

Dr. Felicia Wilkins-Turner Appointed to the Democratic National Committee American Indian Desk Advisory Board



Carolina United Federated of American Indians Political Organization, affords her the skills and knowledge to qualify for the DNC-AID Advisory Board Appointment.

Over the years we (the Federation) have brought Political awareness through Political Forums, creating opportunities for face to face dialogue between local voters and local and Statewide Candidates.

Dr. Felicia Wilkins-Turner, Lumbec, was appointed recently to the Advisory Board of the American Indian Desk within the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in Washington, DC.

good partnership with the DNC and the 80,000 plus American Indians in the State.

Barbara Allen, the North Carolina State Democratic Chair states, "I want the Native American Communities to know I will depend on Dr. Turner's input as we address the Native American Issues as with all issues of the State.

Steve Fowler, Chairman of the Columbus County Democratic Party, has already spoken to her about the Columbus County event in October.

Robeson county Democratic Chair, Mayor Milton Hunt states, Dr. Turner will make a valuable addition to the Advisory Board.

The DNC-AID Advisory Board meets approximately six (6) times a year in Washington, DC and membership includes American Indian Leaders from across the Nation.

Director for the American Indian Desk, and Dr. Turner's contribution was well received. She will be an asset to the DNC Board agenda.

Greg Richardson, Executive Director of the North Carolina Indian Commission, was appointed to the DNC American Indian Desk Advisory Board in 1997.

Dr. Turner is a graduate of UNC-P with a degree in Mathematics, she received both her Masters and Doctorate degrees from The Pennsylvania State University where she scholared in public administration and educational administration.

She is a small business owner/manager of a Financial Service Business located in Lumberton, Dr. Turner is the daughter of the late Roscoe and Gretchen Oxendine Wilkins.

Dr. Turner solicits any comments and/or concerns where she may be of help in the position. She can be reached at (910) 521-6536.

United Methodists to Gather in Fayetteville for Annual Meeting

Fayetteville, NC -- Over 1600 United Methodists will gather in celebration using the theme "All God's Children" when the North Carolina Annual Conference is held Thursday-Sunday, June 11-14, in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist College Campus.

Pastors and lay members from 827 United Methodist churches throughout the 56-county conference in the eastern portion of North Carolina will worship together and discuss and vote on various issues including clergy matters, a proposed \$13.9 million budget, and resolutions.

Bishop Marion M. Edwards, resident bishop of the Raleigh area, will preside during the session. Guest speakers include Bishop Alfred L. Norris, bishop of the Northwest Texas/New Mexico area.

While a major purpose of the conference is to take action on various matters, members will also provide support for mission projects by bringing powdered milk and canned meats for programs in Armenia and Liberia.

The conference will begin at 7 pm Thursday, June 11, with the Clergy Executive Session. The full session for lay and clergy will begin at 10 am on Friday, June 12, with Holy Communion.

and agencies, and resolutions will be introduced Friday morning for action later in the conference.

Members will receive copies of two resolutions from conference agencies when they register. One addresses a "livable wage" and the other is about camp director housing.

On Friday evening, June 12, at 7:30 pm, 17 probationary members will be ordained clergy deacons, four associate members will be ordained clergy deacons, one person will be recognized from another denomination as a deacon, and 14 persons will be recognized as first-time local pastors.

Following the 7:30 am walk/run on Friday, the conference will convene in plenary session before observing a Memorial Service for clergy and spouses that have died since the last conference.

Sunday's agenda includes a morning Love Feast worship service which features testimonials, an afternoon service when 13 persons in full connection will be ordained clergy elders and four persons in full connection will be ordained clergy deacons.

by: Bill Norton

McIntyre Gets \$1.5 Million for US 74 in Robeson County

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that the U.S. Congress has approved his request of \$1.5 million to assist in the construction of a 5.6 mile stretch of U.S. 74 from the Maxton Bypass to NC Highway 710 near Pembroke.

Atlantic region of the United States. Regionally, the I-74 corridor connects Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to Detroit, Michigan, and represents a major source of interstate commerce flow on the east coast via the new I-73 and I-74 freeway system.

Last year, Congressman McIntyre testified before the U.S. House Transportation Committee on behalf of the Robeson County project.

In addition, under the new bill the amount of dollars North Carolina receives from the U.S. Highway Trust Fund will increase from its current 82 cents to almost 91 cents per dollar.

Congressman McIntyre has served on a transportation task force over the last year.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "I am very pleased that both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate have agreed on funding this important transportation project in Robeson County. This is an important link in the completion of the I-74 corridor and will help improve the safety of this road which has been a death trap for too long.

When fully completed, I-74 will be a tremendous boon not only to North Carolina, but also to the entire mid-

Duke's TIP features program for southeastern students

Durham, N.C. -- Since the summer of 1995, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, TIP, has offered southeastern students the experience of a TIP summer program close to home.

The TIP at Appalachian State University Program mirrors the summer program offered on the Duke University campus in Durham, NC. TIP's home. The academic curriculum features course offerings in a variety of disciplines including Algebra I, Astronomy, Computer Science, Pascal and Java, Dramatic Interpretations, Geology, Introduction to Latin, Mountain Ecosystems, Myths and Legends, and Short Fiction.

TIP at Appalachian is open to students enrolled in grades 7 through 10. Students invited to participate in TIP's summer educational program qualify based on Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), or the American College Testing Program Assessment (ACT) test scores.

college bound high school seniors on college entrance exams

TIP's instructors are members of university faculties, outstanding teachers from secondary schools, experienced professionals, and advanced graduate students experienced in teaching bright students.

Although academics takes priority, TIP has designed a residential life program to enrich each participant's experience. Students are organized in living groups by course of study and eat meals with both residential and instructional staff.

TIP offers four summer educational programs including the Summer Residential Program, the International Program, the Pre-College Program, and TIP Scientific Field Studies.



Davidson College in Davidson, NC; Appalachian State University in Boone, NC; and the Harbor Branch Marine Lab in Fort Pierce, Florida.

gland, Italy and Germany. Last summer, nearly 2,100 students from 42 states and 20 foreign countries attended TIP summer programs.

TIP is a nonprofit, educational organization designed to identify and develop academic talent. Over the past decade, TIP has established itself as the largest program of its kind in the nation.

Stewart Lowry is one of the students who will be attending. He is the 12 year old son of Thurman and Frances Lowry of Lexington, NC and the grandson of the late Willie Lee Stewart and Gladys Stewart of Greensboro, NC.

Stewart is an AG (Academically-gifted) honor roll 7th grader at E. Lawson Brown Middle School in Thomasville, NC.

Stewart has received a \$900.00 diversity scholarship from Duke University to attend the Duke Summer Residential Program on the Appalachian State University campus this summer July 18 - Aug. 8, 1998.

Stewart will be recognized at a special state-wide recognition ceremony at Wake Forest University, June 5, 1998 for outstanding scores on the S.A.T.

Bethel Hispanic Baptist Church Ground Breaking Day

There will be a ground-breaking ceremony for the Robeson County's first Hispanic Church on Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. The future site of the Bethel Hispanic Bautista Inglesia (Bethel Hispanic Baptist Church) is located five miles north of Lumberton at the intersection of U.S. 301 and Saddletree Road.

begin in Robeson County approximately five years ago by Christians concerned about the spiritual welfare of the Hispanic community.

Pastor Juvenal Gonzalez extends an invitation for you to be a part of this historic day which will be filled with music, worship, fun refreshments.

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Funds to purchase materials to build the 4,100-square-foot structure will be donated and the labor will be furnished by volunteers. More than 3,000 Hispanics live in the area, and they make up one of the fastest growing segments of the population.

Rep. Doug Young Votes to Eliminate Food Tax

Raleigh - Representative Doug Young voted Wednesday to eliminate the state sales tax on food, cut the personal income tax, and reduce or eliminate other taxes.

The \$400 million tax-cut package passed the House 117-2.

With the vote, the House virtually assured repeal of the state food tax. The Senate also has passed a bill to eliminate the tax, but on a different timetable.

The House-passed bill would end the state tax on food on Oct. 1.

The General Assembly already has cut the 4 percent state sales tax in half for food. The first penny was eliminated on Jan. 1, 1997.

A family that spends \$100 a week at the grocery store, will save about \$200 each year with elimination of the food tax.

"I'm glad to cast a vote to take the food tax off the books," Rep. Young said. "The food tax may be the most

hated tax of all. It's certainly one of the most unfair."

While supporting the tax cut, Rep. Young said lawmakers also must raise teacher pay, expand Smart Start statewide and meet other critical needs.

In addition to eliminating the state food tax, the House-passed bill would make the personal exemption for state income taxes the same as the federal exemption, and increase it every year to keep pace with inflation.

House and Senate negotiators will try to work out a compromise tax-cut bill

Tuscarora Tribe of NC to hold membership meeting

All members of the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina are encouraged to attend the annual membership gathering on Saturday, June 27 beginning

Very important business information concerning membership will be discussed at the meeting. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

at 10 a.m. at the new office location, 204 Main St. Pembroke (formerly the old hotel near the Post Office).

Friends of Tuscarora people are invited to attend. For further information call 910-521-1861.

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Ella Faye Larson and Hazel Perez, Co-Chairpersons for the 1998 Little Miss and Jr. Miss Lumbec Pageant wish to express their appreciation to South Robeson High School Art Teacher, Shelia Godwin and her sophomore students; Melissa Grogan, Anthony Hunt, Patrick Hunt, Victor Locklear, Joseph W. McNair, and Steven Reynolds for their assistance with the stage design for the pageant.