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NC Indian Unity Conference to be held March 24 - 26

United Tribes of North Carolina President James Hardin announced recently that the annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference will be held March 24-26, 1994 in Fayetteville, North Carolina at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux Convention Center.

The Conference has been moved up a week this year due to the United Tribes' board decision to have the conference a second year in Fayetteville due to its success last year and a scheduling problem with the hotel facility. Normal scheduling would have seen the conference being hosted by Guilford Native American Association in Greensboro, NC.

The theme for the 1994 Conference will be "A VISION FOR THE FUTURE: THROUGH UNITY, CULTURAL IDENTITY, AND EDUCATION."

The Conference is expected to draw over 1,000 people to all its activities which will include a banquet, pow-wow and dance on Friday night which are all open to the public.

Once again this year profits from the Conference will go to fund several scholarships that will be awarded on a competitive basis, selected by a panel

of the United Tribes Board. Hardin stated that "the awarding of these scholarships is one of the most important reasons for this Conference. It allows the United Tribes board to be a vital part of Indian people setting an example by reinvesting in our youth and future leaders."

The Governor and other key state leaders will be invited to address the Conference attendees. The Unity Conference is the largest Indian leaders gathering held east of the Mississippi River and is also attended by many representatives from tribes and urban Indian centers from states other than North Carolina.

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs gave birth to the conference eighteen years ago and it has steadily grown to be one of the most Indian popular events in the State attended by youth, elders and adults.

For more information about the Conference contact the local tribal office or urban Indian Center in your county. Lodging reservations for the Conference should be made directly with the Holiday Inn Convention Center at (910) 323-0111.



Frederia P. Stephens

Winner of the Golden Rule Award



Patsy Ward, a housekeeper in the environmental services department, has been named the latest recipient of Southeastern Regional Medical Center's Golden Rule Award. Ward, an employee of almost 7 years was cited for her outstanding performance in customer relations.

Ward is a resident of Lumberton and attended Magnolia High School. She and her husband, Patrick J., have three grown children and two granddaughters.

The Golden Rule award is presented monthly to the employee of Southeastern Regional Medical Center who best demonstrates pride in the institution and a caring attitude to guests and fellow employees. As a Golden Rule winner, Ward received a plaque, a personal parking space for the month, \$50 in cash, and a chance in the drawing for a four-day vacation trip this fall.

The Jordan case for example demonstrates the aimlessness of juvenile crime. The top authority is missing in many single parent families. Down right hateful behavior is common in single parent families where love and affection is badly needed.

The hateful behavior passes on to the children. This lack of respect is imperative by the Judicial system. School violence needs control. Human services need to be reinvented in the single parent family, stressing family values of harmony, compassion to each other. Thus developing compassionate and loving children. Educational roles are needed. Hopefully improvement by the 2,000's year.

Questions and answers followed Bob Lowry's presentation, including gun control, cost of incarceration and more required Physical education in both colleges and secondary school, thus giving students actual practice in getting along with each other in joyful play now lacking in both high school and colleges. The colleges need to restore the two year requirement to improve social efficiency now lacking in the college's leadership role, said Dr. Ken Johnson. There is more to college than just the knowledge objective the Health Objective is sorely missing when they cut out Physical Education.

The circle K Club donated \$100 to the Foundation Fund, of the NC High School of Social Studies. Invocation, Vardell Swett, Reporter, Ken Johnson.

Stephens announces for Clerk of Court

Frederia B. Stephens wishes to announce her candidacy for Clerk of Superior Court. In making the announcement she made the following statements on her behalf:

"Frederia B. Stephens says she wants to be a stateswoman, one who will serve the public like our forefathers served. She began her career in February of 1967, nearly 27 years ago in the office of clerk of court under Ben G. Floyd's administration as a deputy clerk. She worked as a criminal clerk serving all 5 county seats when the late honorable Robert F. Floyd, Sr., was chief district judge. She was then promoted to the juvenile court and worked there for 7 years under the supervision of Robert H. Hughes, The former chief court counselor.

In 1977 she was appointed by the honorable chief district court judge Samuel E. Britt as secretary and court reporter for the 16th judicial district comprised of Robeson and Scotland counties as well as secretary to the now retired honorable Judge McKinnon, Jr. superior court judge. Mrs. Stephens was then appointed by the late honorable John S. Gardner, chief district judge in the dual position of court reporter and secretary in Robeson and Scotland counties.

She is now serving five district court judges as court reporter for the 16B Judicial district having been appointed by the honorable Charles G. McLean, chief district court judge.

Her experience is in depth in criminal court, civil court, juvenile court, commitment hearings, scheduling court calendars, judge's schedules and other court related matters. Her excellent talent in reporting consists of reporting and transcribing for the board of elections hearings and coroner's inquest for Robeson and Scotland counties.

Mrs. Stephens hears more cases in civil court than a judge or any lawyer because she is in court and hears all the cases. Her job mandates her at times to have daily copy which requires typing 24 hours a day.

There are many ways that the court system can be updated and save the taxpayers money as well as some of the people who come to court and have to wait to have their case heard and then they lose their job because of waiting for the case to be called.

"I know that I can be a more qualified candidate for the clerk of court than any of my opponents because of my variety of experience in all phases of the court's operations

and its system.

"I will, with cooperation from the District Attorney's office, have an appointed time for probation officers in court so that their time will not be wasted.

"Open door policy for every one regardless of race, gender, problems, or education, will be vital to that office. "Dixie Barrington has performed and exhibited an outstanding quality of workmanship during her tenure and has worked hard in that office and has an efficient staff that I am sure will continue to maintain that quality of professionalism which they have always exhibited. They are a good group of girls and I would put them up against any other group in the state for performance.

"Crime is on the rampage and accurate records are very important to the public of Robeson County.

"I have had close working relationships with the clerk's office, district attorney's office, Robeson County DSS office, NSCHIP, Robeson County Sheriff's office, and lawyers in Robeson, Scotland and surrounding counties. These relationships have always been positive.

"I pledge if elected that I will work with all law enforcement agencies, communities and citizens to perform the highest standard of integrity that can be humanly attained for this office. We must look at a person's background and their morals and honesty in fulfilling this office of trust.

"As an accurate record keeping position, it is imperative that the clerk's office preform with accuracy since other agencies rely solely on a person's record for sentencing when crimes have been committed. It is vital that these records be kept up to date and accuracy is very important.

"As a candidate for Clerk of Superior Court, Robeson County, I know the responsibility and duties of that office, and I stand on my experience of almost 27 years and qualifications that I know I am the most qualified candidate for that office and my work has proven that. We need someone who will work hard for the betterment of each and every citizen of Robeson County, and I meet that qualification.

"With God's held and guidance and the vote of each and every citizen of this county in May, I promise that I will endeavor to give of my best to each of you. That I will perform the duties as required by law, and by God to the best of my ability and to enhance the living conditions both socially and economically for everyone as best

I can. I want to be a stateswoman who will serve a people that you will be proud of and to be humble and submissive to God and His will for our lives.

"By the power of prayer, I am sure we can accomplish this task together and make this the great state of Robeson. I request each of your prayers during my campaign."

Stephens is the daughter of the late Fred and Bessie Barnes Bissell of the Hog Swamp Community. She graduated with high honors from Orrum High school in 1957. She attended Robeson Tech and furthered her business education at Southeastern Community College. She is a nationally certified verbatim reporter with an accuracy of 250 words per minute, which is higher than the State of North Carolina requires for its certification program.

She recently acquired computer education and was one of the top of her class, as well as receiving her CPR and AA Certificate last year from Robeson Community College.

She is a member of the NSVRA and the SEANC and has been an official at the Chamber for several years for this district, and also a delegate to the State Employees Convention. She is a member of the State Grange and was secretary and treasurer for Chapter 1115, Robeson County. In 1992 she was appointed by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners to the Lumber River Council of Governments Aging Advisory Council. She has taught the Young Adults Sunday School Class for 30 years and served as Bible School Director for many years.

Stephens prior employment includes service as bookkeeper for A. Weinstein & Sons for six years, and four years as manager of the ladies department where she supervised six other persons.

Stephens has been married for 37 years to Rev. Hal Stephens, who attended Wake Forest Theological Seminary and is a veteran policeman for six years with the City of Lumberton before accepting the call into the ministry. He is a former pastor of Singletary Baptist Church and is currently pastor of Carolina Baptist Church in St. Pauls where they re both members.

The Stephens have two children, Hal Jeffery Stephens, PSU, who is employed with the NNCSP, and Julia S. Martin who graduated as an honor student at UNC-W and is employed with the N.C. Probation Parole Office. They have three grandsons and live on the family farm on Kingsdale Road, off Wire Grass Road in Lumberton.

Honored on 70th birthday



Janie Rogers Davis celebrated her seventieth birthday at a surprise party hosted by her six children on November 27. The honoree's husband, Guy Perkins Davis, accompanied her to the event held at the Pembroke Jaycee Club House.

Born Dec. 1, 1923, Mrs. Davis is the daughter of the late Barful Bradley (Son) Rogers and Ella Jackson Rogers of the Union Township in Robeson County. Her surviving brothers are the Reverend Elias Rogers of Raeford and Thomas Rogers of Pembroke. Her brother, Rufus "Buddy" Rogers of Warren, Michigan is deceased.

Attending the catered birthday dinner were the honoree's children; Brudie Locklear, Jr. and Harold Bradley Locklear of Rowland; and her daughters, Myrtis Spencer of Fayetteville; Linda Joyce Patterson of Norcross, Georgia; Brenda Jeanne Locklear and Glenda Gail Locklear of Roswell, Georgia. Each of the children honored their mother with personal accolades. Mrs. Davis has 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

The Reverend Manford Locklear, the honoree's former pastor, offered a special blessing on the occasion. The Reverend Elias Rogers paid tribute to his sister in commentary and spiritual music. Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Strickland of Beulah Baptist Church also gave a musical presentation.

Post dinner entertainment was presented by "Sound of Sound" of Laurinburg. Musicians were Greg Miller and Mark Ebert.

Meetings planned for recreational officials

The Southern Officials Association will be conducting several mandatory meetings for anyone interested in officiating baseball and softball in the spring and summer for the recreational programs and Jr. High program. You must attend these meetings on January 23, 1994 at 2 p.m. at Bill Sapp Recreation Center and on the following three Sundays: January 30, 1994, February 6, 1994, and February 13, 1994.

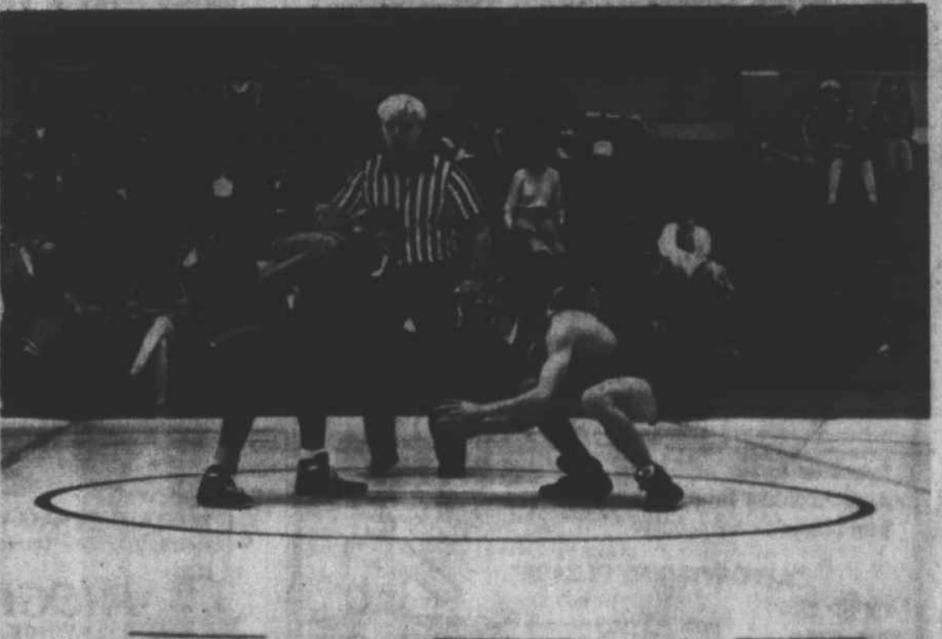
If there are any questions, please call Leon Maynor after 5:30 p.m. at 910-738-9742.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Ken Johnson

The weekly meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. President Buddy Bell presented member Bob Lowry who spoke on the rise in juvenile violence affecting all of us.

"What can we do about it? Where do we go from here? Papers report each day of the appalling happenings. The logical first step is in addressing and solving juvenile crime. The path of recovery is a long one. A national calling is necessary in solving the problem, prevention, the first step is now. Documentation in news print.



Robert Earl Chavis, Jr. (shown right) and David Strong (left) square off at the Lumberton-Canal Wood Holiday Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Lumberton recently. Chavis won the match 9-7 in a sudden death tie-breaker and brought the bronze medal home to Purnell Swett High where he is a junior.