



Cookie's

Corner

Vinita Maynor Clark

This week I would like to salute and say a personal "thank you" to the one and only TRUE LEADER of the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" the Reverend Julian Ransom, the pastor of Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church.

I first met Mr. Julian in 1976 when he played the leader in the outdoor drama. To the majority of the cast members and even today we respect him as a leader, a counselor and a true friend and a true servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I really wanted to have a "Strike at the Wind Hall of Fame" if only to honor him and Mr. Robert Bryant. But, the Board of Directors "stuck their nose in the air and would not let me have it". But, Mr. Julian, they might have stopped the Hall of Fame but they cannot stop this song that I have written to honor you!

The Ballad of "Strike at the Wind!"

No man walks in darkness,
That has seen the face of freedom.

And no man lives in vain
"Who seeks in truth".

Henry Berry Lovverie was the one of the first warriors to stand up for equality and justice around here.

He taught us "how to live together, so we won't lose our freedom".

But, most of all he taught us how to "Strike at the Wind!"

(CHORUS)

Strike at the Wind, Strike at the Wind!

Everybody needs to Strike at the Wind!

We need to live together and co-exist forever.

And we all need to Strike at The Wind!

Henry saw his father and brother murdered

In their own front yard one evening, and he proclaimed that "JUSTICE would be his!"

He saw his people murdered and he proclaimed

"That his Indian brothers and sisters will be free once again!"

He said to:

Strike at the Wind! Strike at the Wind!

Everybody needs to Strike at the Wind!

We need to live together and co-exist forever

And we all need to "Strike at the Wind!"

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Thank you, Preacher Julian, for being a friend to me, the counseling that you gave me truly changed my life.

If anyone deserved to be recognized by the members of The Robeson Historical Drama Association for their generous contributions to the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" it is indeed YOU. A person cannot soar like an Eagle when they are around "a bunch of TURKEYS". But, this EAGLE and the others too numerous to name SALUTE YOU.

Has anyone told you today "that they love you?" Well I do!

SOS Fall Festival a Successful Event

The SOS Program held its first annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 8 at Pembroke Middle School. Vendors and families of the students banded together along with TKE Fraternity from UNCP and many volunteers to make the festival one of the most successful and fun-filled fundraisers. State Representative Donald Bonner, Sheriff Glenn Maynor and County Commissioner Noah Woods were some of the special guests.

Thanks to every one who supported the efforts, especially to the moms and dads who made it a family outing with their children working side by side with them towards a common goal. Proceeds from their event will be used for an end-of-year field trip.

Support Our Students is an after school program located at Pembroke Middle School and sponsored by Robeson County Communities in Schools.

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State Board of Education Awards 73 School Improvement Grants for Local School Systems

At its most recent meeting, the State Board of Education awarded School Improvement Grants totaling \$6,977,107 in federal funds to 73 local school systems and local schools' partnerships statewide. The purpose of the School Improvement Grants is to support the implementation of school improvement plans that specifically address the ABC's goals and related state priorities. The ABC's, the state's school improvement initiative, emphasizes accountability, basics, and local control. The four focus areas for the awards and the number of awards in those areas are: high student performance (32); safe and orderly schools (7); quality teachers, administrators, and staff (24); effective and efficient school operations (10).

Eighty-six applications were re-

ceived and 73 were funded. Robeson County received a grant for Learning in style Integration in high school in the amount of \$74,927. Cumberland, Robeson, Hoke, FSU, UNCP, Robeson CC, Fayetteville TCC will share a grant for Seamless education highway in the amount of \$200,000. Moore, Anson, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Montgomery, Richmond and Robeson will share a \$197,500 grant for Student improvement & enrichment proposal. Robeson, NCCAT, Vance, and Northampton will share a grant of \$200,000 for Connections support for beginning teachers and mentors.

For more information concerning grants awarded to local school systems, contact the Office of Education Reform at (919) 715-1268.

Letters to the Editor

County Commissioners Should Police Its Employees More Closely

It is my understanding that the Reverend John Campbell, Human Relations Director, spent \$900.00 of county money to purchase pictures for his office. It is further understood that the county Commissioners nor the county manager authorized such purchase. Additionally, Reverend Campbell's departmental budget was not funded to make such purchases.

When this situation was brought to the attention of the commissioners, no decisive plan was made to deal with Reverend Campbell's total disregard for purchasing procedures. The county manager, without approval from the county commissioners set up a payment plan for Reverend Campbell to reimburse the county for this fraudulent purchase.

My point in all of this is simple. Reverend Campbell portrays himself as a model of ethics, yet he violates the very laws that he expects other to abide by. Reverend Campbell should be held to the same level of accountability that Mr. David Carter was held to in the recent past. He should be suspended from his position until full restitution has been made to the taxpayers of our fair county. Thereafter, he should walk the walk and talk the talk of a true Human Relations Director.

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