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## News Briefs

### Annual Meeting of Women's Missionary Union Planned

The Burnt Swamp Women Missionary Union cordially invite you to participate in the 1994 Annual Meeting to be held at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church on April 22-23, 1994. In conjunction with the Annual Meeting will be workshops conducted by Indian Women's Missionary Union Leaders from Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The opening session and workshops will begin on Friday at 6:00 p.m. with registration, and continue thru Saturday morning 8:15 - 9:40.

The subjects are: Spiritual Burnout, Gloria Baptiste; What's eating you?, Deanna Clark; The Act of Marriage, Terry Dick; Mom I am pregnant, Paula Hawkins; Godly Self-Esteem, Lena Marshall; Beloved Unbelievers, Jamie Sumpter; Suffer the Little Children, Pinky Webster; Spiritual Warfare, Sharon Wicker.

The keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting will be Rev. Benny and Mrs. Ann Sprouse, active Foreign Missionaries in Brazil. The Associational Business session will be conducted during these sessions. Please do not miss this opportunity to share in special workshops, praising, recognition service and hear about future mission projects.

### Concerned Parents to Meet

Attention Parents! There will be a meeting of the Concerned Parents Organization on April 27, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at Prospect Elementary School in the Library. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the educational process of Purnell Swett Senior High School. Interested parents are encouraged to attend.

### Hospice of Robeson Volunteers Meet

Hospice of Robeson volunteers will meet on Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Hospice headquarters, 2002 N. Cedar St., Lumberton. Tracy Dunlap, occupational therapist for Health Horizons Home Health Agency will present the program. For more information, call Anne Crain at 671-5601.

### Pow Wow Planned in Maryland

The American Indian Inter-Tribal Cultural Organization, Inc. ("AIITCO") will hold its twelfth annual Pow Wow on July 2-3, 1994, at the Garrett County, Fairgrounds, Rt. 219 McHenry, Maryland. The Pow Wow will run from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Traditional American Indian Singing and Dancing will be featured on Both days of the Pow Wow. Members of a number of tribes from many states including Oklahoma, New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland are expected to attend. There will also be a number of vendors offering a wide selection of Native American foods and arts and crafts.

Admission is $4.00 Children under 12 are admitted without charge. Spectators are welcome and cameras are permitted.

AIITCO (pronounced "Eight-Koh") is a Rockville-based non-profit cultural and educational organization with a membership representing more than 35 American Indian nations.

For more information, contact AIITCO, Twinbrook Station, P.O. Box 775, Rockville, Maryland 20848-0775, or Steve Rabbit, Pow Wow Chairman, 301-869-9381.

### Upcoming Activities of Lumberton Recreation

The Lumberton Recreation department will sponsor tennis lessons for age 6 years and up. Classes will begin May 2nd and will be held every Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Classes are $40.00 per month and will be held at Lumberton High School. The instructor is Kami McClaurin. Please call the Bill Sapp Center 671-3869 to register.

Time is drawing near! The registration deadline for the first annual corporate Cup Challenge is Friday, April 29th, 5:00 p.m. Enter a team of employees from your company or industry and compete in these "games" of skill and imagination. All teams are co-ed. Competitive events include: volleyball, tug of war, horseshoes, water balloon drop, egg toss, and much more! Call the Bill Sapp Center for registration information, 671-3869. Event takes place Saturday, May 21st 10:00 a.m. at Lumberton High School Stadium.

April 22nd, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., the Dutton Family will appear at Lunchtime on the Plaza in downtown Lumberton. The Dutton family of nine combine the fiddle, banjo, mandolin, and violin with mom and dad on bass and guitar of create irresistible rhythms of favorites such as "The Orange Blossom Special", "Country Roads", "Foggy Mountain Breakdown", and "Rocky Top". The seven children (ages 11-20) will dance and play their way into your hearts. It's family fare, fun and friendly, where you can let your hair down and kick up your heels with the clogging, clapping Dutton Family! Sponsored by the Lumberton Recreation Department, downtown Lumberton Association and the Carolina Civic Center. This project is supported by a grant from the Grassroots Art Program of the NC Arts Council, state agency.

Come enjoy one of Lumberton's own talented Gospel Groups. The Meares Family will perform Friday, April 29th from noon-1:30 p.m. on the plaza in downtown Lumberton. Bring a bag lunch or purchase a lunch on the plaza and enjoy the spring weather and live entertainment!! You won't want to miss it!! Rain location: Carolina Civic Center. Sponsored by Lumberton Recreation Department, Lumberton Downtown Association and the Carolina Civic Center. This project is supported by a grant from the Grassroots Art Program of the NC Arts Council, a state agency.

Friday, May 6 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. you won't want to miss Liquid Pleasure as they perform on the plaza in Downtown Lumberton. This premiere show and dance band have appeared with such artists as Paula Abdul, the Temptations, Whitney Houston, the Four Tops, Aretha Franklin and Jeffery Osborne! They come to us from Charlotte, NC and bring a song list that include numbers from Bobby Brown to the Four Tops. Bring a bag lunch or purchase a lunch on the plaza and enjoy the show. Rain location: Bill Sapp Center. Sponsored by Lumberton Recreation Department, Lumberton Downtown Association and the Carolina Civic Center. This project is supported by a grant from the Grassroots Art Program of the NC Arts Council, a state agency.

## Gabrilee Locklear Admitted to North Carolina Bar: To Begin Practice in Maxton

*Gabrielle Locklear was sworn in as an attorney and counselor at law on April 15, 1994 at the Robeson County Courthouse. Attorney Ronald Foxworth introduced Mr. Locklear while Superior Court Judge Dexter Brooks administered the oath. Present at the ceremony was Mr. Locklear's mother, Callie Mae Locklear of Pembroke and Mr. Locklear's sister Sharkell Locklear, also of Pembroke and his finance Kimberly Maynor. His other sister, Ramona Locklear Joseph of Chandler, Arizona was unable to attend. Mr. Locklear received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received his Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University. He resides in Pembroke and plans to open a solo practice in Maxton.*

## Scout Leaders to Hold Awards Banquet in Fairmont

Robeson County's scouting committee has voted to hold its annual awards banquet in Fairmont this year. The awards ceremony which recognizes and honors the adult leadership in Robeson County's scouting programs will be held on Thursday April 28, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. at the fire and rescue station behind Fairmont's City Hall.

Unlike all of the other events and activities which benefit the youth, this is the one special time of the year where the adult leaders are the center of attention. It is at this event that formal acknowledgment is made of the hundreds of volunteer leaders county wide who provide our youth with a quality program.

The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., immediately followed by the awards presentations in areas of activity and event management, adult leader training advancement, 1993 Fall Roundup membership, Scouting for Food, and 1993 Quality Units. Several nominations have also been made for the "Cape Fear Award" the highest award presented for service not only to his or her local unit, but to the county program as well.

The Central District Annual Awards Banquet is open to all adult leaders associated with the three core programs of scouting: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers. Children of leaders are certainly welcome too. Dinner reservations are $7 for adults and $4 for scouts and children. They should be mailed to: Cape Fear Council Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 1761, Lumberton, NC 28359 by Monday, April 25th. The Cape Fear Council is a United Way agency.

## Dr. Ruth Woods to Serve on National Education Committee

Dr. Ruth Dial Woods of Pembroke has been invited by Assistant Secretary Thomas W. Payzant to serve on a conference planning committee for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education of the United States Department of Education. The committee will consist of thirty members from across the United States and will be charged with the responsibility to develop the agenda and program for OESE's first National Program Conference.

The conference will focus on systemic reform through GOALS 2000 and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act re-authorization and will include various cross-cutting and programmatic issues. As a member of the planning committee, Dr. Woods and other members of the committee will assist the Assistant Secretary in identifying issues/topics to be addressed, speakers, and other resource people to make presentations at the national conference. The committee will also assist in the designing the conference format.

Prior to accepting an appointment as full-time Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership of the School of Education at Fayetteville State University, Dr. Woods garnered more than 30 years of service in administration of community-based and public schools federal programs funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and the United States Department of Education.

In addition to program administration, Dr. Woods has been a field reader for Indian Education, Women's Educational Equity Act, and Grants and Contracts for the Department of Education and has submitted testimony on several occasion to the Subcommittee on Education and Labor of the House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education.

## Brian Brooks Admitted to N.C. Bar: to Practice With Pembroke Firm of LJS&H

Brian K. Brooks, the son of Betty O. Brooks and the late John Mark Brooks of Pembroke, and the grandson of Lela Brooks of Pembroke, and Lucy Oxendine of Rowland, was sworn in as an attorney and officer of the Court, Friday April 15 at the Robeson County Courthouse. Arnold Locklear, senior partner of Locklear, Jacobs, Sutton and Hunt, introduced Mr. Brooks to the Court. Superior Court Judge Dexter Brooks, the paternal uncle of Brian Brooks, administered the oath. Mr. Brooks graduated with honors from West Robeson High School in 1986. He was awarded a Bachelors of Arts Degree with Distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1990, where he was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate. Mr. Brooks was one of five North Carolinians out of the entering class of 1990 selected to participate in the Chancellor's Scholars Program at the University of North Carolina School of Law. He was awarded his law degree from the University of North Carolina in December.

Mr. Brooks is a commissioned officer in the NC National Guard assigned to B Co. of 2-252 Armor in Sanford, NC., where he serves as a M-1 tank platoon leader. Mr. Brooks resides in Pembroke with his wife, Nicole Brooks, and will be practicing law as an associate attorney with the law firm of Locklear, Jacobs, Sutton and Hunt in Pembroke.

## First Presidential Urban Indian/Alaska Native Briefing

President Clinton has received the first known briefing papers ever submitted to a United States President on urban American Indians and Alaska Natives. The papers, entitled Urban Indians: Drums From the Cities, were submitted to President Clinton in preparation for his upcoming meetings with tribal leaders in Washington, D.C., and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population of the United States, over one-half, or 1,220,126, reside off reservations and generally in major metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles, California (87,487), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (45,720), and Phoenix, Arizona (38,017).

Annually, Congress appropriates hundreds of millions of dollars for the health, education and welfare of the off-reservation Indians and Alaska Natives, but federal racism, discrimination, bureaucratic abuses, mismanagement and malfeasance cause much of the funding to be wasted or misspent by the federal agencies charged with their administration.

Urban Indians: Drums from the Cities is a collection and analysis of 20 years of federal Indian and Alaska Native policy. Over five hundred pages of documents, census data, legal findings and statistical information comprise the publication. Copies of the publication presented to President Clinton are available from Arrowstar Publishing for $19.95 plus $3.00 shipping and handling, at 100134 University Park Station, Denver, CO 80210-0134.

The publication was presented to President Clinton by Indians For United Social Action, an Indian Alaska Native non-profit advocacy agency comprised of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

## Art Month Celebrated

The fine arts department of PSHS celebrated art Youth month during the month of March.

In celebration of youth Art month, students displayed their art work in the school lobby the works were self portraits done in a variety of media. Banners were painted, designed and displaced in the areas of visual art, chorus, drama, dance and band.

The art club traveled to Raleigh, NC to the art museum to view "A Gift to America" masterpieces of European paintings from the Samuel H. Ruess collection.

Dr. Ruth Woods

Visual arts teachers are Delora Cummings and James Locklear.

March 18, the PSHS concert band, under the direction of Alan Bethea, represented school and Robeson County in a performance at the annual NCAE conference in Winston-Salem, NC. The band numbering 55 performed several musical selections prior to the formal opening ceremony, after which Jr. ROTC students presented the colors and the band performed the national anthem to a very accepting and stirring audience.

The Ram singers, under the director of Ellen Jackson, completed their basketball performance season. The group consists of forty selected students who are especially well known in the surrounding area their a capella rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner". They have been guests at PSU's festival for the past three years. They recently honored Mr. Cann Chavis for his on-going support of the group of volunteer singers who receive no academic credit for the efforts. Future appearance will include various school functions to wind up the school year.