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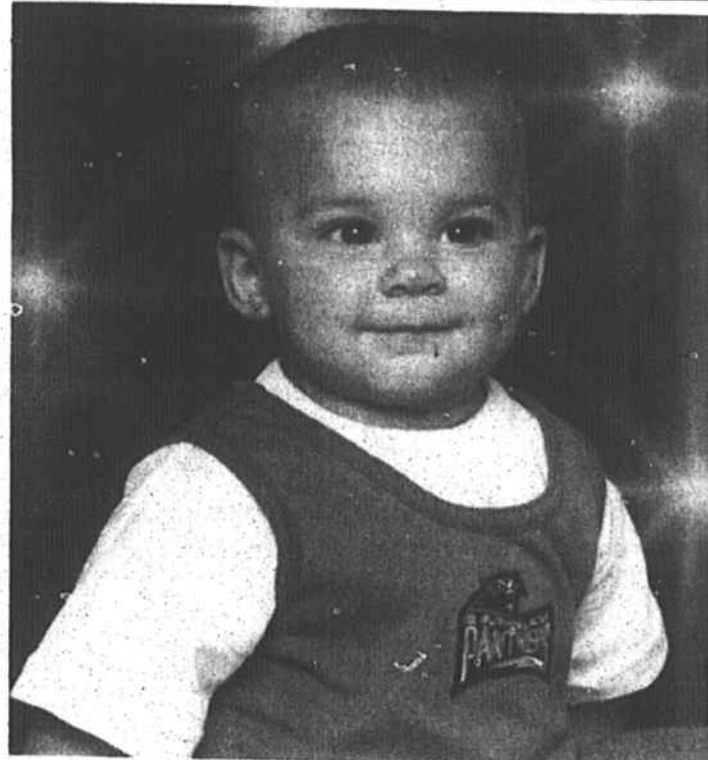
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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



Amber Rose Lowry, the 10 month old daughter of Amy Oxendine and Carmel Lowry, Jr. was crowned Baby cover Miss of Lumberton on October 3. she also won

the following competitions: Most Beautiful, Photogenic, Sportswear, Fifties Wear, and Best personality. Amber will compete on the state level May 31-April2, in Charlotte.

Shinnecock Tribe of New York files petition for Federal Recognition as a tribe

Boulder, CO - The Shinnecock Tribe filed a petition with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U. S. Department of Interior for federal recognition as a tribe on Friday, September 25th. The State of New York acknowledges the Shinnecock Tribe and interacts with the Tribe as a political entity. However, since the Shinnecock Tribe does not have the same government - to - government relationship with the federal government, it is seeking an administrative determination by the Department of Interior that the Tribe has continued to exist as an Indian tribe from the first recorded contact with the European settlers in 1640 to the present day.

Peter Smith, Chair of the Tribal Trustees, (the Tribe's elected governmental representatives) says, "This is an historic moment for the Shinnecock Nation. Our cultural heritage is strong and our community's continuous existence is well documented. It is time for the BIA to acknowledge us, too. It is the hope and desire of the Shinnecock people to enter into positive government-to government relations with all federal agencies."

Traditionally, federal recognition has been accorded to Indian tribes through treaty, land set aside for a tribe, or by legislative means. Of the more than 600 tribes in the United States, 510 are federally recognized and the remaining are unrecognized or were "terminated" as governmental units during the termination policy era in the 1950's and 60's.

Presently, the Tribe is based on the Shinnecock Reservation near Southampton, New York, on the lands that have remained in its possession since 1859. The Shinnecock Tribe has occupied the eastern end of Long Island since time immemorial.

Since the 1970's, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has provided legal and technical assistance to the Shinnecock Tribe in preparing the necessary historical, legal and anthropological documentation to support its petition for acknowledgment.

Lumbee Tribe to help host NCAI Convention

The Lumbee Tribe will be one of the host tribes for the National Congress of American Indians Convention in Myrtle Beach S.C. October 18-23.

The Lumbee Tribal Board met recently and voted to commit funds to help sponsor the Cultural Celebration and Pow-wow, which will be held on Wednesday night at Chapin park.

The Pow-wow celebration will include a barbecue dinner provided free to the attendees, with the pigs being provided by Lumbee Regional Development Association.

Mr. Ray Littleturtle of Turtlevision Inc. will help coordinate North Carolina drum and dance participants for the pow-wow portion of the event. Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the outdoor cultural celebration.

Also the Tribal board voted unanimously to sponsor up to 125 Lumbee Elders to attend the banquet event of the convention, which will be held Thursday night at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Bus transportation will be provided.

Instead of sponsoring the Lumbee Elders to attend the November N.C. Indian Senior Conference this year the Tribal Board felt more awareness of the Lumbee tribe could be achieved by a large participation at NCAI, since it is being held this close to home.

The Lumbee Tribe will also have an exhibit in the trader and exhibit hall at the convention featuring the history and present day operations of the tribe. Booth visitors will receive a gift representing a part of the tribe's heritage.

Mr. Adolph Blue, Chairman of the board stated that "this involvement by our tribe at this convention will help to educate federally recognized tribes about our tribe in a way that was not affordable in the past when conventions were held on the West Coast. This is a great opportunity to showcase our tribe."

Lumbee Veterans are expected to participate in the Indian Veteran's ceremonies at the convention and special youth sessions will be held including the Miss NCAI Pageant Monday night. Miss Lumbee, Jr. Miss, and Little Miss Lumbee will be sponsored by the agency to attend these events.

Over 1,500 attendees from over 200 tribes are expected to attend the NCAI convention this year. United South and Eastern Tribes in Nashville Tennessee, which is made up of 22 federally recognized tribes will be the lead host organization for this years convention. The Lumbee tribe has been a member of the NCAI through LRDA since 1980 with 185 voters in the congress. For more information call (910) 521-8602.



The newly elected board members to the EMC Board of Directors. They are shown left to right: Timothy Strickland, Roger Oxendine, Madie Rae Locklear, James Hardin.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Green Grove proudly announces the Teacher of the year as Ms. Janet Kaye Powell, E.C. Teacher. Ms. Powell is a graduate of Pembroke State University with a BA degree in elementary Education (K-3), Special Education (EMH/SLP) and a graduate of Fayetteville State University with a MA degree in Special Education. This is Ms. Powell fifth year at Green Grove School. She enjoys working on the computer, reading, taking long walks, and swimming.

The Teacher Assistant of the Year is Mrs. Brenda Jones, First Grade Teacher Assistant. She has been married to Wesley Jones for thirty years. They have four sons, Kelvin, Heath, Wesley R., and Wesley I. She enjoys gardening, listening to country music, watching car racing on television, and most of all working with Green Grove's students!

HOME COMING

Homecoming will be held at Union Chapel Community Baptist Church on Sunday October 18, 1998. Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship service is at 11:00 a.m.

Special singing by the Chapellers and message by Pastor Jimmy Strickland. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. Afternoon worship in singing at 2:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

PSRC "Showcase of Schools" at Biggs Park Mall

Booths representing all 41 public schools in Robeson County will fill Biggs Park Mall on Saturday, November 7th from 10AM to 3PM as the Public Schools of Robeson County presents its first "Showcase of Schools".

Each booth will be manned by school officials, PTA members and volunteers and will exhibit visually some of the special programs which have been implemented at the school along with the academic progress the school has made during the past year. Written material in the form of flyers, bookmarks, banners and brochures will be available for visitors. Entertainment will be provided on center stage by various schools throughout the day.

The "Showcase of Schools" is part of Dr. Barry Harding's efforts to make the school system customer oriented towards parents, students, other staff members and the community.

UNCP Search Committee Approve Two Public Forums

(Pembroke)-In its first meeting Tuesday, the newly appointed chancellor search committee for UNC Pembroke set two public hearings and approved a request for proposals for executive search firms to assist them in seeking our qualified applicants.

In September, UNCP Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine announced his retirement, effective June 30, 1999.

A public forum for faculty, staff and students will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 27th at Andre Nadeau Lecture Hall in the Jones Physical Education Building. A second public forum for the community and alumni was set for 7 p.m. Thursday, October 29 also in the Nadeau Lecture Hall.

The information obtained by the committee at the two public forums will be used in developing a set

of criteria to guide the selection of a new chancellor. Speakers who request time 24 hours in advance of the meeting will have the floor for five minutes, and 30 minutes set aside at the end of the meeting for other speakers the search committee decided.

The committee, which has a budget of \$85,000, will receive proposals from national search firms at a meeting set for 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, the same day it will approve advertising of the position nationwide.

"I expect that President (Molly) Broad will strongly encourage us to hire a search firm" Chair Roger Oxendine told the committee. "It's a lot of money, but every university I have contacted has used a search firm to help them find qualified candidates."

The committee will meet next

...Columbus Who?

When in the course of remembrance upon the effects of the mishap of October 12, 1492, we as American Indians can only give thought to sorrow. How, in our wildest imagination, can the indigenous peoples of this land look at this Columbus Day as a day of celebration, when in fact it was this singular event that has led to the linguistic, religious, artistic and even physical annihilation of tribe among tribe. To think that one man's lack of sense of direction could place such hardships on the survival of millions is almost absurd, to say the least, but nonetheless never more factual. On this day I am haunted by thoughts of Sand Creek, Wounded Knee and The Trail of Many Tears. Our tears have yet to end, for even today American Indians are still fighting the battle of assimilation and extinction. So how can we, in good conscience, forget all the lives that were sacrificed given in the names of Discovery, Christianity, and last, but not least, Manifest Destiny. The names and reasons are many, but murder is still murder regardless of its literary guise.

Indigenous people were never even given the forethought that we were here far before the Columbus scenario; so might I ask, where does the term "discovery" come into play? I was under the assumption that discovery came as a result of being there first, and not on the basis of skin color. Is it possible that the Creator bestowed intelligence by racial percentages (i.e. Caucasian 100% & Other %)? This is certainly and equivocally not the case, for if so, how in his intellectual prowess did Columbus manage to get off course? American History records that in 1492 Christopher Columbus discovered America. As I see it, in 1492 American Indians discovered Columbus LOST AT SEA! The fact remains, American Indians are the First and the True American's.

I am at least given the concession that my employer doesn't consider Columbus Day note worthy of celebration, and most assuredly not time off with pay. I think that if they did, I would probably work, if nothing more than as a sign of protest. American Indians should collectively seek legislative rescission of this "legal holiday", or collectively focus on this day as a day of mourning. We can and should never forget the price for misbegotten and misleading purposes; for they are the whitemen and surely they are noblemen!! I, for one long for a sitting Sitting Bull Day!

Wendy Moore-Cummings
Pembroke, NC

LUMBEE RIVER LEGAL SERVICES, INC. 20TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND DANCE

Guest Speaker: The Honorable Dexter Brooks, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge
Friday, October 23, 1998

7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Holiday Inn Bordeaux

Fayetteville, NC

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

For More Information Call
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910-521-2831

Joint Revival Planned Oct. 25-28

A joint revival will be held at Ashpole United Methodist Church along with Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church during the week of October 25-28. Service begins at 6

p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Guest speakers are the Rev. George McDougald and Rev. Larry Chandler. Special music will be provided each night. The church is located directly across from South Robeson High School. The public is encouraged to attend.

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