Ol' Wiz
Wisdom from the Country

Dear Miss Connee:

If you seen that Lumberton paper the other day, you seen a letter in it from Miss Billie. She's feeling sorry for those boys at the LRDA, Miss Connee, but she didn't say a thing about all those people they've laid off, at that box plant they own, or all those people who gives us fans when its hot.

Now, if Old Wiz gits to feeling sorry here for someone, its going to be for our people going without their jobs and their fans, and our government who will have to do without some boxes.

As for my cousin McKeithen. I'd have to say that I've heard Keetar called many things, Miss Connee, but eloquent ain't one of them. I reckon he'll be wanting to move to town now, and sip coffee over there at Hardee's with some more eloquent folks. I just reckon that Old Wiz will just have to go out and find someone else to go fishing with cause Keeta has gone eloquent. Thats just the way it goes some times, Miss Connee.

But, Miss Billie is out there looking for a yellow brick road, a blue one, and a wizard. I figure Maxton must sure have moved up since I was there last, Miss Connee, cause they've gone to painting their roads yellow and blue.

But, I'd have to say one thing for you, Miss Connee, you're on a one way street, according to Miss Billie. At least, you know where you're headed, and I can't say there's a yellow streak running down that road you're on, like some Miss Billie travels on.

But Old Wiz ain't worried about yellow roads, or blue ones, or wizards, Miss Connee. He's more worried about that nightmare on East Third Street, Pembroke.

And, speaking of the Emerald City, Miss Billie forgot all of us Munchkins, you know who they are, Miss Connee. That's us little people. Miss Billie don't feel sorry for us Munchkins, Miss Connee. But, everybody ain't like Miss Billie. They ain't needing the house to fall on them to git the message. But, Old Wiz knows what their problem is, Miss Connee. They just ain't wanting to give up them ruby slippers to go back to wearing brogans like the rest of us Munckins.

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Carroll Middle School News

Students from Carroll Middle School participated in the county wide fitness day at Pembroke State University April 26, 1994. The students competed against others in the same grade from all schools in the system. Among the schools participating in this event, the seventh grade team placed first, the sixth grade team placed fifth. The students, the event in which they competed and their placement are:

Star McArthur, Long Jump, 2nd; Latisha Inman, 440 run, 5th; Letetia Leech, shuttle run, 6th; Tiffany McIntyre, sit ups, 2nd; Dereck Evans, long jump, 4th; Dean Young, 50 meter dash, 5th, all fifth graders;

Stacey Chicelli, 880 run, 6th; Stephanie Davis, sit ups, 3rd; Colandra McDowell, 50 meter dash, 5th; Debarre Priest, pull ups, 1st; Tessan Jackson, 50 meter dash, 1st; Terone Jackson, long jump, 2nd, all sixth graders;

VJ Thompson, long jump, 1st; Montrel Wells, long jump, 3rd; Mary Inman, sit ups, 1st; Robert Smith, shuttle run, 1st; Jeremiah Locklear, mile run, 4th; Brandon Penny, sit ups, 1st, all seventh graders.

Recently the second year's HOTS students at Carroll Middle School published books as part of the requirements for the program. During the two years in the program, each student typed and illustrated several stories. They used a variety of software to produce the stories.

Following the completion of the last unit on writing stories, several students shared their writings with kindergarten and first grade students at Knuckles and West Lumberton. Many students wore costumes and created additional excitement among their young listeners.

During the class Fretral McRae dressed as the main character, Hippo-an Arabian, in his original story "A Creature is Coming."

HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) is a program which uses 2,000 year old Socratic conversation techniques built around computers and modern technology. Cindy Floyd, Evelyn Kirkland and Teresa Locklear teach both first and second year HOTS at Carroll Middle School.

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RICK'S PLACE

Election Time

After many months of hard work, dedication and controversy, the official Lumbee-Cheraw tribal constitution is ready to be voted on. The final draft has been printed and copies have been presented to the people throughout the community. The date and time for the vote has been set. Now, it is up to the people to decide.

Being part of the process to bring this document before the people has been a wonderfully enlightening experience for me. I have had the opportunity to witness, first hand, the wisdom, concern and love of our people. As a delegate, I have seen folks rise to the occasion and put the needs of the people above the wants of the few in power. Now, it is up to the people to decide.

Unfortunately, I have also seen the greed and selfishness of some. I have received a formal schooling in business politics, Lumbee style. I have been subjected to the many different agendas of various groups and individuals. I have watched in amazement as some twist to get their way regardless of what the people want.

Now, the constitution is complete and the vote is at hand. I expect different groups to try to discredit and disrupt the election by "any means necessary." The election of or against the constitution is just the first step in the fight to form a tribal government for our people.

To elect a form of government or a person to office is one of the fundamental rights of our people as Americans nd more importantly as Native Americans. The only way to change the political atmosphere is to register and vote.

For the first time in the history of this county, we as a people have the opportunity to elect our own sheriff. Take the time to get registered so you can cast your vote in the upcoming historical sheriff's race. Don't just read about history, register, vote and be part of history. Be part of the people who decide.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RULES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING ON LUMBEE CONSTITUTION

All Lumbee People, 18 years and older, may vote in the election of the Lumbee Tribal Constitution. If you are Lumbee, and 18 years of age on the day of voting, but will not be present in the tribal area, you may vote by absentee ballot. To receive an application for absentee voting, you must WRITE the below address to request an absentee ballot. In order that we may respond to your request in a timely manner, your letter requesting an application should arrive at the below address no later than June 15. In this letter, you should clearly print your full name, home address, home telephone number, and social security number. Although it is not required, we would appreciate you providing a self-addressed stamp envelope when you write to apply for an application to vote by absentee ballot.

Constitution Assembly of the Lumbee Tribe
P.O. Box 3058
Pembroke, NC 28372

Elders and Traditionalist Corner

On The Pow Wow Circuit

The following list of upcoming powwows is not intended to be a complete list. Anyone having information about upcoming powwows not listed is encouraged to send them to. Wild Turkey, P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372 or fax to (910) 521-1975

* May 21-22 Richmond Community College (919) 582-7071

*May 21-23 Tuscarora Nation Pow Wow, Tribal Grounds, Maxton, NC Info.: 910-844-3352.

* June 16, 17, 18, & 19, Rebirth of the Traditional Spiritual Gatherings, a Tribute to the Great Spirit, Father of all Indian nations, North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. Call Spotted Turtle (910) 521-4178, Painted Turtle (910) 521-0020 or Wild Turkey (919) 521-2826.

* June 24-25 Allentown, PA, Pow-Wow (410)788-0689.

July 2, 1994 - 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. - Until; AISES Chapter invites the public to our Third Annual Powwow at Pembroke State University.

*July 15, 16, 17- Charlotte Native American Festival, First Union Atrium and Plaza 301 South Tryon St. Charlotte, NC. Info. 704-588-5870.

* July 15-17 Howard County, MD (410) 788-0689, (919) 257-1720

*July 24, Cherokee of Hoke County and Maxton, NC Tuscaroras, Intertribal Festival, at Rockfish near Davis Bridge, NC. Contact Chief or Mrs. Edgar Bryant. (910) 875-0222.

*July 29-31 Virginia Beach, (410) 788-0689 or (919) 257-1720.

*July 30-31, Third Annual Pow Wow and Festival, Rising Water and Falling Water, Showplace, Richmond, VA. 804-769-1018. 804-443-4221.

* August 26-28 Baltimore American Indian Center Pow-Wow (410) 675-3535

* September 9-10, Coharie Pow Wow, Clinton, NC Contact (910) 564-6909.

* September 15-17 Guilford Native American Association (919)273-8686

*September 23-24, Native American Festival, Durham Technical Community College, 1637 Lawson Street, Durham, NC. Call (919) 598-9188 or (919) 479-8000.

*Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Indian Trail Pow Wow, Indian Trail, NC. Call Metrolina Association: 704-331-4818, Kingston Sanderson, 704-821-6361.

*October 7-8, Cumberland County Native American 13th Annual Pow Wow, Memorial Indoor Arena, Fayetteville, NC 910-483-8442.

*October 14-15-Wacamaw-Siouan Pow Wow, Bolton, NC. For info: (919) 655-8778.

* October 14,15,16, 13Th Annual NAIA Pow-Wow & Fall Festival Nashville, Tennessee for more info. call 615-726-0806. American Indian Vendors/Traders & Dancers Welcomed. 211 Union St. Stahlman Bldg. Suite 932 Nashville, TN 37201-1505.

*October 21-22-Meherrin Indian Tribe Pow Wow, Winton, NC.

* November 7-13 Great American Indian Expo (410) 788-0689

* November 21-27 Native American Pow-Wow, Baltimore, MD (410) 675-3535

What: Rebirth of the Traditional Spiritual Gatherings

Where: North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke, NC

When: Father's Day Weekend June 16, 17, 18, 19th

Why: To Promote and Educate the Principals of Native American Traditional Life...

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A Tribute to the Great Spirit, Father of all Indian Nations

(All day and all night Thursday; Friday, Saturday, Sunday until evening)

June 16, 17, 18, 19, 1994

North Carolina Indian Cultural Center

There will be dancing, drumming, singing, storytelling and demonstrations occurring day and night. No schedule of events. All time is "Indian time."

***NO VENDORS (SELLERS) Traders (Bartering Only)**

***No Admission**
***No Prizes**
***No Competition**

Anyone can barter for any item displayed. Anyone wishing to trade Native made crafts etc. bring Blanket and set up FREE.

CAMPING IS FREE.

Lodges of any style have preference at the site.
Primitive camping preferred.
NO HOOK UPS
Seperate area for trailers, motorhomes

Drums, dancers, singers, storytellers, craftspeople, artists, elders, middleage and the young people are more welcome and much needed.

Grand entry Friday Morning. Closing Sunday evening.

One item of non-perishable food will entitle one meal ticket.

ALL food and clothes gathered will be donated to The Robeson County Church and Community Center.

Sponsored in part by Title V, IIA Programs, Intertribal Council of Elders and The Carolina Indian Voice, Lumbee Regional Development Association, N. Carolina Cultural Center

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION Call Spotted Turtle (910) 521-4178 Painted Turtle (910) 521-0020 or Wild Turkey C/O Carolina Indian Voice P.O. Box 1075 Pembroke, NC 28372

A tribute to the Great Spirit, father of all the Indian Nations is being planned for the weekend of Father's day June 16, 17, 18, & 19

It will open Thursday (evening afternoon) with the lighting of the Ceremonial Fire by Lumbee fire keeper Many Skins. No special time since all activities taking place during the weekend will be on "Indian Time". "Indian Time" is defined as sleep when you are tired, wake when you are rested, eat when you are hungry, dance when inspired by the Spirit or you are looking for the blessing of the Spirit, Pray when you need too and socialize, barter, and learn as much as you can as your time allows.

Speaking of bartering, it is the Indian way - you have what I need, I have what you want, we swap. Cost should not be a factor because the primary reason for the barter is want or need. There will be nothing for sale. If you have a need, we are sure that you will be satisfied with any barter that you agree on. There will be food available day and night for the people at the Cultural Center. Participants will trade help in the promotion, care, and education of the "Gathering" for their meals. Visitor should bring a Non-perishable food item in exchange for a meal ticket for each item. We hope to have a clothing exchange organized. Bring in your outgrown school and winter clothes and warm jackets (all sizes) in good condition and exchange for items that will fit next year. There will be designated areas for tribal elders, chiefs, artists, craftspersons, etc. at the gathering site. The separation is only intended only to show the differences and similarities of the various tribes represented with regards to tradition, crafts, art, education, etc. Each family in the group will have space for a blanket or table to display their trade items.

Camping will be free and primitive camping is preferred. Lodges of any style will be given first preference in the inner circle of lodges. Tribal members camping behind the tribal elder or chief's lodge will locate their site in a pie shape that will be marked off. There will be a area designated for modern campers, trailers, motorhomes, etc., however no hook-ups will be provided

It is the vision of the organizers of this gathering to form an INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS to promote at least four of these gatherings in the four sacred directions of North Carolina. The four proposed sites are NORTH - DURING THE WINTER MONTHS IN THE HALIWA-SAPONI HOMELAND; EAST - DURING THE SPRING MONTHS IN THE WACCAMAW-SIOUAN HOMELAND; SOUTH - DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS IN THE LUMBEE-CHERAW HOMELAND; WEST - DURING THE FALL MONTHS IN THE CHEROKEE HOMELAND. We need at least two (2) elders from each tribe who believe that the traditional ways of our people must survive. To accomplish this we must educate the young, the middle-aged, and elderly people in the traditional ways of the NATIVE PEOPLE. It is not the intent of the INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS to change anyone's religious beliefs but to reinforce the respect for the Spirit beliefs, respect for the environment, respect for all animals, and harmony in all that you do. Any elder or qualified Indian educator (Traditional) wishing to be a part of this group is needed and all help will be surely appreciated. The group will have no dues, and no costs, however, we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done our best to bring the knowledge of the traditional ways to someone who truly wanted to learn. We envision an elder sitting under an arbor talking of the old ways to people of all ages and these people getting inspired and wanting to learn more. We are hoping that the wisdom of the elders will be spread to all NATIVE PEOPLES in this manner, so that we can eliminate the pollution of the environment, crime in our neighborhoods, and the needless slaughter of man and animal.

If your child or you wish to learn dancing, drumming, singing, arts, crafts of any kind there will be demonstrations throughout the day and night during the gatherings. These demonstrations will be unscheduled and will probably be conducted upon request. It is acceptable to trade for a lesson although it is not required. By qualified elder or educator (mentioned earlier), we mean the following: (1) a person that has the support of their tribe in planning one of these gatherings, (2) a person who will make a commitment to help other members in their endeavors, and (3) a person who understands that it is the education of others not material gain that is important. The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS will be committed to helping each community represented in sponsoring a program. Aid and support for all NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE regardless of band, group, tribe or nation that comes in peace with a strong sense of direction for our future as a people is the goal we strive to achieve.

We will not tolerate the vices that destroy the inalienable right of every person to enjoy their life in spiritual friendship and peace. ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR ATTITUDES will not be allowed anywhere on the grounds and this includes campers. This GATHERING is a tribute to the GREAT SPIRIT, therefore we will and encourage all who attend to always be on their best behavior while the spirit is near. We know that the spirit will be present and will give many blessings. Let us pledge to be ready to accept all of the blessings that will be delivered with a clear heart.

We really want the INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS to work and it will with the help, support and representation of all of the NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES IN NORTH CAROLINA. A peaceful and loving attitude with be a key to success. Each member of the INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS will have an equal voice around the circle and all decisions must have the support of all members. In this manner we will speak as one voice or group. This may sound idealistic but it is not, it will not be easy but with a commitment to our young and all our people it will work.

For further information:

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