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Federal Recognition Committee formation off to a successful beginning

by Cynthia L. Hunt

On Thursday, March 11, 1999 during the twenty-fourth annual NC Indian Unity Conference, LRDA held a meeting to receive input from Lumbee tribal members regarding the formation of the new Federal Recognition committee. The meeting was co-chaired by LRDA board members Leon Jacobs and A. Bruce Jones, who presented information concerning the tribe's efforts to obtain federal recognition in the legislative process, as well as an effort to have the tribe recognized by an executive order. Several other LRDA board members were in attendance, as well as members of the LRDA staff. Cynthia L.

Hunt of the Indian Law Unit at Lumbee River Legal Services, the legal representative for the Lumbee tribe in their efforts to obtain federal recognition was also present to address the group regarding the tribe's status in the Federal Acknowledgment Process. Ms. Hunt also addressed the authority of LRDA to form such a committee. According to Ms. Hunt, LRDA was given authority through a tribal referendum in 1984 to handle the tribe's recognition efforts. This authority was reaffirmed by Superior Court Judge Howard Manning as a result of the law suit brought against LRDA by the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians.

Among the group of some fifty persons were representatives from the local tribal community in addition to those representing the urban tribal organizations including Milton Hunt, executive director of the Baltimore Indian Center.

The meeting focused on how the committee will be formed, options the tribe has in relation to federal recognition, and the development of a strategy for tribal recognition efforts. Tribal members, such as Emma Lee Locklear from the Prospect community who has the distinction of having served on both the LRDA board of directors and the Tribal

Council, as well as a past chairman of the LRDA Federal Recognition committee, expressed their interest in serving on the committee, as well as the need for tribal community meetings to be held in each of the communities to keep tribal members abreast of the developments surrounding the formation of the committee. LRDA board members stated their intent to make a concerted effort to make the committee inclusive of those wishing to serve. Donald Locklear, an LRDA board member, and chairman of the Public Relations committee reiterated the agency's commitment to keep tribal members more informed and be more inclusive of tribal members in all their endeavors.



Kiley Saige Locklear is the 2yr old daughter of Nahaven Lowry & Joseph Locklear. On March 13, she won Baby Miss Southern States Dogwood, 1999-2000. She also received Best Personality, Best Wardrobe and Most Beautiful. She will go on to Little Miss NC this summer. Kiley would like to thank Aunt Paula, Aunt Megan and Brittany for always being there and a special thanks to Miss Darla Oxendine for all your hard work.

Book signing planned for new historical book, Pembroke in the Twentieth Century

On March 23, 1999 the public is cordially invited to attend a book signing for the latest publication, *Pembroke in the Twentieth Century*, written by Connie Barton Brayboy, editor of the *Carolina Indian Voice*. Ms. Brayboy will be at the Indian Education Resource Center, formerly Pembroke Indian High School, from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm to meet the public and autograph her book.

The publication is a collection of photographs depicting the history of the town of Pembroke "whose incorporated limits are recognized as the geographic, economic, and education center of the Lumbee tribe." *Pembroke in the Twentieth Century* also provides a unique understanding of the history of the town as it relates to the history of the Lumbee tribe.

Further, Ms. Brayboy provides a look at tribal leaders who had and continue to have a profound affect on

the growth and the development of the town as we now know it.

The literary world is nothing new to Ms. Brayboy as she is the daughter of the late Lew Barton, a pioneer in the local literary world. Mr. Barton's publication, *The Most Ironic Story in American History*, was one of the first literary works to focus on the history of the Lumbee tribe. Ms. Brayboy also has two brothers who are published: Mr. Bruce Barton who published *An Indian Manifesto: The Best Of As I See It* in 1983 and Mr. Garry Barton who wrote, *The Life And Times of Henry Berry Lowry* in 1979.

The book signing is being co-sponsored by the Indian Law Unit at Lumbee River Legal Services, Indian Education of the Public Schools of Robeson County and the Town of Pembroke. Plan to attend the event and share in Ms. Brayboy's wealth of images as she brings the history of Pembroke in this eventful century to life.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT Applications being accepted for Junior/Little Miss Lumbee

The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA), sponsors of Lumbee Homecoming and the Junior/Little Miss Lumbee Pageant, will be accepting applications beginning April 1, 1999. Junior/Little Miss Lumbee acts as role model for Lumbee Youth and will participate in Tribal activities. Applicants must be enrolled, female, tribal member between 11 and 14 years old for Junior Miss and 5 to 7 for Little Miss (Little Miss Lumbee contestants will need to be five no later than October 15, 1998). If you meet the criteria and are interested in competing as a contestant please contact Hazel Perez or Darlene Locklear for an application at the Head Start Office in Pembroke or call 910-521-8602. The Deadline is April 16, 1999. In the event more applications are received than allocated slots available, a screening process will be initiated.

NOTICE: An entry fee of \$100 is required of all final contestants.



Rencil P. Locklear honored with Cape Fear Award, center, as Scout Master Anthony Chavis looks on (right)



Sheriff Glenn Maynor is honored by Cape Fear Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mt. Airy resident honored by Boy Scouts of America

by Anthony Chavis, Scout Master Troop 326
On March 4, 1999 at Mt. Airy Baptist Church the Cape Fear Council, Central District Boy Scouts of America held their Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet to honor the adult leaders and volunteers of and volunteers to Boy Scouts in Robeson County.

After the Flag Ceremony by Troop 326 of Mt. Airy Baptist Church and welcome, a dinner was served catered by Ms./Beulah Smith.

After the meal the introduction of the guest speaker was given by Mr. George Regan, Central District Chairman. The guest speaker was the honorable Glenn Maynor, Sheriff of Robeson County. His speech was to the parents and the young people of Robeson County. He spoke about spending time and making time for the young people and told how the Boy Scouts was a good channel for the young people. He also spoke about the effects of drugs in Robeson County. The Boy Scouts' leaders and volunteers are grateful to Sheriff Maynor

for taking the time to speak at the Banquet.

Following the Sheriff's speech, various recognition was given and the Cape Fear Award was presented. This is the highest award that can be given to a person on a district level. This year's winner was Mr. Rencil P. Locklear of the Mt. Airy Community. Mr. Locklear has been involved in scouting since 1972 when he helped charter Troop 326. He has been Scout Master, Assistant Scout Master, Troop Committee Chairman, and a member of the Troop 326 Advisory Board and Committee. He is also very active in his church and community. Many thanks was extended to Mr. Locklear for earning the 1999 Cape Fear Award.

Special thanks is extended to George Regan, Laura Kemp, Jimmy Usher, Bill Franch, Reed Wallace, Field Director for the Cape Fear Council, and the Mt. Airy Baptist Church, in addition to the parents of the boys of Troop 326 for their support and help.

Rep. Sutton supports tobacco bill

Raleigh -- Rep. Ron Sutton of Pembroke joined a majority of the House and voted Monday night and again on Tuesday for a bill that will allocate \$4.6 billion that North Carolina is expected to receive under the national tobacco settlement.

"This bill was the only proposal before the General Assembly with assurance of long-term help for tobacco families and health needs," Rep. Sutton said. "If it had died, struggling farm families would have been left without any help in a few years."

The measure won preliminary House approval on Monday night. A final House vote was scheduled for Tuesday morning. A final vote was held and the bill passed again and was sent back to the Senate for concurrence in the House changes.

Under the bill, \$2.3 billion would go into a non-profit corporation to benefit tobacco families, health care and other needs over the next 25 years.

Health and tobacco interests each would receive \$1.15 billion through separate trusts governed by representatives of those interests.

Rep. Sutton said the bill was fair and far-reaching. The non-profit foundation will make it more difficult for lawmakers to use the money for non-tobacco related needs in the future. He did not want all the money to go to the General Assembly to be spent by lawmakers.

"Without the foundation, this tobacco-related money would end up going to everything but tobacco-related and health needs in a few years," Rep. Sutton said. "Farmers, allotment holders and others may have gotten some help this year. But it would have been difficult to sustain that help as North Carolina becomes more suburban and urban."

Attorney General Mike Easley proposed the non-profit corporation in a consent agreement. The Legislature was given the authority to approve or reject the corporation. This factor caused the General Assembly to be working under tight restrictions.

Gov. Jim Hunt and Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham endorsed the House. The Senate passed a bill different from the House version, but is expected to accept the House version.

The General Assembly originally had built Monday to approve the foundation under the consent agreement. Easley won a 72-hour extension on Monday.

Under this bill the farmers get 25% of Phase I funds (1.15 billion). They get all of Phase II money (1.97 billion). "It was not a bill that will satisfy everyone but operating under the constraints of the court order, it was the best we could do under the circumstances," said Representative Sutton.

"We always had to keep in mind the real possibility of the federal government exercising a third-party subrogation right against all the Phase I funds if we didn't use some of it for health related services. That meant if we had passed it all out to special interests the voters would have had to make up any subrogation repayments to the feds."



Author Connie Brayboy is shown autographing a copy of her new book *Pembroke in the Twentieth Century* for Patricia Swett Brayboy, Director of the Robeson County Chapter of the American Red Cross. (Photo by Myrtle Rose Dial)

9th Annual N.C. Native American Juried Fine Art Exhibition to open.

Greensboro -- The Ninth Annual North Carolina Native American Juried Fine Art Exhibition will open at the Guilford Native American Art Gallery on Sunday, March 21, 1999. A reception will be held from 2-5 pm. The gallery is located at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 North Davie Street.

The Official Title of the show is: Plaited Lessons: The American Indian Way A Collection of Mixed Media Art.

Plaited Lessons refers to the intertwining of Native American Art that has been taught generation after generation. These lessons include Mixed Media art such as paintings, carvings, sculpture, pottery, quilting, basketry, - Traditional and Contemporary.

This exhibit features artists from the Lumbee, Haliwa-Saponi, Coharie, Meherrin, Eastern Cherokee, Waccamaw Siouan, Indians of Person County and many other tribes.

A few artists will be giving exhibit lectures and demonstrations of their work.

This exhibit travels each year from the Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference to our gallery and other venues. Awards will be given for Best of Show, Best of Traditional, Best of Contemporary and Honorable Mentions. The winners will be listed on the opening reception program.

The featured artist this year is Alceon Bullard Jones, Lumbee and Robeson County Native of Pembroke, N.C.

Contact: Tonya Steele, Director Guilford Native American Art Gallery (336) 273-6605

Cornerstone Assembly of God to present "The Mirror"

Cornerstone Assembly of God will present "The Mirror" on Friday and Saturday, March 26 & 27 7PM nightly at 950 Linkhaw Rd across from the Lumberton Senior High Football Stadium. The Mirror is an evangelistic drama designed to reach both the young and old with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Admission is free.

Contact: Coval Long (910)-739-7090 & (910)-671-1568

IHS Scholarships Available through LRDA

Lumbee Regional Development Association has received the Indian Health Scholarships. Native American students may apply for this scholarship. Deadline for the Scholarship is April 15, 1999. Applications may be picked up at the LRDA Administrative Office located in Pembroke. For more information call 910-521-8602.

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