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## Maynor among William C. Friday Fellows for Human Relations



Through her work with the Robeson County Guardian Ad Litem program and the public schools, Kayron has been a leader in helping children regain their self-esteem and hope.

"My work gives the thrill of watching kids learn who they really are as opposed to their internalized, irrational beliefs about themselves and their abilities," Maynor said.

With the resources of the Friday Fellowship, she would like to create a curriculum that would foster the well-being of North Carolina's at risk children.

"The William C. Friday Fellowships will encourage the kind of vision and leadership that will help our state face the challenges of the 21st Century and beyond," Governor Jim Hunt said.

During their two-year terms, Friday Fellows will participate in weekend retreats focused on leadership, issues of N.C. and humanism. Fellows will also work on action projects that improve the quality of life in N.C. Fellows will gain insight and perspectives from distinguish mentor leaders.

**RALEIGH** - The Wildacres Leadership Initiative recently selected Kayron Maynor of Lumberton in a group of 25 William C. Friday Fellows for Human Relations.

Maynor was chosen from a group of 500 individuals nominated by over 100 nominators across the state. Maynor, a school social worker for Public Schools of Robeson County, is deeply committed to children's issues, especially issues relating to Native American children.

## RCC celebrates 30 years of service



Robeson Community College celebrates 30 years of educational service to the county and region and begins a fourth decade with a new Board Chairman, Thomas Jones, Jr. (center) and Vice Chairman, James E. Thomas (left). President, Fred Williams (right) will serve as secretary.

## Native Americans explore spirituality

**CANADIAN, Okla. (UMNS)** - Native American spirituality is related to people and to place. It is a way of life. It focuses on lived experiences. It is a total respect for all of life.

These definitions surfaced here July 10-14 during the 10th annual United Methodist Native American Family Camp.

In small groups the 350 participants from across the United States shared personal experiences.

All events have spiritual significance and no single definition of Native American spirituality is sufficient, said the Rev. Marvin Abrams, Norwalk, Calif., a leader at the camp. Each tribe, family, church and teacher has its own experience and definition, he added.

"You will never feel or act as the person seated next to you," Abrams said, "for we have all been influenced differently."

Everyone has a sense of what is spiritual, he said, "because we see the world as we are programmed to see it. And the spiritual is part of that programming."

In a western society, he said Native Americans and others are trained to observe events and expect certain outcomes. This conditioning, he said, prompts an individual to "cubby hole" or compartmentalize experiences. "Even the spiritual has its own special little niche," he said, "because the spiritual is often relegated to a small part of our total experience."

Abrams said one might conclude that nothing is happening if they see a family sitting quietly for two hours, "but for me some of those times have been the most spiritual of experiences."

Native Americans, he said, have been influenced by the notion that a spiritual experience is "unreal" or "other-worldly." But traditionally, he said Native Americans have understood the spiritual as something that surrounds humankind all the time.

"There is nothing that could be called nonspiritual," he said. "All events have spiritual significance."

The annual camp is designed for the education, inspiration and fellowship of Native Americans. Another major purpose is to build self-esteem of Native American youth and help them understand the United Methodist Church.

According to Austin Battiest, Broken Bow, Okla., the only thing most Native Americans know about the United Methodist denomination is what they learn within their local church. But family camp, he said, provides opportunities for education and a broader understanding of the church and how it works with and through Native Americans.

Family camp is usually held in a region that has an active Native American population. This year's camp was held in the Choctaw region of Oklahoma. The 1996 camp will be held in Michigan.

Workshops held throughout the week centered around many aspects of Native American life and included health concerns, gaming and sovereignty, education and issues facing the United Methodist Church.

For the first time, the camp had an international flavor. The Native American International Caucus (NAIC), sponsor of the camp, brought indigenous Methodists from Mexico, Central and South America to the camp



Local Scouts at Adventure Camp



Scenes from Adventure Camp



Archery at Adventure Camp

## Local Scouts attend Adventure Camp

On July 16-19 the Webelos scouts from pack 327 in Pembroke attended Webelos Camp at Camp Bowes which is the B.S.A. Cape Fear Council Area Scout Camp. While at this special camp they had the opportunity to earn the following badges and pins: Aquanaut, Ready Man Pins, Koroster, Naturalist and Outdoors Man. They also had the chance to earn their B.B. Gun Belt Loop.

The following scouts attended:

Stephen Chavis, Patrick Smith, Marcus Seals, Jamie Chavis and 2nd year Webelos Isaac Martinez. A special thanks to Mike Martinez for accompanying the scouts also attending was Cub Master Anthony Chavis, not able to attend due to sickness was Banett Locklear.

For more information about Cub Scouts contact Anothly Chavis at 521-9075.

## Lumbee Tribal Council Update

by Rhonda Locklear

The Lumbee Tribal Council held their bi-monthly meeting Monday, July 17, at 7 p.m. in the Indian Education Resource Center. The public is invited to attend these meetings every 1st and 3rd Monday night of each month. The following items were taken care of at this meeting:

\*Chairman Brooks reported that a motion was filed by Tribal Attorney, Dr. Arlinda Locklear on behalf of the Tribal Government of Sovereign Immunity, which means that the Tribal Government cannot be sued.

\*Motion was made and approved for the Support Committee to go forward with any plans they have in way of support to the Council. We appreciate the efforts of the Support Committee. Anyone wishing to serve on this committee will be greatly welcomed.

\*Tribal Resolution 95-2 was passed unanimously by the Tribal Council. Ask your Tribal Representative for details about this Resolution.

\*Motion was made and passed for the Tribal office to be open. Volunteer help is needed in the office. Please drop by and offer your services.

\*Motion was made and approved for the newsletter "The Voice of the Lumbee," to be published quarterly. Stop by the Tribal office and pick up your copy if you did not receive one.

\*Look for announcements of future Tribal Council meetings. Some meetings will be held in the districts of Tribal Council Representative.

\*Special thanks to all merchants who contributed items to the Council during the July festivities in the park.

\*Stop by your Tribal Office to see the furniture that has arrived. We appreciate everyone responsible for making this a reality.

\*Mr. Ponce Chavis and Ms. Bertha Locklear are to be commended for the beautiful Afghan and the Bolo donated for sale to the Tribal Government. Congratulations to the winners of these items.

\*Tribal Council voted to give the Burnt Swamp Association \$300 toward the Native American Olympic Games to be held in Minnesota.

\*Please keep your Tribal Government in prayer as we seek to work toward the betterment of all Lumbee People.

## Public Library to wrap up Summer Reading Program

The Robeson County Public Library Children's Department will wrap up its Summer Reading Celebration Week to be held July 31 through August 4. Special events include Native American Storytelling by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear, a magic show by Mark Daniel, and a visit from children's author Gloria Pinkney.

On Monday, July 31, Barbara Braveboy-Locklear will present an hour of Native American Storytelling. Braveboy-Locklear has presented storytelling programs at many schools, museums, and festivals throughout the state, and has given lectures and workshops on writing and Native American Studies. Braveboy-Locklear's program will begin at 4:00 at the main library at 101 N. Chestnut St., Lumberton.

On Tuesday, August 1, and Thursday, August 3, film hours will be held from 4:00 until 5:00 at the main library in Lumberton. A variety of films will be shown, including cartoons and nature films, and popcorn will be served.

Magician Mark Daniel will appear (and make things disappear) at a magic show on Wednesday, August 2. His

program will follow the theme of "Nature Tales and Trails", and will incorporate storytelling, puppetry, magic tricks, and audience participation. The magic show will be co-hosted by the Lumberton Recreation Commission, and will be held at the Bill Sapp Recreation Center, at 1106 N. Cedar St., Lumberton. It will begin at 4:15.

Friday, August 4, will bring the Summer Reading Program's Grand Finale. Gloria Pinkney, a children's author from New York who was born in Lumberton, will present a reading from her books and a slide show. Pinkney has written two children's books, "Back Home" and "The Sunday Outing", about a little girl's adventure of riding the train from Philadelphia to Robeson County to visit her relatives on their farm. Pinkney's performance will be held at the Carolina Civic Center, 315 N. Chestnut St., Lumberton, beginning at 4:00. Pinkney will be autographing copies of her books. Waldensbooks will have a limited number of books for purchase at the event.

For more information, contact Beth Stewart at the Robeson County Public Library, 738-4859.

## Workshop for Elderly to be held

Services for the Elderly Workshop August 4, 1995, 10:00am - 12:00 noon to be held at Burnt Swamp Baptist Association Office, Prospect Road, Pembroke, NC

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, in conjunction with The Division of Aging and the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, are providing a 2 hour workshop about information on services available to the elderly in our communities. Church and community leaders, family members of elderly persons, and other interested persons should plan to come. There is no charge for this workshop. For more information contact the Burnt Swamp Association at (910) 521-9850 or Darlene Jacobs at the NC Commission of Indian Affairs (919) 733-5998.



## Locklear family reunion planned

Long Swamp/Prospect-The descendants of Zackariah and Matilda Locklear; also the descendants of Preston and Emmaline Locklear will gather for their annual reunion on Saturday, August 12th at Preston Gospel Chapel. Please bring covered dish to be served at noon.

For further information call: 910/739-0058.