leaders according to two legislators who

The Partnership grew out of grant to Southeastern General from the Duke Endowment. SGH was the only hospital in NC to receive funds for this project. After assessing the findings and recommendations that came out of the study groups, the forum will reconvene within the next few months to look at a more-detailed community health status assessment and to target specific health objectives.



Shown Left to right: Donald C. Hiscott, Thad Wester, M.D., Joseph Oxendine.