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Mayberry Video, Where the Stars Shine in Pembroke Now Open

Shown above is Bruce Grantham, manager of the newest business in town, Mayberry Videos, where the stars shine in Pembroke. The video rental store is located in the old Pantry on Normal Street, across from Pembroke State University. Grantham is shown with a customer. The new store is open on Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 12:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

SBA opens centers to serve Native American communities

SBA Opens Business Information Centers to Serve Native American Communities

Washington--The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Deputy Administrator, Cassandra Pulley, will be in Portland, Oregon today to participate in the grand opening of three new business information centers (BIC's) which will provide business development resources, training and counseling to Native Americans living on or near reservations.

"The Business Information Center Program has been a valuable tool in our efforts to provide small-business people with convenient access to the information needed to become successful," said Pulley. "These new locations will help the SBA serve Native American communities more effectively and efficiently, and support the creation of thriving reservation-based, private-sector economies."

The new BIC's, located on the Grand Ronde, Warm Springs and Klamath reservations in Oregon, will provide state-of-the-art business development resources, financial and technical assistance, small business management training, and one-on-one counseling. The centers' services will also be available to the surrounding communities.

The centers will contain the latest computer technology, an extensive business reference library, and current management videos designed to help

AIO announces opening of DC operations

Washington, D.C.--Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO) announces the opening of their DC Operations Office. Judi Kane was appointed Director of DC Operations and Indiannet Information Systems. Under an Interagency Personnel Agreement, Ms. Kane is on detail to AIO from the Environmental Protection Agency where she was the Indian Programs Manager in the Office of Solid Waste for five years.

The AIO DC Operations will be the headquarters for all Indiannet activity. Indiannet Information Systems is a special project of Americans for Indian Opportunity. This initiative helps to insure that tribes are on the cutting edge of one of the most vital innovations of our time. Indiannet is the first Indian owned and operated national telecommunications network. Connected to the Internet, Indiannet is available to anyone with a computer, modem, telecommunications software, and a telephone. When fully developed, Indiannet will be multi-purpose, acting as a catalyst to facilitate the exchange of information among Indians about Indians.

"Indian Tribes of the United States must act now to avoid getting 'road kill' on the information highway," said LaDonna Harris, President of Americans for Indian Opportunity and a member of the U.S. Commerce

entrepreneurs plan or expand their companies. The BIC's will also have access to reservation in Shiprock, New Mexico, SBA OnLine, the agency's popular electronic information service, which team to ever participate in Special provides comprehensive business-Olympics (and possibly any related information and a large library international competition).

Team New Mexico was placed in a competitive division and faced some tough opponents. In the preliminary round, ONABEN Panama in the medal round where it provides counseling and training on once again narrowly fell 74-65 and small business management to all nine had to settle for the bronze medal. Native American tribes in Oregon. Alton Leslie came out as one of the

Recently, the SBA announced a new partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs to establish tribal business information centers (TBIC's) in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and the Navajo Nation. This demonstration program, scheduled to be fully implemented by the spring of 1996, will serve 17 tribes in the region.

Started in 1992, the SBA's Business Information Center Program currently included 18 locations around the country. The centers provide services to the small-business community free-of-charge.

To find the BIC location nearest you, contact your local SBA district office or call the SBA Answer Desk at 1-800-8-ASK-SBA.

Department's National Council on the Information Infrastructure. Ms. Harris added, "Tribes must seek out and determine for ourselves how technology will be used by Native peoples and how we will be affected by the information age. For the first time, Indians have the opportunity, through computer technology and electronic information, to create and share information about themselves." Ms. Harris said, "Through Indiannet tribal governments and communities can tap into the national information infrastructure and begin to build their own networks."

To access Indiannet dial (605) 394-6858 with your computer modem or through the Internet telnet to indiannet.sderf.org. Access to Indiannet Information Systems is free. Connections to the Internet is offered through Indiannet for a nominal fee. Currently, on Indiannet, one can find information about upcoming events and conferences, job opportunities, and federal resources. Americans for Indian Opportunity encourages all Indiannet users to participate fully by sharing and providing information to the system. The DC Operations Office is located at 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street NW, Suite 506, Washington, DC 20007. For more information about Indiannet contact Ms. Kane at (202) 342-5846, fax (202) 965-5187 or through Indiannet e-mail.

Native Americans Make Their Mark At 1995 Special Olympics World Games

by Will Dvoranchik and John Chrony

Special Olympics International Native American athletes helped make history in July as they took part in the 1995 Special Olympics World Games, the largest sporting event in the world this year.

With more than 7,200 athletes competing from all 50 states and 143 countries, the World Games served as an arena for athletes with mental retardation from around the world to display their skill, courage and joy on an international stage. Native Americans were connected with many vital aspects of the event, including volunteerism and sponsorship. Indeed, without the support of Native Americans, these World Games may have never taken place.

Immediately after the 1995 Special Olympics World Games were awarded to New Haven, Connecticut, the Mashantucket Pequot Band stepped forward to become one of the premier backers of the World Games with a \$2 million contribution. The Pequot Band became the first Native American tribe to be a premier sponsor of an international sports competition.

With the help of that donation, the 1995 Special Olympics World Games were able to offer participants high-quality venues and activities that were an integral part of the year's largest sports event. Many Native American athletes took advantage of the opportunity to display their skills and had great success at the World Games. Some of the highlights from Native American athletes competing at the World Games include:

Navajo Basketball Team Wins Bronze for New Mexico

A basketball team made up completely of athletes from the Navajo Nation, won the bronze medal in the 4x25-meter medley relay team won the bronze medal in a time of 1:40.9.

His teammate, Steve Grassrope from the Lower Brule Tribe, joined him on the 4x100 freestyle and 4x25 medley relay teams and also enjoyed success on his own. He came in sixth place in the 50-meter backstroke and then came back to win a gold medal in the 50-meter freestyle.

George Jensen, a Pine Ridge Ogala Sioux from Redfield, was a member of the South Dakota Unified Softball Team. The team went 3-1 in their preliminary games and after losing to Connecticut in the semi-finals, bounced

back and won the bronze medal with a 15-9 win over Alabama.

Underwood and Nelson Grab Wins in Bowling Competition
Linda Underwood, an Arapaho Indian from Wyoming, won two medals in the Bowling competition. Individually, Underwood bowled a series score of 555 to capture the bronze medal in Division 24 of the Singles competition. Along with teammate Grace Nelson, Underwood moved up a spot and took the silver medal in Division 4 of the Doubles competition with a pin total of 1,250.

Two Montana Athletes Qualify for World Games

Bryan Chapel, a Northern Cheyenne, and Darla Ware, from the Assinibone tribe, traveled with Team Montana to New Haven. Ware was part of the Montana basketball team that finished sixth in Women's Division 1. The team fell short in games with Greece, Massachusetts and finally the United Kingdom in the medal round for sixth place. Ware had slightly better luck on her own as she finished in fifth place in the Individual Skills Competition. Chapel, who competed in Bowling, had a good week, finishing in seventh place in the Singles competition and fourth in Team Mixed Doubles. His 101 average was the highest for Team Montana.

Native American athletes competed in a multitude of different sports at the 1995 Special Olympics World Games and were involved in individual, team, and unified competition. These competitors have shown what can be accomplished when athletes with mental retardation are given the chance to excel.

Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with mental retardation. Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of well-coached Olympic-type sports. The program gives people with mental retardation continual opportunities to develop fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families. For more information on Special Olympics programs, contact your local Special Olympics office or call (202) 628-3630.

For information on this story, contact Michael Janes or John Chrony, Special Olympics International, at (202) 628-3630.

Local artist, Karen Coronado has exhibition at PSU art gallery

Karen Coronado will have an exhibition of her art work on display in the PSU Art Department Art Gallery in Locklear Hall.

The Art Exhibition will be on view August 31st through September 15th.

Coronado is a Native American artist living in Robeson County. She has studied art at Pembroke State University and at Eastern Carolina University.

Her work is inspired by Native

Americans and has a strong Native American sensibility.

There will be an opening reception for the artist on Wednesday, September 6, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Art Department Art Gallery in Locklear Hall. Coronado will discuss her art and will answer questions concerning her work. Refreshments will be served. All faculty, students and community members are invited to attend.

News from Pembroke Business and Professional Women

by Yvonne Barnes Dial

The Pembroke BPW attended the National BPW Conference on July 15-18, 1995 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The opening celebration was highlighted by the featured speaker, Cherokee Chief, Wilma Mankiller. She addressed the members and gave an interesting background of her life and struggle to become the first female leader of the United States of some 165,000 Cherokees. She stressed that people should focus on the positions and not the negatives of other individuals or things.

The luncheon which was held on Monday featured nutrition and exercise expert, Richard Simmons who really excited the audience.

The major business consisted of amending bylaws, adopting legislative platforms, adopting resolution, voting for officers, giving out awards, and hearing reports.

The North Carolina, along with the South Carolina Federations, co-sponsored for the first time in "Breakfast with the Carolinas" in which Faye Locklear, co-chaired the

event. The National Legislative platform was adopted with the following resolution: support the ratification of Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment, Fair Pay Act of 1995, equity in retirement savings, small business administration, federal budget welfare reform, domestic violence and insurance, violence in the workplace, Violence Against Women Act, sexual harassment affirmative action, and support the United Nations Platform of Action at the 4th World Conference on Women.

Those who attended included: Marie Moore, Dorothy Blue, Jessie Hunt, Flora Ransom, and Geraldine Maynor. Monday, August 7, the club held its monthly meeting with guest speaker, Dana Litaker of Greensboro, who addressed the group about organ and tissue donation and transportation.

Mrs. Litaker stressed the importance of organ and tissue donations and gave some informative information concerning the topic. She addressed members to "Let your next of kin know that you wish to donate."

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A Tradition of Excellence



Pembroke State University Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine presents an autographed framed PSU poster to Crystal Edmonds, Assistant Director of Admissions, whose slogan, "A tradition of excellence," was selected as the University's official slogan. Chancellor Oxendine said, "The slogan is superb. It's accurate and captures the spirit of Pembroke State University." The poster, designed by the University Relations Office, features the slogan and the letters PSU with each letter depicting difference campus locations and students printed on a yellow background. The posters are on sale for \$2.50 in the University Book Store. (Bobby Ayers photo)

Lumbee physicians and students at conference

The Association of American Indian Physicians held their 24th annual conference in Mescalero, New Mexico August 4-9. The theme of this year's conference was "Journey to Wellness: Restoring Our Mind, Body and Spirit." Over 150 Indian physicians and medical students from across the country attended the workshops.

Attending the conference this year included AAIP members Joan Baker,

MD, Lumbee from Kinston, NC; Connie Brooks, MD, Lumbee from Orlando, FL; and Joey T. Bell, MD, Lumbee from Pembroke, NC.

Lumbee students attending were James West and Christie Woods, UNC School of Medicine, and Michael Baker, ECU School of Medicine.

Dr. Joey Bell was elected to the Executive Board of the AAIP for the 1995-96 year.