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Wilkins Honored For Health Service



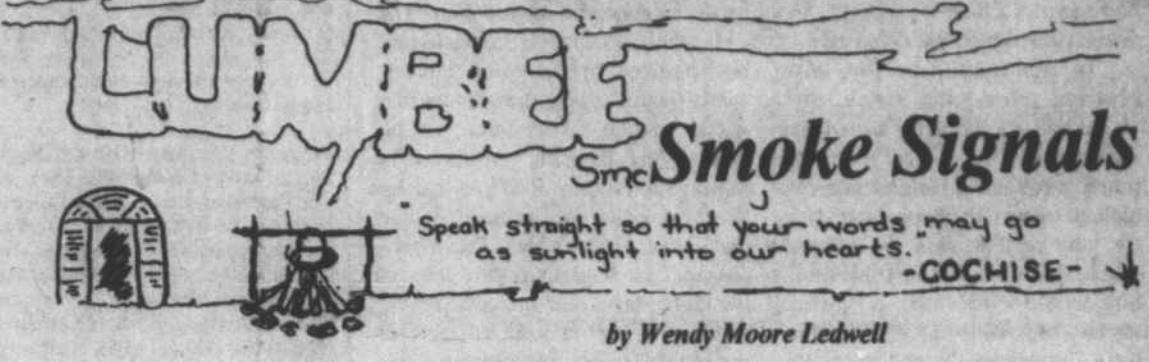
Craig S. Wilkins, a Health Services Officer with the United States Public Health Service, recently received statewide recognition from the Governor's Office in Wyoming as part of the Rocky Mountain Health Challenge Program. The program was initiated in 1988 when the governors of 8 western states signed a challenge document in a regional effort to reduce premature death and disability. The program conducts an annual awards program to give recognition to outstanding health projects throughout the 8 state region. Wilkins was recognized and received an award on behalf of Indian Health Service that was presented by the Honorable Mike Sullivan, Governor of Wyoming, at a special ceremony in the State Capitol building in Cheyenne. Wilkins, formerly of Pembroke, is the son of Daniel and Thedis Wilkins and is currently stationed at Fork Washakie, Wyoming.

SCHOOL NEWS

News From Purnell Swett High



They learned how to make gingerbread houses, meringue mushrooms, peanut butter bon bons, creamy fudge, and snow flakes. Purnell Swett High Kitchen Elves have been very busy preparing Christmas treats for their village. The Food and Nutrition Classes, taught by Miss Maureen Dial, have been learning how to make gingerbread houses, meringue mushrooms, peanut butter bon bons, creamy fudge, snow flakes and lots of other confectionery treats. The Christmas project produced a confectionery village shown above by Miss Maureen Dial. The elves entertained in an enchanted winter wonderland with a delightful social for villagers, and a delicious hot roasted turkey dinner with all the trimmings, featuring fresh cranberry sauce, yeast rolls, home grown collards with homemade chow chow. The PSH Elves hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy new year with some sweet treats along the way.



by Wendy Moore Ledwell

As promised in last week's issue, this is the first publication of Lumbee Smoke Signals. Smoke Signals is an informative approach into the actions taken by the Lumbee-Cheraw Government. Before I attempt to explain ordinances or resolutions, let me define the two: 1. Ordinance is law. Laws apply to all members of the tribe. 2. Resolution is only expressed opinion. All ordinances are posted in the Pembroke Post Office and also each council member is given copies to be posted in public access areas of their district. A posting period of (10) ten days is given for tribal membership to review proposed ordinances. If for any reasons tribal members contest such ordinances, an initiative procedure may be taken. This procedure is found in the Lumbee Constitution Article 3 Sec. 1b. The following are brief summaries of actions taken by the tribal government: November 7, 1994 Resolution 94-1: This resolution states that any organization or agency who purports to act on behalf of the Lumbee Tribe, in actions including

application for grants, programs or services, must first request the Tribal Council's approval. Requests are to be submitted to the Tribal Chairperson who will in turn forward such requests to the Tribal Council. Resolution 94-2: This resolution acknowledges the expiration of LRDA's representative status with the adoption of the Lumbee Constitution. It expresses the tribal council's intent to enact laws for the creation of an enrollment office and charges the tribal chairperson to request transfer of all existing tribal enrollment records. Ordinance 94-1: This law sets forth the procedures governing the conduct of business by the tribal council by establishing: a. council officers b. meeting schedule & attendance policy c. ordinance adoption procedure Ordinance 94-2: This law authorizes the tribal chairperson to retain the legal services of Attorney Dr. Arlinda Locklear and Lumbee River Legal Services. Ordinance 94-3: This law designates the Carolina Indian Voice as the official newspaper of the tribe for all purposes requiring notice and publication as required by the Lum-

bee Tribal Constitution. December 5, 1994 Resolution 94-3: This resolution speaks to the unfair treatment of Robeson County Sheriff's candidate, Glenn Maynor, during the sheriff's election. It calls for the denouncement of the Robesonian and any staff responsible for such biased reporting. It also calls for a tribal boycott. Copies of the above ordinances and resolutions may be obtained by writing: Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians P.O. Box 5130 Pembroke, NC 28372 or by contacting your tribal council representative. The next regularly scheduled council meeting is set for Jan. 16, 1994 @ 7pm in the Title V Resource Center (formerly Pembroke Middle School). Questions, concerns suggestions and/or criticisms are welcomed. These may be submitted either in-person or by mailing to the address as previously indicated. It is the tribal councils expressed hope that this publication will promote tribal awareness, participation and unity through an "open door" information policy.

"Awards of Excellence" Poetry Contest Planned

Poems are now being accepted for entry in sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new "Awards of Poetic Excellence" poetry contest. Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded, including a \$500 grand prize. The contest is free to enter. Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes March 31, 1995, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Fall 1995 edition of "Poetic Voices of America," a hardcover anthology to be published in October, 1995. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be notified by May 31, 1995. "Our contest is especially for new and unpublished poets and offers a public forum that enables them to share their work," says Jerome P. Welch, Publisher. "We look for originality of ideas and poetry of all styles and themes. Many of our contest winners are new poets with new ideas." Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc. Dept. C, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, Wv 26175.

Singles Fellowship to Observe 10th Anniversary

The Singles Fellowship of First United Methodist Church, Pembroke will have a 10-year reunion dinner on Valentine's Day - if you'd like to attend, come to the regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, at First United Methodist Church, Pembroke, or call one of the following numbers: 521-3592 or 521-4619. The restaurant needs an accurate account in advance. Full-course dinner with dessert. Singles \$7, tip included, couples \$14.

Write Now! Indian Pow-Wow Calendar Free!

The many colorful Indian Pow-wows, fidecos, and celebrations held throughout the USA each year are fun for all, but sometimes very hard to know about. The Indian Information and Trade Center in Arizona will send you a quarterly calendar in return for a priority mail \$2.90 self addressed stamped envelope (9"x12"). (Send four envelopes for the entire year with postage.) Overseas should send \$7.00 U.S. funds for postage. Send to: Indian Calendar P.O. Box 1000 San Carlos, AZ 8550-1000 USA

SRMC to be participating provider

Healthsource North Carolina, Inc. has signed on Southeastern Regional Medical Center as a participating provider. The addition of this 434-bed hospital will enable Healthsource North Carolina to better serve its members in the Robeson County area. "Healthsource is in the process of completing its network in this area, and the addition of the hospital will benefit both our members and providers," said Cheryl Humphrey, senior

contracts specialist. "As the largest HMO in the state, it's our business to make quality health care as accessible as possible." Healthsource North Carolina, formerly Carolina Physicians' Health Plan, provides health care services to about 134,000 members. One of the fastest growing managed care companies, Healthsource North Carolina has offices in Morrisville, Charlotte and Asheville.

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Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Newsletter Has Note on Book on Colonization

A recent Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) newsletter had a note on a book on early European plans for the colonization of Native North American minds. The Spanish, through language based assault, went so far as to say they wanted to "change the way they (Indians) remember history." The planned psychosurgical colonization of the mind had varying degrees of success with the many different peoples of this continent over the last past 400-500 years. It's not over with yet. It is still going on today under a sly cloak of innocent looking letters and an odd assortment of umlauts, diacritical marks, and whatnot, and with the disarmingly simple ID-tag of "IPA." The International Phoneticists Association formed in Paris, France, just over a 100 years ago, made up the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) to be applicable to any and all human languages, then marched forth as an early day army of linguistic Indiana Joneses to study and record the savage languages of savage people before their savage speakers died out under the civilizing heel of the man from Europe. The recorded languages were to be stored and studied like so many bones in a museum, so you see, the IPA was somewhat like a 7% solution of a literary preservative, a phonetic phormaldehyde. And as a

museum specimen need be preserved in such a way so as to enable its study even down to the microscopic, so too is the IPA to preserve a language down to its phonetic counter-part of the microscopic for its proper study. The IPA is a study tool, not a talking tool, not a walking tool, not a people tool. No, it is a studying-people tool. That is why it is so cumbersome, clumsy, and complex (maybe 3-4 times more complex than English). The IPA is a tool. Whose tool is it? The Indian's tool? No way! It is a tool to study Lo, the poor Indian. It is a tool for those who see us all as Lo. Get it? Lo=low. Consider: several hundred thousand non-Indians use the IPA, while no more than only several hundred North and South American Indians, at most, also use it. Statistically speaking, then, IPA written stuff is for "others to see us all the better by." They look at us through their IPA-phonoscope and say such things as, "Oh, Look, Lo has even made up a new word for flashlight. Isn't that cute? Lo getting civilized. We should be so proud. Aren't we fine fellows?" The IPA is also a tool for taking advantage of, exploiting, poor Lo, the Indian. Consider: from a 1993 SSILA newsletter, "Winnebago Field Lexicon for sale, 33 bucks a copy." We, for sure, got nothing from any of those sales. Ha ha. This is only once such instance, but it is one too any. The more IPA stuff, the more exploit-

ation risk. But the IPA is here, ready to go, as if a gift from heaven, one of you might say. Sure, sure. But remember, the loudest horse laugh in history came belling forth from the belly of Trojan Horse. Sixty some years before the IPA Sequoia began work on his alphabet. In 1828 he printed his first Cherokee-English newspaper. His alphabet was so easy to use that in just a few days any Cherokee speaker could become a Cherokee reader and writer. Not too long later the Winnebago, HoChunK, adopted and adapted a related alphabet from their Algonkwin neighbors. That too was so easy that, almost like magic, the HoChunK became a literate people within just a few days. There were and are many such alphabets, some using English, Roman really, letters. Some use other symbols. Just became systems using Roman letters are easier to put into computer programs, that does not mean they are better. But they are easier to use for developing new, computer based language projects. Using the old alphabet adopted by the HoChunK well over 100 years ago I've written a whole suite of integrated programs for IBM compatible PCs. Besides simple word lists, I've made sentence generators that can make 822,261,372 grammatically correct HoChunK sentences. They do not yet have sound incorporated, but I've other programs that read some

words and sentences. All these programs can work for other languages. Just a little work can convert these programs for closely related languages such as Iowa, Ojoc, Mandan, Dakota, Lakota, Ponca, and Omaha. More work would be needed for more distantly related languages. Preserving and strengthening our languages is so important that any tribal group wanting these programs for language preservation can get them very reasonably; contact me for further information. But back to IPA. Part of its lure for some is but a manifestation of what's been called the Out of Egypt Syndrome (OES). Recall the legend of the ancient Israeli flight out of Egypt and the 40 year crossing of Sinai. Is Sinai that big that it took 40 years just to cross it? Nope. It took 40 years because, it is said, that is how long it took Moses to knock the slave mentality out of his people after 400 years of slavery. 400 years of mind colonization is not all that different from 400 years of slavery; both lead to slave mentality. Let us, I say, leave the international Phormaldehyde Alphabet in the language museum where it belongs with other preservatives of things dead, use our own systems of writing, and thus say with a strong voice to those who would keep us Lo, "LET MY PEOPLE GO!" Chuck Kingsman, M.D., HoChunK 8852 Reswood Ave. Nellville, WI 54456

Parenting and Child Development Class

Students in Parenting and Child Development have been learning about how children grow and how parents can influence their development. Safety posters were made to demonstrate and inform others of hazards pertinent to various ages. They made play doh, puzzles, books, bean bags and stain-glass window cookies to see how parents and care givers can stimulate minds of preschoolers.



The FHA has developed a "Strangers Safety" program to take to the afterschool care programs at several local schools. This is part of a state FHA project. We have developed a skit, story telling, take home pamphlet to help educate children and their families. Our first presentation was to children at Prospect School. After Christmas, FHA plans to work with children at Pembroke Elementary School and R.B. Dean School.