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Prospect Keen Agers share wisdom with the students



Shown left to right are members of the Prospect Keen Agers who shared their knowledge with students at Prospect School recently: Mrs. Rosellen Bullard, Mrs. Catherine Dial, Mrs. Welthe Dial, and Mrs. Myrtle Lowry.



Shown left to right: Mrs. Elsie Locklear, Mrs. Mary Alice Locklear, Mrs. Catherine Thompson, and Mrs. Reola McMillan.



Left to right: Mrs. Elsie Locklear, Mrs. Mary Alice Locklear, Catherine Thompson, Mrs. Reola McMillan and Mrs. Mary Lee Goins.



Shown is Mrs. Stella Dial, playing bells, as part of the musical entertainment from the Prospect Keen Agers.

Lowry-Chavis graduates from Manager Program

Patricia Lowry-Chavis of Pembroke, NC graduated from the North Carolina Manager Program on November 30 in Raleigh as a Certified Public Manager. She is Corr. Superintendent for Lumberton Correctional Center, in the Department of Correction, Division of Prisons, and is one of 137 in the 1993 class. A resident of Robeson County, she is the wife of Kenneth Earl Chavis, and is the mother of two children, Ashkea and Adam. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lowry, Jr. of Pembroke, NC.

Ronald G. Penay, Director of the Office of State Personnel, said the program "is intended to increase the quality, efficiency, and productivity of state government operations by improving the leadership abilities of employees in management positions."

During the two-year program, Mrs. Chavis completed 12 courses, a written examination and a 28-hour skills practice lab.

To receive the Certified Public Manager designation, Mrs. Chavis also completed a project applying specific materials from one or more of the courses. The project was then evaluated by the staff of the Public Manager Program. The final certification requirement was a two day series of exercises and simulations to test management skills and leadership abilities.

This was the 12th class to complete the program since it began in 1981. The Certified Public Manager designation is granted by authority of the National Certified Public Manager consortium which has reviewed and accredited the North Carolina Public Manager program.

Georgianna Jump to attend national competition



Georgianna Jump is the nine year old daughter of Tammie Jump and the granddaughter of Agnes H. Chavis and the late George E. Chavis. She attends Fairgrove Middle School where she is an honor roll student in the fourth grade.

In August she won the Miss Junior Pre-teen Raleigh Pageant. In January she has the honor of representing Robeson County and the State of North Carolina in a National Pageant in Orlando, Florida. In order to make this appearance, Georgianna needs the support and sponsorships from the community.

She is asking you to add your support as a sponsor to help her compete at the National level. Any contribution is tax deductible as advertising or promotional expenses. Please make checks payable to: Georgianna Jump, Route 1 Box 204, Rowland, NC 28383. Any questions should be directed to (910) 739-5267.

Reception To Honor "Coyote Walks By"



Guilford Native American Art Gallery and Gifts announces "Holiday Open House" with a reception on Sunday, Dec. 12 at its location in the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie Street.

The ethnic works of Cheyenne Indian artist Jerome Bushyhead "Coyote Walks By" will be

highlighted during the 2-5 p.m. event. A professional artist since 1970, Bushyhead will attend the reception in his honor.

The artist attended Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana and for the past two decades has been a prominent advocate of Indian Culture in the entertainment and communications fields. His commitment to Indian tradition is beautifully expressed in his art. Each of the 20 pieces in the "Coyote Walks By" art exhibit at the Greensboro Art Gallery - Dec. 12 through Feb. 26, 1994 - is all acrylic on canvas and is a forthright and sympathetic portrayal of a way of life which now exists mostly in tribal memories.

Bushyhead's masterpiece "Endless Trail" has been selected as the cover art for the 1994 American Indian Art Calendar. Both the calendar and other works of the artist have received acclaim in the Americas as well as in Europe and in Asia. As a highly successful and widely known artist, Bushyhead can quite rightly ask very healthy prices for his works.

The range in the show's collection is from \$5,500 to a breathtaking \$120,000.

Bushyhead lectures at schools, colleges and organizations and has hosted his own television show exploring Indian culture, as well as radio programs. He has also assisted in the production of documentaries and worked as an illustrator of books by the Picello Press.

The Oklahoma resident will be special guest lecturer on Dec. 10 in Founder's Hall at Guilford College. The public is invited to attend the admission-free lecture on Friday afternoon from 4-5:30 p.m.

Also included in Sunday's program at Guilford Native American Art Gallery and Gifts are traditional Native American dance performance, Christmas tree ornament-making demonstrations, and a special appearance and performance by Jr. Miss Lumbee Indian Rebekah Revels.

The public is cordially invited to attend the reception and holiday cultural festivities.

Constitutional Assembly of Lumbee Tribe making major progress on development

by Cynthia L. Hunt, Tribal Member

On November 20, 1993, the delegates of the Lumbee Constitutional Assembly met at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke, NC. This was the fourth meeting of the Assembly. A report on community education efforts was given by Cynthia L. Hunt. It was reported that many obstacles have arisen and are hindering the implementation of the plan. Nevertheless, on December 6, 1993 a meeting was held in the Fairgrove community sponsored by the following delegates: L. Louise Mitchell, Ashpole United Methodist; Carvicous M. Barfield, New Bethel Holiness; Rosslyn Sampson, Piney Grove Methodist; and Geraldine Oxendine, Pleasant View Baptist. Wendy Moore Ledwell, delegate from West Robeson United Methodist Church was also in attendance. Approximately 50 tribal members filled the cafeteria at Fairgrove School to hear about the tribe's struggle to draft a tribal constitution. Those present expressed their interest in this critical project, as well as their support for the delegates charged with the task. Tribal members also expressed the need for more community education on this project. They stressed the importance of keeping tribal members informed at each step of this monumental process. Additional meetings have been scheduled for the month of January. The time and place of those meetings will be posted to allow tribal members in those communities to come out and take part in one of the most important events in the history of the Lumbee tribe. The meetings are important because it allows the delegates to hear the opinions and concerns of tribal members. Delegates will go back to the Assembly meetings to report on those concerns voiced by tribal members in their community. This will allow the constitution to increase a consensus among tribal members.

A first draft of the tribal constitution was reviewed at the meeting held Nov. 20. This draft reflected the issues that have been discussed in these newspaper articles. It should be noted that this is only one draft. There will be many drafts as the delegates continue to meet to discuss various constitutional issues, as well as meet with the community to hear their opinions on various issues. Committees were formed at this meeting to look at various issues in

more detail. Those committees and the delegates serving are as follows:

Electoral: Harbert Moore, Chairman, Prospect United Methodist Church; Carolyn Lowery, First Baptist; Calvin Pevia, Saddletree Church of God; Vera Malcolm, Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness. This committee will be considering issues such as the creation of an election commission or other body to establish rules for the oversee and conduction of elections and enrollment related issues, etc.

Judiciary: Linda Hammonds, Chairman, Mr. Olive Baptist; Shirleene Deese, Island Grove Baptist; Betty Rogers, Mt. Elm Baptist; L. Louise Mitchell, Ashpole United Methodist; Carvicous M. Barfield, New Bethel Holiness; Rosslyn Sampson, Piney Grove Baptist. This committee will be considering issues such as the creation of a tribal constitutional court so that tribal members will have a forum to enforce the tribal constitution. The specific issues regarding his court are: shall this be a standing court or an ad hoc court that meets only when necessary? What will its jurisdiction be? etc. It should be noted that this court will not replace the existing judicial system. This court will only deal with tribal disputes that relate to the constitution. Remember, the tribe does not have civil or criminal jurisdiction of the tribe. That jurisdiction will be retained by the state.

Tribal Council District Boundaries: Jo Ann Lowry, Chairman, Bear Swamp Baptist; Mitchell Locklear, Galilee Baptist; Raymond Cummings, St. Annah Free Will Baptist; Vera Malcolm, Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness; Deanna Lowry, First United Methodist; Linda Hammonds, Mt. Olive Baptist. This committee will be considering such issues as to the drawing of district boundaries for tribal council members, the determination of how many tribal council districts and council members that shall be, etc.

Transition: Wendy Moore Ledwell, Chairman, West Robeson United Methodist; Anna Smith, New Philadelphus United Methodist; Sanford Locklear, Rock of Ages; Rev. Eamey Hammonds, Smyrna Baptist; Joy Locklear, Sandy Plains United Methodist. This committee will be considering such issues as the procedure to be used to adopt the tribal constitution, conduct of the first tribal election and who is authorized

to represent the tribe in the period between the adoption of the constitution, etc.

These committees will be meeting during the month of December. A meeting of the full Assembly will not be held during this month due to the holidays.

Other issues discussed and passed by formal motions are the following:

1. Any person who is an elected official (i.e. state, local or federal) is not eligible to run for either the tribal chairmanship or a position on the tribal council.

2. The article in the first draft that allowed tribal members to hold a referendum was removed. Instead, the tribal chairman shall call for a referendum on any taxation issues and any fundamental matters affecting the tribe.

3. If a vacancy occurs on the tribal council and the council member has more than one year left to serve, a special election will take place to fill the position. If there is less than one year to serve, and the person who ran for the position and lost wishes to serve, that person will be appointed to finish the unexpired term. If that person is not available, then the tribal council will appoint someone from that district.

This will also apply to the position of the tribal chairman.

A great deal of progress was made at this meeting. A second draft reflecting the decision made has been submitted to the delegate.

The next meeting will be held January 15, 1994 at the Native American Center for Cultural Development (the site of the Indian Education Resource Center for the Public Schools of Robeson County, Pembroke.)

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage every tribal member to become involved in this project. This process of formally organizing under a tribal constitution reflects the traditional form of government of our tribe. Embrace this project and the delegates who are volunteering their time for this monumental endeavor. It is important that every tribal member feel their voice be heard about how they feel the governing document of their tribe should be written. If you read these articles and have any questions, or if you would like someone to come to your organization, church or community for a presentation, please feel free to contact me.

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