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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



Glenna McNeill Named Petite NC All American Girl

Glenna Kay McNeill was winner of the 1997 Petite NC All American Girl Pageant held in Raleigh March 9, 1997. She is also the winner of Best Model. She won the honor to represent the State at the National Beauty Finals in New York August 7-11. She had pageantry training under the instruction of Lorna McNeill, former Miss Lumbee.

Glenna is the daughter of Glenn and Sandra McNeill. She is the granddaughter of Willa Mae Oxendine and the late Leonidas Oxendine, Hubert McNeill and the late Eula McNeill, all of Lumberton. She is the great granddaughter of Catherine Hunt of Fairmont. Her god parents are Larry and Rosalyn Sampson.

IEA to Hold Parent Committee Elections

The Indian Education Project of the Public Schools of Robeson County will hold parent committee elections Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at all Robeson County High Schools. All parents are encouraged to attend. Margaret H. Chavis, Director Indian Education.

Five Generations Celebrate Life



Shown counter clock wise are: Mrs. Alverdie Jacobs, Ryan T. Jacobs, Terry Martin Jacobs, Vivian Locklear and Amber Lynn Jacobs.

In honor of Mrs. Alverdie Jacobs' 88th birthday, family members gathered at Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church Fellowship Hall for the birthday celebration and a Maynor Family Reunion. Celebrating life has always been important to Mrs. Jacobs who is a five year resident of Pemberton Place Nursing Home, Pembroke.

Approximately 200 people met for the family celebration. Among those attending were five generations, including the latest addition to

Mrs. Jacobs' family, great-great-granddaughter Ms. Amber Lynn Jacobs, daughter of Ryan T. Jacobs and Tammy Lynn Carter; and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Carter of Fairmont.

Mrs. Jacobs is the mother of four children: Ms. Vivian Locklear, Ms. Norma J. Thompson, and MR. Walter "Bo" Jones, all of Pembroke, and Ms. Maidie Vann Montgomery of Atlanta, Georgia. She has 19 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The Carolina Indian Voice to Celebrate 24 Years of Publication

Friends and supporters of 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 Carnell 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

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. Connee 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."

"Sounds of Faith," A Documentary on Traditional Lumbee Gospel Music



Malinda Maynor is shown behind the camera.

by Connee Brayboy

The question of what makes Indians different from other races is an age old one. For as long as there has been a United States, people have been asking that question. For those of us who are Indian, there is no question. It

is simply a matter of our spirituality, our oneness with the Creator and the Creator.

This spiritual concept in one of the truths that Malinda Maynor hopes to be able to teach others about her own people, the Lumbee.

She believes that it is our spirituality that keeps the Lumbee community together. She understands that Indian spirituality is expressed throughout the various churches and denominations in Robeson and surrounding counties, the home of the Lumbee.

Maynor is working on a documentary about the spirituality of the Lumbee as expressed through their gospel music and worship. The video taped documentary will last about 20 minutes and is being done in part as a thesis for her Master's Degree in Documentary Film and Video at Stamford University, Stamford, CA.

In addition to fulfilling a requirement for her degree, Maynor believes that the general public needs to be educated about Lumbee specifically.

"Yes, we are different in some aspects than Indians on reservations," she says, "but those differences don't make us any less Indian. There is a uniqueness about our people that is not found any place else. I would like to be able to express that uniqueness on video. That way people can see and hear from one of us about our unique spirituality and our tremendous talent in gospel music," she continued.

"We are the most talented people in the world," she said, "and I don't pretend to be objective. I simply state that as a matter of fact."

Maynor is seeking help with the funding of her documentary. It will cost approximately \$12,000 to produce the film. Entitled "Sounds of Faith," the film will show the unique gospel music style of Lumbee and will show the tradition of church life as a means of keeping communities together.

Anyone interested in contributing to this project should send contributions to: 1626 University Dr., Dr. Durham, NC 27701. Anyone who contributes \$50 or more will receive a free copy of the video and a special invitation to a screening of the film to be held soon in Robeson County.

Malinda is the daughter of Waltz and Louise Maynor of Durham. She is a 1995 graduate of Harvard University where she received an A.B. Degree in History and Literature.

Maynor hopes to have completed her Master's Degree in June, 1997.

Rep. Yongue to Meet With Governor and Other Democrats Weekly to Discuss Education

RALEIGH - A one-time, informal breakfast meeting by Gov. Jim Hunt and House Democrats to discuss education has become a weekly gathering. And Rep. Douglas Yongue will be sitting at the table.

Yongue, a former assistant superintendent of the Robeson County schools, said he was honored to be part of the group.

"As someone who has devoted much of his life to education, I am grateful that I have been asked to help Gov. Hunt as he pushes his

proposals in the General Assembly," Yongue said.

Hunt's "Excellent Schools Act," which will bring teachers' pay to the national average by the year 2000 in return for teachers meeting higher standards, is one of the major pieces of legislation moving through the General Assembly.

Hunt has called on all North Carolinians to recommit themselves to public education, focusing on excellent teachers, safe classroom and quality early childhood education.

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.

An afternoon singing will be held following lunch. Guest performers will include the Tylers, the Locklear Brothers, New Covenant and other singers. The singing will begin at 2:30 p.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.

Spring Revival Planned at Church

The public is cordially invited to attend Spring Revival services at the Mission Church on Union Chapel Road in Pembroke. Rev. Willie Scott, pastor of New Prospect Church, Rev. Everette Woods, and Rev. Patrick Cummings will be the guest speak-

Quarterly Singing Planned

The Quarterly Singing of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Pembroke. Singing groups and singers are encouraged to attend and participate. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Revival at West Saddletree Baptist Church Begins

Revival services will begin at West Saddletree Baptist Church on April 27, 1997 and last through May 2nd. Sunday night service begins at 6:30 p.m. and weeknight services begin at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jim Butler, pastor of Redeemed Assembly of God. The past of West Saddletree, Rev. Ted Brooks, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 27 and at 7:30 p.m. April 28-May 2. The pastor, Rev. Crites Oxendine, and the congregation, extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.



Little Miss Lumbee Angelica Marie Chavis is shown with the newly crowned Miss Indian North Carolina Melissa Silver.

MTV Jams Host Bill Bellamy Visits UNCP

PEMBROKE -- Bill Bellamy, host of M-TV's "Jams," will be "in the Hoouse!" 8 p.m., April 29 at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Bellamy brings a refreshing, exciting, true-to-life style of comedy that is enjoyed by everyone from children to senior citizens. His brand of humor has often been compared to comedian-great Bill Cosby in his early live performances. Audiences can relate to Bellamy's vivid and hysterical descriptions of what his life was like growing up the eldest of three kids. His fans rave of the "Big Wheels" and Saturday morning cartoons stories.

The 26 year-old Newark, New Jersey native never uses profanity in his comedy routines. "Funny is funny," Bellamy said "If you talk

about funny things you can make people laugh." Bellamy is familiar with college life, graduating from Rutgers University with a degree in Economics. He has performed live at the Comic Strip, Catch a Rising Star, The Comedy Store in Hollywood, "Showtime at the Apollo," and "HBO's 15th Annual Young Comedians Special," hosted by comedian Dana Carvey.

Opening for Bellamy will be local singer and UNCP senior Robert Williams. Williams won the 1996 UNCP talent show.

Tickets are \$1 for students (two ticket purchase limit) and \$5 for unlimited ticket purchases. Tickets are on sale at the Givens Performing Arts Center at UNCP. For more information call the GPAC at 521-6287 or visit the UNCP Student Activities Office at WWW.UNCP.EDU/ACTIVITIES.