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Robeson Tribal Council vs LRDA Suit settle issue of government

On July 30 Judge Jack A. Thompson issued a ruling in the case of the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians vs LRDA. This ruling by Judge Thompson was not a clear cut victory for either side. According to the ruling, the motion brought by the Tribal Council to declare the group as the governing body of the Lumbee Indians was denied. However, the motion filed by LRDA to dismiss the case was also denied.

In the lawsuit the Tribal Council also claimed that LRDA's use of the name Lumbee Tribe constituted a trademark infringement. In other words, the use of the name Lumbee Tribe by LRDA was being done without the consent of the Lumbee people, and further its unauthorized use of the name of the Lumbee Tribe and its self-designation as the tribe's governing

body are likely to confuse the public and funding sources. The suit stated this action would result in injury and damage to the Tribal Council's authority to receive federal and state grants. This point was denied to the tribal council and won by LRDA. The agency, LRDA, may continue to apply for and receive both federal and state monies to provide services to the Lumbee people.

The defendant in the matter, LRDA also filed a motion to dismiss the Tribal Council's claim for relief from unfair and deceptive trade practices. This motion was allowed. The court did not agree with the Tribal Council that LRDA has deceived the general public and funding sources by holding itself out as the representative of the Lumbee Tribe.

In making its argument for

dismissal of the case, LRDA argued that the Court had no jurisdiction over the matter or persons. This point was denied by the Judge. However at press time LRDA had filed a new motion requesting the court to alter or amend the July 30 order on the grounds that the evidence was insufficient to justify the court's conclusions, especially as it relates to the court's denial of their motion to dismiss the matter.

The significance of this order is the fact that neither party, the tribal council or LRDA, was declared by the Superior Court of Robeson County to be the governing body of the Lumbee tribe. Further, this ruling will leave the case open for trial at a later date where substantial evidence will have to be presented in order for the judge to issue a final decision in this matter.



Indigos Cafe & Bakery Now Open in Pembroke

Indigos Cafe & Bakery is now open in the old Hardee's Building on Highway 711 East, across from UNC-P. The new business, a combined effort of Carolyn Coronado, Karen Coronado and Vanessa Coronado, now has an alternative in eating out that offers a variety menu with great healthy selections.

Five years in the making, Indigos is the brain child of the Coronados, with Karen spearheading the venture. They are specializing in homemade cuisine with selections that are baked fresh and served daily. The bakery goods are flavorful and highlights some of the best baking talent in the state.

Indigos carries cinnamon buns made from scratch, as well as other delicacies, including fruit turnovers, cakes, pies, cream puffs, eclairs, Napolians, cheese cake, brownies, and they will also prepare

special orders. They have a variety of bagels, croissants, burritos, fresh salads, Yakitori chicken breast on roll, capicola ham, grilled sirloin steak, smoked turkey, roast beef, shrimp burger, stuffed baked potatoes, pasta, tostadas, tamales, quesadilla.

Beverages include Indigos House Coffee, Flavored Coffee, Espresso, Cappuccino, Flavored Cappuccino, Fruit Cups and more.

The only way to find out about Indigos is to come by and experience the taste for yourself. Indigos can be reached by calling 521-0550 to order ahead or time and for take out orders. Hours of the new business are: 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. They will be closed on Sundays. It is a definitely an experience in eating delight. (Text and photo by Joe Red Buffalo)

Open House planned at Pembroke Middle School

Pembroke Middle School will hold open house for the 1996-97 school year on Sunday, August 18, 1996 from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Student and Parents will be able to pick up schedules and meet the faculty & staff.

Open House planned at Pembroke Elementary

Pembroke Elementary's Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 1996. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. All parents are cordially invited to attend.

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Shoney's sponsors All-Indian Pow Wow

NASHVILLE, Tenn., August 8, 1996 - Shoney's, Inc. sponsored the 28th Annual Mid-American All-Indian Intertribal Pow-Wow in Wichita, Kansas on July 20-28. The Pow-Wow which is the largest in Kansas, attracted more than 35,000 participants and spectators to the Sedgewick County Park in Wichita. The three-day celebration featured dozens of exhibitions of traditional dances and songs. Larry Sellers, who plays "Cloud Dancing" on the CBS television show "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" was the celebrity guest.

"Shoney's is proud to support an event with such a wonderful heritage," said C. Stephen Lynn, chairman and CEO of Shoney's, Inc. "Pow-Wows like this one play a key role in promoting awareness of Native American culture and traditions."

The chairperson of the 28th Annual MAAIC Intertribal Pow-Wow was Sue Seal, publisher of the White Buffalo Gazette in Wichita. The MAAIC princess for 1996 was Candace Dave of the Yakima, Cayese, Walla Walla, Kiowa and Comanche tribes. The Chief Satanta Descendants from Oklahoma served as co-hosts for the Pow-Wow.

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Little Miss Lumbee visits Pemberton Place Nursing Center

Shown Above is Little Miss Lumbee, Angelica Marie Chavis at Pemberton Place. Angelica danced and sang some hymns for the residents. She later visited some of the residential rooms and performed for those unable to attend. The residents enjoyed her visit and her Bible scripture recitations. In the picture above is Angelica with her great-great uncle James Oxendine. Angelica is a member of the Mission Church and attends school at Union Chapel Elementary. She is the granddaughter of Ms. Marie Oxendine and the Rev. and Ms. Gracy Chavis of Pembroke.



"Black Elk Speaks" to be presented by Indian Summer Group

Black Elk Speaks. What does he say? A group of Native Americans called "Indian Summer Group" will be putting on a drama that will give Black Elk, a Lakota Medicine Man, an opportunity to speak to humanity. Native Americans have a unique story for the human race and this is an excellent window for an audience to look into the souls of Native Americans.

Black Elk, as a Lakota Medicine Man, has served as a bridge for Native Americans of the past to Native Americans of the present. He was alive as a young boy at the Battle of the Little Big Horn and he was a young man at the time of Wounded Knee. He opened and closed doors to the beginning and end of an Indian era.

historical perspective of the oppression of the Native Americans.

Indian Summer Group is a wonderful example of Native American ingenuity and talent. Local Indian talent coming together to produce a most outstanding statement of Indian eloquence. Black Elk had a message for all of us. The cast is working hard to put on a number one production with excellent showmanship and drama production. Not only do the performers have a vision of using the Adolph Dial Amphitheater but it will be most fitting that the drama be performed at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. Tickets are \$5 per person and the performance will be Saturday night, August 24 and Saturday night, August 31. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Call 521-1861 for further information.

(Photo and text by Joe Red Buffalo)

Robeson County SOS Summer Activities

Summer camp ended with a bang on August 2 for twenty-one students who attended summer camp at Pembroke Middle School's Support Our Students Program. These students and six adults spent the day at Discovery Place in Charlotte investigating space travel and scientific technology. The day ended with an ice skating session at Eastland Mall.

Earlier during camp they visited the NC Correctional Institute in Lumberton, canoed the Lumbee River, and rode the waves at Myrtle Waves Water Park in Myrtle Beach. Also, students were visited by our

local Democratic Congressional Primary winner Mike McIntyre. Students received in-depth information about the operation of our state and national governments. Words such as veto, override, constitution, checks and balances took added definition under Mr. McIntyre's skillful presentation.

For their community service project, the students collected seventy-five hundred pennies that will be used to buy personal items for the residents of Pemberton Nursing Center in Pembroke.

The Support Our Students program is sponsored by Robeson County Communities In Schools.

UNCP Scholars Named

PEMBROKE - Three students from Robeson County have been named Chancellor's Scholars at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke for the 1996-97 academic year.

Carissa M. Cummings, a senior from Red Springs High School is the daughter of Jeffery and Carol June Cummings of Red Springs. She plans to major in biology (pre-medicine).

Lisa M. Mitchell, a senior from Lumberton High School is the daughter of George Scott and Sylvia Pate of Rowland. She plans

to major in communicative arts (communications/broadcasting).

Capujene Thompson, a senior from Purnell Swett High School is the daughter of Roger and Christine Thompson of Lumberton. She plans to major in biology.

Chancellor's Scholars at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke receive \$3,000 a year to attend UNCP. This almost covers the full expenses of a student living on campus with a full-meal plan.

Chancellor's Scholars take special courses, do a Master's type thesis, and receive special honors at commencement.



Winners of the Tiny Tot contest at the 29th annual MAAIC Pow-Wow were awarded Shoney's Bears from Shoney's Restaurants.

Indian Summer Group, Robeson County's only Native American Performing Artist and Actors Association presents, John Niehardt's critically acclaimed "BLACK ELK SPEAKS" Saturday nights, August 24 and August 31, 1996 at the Adolph Dial Amphitheatre on the site of the NC Indian Cultural Center, Terry Sanford Drive off US Hwy 74 west of Pembroke.