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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

The Celeb

Friends: the Carolina Indian Voice will gather at Pembroke Middle School on Saturday night, April 26, 1997 to celebrate 24 years of continuous publication of the Indian owned newspaper. The celebration will include a banquet and special entertainment by Camell Locklear. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are available for \$30 per couple and \$15 single.

Madie Rae Locklear, LREMC Board member, is chairing the event. For more information and tickets, please contact her at 843-5092 or call the Carolina Indian Voice at 521-2826.

The Carolina Indian Voice is Indian owned and operated and has the distinction of having the longest continuing publication of any newspaper in the Lumbee community. For a short time in the early 40's the *Pembroke Progressive* was published in Pembroke. It was not Indian owned. The next Indian newspaper attempt was in the 1960s when the *Lumbee* newspaper was

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published for about two years. Neither newspaper was owned totally by Indians.

The *Carolina Indian Voice* began publication January 18, 1973. Bruce Barton was editor then and served until 1987. Connie Brayboy, associate editor, became editor then and has served in that capacity since.

Locklear stated that she was looking forward to an evening of celebration. "There are more than 40,000 Indians residing in and around Robeson County. You can find an Indian competently performing in all areas...doctors, lawyers, teachers, judges, the High Sheriff, Clerk of Court, newspaper editor."

"I think it is only right that we take time to celebrate the 24 years of publication of our Indian newspaper. It has been a way of recording our history through our own media.

"I encourage friends and supporters to join me in this celebration."



Firing Pottery—Shown left to right are some of the participants firing pottery at the Spiritual Gathering: Phil Hewett (squatting at fire); first row: Mariel Hewett and Kayla Revels. Second row: Charles Brayboy and Nicole Locklear. Third row: Elsie Hunt, April Hunt, Patricia Maynor, Gabriel Locklear and Ronald Maynor. (Photo by Tall Bird)



Other participating members of the Warriors' Society attending the Spiritual Gathering were: Nicole Locklear, Bruce Jones, Frankie Oxendine, Gabriel Locklear, Sophia Ghaffar, Staling Maynor, Kayla Revels, Bobby Jo Hunt, Haley Jacobs, Mariel Hewett, and leaders Karl Anthony Hunt and Phil Hewett. (Photo by Tall Bird)

1997 Indian Unity Conference Successful

by John "Tall Bird" Marshall

The 22nd "Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference" was held March 13th - 15th, 1997 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, North Carolina, sponsored by the "United Tribes Of North Carolina". The "United Tribes Of North Carolina" is a non-profit corporation established to promote educational, religious, charitable, economic, cultural activities, and unity among the Indians of North Carolina.

The theme for the conference was "10,000 Years...And Our Stories Continue In Unity".

The "United Tribes Of North Carolina" is made up of the following Indian Organizations: Coharie Intra-Tribal Council, Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, Lumbee Regional Development Association, Meherrin Indian Tribe, Waccamaw-Siouan Development Association, Cumberland County Association For Indian People, Metrolina Native American Association, Guilford Native American Association, North Carolina Commission Of Indian Affairs, North Carolina Consortium On Indian Education, and Eastern Band Of Cherokee.

This conference was dedicated to the memory of Chief Tom "Standing Deer" Carter, Betty Jo "Jo-Jo" Hunt (Lumbee), and Ludie Darlene Graham Jernigan (Waccamaw-Siouan). The format of this conference was

tightly scheduled with many meetings, workshops, and activities going on all at the same time. I observed several individuals almost in a run from one room to another. Workshop topics included: "Indian Empowerment", "Indian Education", "Head-Start", "Employment", "Training", "Economic Development", "Alcohol And Drug Abuse", "Housing", and the "General Assemblies".

Other activities consisted of Student/Adult Art Exhibits, Native American Juried Fine Art Exhibit, Vendor Booths, North Carolina Indian Medicine Show, The 1997-1998 Miss Indian North Carolina pageant, Awards, And Recognition Banquet, Youth / Adult Dance, Flute Music by Tony "Little Turtle", Pow Wow, and Title IX Indian Education Exhibits.

There were so many group sessions and so many speakers that it would be most difficult to mention all these in this article.

In conclusion, if you've never attended the "Annual Indian Unity Conference", I highly recommend that you do. There is no charge to visit the Vendors' Area, Title IX Exhibits, or Art Displays. There is a fee, however, (normally \$75.00) for participating in the Workshops, General Assembly, and other Activities.

In short, there is fun, fellowship, and learning to be had by everyone who attends.

Lumbee Elders Sponsor 1997 Spiritual Gathering at NC Indian Cultural Center

The "1997 Spring Spiritual Gathering" was held March 20th - 23rd at the "North Carolina Indian Cultural Center" in Pembroke, North Carolina.

It was a beautiful occasion. The sky was clear, as all seemed to enjoy the warmth of the sun. The cool breeze blowing through the pines was most enjoyable as its song added to the spirituality of the occasion.

There must have been over 200 participants. I have never seen such participation and enthusiasm before at our "Spiritual Gatherings".

I believe the credit is due in part to those individuals who are working with our youth. It was good to see so many youth participating in this event! Karl Hunt, Charles Brayboy, and Patricia Maynor are to be commended for the giving of their time and skills in working with these young people every week.

This group of young people are members of the "Seventh Generation Warriors Society" which is targeted toward boys and girls, ages 12 to 15. However, it is open to youth of all ages and there are many younger members who attend.

This Society is funded through a

grant from the "Kellogg Foundation" and is sponsored by the "North Carolina Indian Cultural Center". The group meets every Saturday, learning how to make pottery, pine needle baskets, dream catchers, and much more. They also learn of our heritage, culture, and traditional values. Average attendance has been approximately 20 youth each Saturday.

If interested in learning how you can participate in the group, new members are welcomed and encouraged to contact the "North Carolina Indian Cultural Center" for more information.

In conclusion, you may remember my article last year and how concerned I was that our "Spiritual Gatherings" were poorly attended, and seemingly unimportant to an Indian Community as large as ours. This year was better, but we still need more participation and support from all Indian people. We need to commit ourselves to our children and the educating of all our people to our history of the past. We need to commit ourselves to our tribe, elders, community leaders, tribal leaders, and cultural center as well. If we

don't, all will be lost. Don't idle, thinking somebody else can do it. Ask yourself, "What am I doing to help my children today?" and "What am I doing to help my people and my community?" Think about it and get involved! You will meet many friendly and sincere people at these "Spiritual Gatherings".

Some may believe that our "Spiritual Gatherings" are associated with a specific religious sect, but this is not the case. There are many fine Christian people who attend the Gatherings, i.e., Baptist, Methodist, Holiness, and others. Yet, we all hold to the same common bond as being Indian Traditionalists, and being proud of who we are today and of our history of the past. Don't let your absence and silence become a declination of Indian Pride.

The next "Spiritual Gathering" will be June 13th - 15th, 1997. Mark your calendar today and come camp out with a fine bunch of people.

In conclusion, Chief Tom Carter's motto, "Worship The Creator And Serve The People" would do well for all of us. Think about it....

AHO!!
John "Tall Bird" Marshall



Homecoming and Revival Planned at Salem Baptist

Salem Missionary Baptist Church will observe their homecoming on Sunday, April 27 at the church on the Red Hill Road, Maxton. Lunch will be served following the worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship at 11 a.m.

On Monday night, April 28, revival services will begin. Services will continue through Thursday night May 1.

Conducting the revival will be Rev. Timmie Chavis, pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Hollister, NC and Rev. Jerry McNeill, pastor of Riverside Independent Baptist Church, Hwy 74, Lumberton. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. with special music each night.

The pastor, Rev. Don Bullard, and the congregation of Salem, extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe to Hold Annual Pow Wow

The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe will honor veterans of the tribe, living and deceased, at its 32nd Annual Pow-Wow near Hollister. The tribe identified over three hundred (300) men and women of the tribe that have served in the military.

The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe will sponsor its pow-wow and festival on April 18-20, 1997 at Haliwa School in Warren County, North Carolina. The event will feature the best in American Indian foods (Navajo tacos, fry bread, pottery, etc.). The tribe will offer over \$6,000.00 in prize money to dancers and drummers. We expect at least five (5) drums and one hundred dancers. Over 25 Native American crafts people will visit and sell their crafts.

County Democrats to Hold Annual Convention April 19

The Robeson County Democrat Party will hold their annual convention beginning at noon April 19 on the third floor of the Robeson County Court House. During the Convention officers will be elected and party business will be discussed. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and all Democrats are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Lee Helen Thompson, Chairperson of the Robeson County Democratic Party, at 910-628-6642.

Benefit Singing Planned at Union Chapel Church

A Benefit singing will be held on Saturday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Union Chapel Holiness Methodist Church. The event is sponsored by the Bullards and their guests will include the Liberty Trio, the Oxendine Quartet, and the Union Chapel Young People.

There is no admission fee, but a love offering will be lifted. Proceeds will be used for a mission trip planned by the Bullards.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Blue's S & G Farm Enrolls in National Angus Herd Records Program

Randall Blue of Blues S & G Farm, Pembroke, North Carolina, has recently been enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Records program of the American Angus Association, reports Richard L. "Dick" Spader, executive vice-president of the national breed registry organization in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) is a comprehensive evaluation program used by registered Angus breeders to help them keep records of reproduction, and growth rate on individual animals. Each year hundreds of Angus breeders use AHIR records to produce more profitable, efficient Angus seedstock.

By weighing calves at 205 days of age and again at a year of age, breeders not only identify the cattle that grow the fastest and most efficiently, they also identify cows that regularly produce above average calves, and bulls that sire outstanding calves.

The American Angus Association in 1957 was the first beef breed organization to offer its members a production records program. Since that date, the AHIR program has grown to the point that breeders report more than a half million birth, weaning and yearling weights each year. This mountain of information is processed by the Association's modern computerized data processing systems.

Wilkins & Lowry Reunion to be held

The descendants of Sion and Sarah Wilkins, H.T. (Sonnie) and Rosella (Sis) Lowry will reunite on May 24, 1997 between 4 and 9 PM at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church in Pembroke. Donations: R.F.V.P.: A.S.A.P. \$7.00 min. per person. Children under 10 - \$4.00. For more information contact Hazel Strickland at (910) 521-3663 or contact John Lowery at (301) 587-5434. Send Donations to: Hazel Strickland Rt. 2 Box 401 Pembroke, NC 28372



Waiting Patiently—Left to right: Mitchell Hunt, Aaron Hunt, Christopher Chavis and instructors Phil Hewett and Karl Anthony Hunt wait patiently while firing pottery at the Spring Spiritual Gathering. In the background is the beginning stages of a lodge which students were learning to construct as our ancestors did hundreds of years ago. (Photo by tall Bird)

Oh, Henry! The Magic and Music of a Legend Continues

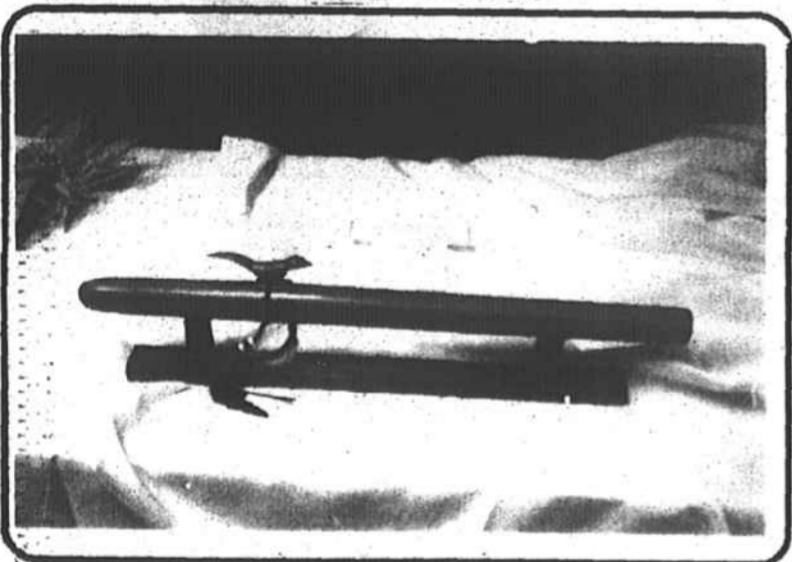
The Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke will present the nation tour of Oh, Henry! The Music of Henry Mancini on Friday, April 25 at 8 pm.

No single composer in the history of American film has had a greater impact than the legendary Henry Mancini whose scintillating jazz brought "cool" to the Fifties, whose soaring ballads warmed the Sixties, and whose incredible humor gave life to a baby elephant and a pink panther.

Now a company of 17 musicians and singers combine on stage to celebrate this magnificent legacy. Led by acclaimed pianist Mac Frampton and Cecil Welch, who for two decades accompanied Mr. Mancini on

his worldwide tours as solo trumpet player, the orchestra and singers recreate all the legendary songs: "Moon River", "The Days of Wine and Roses", "Charade", "Dear Heart", "The Pink Panther", "Baby Elephant Walk", "Peter Gunn" and many more. "Oh Henry!" is indeed a return to the days when romantic melodies ruled the airwaves; but even more, it is a grant tribute to the genius of an American treasure Henry Mancini.

Tickets for this production are \$16, \$14 and \$6 for children and students. For tickets or reservations, call the GPAC box office at (910) 521-6361 or 1-800-367-0778. Telephone orders are accepted by phone. "Oh Henry!" is sponsored in-part by Pate's Supply Company.



This Western Cedar Flute was handcrafted by Lumbee artist John Tall Bird Marshall. Proceeds from the sale of it will be donated to the N.C. Indian Cultural Center Building Fund.

Upcoming Events at Lumber River Park

Lumber River State Park will be offering the following programs to the public during the month of April:

April 12-Guided Canoe Trip. Canoe a section of the Lumber River with park staff. Floral abd fauna of the river will be discussed. Participants must be at least 12 years old. All equipment will be provided. Reservations are required as space is limited. Call the Park at 910-628-9844 for information and reservations.

April 16-Night hoke. Join the park staff for an adventure after dark. See and learn about the animals that are out at night. Dress for being outside. Meet at teh park at 8 p.m. Call the park at 910-628-9844 for more information.

April 19-Birdwalk. Come take a walk along Griffin's Bluff at Lumber River State Park to see the interesting birds that inhabit the bluff and river.

Tips for identifying birds will be discussed. Call the park at 910-628-9844 for more information.

Nite Hike. Join park staff for an adventure after dark. See and learn about the animals that are out at night. Dress for being outside. MEet at teh park office at 8 p.m. Call the park at 910-628-9844 for more information.

April 24-Guided Canoe Trip. Canoe a section of the Lumber River with park staff. Floral and fauna of the river will be discussed. All equipment will be provided. Participants must be at least 12 years old. Call the park at 910-628-9844 for reservations and more information.

April 25-Wildflower Hike. Join a ranger as we walk around Princess Ann to view some of the wild flowers in bloom at the park. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Call the park at 910-62809844 for more information.