by Dr. Stan Knick, Director, - + PSU Native American Resource Cent

Last week we saw how one Indian People; Jane Jacobs Lumbee woman, Julia Lowry Russell, is distinguishing herself in the world of literature (by publication of her short story, "Paces," in a recent writers). This week we turn our attention to a group of Native American women, each of whom has also distinguished herself in her own special way. They are the twenty five North Carolina Native American men who are featured in the new exhibit called PATHMAKERS

These are women from various walks of life, who have made utions in their individual fields of endeavor. They are a diverse group, held together by their identity as Native American women who are also North Carolinians, and by their willingness to take the lead in their the best that America has to offer.

The women are: Bonnie Maynor Cumberland County Association for Indian People: Mollie Gloyne ship (Cherokee), of the Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual; Lillie Mae Jones Brewington (Lumbee), of the Women's Missionary Union of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association; Patricia Bullard Cavan (Lumbee), former teacher and organizer of the American Indian Heritage Council; Linda Cooper-Hedgepeth (Haliwa-Saponi), former Executive Director of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe; (Lumbee), of the North Carolina Comberland County Association for organizer, advocate and Indian Pembroke State University.

For years, everywhere I went I looked for Lumbee names. When I would get to a new city, I would pull out the phone book and see if there were any Dials, Deeses, Locklears, or Bullards in the telephone book.

Most often, these were none. Never did I find another Chavers in a phone book. Someone told me 20 years ago that there were only 800 Chaverses in the whole U.S. I have found three, one of whom is part Indian.

There certainly aren't many. I have

1800's

(Waccamaw-Siouan), of the Coharie Intra-Tribal Council; Eva Chavis Jones (Lumbee), quilt maker, painter and retired school teacher; Arlinds anthology of Native American Locklear (Lumbee), advocate and altorney at law; Cheryl Ransom Locklear (Lumbee), dentist and leader in community service; Ruth Bullard Locklear (Lumbee), tribal historian, nealogist and advocate; Shirley Revels Lockdear (Lumbee), program organizer and leader with Lumbee Regional Development Association; Gioria Tara Morrison Lowery (Lumbee), artist, businesswoman and former school teacher; Frances Stewart Lowry (Person County Indians), school teacher and advocate; Jessie Belle Smith Maynor (Lumbee), leader in education and community service; Brenda Moore chosen fields. They are examples of (Waccamaw-Siouan), community developer with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs; Lucy Ammons (Coharie), of the Jane Chavis Oxendine (Lumbee), artist, businesswoman and retired school teacher; Ruth Locklear Revels (Lumbee), advocate, educator and Executive Director of Guilford Native American Association: Patricia Brewington Richardson (Coharie), artist, traditionalist and educator; Helen Maynor Scheirbeck (Lumbee), organizer, advocate and Chief Resource Development Branch Officer for the federal Head Start Bureau; Lula Jane Locklear Smith (Lumbee), author, organizer and Thelma Hammonds Huggins retired school teacher; Daphine Locklear Strickland (Lumbee). Indian Senior Citizens Coalition; organizer, advocate and educator; Native American Resource Center in Gladys Goins Hunt (Lumbee), of the Rosa Revels Winfree (Lumbee),

lucation Program Director; and Ruth Dial Woods (Lumbee), educator, advocate and former Associate Superintendent of Public Schools of Robeson County.

The exhibit PATHMAKERS brings together framed black-andwhite photographs of each woman, taken by Mark Wagoner of Greensboro. The exhibit was originally curated by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear (Lumbee), writer, educator and organizer.

Mrs. Braveboy-Locklear wrote biographical sketches of the women which are included in the exhibit. Of the women in the photographs, Mrs. Braveboy-Locklear said: "As pioneers, they have steadfastly fought to protect their culture, teach the children, care for the elders, sing the songs. In the midst of the struggle for survival, they have continued to sustain through contributions to their Native communities... The tenacious leadership exhibited by each of the women gives a clue to the title: Pathmakers."

Co-sponsored by Guilford Native American Association and United Tribes of North Carolina (with the special work of Wanda Whitmore-Penner), this exhibit vividly demonstrates the significant roles played by women in North Carolina's Native American communities. This exhibit will be on display in the Native American Resource Center from the first week in June through Lumbee Homecoming (4th of July).

For more information, visit the Old Main Building, on the campus of

In the Armed **Forces**

Jerry L. McNeill
Navy Seaman Recruit Jerry L.
McNeill, son of Sarah M. McNeill o Maxton, NC., recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, III.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and

Although the Navy is getting smaller, the state-of-the art ships, aircraft and high tech systems in today's fleet require bright, talented young men and women to operate them. The Navy has over 56,000 job openings this year, most of which include guaranteed training. He is a 1991 graduate of Purnell Swert High School of Pembroke, NC.

Steven G. Oxendine Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven G. Oxendine, son of Ertle f. and Gladys P. Oxendine of Lumberton, NC recently made a port visit to Trieste, Italy aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Belknap, flagship for the U.S. Sixth Fleet, homeported

at Gaeta, Italy.
While in port, 30 crewmembers visited a former Army barracks near Postojna, Slovenia, where more than 600 Yugoslavian refugees are housed. Sailors distributed clothes, textbooks and medical supplies donated to the refugees by project Handelasp. Additionally, they painted and patched the large concrete building that is used as a school and a family

USS Belknap is the flagship for Commander Sixth Fleet whose mission is to direct operations in the Mediterranean. Its multi mission ponsibilities include command and control, and anti-air and anti-surface

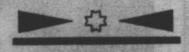
Today's Navy is prepared to fight promptly and effectively, but also serves in an equally valuable way by engaging day-to-day as peacekeepers in the defense of American interests. Naval forces are unique in that they can offer this form of international

Cooperation, from the sea, The 1991 graduate of Lumberton Senior High School joined the Navy in January 1992.

Clogging Camp to

be held

The Lumberton Recreation Department will sponsor a Free 5 Day Clogging Camp for all school age guys and girls (1st - 12th Grade)! It will be held June 13th - June 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the South End Activity room at the Pine St. Center. Instructor is Natalie Cook: Member of the NC Clogging Council, Physical Education Teacher, Call the Bill Sapp Center to register 671-3869, call today, space is limited!



When I get rich, I want to trace our family history/genealogy. My Uncle Thomas told me he had paid a genealogist to trace the family, and it I am convinced that there are went back to France by way of Ireland. Hesaid the Chaverses were Protestants who were run out of, or left, Catholic

It sounds good, but the so-called enealogist had given him no locumentation at all. I once sent \$20 to a rip off firm, Halberts, for the so called family costs of arms. It says there are 400 heads of household in

Huguenots.

There certainly aren't many. I have heard from two by mail, people who saw my name in print and wrote me.
One was a white woman from the U.S. with the Chavers name. At

3.2 persons per household, that would be 1,280 people, they said.

This report, with a coat of arms, I believe to be made up and a rip off. But it says that other spellings of the Chavers name are Chevers, Chever, and Chaver. In the family Bible, which my Aunt Claire has, the name is also spelled Chaves and Chavas.

The rip off report save we came Her great-great-grandfather was born in Georgia in 1839, the third of nine children. In the record of Conecta County, Alabama, their name is spelled "Chavers." However, a letter from a relative says one of her uncles "told me the original name of our family was spelled CHAVIS." (her emphasis).

The rip off report says we came from Cheverton, England, or Chever's estate. That sounds as good as any, but it does not jibe with the family

interestingly, or ironically, they were intermarried with Indians in the Georgia and Alabama areas. The correspondent says "All of the CHAVERS (sic) I have found in NC or SC 1790 Census were listed as Other Free persons." tradition of having come from France.

The other two Chaverses I have heard from, or about, were not Indian. A young lady at Bowling Green State University wrote to me and said her family was from Alabama, and were Black. The third family I heard about from a counselor in the Gallupschools. ther Free persons."

She goes on to say that her mother ways sold her they were French and. They lived in a town near New Orleans, and run the town bakery. She went to school with one of the sons.

When I asked her if they were

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French, she asked me "Does a bear walk in the woods?" So I guess they

thousands of documents around the U.S., England, and France which could shed light on our ancestry. My great grandfather Angus Chavers served in the Confederate Army during the Civil France during the persecution of the War, for instance.

> Now that I have reviewed these files, I realize I have had a pronounced interest in our family genealogy all along. I wonder how many other Lumbees have traced their family's roots back a few generations. We all o we are, don't we?

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Pediatric Pointers

By JOSEPH T. BELL, MD

If you have been reading the wspaper following the news on tw sty you probably have noticed how publicity lead poisoning has getting. Although it has been known for quite some time that lead isoning can cause problems for ildren, it hasn't been until lately that efforts have begun to combat the problem. Let's talk briefly about this tural metal and the medical problems

Lead is a soft, pale gray metal found naturally in the earth. It is used in paint for bridges, boats and factories, in making batteries, and in other products, such as pottery glaze and printing inks.

When lead gets into he body, it enters the bloodstream and can go to the liver, kidneys and even the brain. As the amount of lead builds up, lead poisoning occurs. Although lead isoning can effect any part of the body, damage to the brain and nervous system is of most concern. Young children are more likely to be hurt by lead because their brains are still developing. Severe lead poisoning can cause minor symptoms, but can also lead to more serious problems, such as loss of coordination, vomiting, loss of consciousness, seizures, and rarely,

How do children get lead poisoning? Good question! children sometimes swallow paint chips, soil, water or food that has lead in it, but usually they swallow dust that contains lead. If they live in a building that is being scrapped, sanded or burned, they may breathe in tiny lead particles or fumes. The way young children behave adds to the problem. Little children crawl on the floor, get dust and dirt on their hands and put their hands in their mouths. Sometimes they eat things that aren't food, such as

paint chips or soil from the yard or

Most of the lead children are exposed to comes from peeling lead based paint, Most paint made before 1960 and many paints made before 1979 were made with lead. Since 1979 the amount of lead in paints has decreased significantly. Paints with unsafe lead levels are no longer available except for boats and industrial and military use. Severe poisoning can occur if children ear chips of peeling lead paint, like you see around window panes and base boards. Lead based paints break down as they age into smaller and smaller pieces that eventually become particles of dust. This dust alone is most often the cause of lead pois

Leaded gasoline fumes from automobile exhaust in past years is another source of lead in our environment. Lead particles that have settled out of the air into the ground are still there. Unlike some other kinds of pollution, lead never breaks down into something less dangerous. Its concentrations are especially high along side busy roadways.

In the last century, the pipes that brought water into the house were often made of lead. Lead pipes are still found occasionally in places where water pipes haven't been replaced since the early 1900s. Dyes on newspapers, comic books and magazines that have been printed with red, yellow or orange ink may contain lead. Other sources of lead that can be ingested include fishing sinkers, bullets, some oldtoysoldiers and some traditional medicines, including greta and azarcon.

Next week we'll talk about how to helpprevent lead poisoning. Takecare and we'll talk again soon!

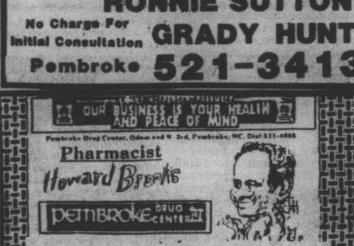
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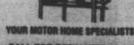
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