

Letters to the Editor

Reader explains why he calls himself Lumbee/Cheraw

Tanake' or Hello,
In the ancient language of our Lumbee/Cheraw ancestors. Why do I call myself Lumbee/Cheraw? Not simply because our claim has been supported by leaders of sister tribes, anthropologists and historians, my personal genealogical research and major newspapers of this time period, but I know I am Lumbee/Cheraw because I feel and believe in my heart it is the truth. Recently, some of our people on both sides of the Tribal Council and LRDA fence have done some historical research and they both (don't fall out) agree that our tribe descends mainly from the Cheraw and other closely related Siouan tribes that were forced to band together.
Strike At The Wind was wonderfully done this year and I have every Lumbee, Lumbee/Cheraw, Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians, Tuscarora, and those interested in enriching their cultural education did not miss it. However, the Lost Colony theory as put forth by Strike At The Wind of our beginning as a tribe has been all but disproven by sister tribes, historical accounts, and recent research. Powhatan, a powerful chief living to the North at the time of the Lost Colony stated on his deathbed that he

had killed all but a few of the remaining Lost Colonists. The few remaining survivors moved further northwest and helped a neighboring tribe mine cooper.
The strongest evidence of our origin come from our beloved river which has been called Lumbee as far back as anyone can remember. The name Lumbee come from a Siouan word "Lombe" meaning dark describing the water of our dark river. I also found out recently that sister tribes called us Cheraw, Suali, and Saura which means people of the tall grass. So what would that make the name Lumbee/Cheraw mean? People of the Tall Grass that live by the Dark River. If you prefer to be called Lumbee/Cheraw, like me, we have some interesting places named after us in North Carolina. First, of course is the Lumbee river. However, there is a group of low lying mountains above Winston Salem, NC near a mouth of the Dan River, where our people lived for a time, called the Sauratown mountains. TEH CHEROKES used to call us Suali and some of our people lived near tenm long ago near Asheboro, NC. in what is now known as Suali Gap. Also, if you have ever driven

Highway 64 West out of Asheboro, NC, you have crossed the Uwharrie River surrounded by the lowlying Uwharrie Hills. Believe it or not, sister tribes and historians link us to the name Uwharrie (you HAR E). Finally, Desoto encountered our people in 1540 and called us Xuala (shoe wala). Its kind of ironic that one of our first Native Communities here in Robeson County was called SHoe Heel (Shoe Wala ?) which is called MAXton today. In closing I want to put in a plug for TRIBal Enrollment. If you or your child have not been enrolled, You don't have long until the cutoff. A reliable source told me that the Tribal Council and LRDA are 95% in agreement to settle their differences. So, enroll now because it may be your last chance. FOLKS, this is the Seventh Generation and our forefathers had a vision that this generation would begin a great cultural reawakening. In our Lumbee/Cheraw language there is no word for good bye. So, I leave you with these words, "Wo' nai're" which means thank you (for your time) and "Arc" which means true. Walk in the true way my friends!

Arvis Boughman

...From the Desk of the Superintendent by Dr. Barry Harding

It still seems strange for students to be returning for the start of another school year this early in August but tomorrow's the big day. Except for our year round school at W. H. Knuckles already underway, all the rest of our schools will be welcoming back their students tomorrow.

While students are probably affected the most, here is definitely a ripple effect that spreads across the county with their return to school. Parents have to arrange their schedules to accommodate their children's schedules. Arrangements have to be made, for example, for transportation to and from school if the students don't ride the bus. Transportation also has to be provided for their children to get the special activities they are involved in - academic, athletic or social.

Parents also should be thinking about getting involved with their children's school whether as a member of the school's PTA or as a volunteer. They certainly should plan on staying in touch with their child's progress by scheduling occasional meetings with the child's teachers.

It's important that parents help their children to lay out a schedule for a proper balance between time spent on extracurricular activities and time required for their studies. Certainly there is a great deal to be said for many of the extracurricular activities available to them but it should be remembered that the major reason for being in school is to learn. Thus, homework and the like should account for the lion's share of that schedule to ensure the student's academic progress.

It's worthwhile to point out that, a child participates in athletics provides an opportunity to learn about teamwork and good sportsmanship. Parents can exhibit the latter, for example, by their behavior at games. It might be seen by the way a parent reacts to their child's coach or to officials - reactions which can have a positive or negative effect on their child.

Respect for the coach or officials are on the same plane as respect for teachers in the classroom. Evidence of that respect is too often a result of parental influence. If the parent doesn't demonstrate respect for the teacher to the child, then the child may follow the parent's example and adversely affect learning by the child, then the child may follow the parent's example and adversely affect learning by the child as well as his or her classmates. Poor behavior in the classroom is detrimental to learning. Poor behavior on the school bus, likewise, cannot be tolerated. It should be understood that riding the bus is a privilege that may be withdrawn for unacceptable behavior which forces parents to replace the forfeited transportation themselves.

The ripple effect I mentioned earlier also affects all motorists who must acknowledge the presence of those big yellow buses on the highways. The frequent stops they make as they pick up children waiting at the roadside require constant attention. The law requires you to stop your vehicle when you come upon a school bus loading or unloading passengers regardless of whether the bus is coming in your direction or the opposite one. To do otherwise could have disastrous results. Beware, also, of children waiting at the roadside for their bus.

Everyone looks forward to the start of a new school year to one degree or another. Everyone can contribute to making it a happy one.



Goins and Deese wed in Garden Ceremony

Goins & Deese

Jacqueline Elizabeth Goins and Gene Cornelius Deese, both Pembroke, were married at 5 p.m. June 12 at the home of Jimmy and Diane Goins. The Rev. Dufrene Cummings officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jimmy and Diane Goins of Pembroke and granddaughter of Ernest and Ola Goins. Stella Locklear and the late Barney Locklear. She attended Purnell Sweet High School, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and is attending N.C. Central University. She works for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

The bridegroom is the son of Gene Marshall and Barbara Deese and grandson of Strawdie Deese and the late Junior Deese and Fannie Jacobs and the late James Porter. He attended Purnell Sweet High School and is attending UNCP and works for Lowe's of Lumberton.

The matron of honor was Rhonda Goins Dial an the maid of honor was Jamie Rene Goins, both of Pembroke and sisters of the bride.

Best man was father of the groom. Groomsman was Jason Deese of Pembroke, brother of the groom, and ushers were Anthony Dial, Anthony Dial

and James Deese.

Flower girl was Morgan Lecann Goins and ringbearer was Marcus Dial. Rosebearer was Victor Aaron Dial.

Musicians were Bonnie Locklear, Guen Locklear and James Kelvin Locklear. Wedding director was Dana Lowery Ramseur and guest register was Cecily Porter Maynor.

The reception was held at the home of Diane and Jimmy Goins. It was hosted by the parents of the bride.

The rehearsal dinner was held at North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. It was hosted by the parents of the groom.

After a wedding trip to Charleston, S.C., the couple will reside on Goins Road, Pembroke.

Social courtesies included a miscellaneous shower given by the parents of the groom at Friendship Baptist Church; a miscellaneous shower was given by Rhonda Goins Dial and Jamie Goins at the home of Jimmy and Diane Goins; a lingerie shower given by Dana Lowery Ramseur and Melissa Moore Pruitt at Sheff's Restaurant; and a bridal brunch, held at the home of Bonnie Locklear, was hosted by Ms. Locklear and Chris Hickman.

5th Annual Native American Festival at Whiteface Mountain on August 7-8

Wilmington, NY -- The Native American (American Indian) heritage of the Adirondack region and beyond will be celebrated with song, dance, crafts, storytelling and food at the Whiteface Mountain Ski Center during the 5th annual Native American Festival on Saturday and Sunday, August 7-8. The Olympic Regional Development (ORDA) will host this event.

The weekend promises to provide superb entertainment and an education on the rich Native American culture. Mohawk Chief Jake Swamp will open the festival with a Thanksgiving Address. This year's featured dancers are members of the Seneca Nation. Bill Crouse and the Allegany River Dancers will share traditional Iroquois social dances and demonstrate Western-Style Powwow Dances. Singer-songwriter Roy Hurd a native son of the Adirondack region returns from Nashville as the master of ceremonies to entertain the audience. Also on the weekend schedule are Dan Hill, who will play his flute and demonstrate a myriad of arts and crafts skills, and Mohawk storyteller, Dave Faden, a member of the Wolf Clan of Akwesasne, will share his

stories and artwork. There will also be wildlife demonstrations by Wild Things and the Outdoor World for Learning. A non-traditional intertribal drum group, Thunder Lizard Singers, consisting of 10 members will perform a variety of songs, dances, and stomps.

The Iroquois Museum from Howe Caverns, NY, will display a wide variety of Native American books and gifts. The Two Horse Trade Company of Franklin Falls will re-enact an early 1800's Fur Trading Post. Children can try their skills at making corn husk dolls and molding clay throughout the weekend at the Children's Native Arts and Crafts tent. Scores of Native American artists and craft makers will be displaying and selling their wares throughout the ski center base area. Among the mediums presented will be cradleboard art, bone carving, beadwork, original feather work, baskets, leatherwork, silver, and watercolors. There will be authentic Native American Fare, with cuisine including buffalo burgers, venison stew, Three Sisters Soup, and more. Free hayrides are offered on both days from 1-5 p.m.

The Festival runs from 10 am to 6 P.M. both Saturday and Sunday. One day's entry is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for those under 6 years old. The Whiteface Mt. Chairlift Skyride will be offered at a reduced rate of \$3.00 to festival attendees! For more information, call (518) 946-2223.

Whiteface Mountain -- the 1980 Olympic Mountain sporting the East's biggest vertical drop of 3,216 ft. - is one of several Olympic venues operated by ORDA in the Lake Placid region. The Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) was established in 1981 under legislation enacted by the State of New York to operate, maintain and promote the 1980 Winter Olympics facilities in the Lake Placid region, host of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics Games.

These include Whiteface Mountain Ski Center, the Olympic Jumping Complex, the Olympic Sports Complex and the Olympic Center. Gore Mountain Ski Center in North Creek was added in 1984 and the Lake Placid Winter Olympic Museum was added in 1994.

Magnolia to hold Open House

Parents of children who will be attending Magnolia this school year are invited to attend the school's open house Monday evening, August 9th, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. You'll have the opportunity to visit the facilities and meet with your child's teachers.

"Across the Street"

Hurricanes, floods, tornados - the people we think of first are also the first to respond with care and relief. The American Red Cross. But what about when there's no national disaster? That's when the Red Cross is busy keeping disaster from happening. Every day, Red Cross volunteers are in the neighborhoods teaching people the skills they need to keep their families safe. Skills like CPR, water safety and first aid. They also train volunteers to respond to local emergencies. The incidents that affect people in our community. That's what the Red Cross is all about. Neighbor helping neighbor. So ask yourself -- How far would the Red Cross go to help you? Because it's not just across the country. It's across the street. It's keeping families safe every day. But they can't do it alone. The Red Cross is not a government agency. They rely on you. Call your local chapter at 521-3640 with your support. He National number at 1-800 HELP NOW. Because your help can't wait. Thank you for all your support Patricia Brayboy, Executive Director, Robeson County Chapter

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The Pembroke Housing Authority has developed its Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority's Office located at 606 Lumbee Street, Pembroke, NC, beginning on August 9, 1999. The Authority's hours of operation are from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. In addition, a public hearing will be held on September 23, 1999, at 6:00 pm, at the Authority's Office located at 606-Lumbee Street, Pembroke, NC. Everyone is invited. Should you require special accommodations, please submit them to the Attention of the Executive Director on or before September 17, 1999.

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Wanted Housing Repair Contractors

The Town of Pembroke is seeking general contractors for the rehabilitation of homes funded under its FY98 NC Housing Finance Agency Single-Family Rehabilitation Program. Both licensed and unlicensed contractors capable of performing the total rehabilitation of substandard homes are needed. A total of 8 dwellings are affected by this project and contracts will be awarded based on a competitive bidding process.

A contractor's meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9, 1999, at 2:00 p.m., Town Hall, 203 W. 3rd Street, Pembroke, North Carolina. The town will distribute a bid proposal packet for the rehabilitation of 4 units at this meeting and the work required for each dwelling will be reviewed. There is no charge for receiving bid packages. A contractor or their representative is required to attend an advertised contractor's meeting as a prerequisite to bid unless otherwise specified in writing by the Program Administrator/ Rehab Inspector. Bids will be opened and read promptly at 2:00 p.m., August 23, 1999.

The SFR project is funded in part by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. The total cost of the FY98 NCHFA project is \$212,000; 94% is being financed with NCHFA funds in the amount of \$200,000.

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