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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Candi or Chairman and Tribal Council announced

The persons listed below have filed for seats on the Lumbee Tribal Council and as candidates for Tribal Chairman.

Mr. Larry Locklear, Chairman of the Tribal Elections Board, requests that anyone with knowledge that any of the candidates do not meet the qualifications for tribal office should contact him at 521-2378 no later than August 11, 1998.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Mr. Harold Dial; Rev. Jerry McNeill; Mr. Albert C. Hunt; Ms. Dorothy Lowery.

District 1- Mr. Gene Locklear
District 4- Mr. Roy C. Maynor
District 7- Mr. Daniel J. Jones and Mr. Harrelton Woodell.
District 9- Mr. Gary C. Strickland and Mr. Fredrick Paul Deese.
District 10- Rev. Hubbard B. Lowery and Ms. Etta B. Jones
District 13- Ms. Jeannie Dale L. Thompson and Mr. Henry Clay Chavis
District 16- Ms. Carvicous M. Barfield
District 19- Rev. Jimmy Lynn Hunt.
District 21- Mr. Gary Mitchell Chavis

The election for these offices will be held on Saturday, September 24, 1998. Polling sites will be announced at a later date.



Celebrates 93rd Birthday

Lonnie Revels of Pembroke celebrates his 93rd birthday at his home August 1, 1998. The event was hosted by his family. Mr. Revels is the proud father of six children, five of whom are living: Mrs. Florence V. Ransom of Pembroke; Mrs. Della M. Hartis of Matthews; Mrs. Rosa M. Winfree of Charlotte; Mrs. Theresa Locklear of Lumberton; Lonnie Revels Jr. of Greensboro; and a foster son, Donald Godwin of Pembroke. The honoree was born August 5, 1905 in Saddletree, Lumberton area on a 25-acre farm. Mr. Revels was married to the late Dimple Godwin who worked hard and was one of the best cooks in Pembroke.

Mr. Revels worked hard and educated his children and was faithful to his church, Pembroke First Baptist. He has 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Kendron Locklear, Mr. Revels' youngest great grandson was present for the celebration. Kendron is progressing well after receiving a liver transplant. The entire family would like to thank everyone for your prayers, financial support and other ways you have aided the family throughout Kendron's sickness. Your continued caring, sharing, and prayers will be needed as Kendron continues his rehabilitation.

(Photo by Anthony Hartis. Text by Sgt. W.P. Revels and Del Hartis.)

Brayboy Appointed to Director of University-School Services

Pembroke -- In an effort to increase its assistance to area public schools, UNC Pembroke Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine has recently appointed Dr. Ray Brayboy as director of University-School Services.

Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine said, "We are very pleased to advance Dr. Brayboy to this more strategic role in University-School relations. In his new responsibility he will report directly to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. This arrangement will assure more immediate implementation of innovative ideas and programs.

"Dr. Brayboy's experience, perspective and his willingness to take on these new responsibilities will benefit public education throughout the region," the Chancellor said. "His record of success as superintendent and teacher in several school districts has provided him acquaintance with and working relationships with most school personnel in the region."

Provost and vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Charles R. Jenkins said, "Dr. Brayboy's appointment will stimulate greater interest in UNCP's outreach to regional education agencies.

"We are convinced that UNC Pembroke must do more to assist and promote public school programs, as well as nurture stronger K-12/university relationships," explained Jenkins.

He said Brayboy's appointment is consistent with UNC General Administration's recently stated priority of having the universities providing greater assistance in strengthening K-12 education.

"This priority, coupled with previous funding and the potential for additional funding of university-school

partnerships by the North Carolina legislature," Jenkins said, "confirms a statewide genuine interest in stronger university-public school collaboration."

"The General Assembly remains concerned about the number of new teachers leaving the classroom," Brayboy said. "A lack of mentors, lack of support systems and the tendency of assigning new teachers to lower level classes are factors often cited as reasons teachers leave the profession."

"Because of these concerns, the General Assembly is interested in placing teacher education majors in the field sooner. The resulting program is called the clinical schools network and is designed to improve the quality of teacher preparation. During fall semester, teacher education majors are placed in the clinical sites where they will do their internship during the following semester."

In 1995, UNCP formed partnerships with Robeson, Bladen and Hoke counties and established clinical schools in those counties. The partnership has or plans to grow to include all local education agencies in the UNCP service area.

Brayboy believes this year-long program will better prepare the senior college students for the first teaching positions. "This will enhance their professionalism."

The University-School Services office will continue to identify clinical sites as well as develop training programs. Brayboy said they will collaborate with public school personnel to successfully implement this concept. "The goal is to prepare and promote the further development of effective professionals for service as

teachers and student support personnel."

His office will work with the public schools to also identify area where UNCP can provide services, such as consulting and tutoring. "Many of the UNCP faculty already serve as consultants to regional public schools, and we can look at expanding this. We can also use our college students as tutors."

Brayboy said he plans to continually interact with superintendents and other school system leaders to create an awareness of programs and activities that are available to them from UNCP. "Examples include the TRIO Programs, the annual mathematics contest and science fair, and the resource guide we publish annually for the schools."

"We will continue to assess the needs and interests of the public schools of this region," he said, "because they are our shareholders and customers."

Brayboy joined the University's education department last year as the Director of School and Program Services. The 1969 alumnus and member of the UNCP Athletic Hall of Fame returned to his alma mater after having served three years as superintendent of Wayne County public schools and four years as superintendent of Bladen County public schools.

Brayboy earned a Master of Public Health degree from UNC Chapel Hill and a Doctor of Education degree from Pennsylvania State University.

He was an assistant principal for Maxton City Schools, principal and assistant superintendent for Scotland County schools and assistant superintendent for Moore County schools.

Indian-owned business opens at Biggs Park in Lumberton

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the Gospel Book Store at Biggs Park Mall, Lumberton, on Friday, July 31. The event was sponsored by the Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce. The business is owned by Ms. Brenda Lowery and is dedicated to the memory of her husband, Maurice B. Lowery. Among those attending the ceremony in addition to the Chamber representatives were: Rev. Kelly Sanderson, Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, who gave the invocation; Lumberton Mayor Ray Pennington; Mr. Wyatt Johnson, Lumberton City Councilman; Mr. Robert Jones, Lumberton City Councilman; and Rev. Charles P. Locklear, Pastor of Smyrna Baptist Church. The Gospel Book Store becomes one of the first Indian owned businesses in the Biggs Park Mall.

Gathering of Nations Miss Indian World Committee seeks applicants

The Gathering of Nations Miss Indian World Traditional Pageant Committee is in search of Indigenous young women from all over the world to compete for the most prestigious crown, Miss Indian World. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply now! Call or write to Gathering of Nations, % Miss Indian World Traditional Pageant, 3200 Coors Blvd. #k-325, Albuquerque, New Mexico USA 87120.

Qualifications for applicants include: Native or indigenous women, 17-24 years of age; verifiable tribal affiliation (tribal card, letter of recognition from a tribal chairman, CIB); single, never married, no dependents (children); knowledge of tribal tradition(s).

The pageant will be held April 22-24, 1999. The selection of Miss Indian World is based upon a point system: traditional talent presentation representative of your tribe; public speaking and private interview with the judges; traditional dance competition (expression through music); raffle ticket sales; special awards will be given for the number of tickets sold.

Democratic Women to meet August 10

Robeson County Democratic Women meeting will be held Monday, August 10, 1998 at 7 p.m. at the Robeson County Courthouse, third floor. Interested Democratic women are urged to attend by Earlena C. Lowry, President of Robeson County Democratic Women.



The First Native American Music Awards were held in Mashantucket, CT recently. Arli Whittemore, Miss Indian World, is shown with the star of "Indian in the Cupboard," Litefoot and his fiancée. Litefoot received the Best Rap artist award.



Miss Indian World 1998 April Whittemore is honored with a pendleton blanket and plaque at the Lumbee pow wow recently held. The honor was given by the Phi Sigma Fraternity at UNCP.



At the reception held after the Native American Music Awards, Miss Indian World April Whittemore is asked to autograph Robert Mirabal's Hand Drum. Mirabal received various awards and performed during the evening.

Wake Forest University Physicians to Study Diabetes in Native Americans

Winston-Salem, NC -- Faced with extremely high rates of diabetes in some Native American tribes, a researcher at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center has recently begun a six month survey to measure the prevalence of diabetes mellitus in Native Americans in North Carolina.

Conducted by Ronny A. Bell, Ph.D., a research assistant professor in Public Health Sciences, the project will be based on telephone interviews with approximately 500 Lumbee Indians. According to Bell, the survey will target a portion of the 40,000-45,000 Lumbee tribe in North Carolina. The survey population will mainly be drawn from Robeson County, where the Lumbees make up one third of the county population.

Funded by a \$7,500 grant from United Way of Forsyth County, the project initially will establish statistical data on the prevalence of diabetes in the North Carolina tribe. Previous studies among Pima Indians have suggested that almost half of all Native Americans develop diabetes, far higher than the population at large.

Bell said that once the statistics are gathered, they can be presented to local tribal government and health officials so that the information can be more easily dispersed to the public. By increasing awareness about the disease, Bell hopes that he can help in raising the quality of life for all Native Americans who come into contact with diabetes.

Bell also thinks that this study can be the basis for other efforts that can concentrate on prevention and education about diabetes and other health issues. "I want to eventually be able to develop some type of programs which will be used to intervene for the purpose of lowering the rates of diabetes and other complication factors," he said.

The telephone survey will include questions about the subject's past health history in relation to diabetes, cancer, strokes. The questionnaire will be divided into three sections, including general health, family history, diet and life-style.

Bell plans to use the six-month project as an initial step in a partnership with the University of South Carolina. The university has done extensive research with the Catawba Nation in western North Carolina, and Bell hopes that they can collaborate their findings to draw more accurate results on a larger scale.

Wake Forest University Researcher Finds Lumbee Women Smokers at Nutritional Risk

Winston-Salem, NC -- Lumbee Indian women smokers are more likely than their non-smoking counterparts to eat a poor diet and therefore are at a greater nutritional risk according to a study by Ronny A. Bell, Ph.D., research assistant professor of public health sciences at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Results of the study were published in the American Journal of Health Promotion.

According to Bell's findings, these women ate significantly fewer amounts of certain essential vitamins and minerals, including vitamin E, thiamin, riboflavin, folacin, vitamin B-6, iron and magnesium than their non-smoking counterparts. The women also ate less of other important dietary components such as polyunsaturated fat and fiber.

"This is an interesting finding because in addition to the negative health consequences of cigarette smoking, having a poor diet can only increase the likelihood of developing a life-threatening disease such as heart disease or cancer," said Bell.

Vitamin E and folacin have been shown to lower the risk of heart disease and polyunsaturated fats and dietary fiber have been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease and some cancers.

According to Bell, when food patterns were compared by smoking status, it was easy to tell why the nutrient patterns were so different. His research confirms the findings of other studies that have shown poorer dietary patterns among cigarette smokers.

"Women smokers ate fewer fruits and vegetables and more fatty and sweet foods," said Bell. "When you add it all up, such a diet provides little in the way of essential nutrients."

Bell, a Lumbee and a native of Pembroke, NC, co-authored the report with Sara A. Quandt, Ph.D., associate professor, public health sciences, Wake Forest University School of Medicine; Helen B. Shaw, Ph.D., dean of the School of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and Mark B. Dignan, Ph.D., a research scientist at the AMC Cancer Research Center, Denver, Colo.

For copies of the report, contact Bell at (336) 716-9736. His mailing address is: Department of Public Health Sciences, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157. Bell's E-mail address is rbell@rc.phs.wfubmc.edu.

Native American Festival planned

The Nause Waiwash Bank of Indians proudly presents the 6th Annual Native American Festival in memory of Dr. James F. McCarter Saturday, September 19-20. Doors open 10 to 9/ grand entry 12/dancing 12-4 and 6-9 p.m. on September 19. Doors open 10 to 5/ grand entry 12/dancing 12-5 p.m. September 20. The Festival will be held at Sailwinds Park, Cambridge, MD. Host Drum will be Eagle Rock Singers. Invited Drum: Stinking Creek Singers. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. No pets, alcohol, drugs or attitudes.

Take Rt 50 to Maryland Avenue in Cambridge, turn west onto Maryland and go to the first light and turn right into Sailwinds Park. For further information call 410-376-3889.

School Supply Campaign

Lumberton Housing Authority recently announced the School Supply Campaign, and we received some supplies, but hardly enough for all the needy children in our area.

We have eleven sites and we got a break down of all the children in each area, and we have a total of One Thousand-thirty two (1,032) children that we are trying to serve. You can help us to get some help by announcing it a few times maybe someone will catch a glimpse and send some needy child a back-pack or note book and some paper and pencils.

Supplies can be mailed to or taken to: Operations Department 413 spruce Street, Lumberton, NC 28358.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak to Shelby Foy, do not hesitate to call 910-671-8247.

LRDA/Tribal Council appoint committees for housing negotiations

The LRDA and the Tribal Council have both appointed committees for the purpose of discussion and possible negotiations on Indian Housing Funds.

Appointed from LRDA are Bobby Dean Locklear, Ken Maynor, Dobbs Oxendine, Adolph Blue is Chairman of the LRDA board and in agreement by both sides the Chairmen will serve on the Committee.

Appointed from the Tribal Council are Linda Hammonds, Rhonda Locklear, Rev. Jerry McNeill, and Delton Oxendine, Rev. Dalton Brooks, Tribal Chairman will also serve on the Committee.