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## VFW Post #2843 Annual Fish Fry Planned

by Erwin Jacobs-Post Surgeon  
The Locklear-Lowry VFW Post #2843 of Pembroke, NC on Union Chapel Road is gearing up for their season Annual Chicken and Fish Fry to be held at the post home located on Union Chapel Road. This event is held in observance of Veteran Day on November 11, 1995 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. It is cosponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW. Tickets can be purchased now from post members for \$5.00 each. You may also buy one on the day of the plate sale. Dine in or carry out.

I would like to take this time now to urge all post members to please attend the monthly meetings. You are missing a lot of helpful information that you could be able to use. The meetings are on the Monday after the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you have served a total of 60 (sixty) days in Desert Storm, Korea, or Haiti you should inquire about joining the post. We always welcome new members.

Our past post Commander, Mr. Arthur Shull, is now the North Carolina Surgeon. Our present Post Commander is Mr. Hilton Deese. He is doing a very good job with the newly elected officers. We are a God fearing and Christian environment post. Attending the meetings will let us be able to know about those in need and give them support. I have been a member for 1 (one) year this month and certainly have been blessed by the love and comradeship of all members.

We ask for your support in this plate sale to raise funds for our post. May God bless you in every way. Thank you.

## LRDA Board of Directors Adopts Resolution To Support Indian Tobacco Farmers

At the August meeting of the Board of Directors of LRDA, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to support Indian tobacco farmers in their struggle to protect their livelihood and the help the tobacco industry in its struggle with anti-tobacco forces.

The resolution adopted is as follows. Whereas, Indian tobacco farmers have a major stake in the estimated \$60 million tobacco product of Robeson County, and; Whereas, Indian tobacco farmers provide major economic support to the Lumbee Tribe, and; Whereas, tobacco is a very important historically and culturally to the Lumbee Tribe, and; Whereas, major anti-tobacco forces have helped impose higher taxes on cigarettes and more restrictions on use of tobacco, so as to further damage the industry and cause much loss of income to the Lumbee Tribe;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of LRDA do publicly support Indian tobacco farmers and will undertake activities to help tobacco farmers and their allies to protect their livelihood.

## Students Earn UNC-CH Degrees

Chapel Hill—938 students earned bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in August.

Following is a list of local graduates: Mary Ann Brown, 505 West 26th St., Lumberton, NC 28358. BA; Julie Christi Crain, Rt. 2 Box 91, Pembroke, NC 28372. MA in Teaching; Henry Paul McMillian, Rt. 2 Box 283K, Red Springs, NC 28377. BS in Physical Therapy; Julia Lynn Moore, Rt. 4 Box 19, Fairmont, NC 28340. BA; Christine Marie Powers, Rt. 8 Box 211, Lumberton, NC 28358. BA; and Patricia Margaret Watson, 512 West 2nd Avenue, Red Springs, NC 28377. BA.

## Plate Sale at Riverside

Friday, October 13, 1995 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Riverside Baptist Church on HWY 74. Chicken and Barbecue plates for sale. \$4.00 per plate and \$5.00 for combinations.

## Kelsey Harris named Miss Robeson County Petite Supreme Queen



Miss Megan Leigh Kelsey Harris of Pembroke, North Carolina, was recently crowned Miss Robeson County Petite Supreme Queen during the Miss Robeson County pageant. Kelsey performed a song and dance routine to "Yes I am a Beautiful Baby". She is the six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemark Harris and a first grade student at Union Chapel Elementary School. Kelsey wishes to thank her many sponsors and supporters for making this title possible.

## Dept. of Transportation studies Hwy 710 and 74 intersection

In response to the concerns of some of his constituents, Representative Ron Sutton, NC House District 85, ask the North Carolina Department of Transportation to study the safety of a major intersection in his district. The intersection studied is that of NC 710 and US 74 between Pembroke and Rowland.

This dangerous intersection has been the site of several accidents including fatalities in recent months and years. As a result of previous studies and accidents, DOT in 1994 upgraded the flashers on all approaches and removed some channelizing islands in the pavement area.

In response to the request of Representative Sutton, DOT recently completed a new study and their traffic engineers recommend the following: 1. Install black thermoplastic rumble strips on NC 710 on approaches to US 74 to enhance the driver's awareness of the stop conditions. 2. Remove overhanging tree limb blocking visibility to one flasher at the intersection. 3. On existing "Stop Ahead" signs on NC 710, install traffic actuated flashers to provide increased emphasis for drivers on NC 710 to stop. 4. Existing flashers on US 74 are to be changed to become traffic actuated with signs on US 74 to indicate the message "Vehicle Entering When Flashing".

There are special funds available to

complete items 3 & 4 above and they should be completed with the next three months. Items 1 & 2 are routine maintenance actions not requiring special funding and these too should be completed within a short period of time.

Local residents tell DOT Engineers that excessive speed along US 74 may have been a contributing factor in some of the accidents. DOT will complete a traffic volume study and speed analysis and provide the results to the NC Highway Patrol if increased enforcement is warranted.

Representative Sutton commends the new Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Garland B. Garrett, Jr., and his staff for their prompt review of this situation. He feels confident that the new Secretary, a product of Southeastern North Carolina, will ensure that the transportation needs of this part of the state are adequately addressed. He also appreciates those citizens that brought their concerns about this intersection to his attention.

Representative Sutton will continue to work with Mr. David Green, local Board of Transportation member, and the Department of Transportation to ensure that appropriate corrective actions are taken to make this intersection as safe as possible, given the extensive volume of traffic passing through it daily.

## Art display at PSU-PAC

Italian Artist Romana Gennaro Exhibits Works at the Givens Performing Arts Center, PSU

Italian Artist Romana Gennaro returns to the Givens Performing Arts Center with a series of new works entitled "Constructions". The works are on display in the lobby and are available for public viewing. Last season, she also had an exhibit of her work on display during the fall and early spring.

Ms. Gennaro is a native of Schio, Vicenza, Italy, trained in Bologna with the "Artistic Lyceum", followed by the Academy of Fine Arts, a curriculum including courses and practical experience in Mosaic, Fresco, Anatomy, Art History, Design, and Sculpture. She currently has an exhibit on display in New York City.

The subject of her new series is entitled "Constructions". It includes the idea of buildings, bridges, villas, one roman aqueduct, and one cathedral. "I want to represent a comparison between the old and the new, between the American landscapes and the Italian landscapes," she stated.

We are very excited and fortunate to have an artist of Ms. Gennaro's talent represented. The exhibit will be on display until early next year. The Givens Performing Arts Center is located on the campus of Pembroke State University and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

## Lumbees plan pilgrimage to Claxton, Georgia

by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear  
They are drawn to the place. They go to retrieve fragments of their heritage. They go in tribute to their dead who lie there. They go and eat fruitcake made from a famous recipe. They do not go until after the rattlesnakes season ends. It is time for the Lumbee to return to Claxton, Georgia.

On November 10, 1995 a chartered bus will take them on a journey to the desolate Claxton community of Adabelle where Robeson County Indians, then known as the Croatan, migrated in the late 1800's. For some on the trip, it will be a return to their birthplace.

Once there and after a night's rest, they will gather at the Croatan Indian Memorial Cemetery and begin cleaning of the area where their dead lie on a hill framed by scraggly pines. They will remember.

That a handful of Indian families with surnames like Emanuel, Locklear, Oxendine, Jacobs, and Bell left Robeson County shortly after the Civil War and settled in the Bulloch County community 8 miles from Claxton. It was there that the colony worked in the upland industry and taught area farmers how to grow tobacco. It was here they raised their children and aught them the virtues of manual labor, the value of education, and the importance of religious faith.

The two Indian schools, the baptist church, and the wood-framed houses

once familiar, are long gone. They were not there on Labor Day 20 years ago when the late Mr. Jasper Locklear, then 89, returned after a 50 year hiatus. "Things sure can change over the years," the great, great-grandfather lamented as he puffed on a stubby cigar. "They must have torn down the church," he commented.

However, they are reminded one thing familiar to the octogenarian—the grave of his beloved mother, Mrs. Mantha "Lady" Locklear.

According to a correspondence by Marvin Lowry published in the Robesonian (March 22, 1915) Mrs. Locklear... "Passed into the great beyond last Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock on the 14th day of March... She was a native of Robeson County, NC, near Lumberton, what is known as Saddletree and moved to Georgia about 20 years ago."

The trip down dirt roads he had traveled as a young man, and the visit to his mother's grave was to be the final journey for Mr. Locklear who died five years later in Robeson County.

It is to the memory of his mother, a "worker in the church and loving neighbor" and others who lie near her that their descendants and friends will gather on November 11, 1995 to clean their graves and lay wreaths at existing headstones.

Since 1988 Barbara Braveboy-Locklear, the great, granddaughter-in-law of the late Mrs. Mantha "Lady" Locklear has led the effort to preserve

the Croatan Indian Memorial Cemetery. She has coordinated three pilgrimages to Claxton since that year. In April of 1989, the group raised funds to erect a chain link fence which serves to protect the cemetery. Two months later on the first Sunday in June, the cemetery was formally dedicated in a ceremony attended by Dottie and Frank Simmons, Jr., the owners of the land on which the cemetery is situated. A granite memorial was laid denoting the historical site where "dauntless Indians from Robeson County, North Carolina settled, lived, and died sometime between the close of the Civil War and the 1920's."

A Sunday morning worship service concludes the group's two day, two night visit to the Adabelle/Claxton area. A few family members linger at the graves of loved ones. Others cast forlorn glances towards the woods where the two schools and church once stood. There is not a rattlesnake in sight.

On board the bus taking them on their journey back to Robeson County, family members and friends will indulge themselves in world famous Claxton fruitcake... and memories of those left behind in the Croatan Indian Memorial Cemetery.

To learn more about the upcoming trip to Adabelle/Claxton, Georgia and the preservation of the Croatan Indian Memorial Cemetery, contact Barbara Braveboy-Locklear at (910) 739-0058.

## Lumbee Fall Pow Wow to be held October 13-15

Thousands of people are expected to gather this weekend for the Annual Lumbee Fall Pow Wow that will be held October 13-15 at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center near Pembroke. The event is one of the largest of its kind in the state.

Over \$7,000 in awards money will be given to the winners of the dance contest which will feature some of the best authentic American Indian arts, crafts, music, and dance in the eastern United States. The event is sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association.

James Hardin, Executive Director of LRDA, said "The public is cordially invited to attend the Pow Wow and to participate in the celebration of ancient Indian cultural traditions." Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Jim Chavis, Head Male Dancer is Alex Ross and Head Female Dancer is Natasha Wagoner, Miss Indian USA, Host Drum for the event is "Southern Singers."

Hardin said the Pow Wow will have

a special program to recognize Indian tobacco farmers and to provide information about the future of tobacco farming. He noted that the board of directors of LRDA recently voted to work to support Indian tobacco farmers.

"We extend a special welcome to tobacco farmers to come to the Pow Wow and discuss the issues with the people in attendance."

In addition to a focus on tobacco farming there will be a focus on high quality Indian arts and crafts.

Hardin said, "We expect to have some of the best dealers in Indian arts and crafts at this event. Traders will be selling authentic American Indian arts and crafts including Indian silver and turquoise jewelry, pottery, baskets, and paintings representing the arts and traditions of many tribes." He said American Indian artists and craftsmen who produce high quality crafts will be given preference in booth selection.

General admission for the event will be \$4.00. Contact Lumbee Regional Development Association at (910) 521-8602 for more information.



## Chavis to MC Lumbee Pow-Wow

Jim Chavis, Vice President in Charge of Continuing Education at Richmond Community College in Rockingham, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the Lumbee Fall Pow Wow. Mr. Chavis is a veteran supporter of Indian cultural events who has helped organize and conduct Indian Pow Wows for over eight years. He is well known for his work with the annual Richmond Community College Pow Wow.

## North Carolina BPW Calendar of upcoming events

Calendar Information  
The 34th Annual Spotlight on Women Conference, sponsored by the NC Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs (BPW/NC), will be held on Saturday, October 21, 1995 on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the conference concludes at 3:00 p.m. Ann Gathier, chairperson and CEO of JH Heafner Company, Inc. will be the keynote speaker for the conference which includes workshops and the presentation of BPW/NC's Career Woman of the Year award. For registration information contact Vera Breazale at (704) 326-8320.

## Children's Day

October 14, 1995 is National Children's Day and the Southeastern Family Violence Center will sponsor a Puppet Show, Mime Performance and Story Telling on this day. The event will take place inside Biggs Park Mall at 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Also, entertainment by Riverside Christian Academy Youth Group and Pembroke Elementary Concert Choir. Free Admission.



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## Gospel Singing and Plate Sale

Prospect United Methodist Church will have an exciting day on November 2, 1995.

It will be a day that will begin with a Chicken/Bar-B-Que plate sale and conclude with an evening of Gospel Music. The events are sponsored by the United Methodist Men's organization and the public is invited to participate.

The plate sale will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 6:00 p.m. The cost per plate will be \$5.00. For tickets and/or information, you may call Prospect UMC at (910) 521-2111 on Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. til 4:30 p.m.

The Gospel Sing will begin at 7:00 p.m. with featured Gospel Group - Perfect Heart.