

# Grants writing workshop- a big success!

by: John "Tall Bird" Marshall, Lumbree

It was Saturday, January 27, 1996. The sky was overcast with gray clouds as the rain fell among the gusty winds of an unseasonably warm day. I had just arrived (from my hometown of Rocky Mount) at the Cumberland County Association for Indian People's (CCAIP) facility in Fayetteville, NC.

It was early yet as a few artists were setting up displays. Ray and Tony Littleturtle were all a flutter setting up the sound system and additional Native decor for the day's events.

Staff personnel with the NC Arts Council were busy setting up registration and a table containing in excess of thirty (30) free hand-outs.

As people began drifting in, it wasn't long before the auditorium was filled. There must have been in excess of 200 people sitting at the tables CCAIP had set up for the workshop.

We were all making new friends and renewing old acquaintances. It was good medicine!

The workshop was moderated by Ms. Linda McGloin of the NC Arts Council. A portion of her staff (Amy Brannock, Beverly Meek, and Peter MacBeth) paneled the session

pertaining to proper procedures to follow in completing grant forms.

I learned that grants are divided in two (2) divisions: Organizations and Artist/Individual Support. Grant categories include activities such as: arts in education, folklife, local art agencies, multicultural organization development, dance, music, theater, visual arts, literature, and much more. State funds for local art programs are made available to all 100 counties of NC on a per capita basis. Funding is determined in direct proportion to the population of each county. County allotments for 1995-1996 ranged from \$737 (Tyrell) to \$107,515 (Mecklenburg).

A spectacular lunch of home cooking was served followed by a showcase of Native American talent moderated by none other than Ray Littleturtle. The entertainment included: Tony Littleturtle with several woodland flute presentations, Scott Blanks Musical, the reading of a poem called "Threads of Silk" by Melody Carter Gomez, Kat Littleturtle with storytelling, Alex and Tony on the drum, a brief performance with Grand Entry, and a display of the various dance styles were demonstrated by various tribal

members decked in full regalia.

Upon conclusion of the showcase of talent, Ms. Ruth Revels presented a gift of appreciation to all staff of the NC Arts Council thanking them for their kindness and invaluable service rendered to the people of diverse cultures of NC through the years.

Yes, the NC Arts Council is most worthy of praise. They and other agencies of the Department of Cultural Resources have done so much in providing opportunities and enrichment to the people of all communities throughout NC.

Truly, words will never be enough to thank them for what they have done and continue to do for us. We are and always will be grateful to all the many people employed in the NC Arts Council and other agencies of the NC Department of Cultural Resources.

For more information about the NC Arts Council, write: NC Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807 or by phoning 919-733-2111.

"May The Warm Winds Of Peace Forever Blow Upon You." AHOE!

## The Sunday School Lesson

BY JOHN R. BRAYBOY  
SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Remaining Loyal  
(Ruth 1:1-8, 16-16)

- I Moving Away (Ruth 1:1-2)
- II Facing Death (Ruth 1:3-5)
- III Returning Home (Ruth 1:6-7)
- IV. Experiencing Loyalty (Ruth 1: 8, 16-18)

**I. Moving Away (Ruth 1:1-2)**  
We have in our lesson this week a beautiful picture of love and loyalty exemplified as a result of good Christian living. First of all though we see tragedy that comes from people going contrary to the will of God.

We learn of a man named Elimelech, who was faced with a difficult situation of taking care of his family. Faced with a famine in Bethlehem-Judah, he made a choice to go over to the land of Moab. He took his wife, Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion and settled in Moab. No doubt Elimelech's intention was to be there for only a short while. We are not told if he sought God's will in the matter, or just took it upon himself to go to Moab. Moab is typical of sin and a going away from God. When we go away from God, there is a chance of grave consequences, even though we have in our hearts the best intentions for our family. In difficult times we need to trust God and seek His guidance.

**II. Facing Death (Ruth 1:3-5)**  
God sometimes allows His permissive will in our lives, simply because we are determined to do things our way. In doing so we sometimes have to reap grave consequences. We find that Elimelech died in the land of Moab and left Naomi a widow with two sons.

Apparently by the time that Elimelech died, his two sons were all grown up. They took their wives of the Moabites. This would be a logical thing for them to do because they were residents of Moab. Of course, the old testament scripture instructed the Israelites not to marry strangers or foreigners.

Another strange turn of events transpired in Moab. Naomi's two sons after marrying in Moab for ten years, they too died. Now whether things would have been different had they stayed in Bethlehem-Judah is not for me to say, but we can see that in all of this the plan of God is working. Many times there is good that comes from tragedy. God many times has a reason for allowing things to happen in our lives for our own good, even when we walk contrary to His will.

**III. Returning Home (Ruth 1:6-7)**  
When we are struck with sorrow and disappointment, it is our nature to draw close to those we love. With the loss of her husband and two sons, Naomi was alone in a strange land with no one to comfort her. News came to her that God had blessed the land of Israel, and once again it was fertile and there was a rain.

Naomi packed up her belongings and with her daughters-in-law prepared to return to her own country. The scripture does not say here, but apparently Naomi had lived a godly life before her two daughters-in-law. Ruth and Oprah, because they were willing to follow her back to her homeland. God's people can be a light

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shining out in ungodly surroundings, even if it is not a popular thing to do.  
IV. Experiencing Loyalty (Ruth 1:8, 16)

Naomi realizing that taking Ruth and Oprah to Judah to live would be as difficult for them as it had been for her in Moab, encouraged them to return to their families. She reminded them that she had no more sons that they could marry, and at her age she would not have any. If she did have more sons, the daughters-in-law would be too old for them to marry.

They wept when Naomi instructed them to depart back to their homeland. Naomi asked that the Lord bless because of the treatment she and her family had received from Ruth and Oprah.

Oprah did as Naomi instructed her to do, but Ruth clung to her mother-in-law. Here is a commitment of total surrender to a new way of life. She was willing to forsake country, family, and a way of life that was contrary to God, and go with God. Ruth told her that she would go where she went, lodge where she lodged, that her people would be her people, and her God her God. Ruth realized that Naomi had something more than she had and she wanted what Naomi had.

Ruth was willing to give up everything in her past, present and future to stay with Naomi, and serve her God. When lost people come to God they come willing to surrender to God's way and forsake the old paths. When Naomi heard the commitment that Ruth had made, she said no more to her about returning to Moab. She knew that if Ruth was willing to change her life that God would accept her as an Israelite.

God has not changed, even today, dearly beloved, if you are in the land of Moab, lost and without hope, surrender all to Jesus. God will save you for Christ's sake. Jesus died for your sins, rose from the dead that we might live. I urge you today to accept Jesus Christ as savior. Romans 1:8-9 says, "By what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart, that is the word of faith which we preach: that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

God bless you all until next week. Pray for us at Salem and for the lost

The weekly meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Judge Dexter Brooks presented very interesting statistics showing the population distribution of registered voters of the 7th Congressional District. These figures were taken in 1990. The total population of 552,386 by race shows 394,855 whites, 103,428 Blacks, 40,166 Indians. Registered voters= whites, 162,148; Blacks- 38,413; Others adds up to 220,665. The total is 220,665. The chart lists 218613. With the Indian count missing on the chart. However further down the charge 34,591 Indian voters are listed as 34,591.

Judge Brooks is running uncontested for Superior Judge. Election is May 7th.

The chart shows truly more minorities need to register to vote. The voting strength of Robeson County depends on representation equally of all races. However, independent voters cannot be measured. It seems to me this is the real strength of multi type Democracy we live in. We aren't thankful for our freedom to vote as each voter sees fit, judge Brooks is to be congratulated for a keen interest in the voting potential in Robeson County.

Presiding-Bob Lowry; Prayer-Albert Hunt; Song leader- Ed Teets; Program- Dexter Brooks; Reporter-Ken Johnson.

"Vote and Elect"  
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## Williams—Cummings



TERESA WILLIAMS  
To Wed JERRY D. CUMMINGS

Teresa Oxendine Williams and Jerry D. Cummings, both of Pembroke, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is a student at Pembroke State University. She is the daughter of Annie Ruth Oxendine of Pembroke and the late James Arthur Oxendine.

Her fiance is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stanly Cummings and Josephine Cummings of Pembroke. He is a businessman and a magistrate with the North Carolina Judicial System for the Robeson County District.

The wedding is planned for March 9. Invitations will be sent.

**CHOOSE TRADITION NOT ADDICTION**  
Know the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse  
A message from NIAAA and the National Institute on Drug Abuse



Pictured Left to Right: Amy Brannock, Beverly Meek, and Peter MacBeth participating as panel members representing the NC Arts Council.



David Lynch, Nansemond of Hollister, NC displays a wood cane taking on the appearance of snake. He also had on display many other canes, staffs, and axes.

Photos by John "Tall Bird" Marshall

NOVEMBER 5, 1996 STATE GENERAL ELECTIONS  
"REGISTERED, QUALIFIED" VOTERS  
(ROBESON, HOKE, SCOTLAND COUNTIES--DISTRICT 87)

"KEEP SMILING"  
LISTEN TO YOUR CONSCIENCE  
(THE SMALL, STILL VOICE)

"A TRUTHFUL ANSWER TO AN IMPORTANT QUESTION:"

QUESTION: WILL YOU "VOTE AND ELECT" A CANDIDATE'S NAME?

ANSWER: "YES." WHY?

BEING A MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTY OR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CANNOT ENSURE THAT A CANDIDATE HAS THE "WISDOM" TO SPEAK; TO REVISE AND WRITE STATE LAWS TO PROMOTE PROSPEROUS YEARS AND PEACE OF MIND.

THE HONORABLE FRANCES M. CUMMINGS WILL BE "MY STATE REPRESENTATIVE" FOR ROBESON, HOKE, AND SCOTLAND COUNTIES--DISTRICT 87. WHY?

REP. FRANCES CUMMINGS HAS PROVEN HER "WISDOM" IN THE NC HOUSE. REP. CUMMINGS HAS SUCCEEDED WHERE "OTHERS FAILED" TO ACCOMPLISH PROSPEROUS GOALS FOR "ALL" PEOPLE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

TO BE CONTINUED...

BE BLESSED, AND BE A COURAGEOUS VOTER. AMEN.

Written by Yvonne Maria Leow

Paid for by Cummings for NC House Committee

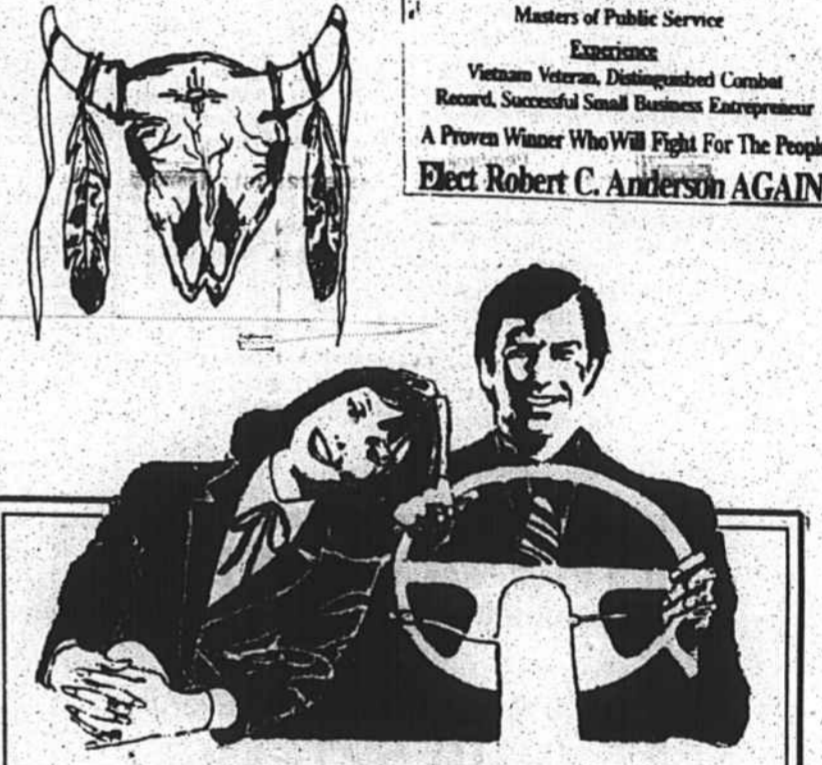
## Local students graduate from NC Central

Several students from Robeson County recently graduated from NC Central University. Billie Bowen of Lumberton received a Masters of Library Science; Angela Cowan of Lumberton received a BA degree; Joy Love of Lumberton received a BS degree; Orsby McMillan of Lumberton received a BA and BS degree; Carol Swayne of Lumberton received a Master of Library Science; Sharron Jackson of Maxton received a Master of Library Science; Lesa Maynor Pembroke received a Master of Library Science cum laude; Jemeeka Campbell of Red Springs received a BS degree; and Sharon Crawford of Red Springs received a BA degree.



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