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Miss Lumbee, Rebekah Revels. Attends Inauguration Celebration

Rebekah Revels, Miss Lumbee, attended the 53rd Inaugural Celebration for President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore in Washington, D.C. January 18-20, 1997. Rebekah attended the Inaugural Pow Wow, the Inaugural Parade and the American Indian Inaugural Ball for President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. Sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Rebekah is the second Miss Lumbee to attend a Presidential Inaugural Celebration in Washington D.C.

Rebekah was chaperoned by Natascha Wagoner, Miss Indian USA, a Native of Pembroke, NC and a senior at Wingate College. Rebekah is the daughter of J.D. and Deena Revels of St. Pauls. She is a member of Ten Mile Center Baptist Church and a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Rebekah stated that the experience was unique and very rewarding. "I am very thankful I had the opportunity to attend the celebration," she said.



Shown are Rebekah Revels, Miss Lumbee and Natascha Wagoner, Miss Indian USA during Inaugural Activities in Washington, D.C.



Rebekah Revels, Miss Lumbee is shown with Miss Navajo Nation.



Shown are Ron Andrade, 1996 Miss Lumbee Judge of California, with Miss Lumbee, Rebekah Revels.

98-Year-Old Fire Victim in Need of Assistance

Mary O. Oxendine of the Union Chapel area lost her home and belongings Friday, Dec. 20, in a fire. She had no insurance to cover her losses. The 89-year-old Christian lady lived alone. She has good health, does her own housework, tends to her flower garden and her vegetable garden. It is amazing what this lady can do with a shovel and hoe in her yard. She can even drive her car. God has blessed her in many ways. She was married to Nicholas (N.W.) Oxendine. He died of a heart attack June 6, 1971. He was a great hunter and baseball player in his earlier years. Nicholas and Mary Catherine did not have any children of their own, but they adopted five children: three daughters and twin sons. They were foster parents for several years to children who came through Robeson County Department of Social Services. They loved children very much. Mary had a room in her house

dedicated to God. On Friday nights, some of her Christian friends would come over, and they would have worship service. She enjoyed this to the highest. She has never been to a theater or fair. Her parents did not allow them to go. As she grew older, she did not want to go to these places. She was reared to go to church every Sunday. Now that her house has burned, and she is forced to live with her son, Mary is like a fish out of water. It is just not home! She does not have anything to do. She has never been one to just sit down. She usually keeps herself busy. Mary Catherine is worried about her house and all the memories she has lost. She lost her doll collection, old pictures, and many antiques that can never be replaced. She had many one-of-a-kind items. Mary wants a home of her own. She is constantly asking what we can do to rebuild her house.

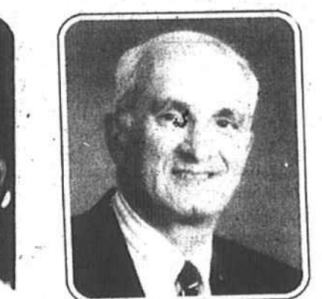


Attending the American Indian Inaugural ball for President Bill Clinton in Washington, DC January 20, 1997 were, left to right: Natascha Wagoner, Miss Indian USA; Greg Richardson, Executive Director for the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs; Rebekah Revels, Miss Lumbee; Pale Moon, founder and president of the American Indian Heritage Foundation and director of the Miss Indian USA Pageant.



Pale Moon, Director of the Miss Indian USA Program, Terry Rose, national Crown Coordinator for the Miss Indian USA Program, Rebekah Revels, Miss Lumbee, Natascha Wagoner, Miss Indian USA, attended Inaugural Parade for the President and Vice President.

Weinstein Appointed Vice Chairman of Key Senate Committee



Raleigh-Sen. David Weinstein, D-Robeson, will serve as vice chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, Sen. President Pro tem Marc Basnight announced this week. Weinstein also will serve on several key Senate committees: Agriculture, Finance and Pensions and Retirement, as well as the Natural and Economic Resources subcommittees of Appropriations and Base Budget.

"Senator Weinstein will have his plate full in his first session, but he has the knowledge and the patience necessary to explore all these issues," Basnight said Friday. "I look forward to hearing his input."

The Senate convened Wednesday, Jan. 29. Committees begin meeting next week. Weinstein represents Robeson County and parts of Bladen, Cumberland, Hoke and Sampson counties.

Many in the community have told her that they will help her rebuild her home if she can get the material. This is a tremendous task, since she did not have any insurance on her house. The house must be built from the ground up.

We are asking everyone who would like to help Mary Catherine Oxendine buy materials to rebuild her home to please send donations to: The Mary O. Oxendine Fund, Lumbee Guaranty Bank, P.O. Box 908, Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

May God bless you for your help. Mary O. Oxendine will never forget you.

Doris O. Jones
Lumberton

Singing to be held on Channel 7

A gospel singing will be held the third Saturday night, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in the studio of TV Channel 7.

Juried Fine Art Exhibition to be Part of Indian Unity Conference

A juried fine art exhibition will be a part of the upcoming Twenty-Second Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference scheduled for March 13-15 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

This is the seventh consecutive year a juried fine art exhibition has been a part of the three-day conference sponsored by United Tribes of North Carolina.

Jane Jacobs, UTNC Arts and Crafts coordinator, says there is no entry fee and that the exhibition offers an opportunity for Indian artists to share and showcase their work at the state wide conference. "This year's conference is expected to draw people from throughout the nation," Jacobs adds.

All participants in the art exhibition must be 18 years of age or older; be a member of a North Carolina Indian tribe, or may be a Native American presently residing in the state. According to official guidelines all media are acceptable including painting, pottery, beadwork, basketry, sculpture, etc. All entries must be original and completed within the last three years, and not entered in the conference-sponsored juried fine art exhibition in the last three years.

No kits, molds, or print reproduction of original works will be accepted. All work accepted as part of this exhibition will travel to the



Shown with Elizabeth Dole, President of the American Red Cross are: Patricia Brayboy, left, Acting Director of the Robeson County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Wanda Locklear, right, member of the Board of Directors of the Robeson County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Brayboy and Locklear attended a reception to honor volunteer relief workers, campaign cabinet members and major contributors and North Carolina Red Cross Chapters on Monday, Feb. 3 at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, NC. The event was sponsored by Elizabeth Dole, President of the American Red Cross and L.M. Baker Jr., President, Wachovia Corporation and Chairman, 1996 American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Campaign.

Rep. Ron Sutton Begins Third Term in NC General Assembly



January 29, 1997 was a history making day in North Carolina. On that day the General Assembly convened in Raleigh and for the first time ever a Lumbee Indian was sworn in for a third consecutive term in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Representative Ron Sutton, Democrat of Pembroke, began his third term. He explained that he was extremely pleased to have so many citizens from Robeson and Hoke counties present for the occasion. In fact, there were so many on hand

some were unable to get into the House Gallery to see the actual ceremony. Others watched on closed circuit television at sites throughout the General Assembly Building. Representative Sutton hosted a reception for all his visitors at the Best Western Cary Motel, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Smith, formerly of Pembroke.

In addition there were many citizens present to see Senator David Weinstein and Representative Donald Bonner sworn in for their first terms. Representative Doug Yongue was sworn in for his second complete term, having served a partial term upon replacing former Representative Danny Devane, now with the Department of Transportation. There were guests from Robeson, Hoke and Scotland counties present to support these individuals too.

Sutton is pleased that this area is getting members with seniority. This is extremely important when discussing matters in committees and on the floor. He also indicates that he will provide an update on committee assignments when they are finalized by the House Speaker.

Guilford Native American Art Gallery in Greensboro for a show which will run from late March-May 31, 1997.

According to exhibition curator, Barbara Braveboy-Locklear, the 2-day show, titled "THE PATH WE TRAVEL: TRUTHS AND VISIONS" will open to the public Thursday, March 13, with an artists' reception beginning at 5 p.m. The exhibition will be open the following day from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Native American artists planning to enter work in the exhibition must register with the exhibition curator no later than 3 p.m. on March 12. Works of art will be received at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. The deadline for accepting art at that location is Tuesday, March 11. Those artists wishing to enter work may register with the exhibition curator at the exhibition site (Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville) on Wednesday, March 12 until 3 p.m. No late entries can be accepted.

Braveboy-Locklear says only art which can travel with the exhibition to Guilford Native American Art Gallery will be accepted in this year's Indian Unity Conference juried fine art exhibition.

"Display in the fine gallery located in Greensboro's Cultural Arts

Center gives the state's Native artists an invaluable opportunity to have their talents recognized and their work appreciated by the city's art community."

Artists may submit three pieces of work. No slide entries will be accepted. Two-dimensional work may not exceed 4-feet in height or 3-feet in width, including framing. All two-dimensional works must be properly wired and ready to hang. No frame clips will be allowed. Three-dimensional work may not exceed 4-feet in height or 3-feet in width. Works must be sturdy enough to withstand handling and exhibition and must be accompanied by any necessary supports at the time of entry, says Braveboy-Locklear.

Entrants may deliver their work to the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, 1 Recreation Road, Pembroke, NC no later than March 11. Please have labels completed and affixed to art prior to delivery. Each art object must be properly packaged for transportation to conference site. Only boxed, or crated art will be accepted.

For more information about the juried fine art exhibition, please contact Barbara Braveboy-Locklear at 910/739-0058, or Ernestine Bullfant at the NC Indian Cultural Center 910/521-2433.

Dial Family Reunion to be Held

The Descendants of Weldon and Jennie Dial will gather on March 29, 1997 (Easter weekend) from 12-5 at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish, family photographs, family Bibles, etc. For more information contact Nora Dial-Stanley at 910-924-2867 or Kathen Locklear at 910-521-2048.

