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"Building Communicative Bridges In A Tri-Racial Setting"

Newly elected Tribal Council begins work

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The first meeting of the newly elected body of the Lumbee Tribal Government held its first meeting on January 27th. Chairman Hunt called it "a new beginning." Building the infrastructure was the first order of business that included the election of officers, naming of the tribal government and the naming of committees. Officers elected were Delton Oxendine (District 7) as Vice Chairman Rosa Winfree, District 16, Secretary; Danita Locklear, District 8, Treasurer; Rev. Steve Locklear, District 5, Chaplain; Traci Locklear Guerra, District 13, Parliamentarian. A motion was adopted that these officers will serve a one year term.

Following the election of officers, the next order of business was the naming of the governing entity. After much consideration, the body approved "The Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation" as their official and proper name. The tribal council also dealt with identifying and establishing committees. After much deliberation, the council moved to adopt seven committees and chairs. They are Transition/Personnel, Lonnie Revels, District 15; Housing, Rev. Jimmy Hunt, District 3; Public Relations, Darlene Jacobs, District 14; Health and Human Services, Randall Jones, District 7; Federal Recognition, Roderick Locklear, District 17; Constitution, Linda Hammonds, District 9; and Finance/Audit, Larece Hunt, District 1.

At the end of its first meeting, the council adopted a resolution to be drafted for approval to be sent to state and federal agencies informing them that the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation is the duly elected governing entity for the Lumbee people. This would include all appointments to state, local and state committees and boards.

Other action includes maintaining office space in Dream Maker Mall, previously used by the Lumbee Self Determination Commission, seek an insurance carrier for the council and ask Rep. Ron Sutton to draft legislation seeking money from the NC General Assembly.

Resolution Adopted at Lumbee Tribal Council Meeting

All members of the newly elected Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation were presented and accounted for thanks to technology. Council members Rod Locklear, District 17, and Daucey Brewington, District

18, were able to actively participate at the second meeting of the tribal council via teleconference.

The first order of business at the February 10th meeting was the adoption of a draft resolution that will be sent to state and federal agencies informing them that the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation is the duly elected governing entity for the Lumbee people. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Self-Determination Commission (LSDC) was created April 15, 1999 pursuant to the order of Superior Court Judge Howard E. Manning, Jr.;

WHEREAS, the LSDC conducted surveys and public hearings to determine what, if any, the type of government desired by the Lumbee people;

WHEREAS, the election of the duly elected twenty-three members of the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation and its Chairman was certified by Judge Manning on January 3, 2001;

WHEREAS, the election authorized and empowered the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation to conduct the governmental and business affairs of the Lumbee tribe as the lawful recognized tribal government;

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, adequate housing, education, economic and employment opportunity, preservation of cultural resources and tribal sovereignty are goals and objectives of the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation will review and approve all solicitations for funds and grants available to the Lumbee tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation will review and approve all appointments to local, state and national committees, councils and boards.

Chairman Milton Hunt, Secretary Rosa Revels Winfree

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the February 10, 2001 meeting of the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation held at the Robeson County Library, Pembroke, North Carolina.

Also adopted was the official committee listing identifying all those

who voiced their desire to serve on committees. A motion was offered by James Hardin, District 13, that any one committee could not have more than a quorum of council members. After careful consideration and discussion, the council passed the motion. There was also some discussion about the necessity for public input at the council meetings, the need for establishing a standard meeting date and the need to publicize the dates and times of the meetings. A motion was made by Darlene Jacobs, District 14, to include a standing agenda item for public comments. Items requiring action would need to contact Chairman Hunt in advance to have this issue placed on the agenda. Daucey Brewington, District 18, amended the motion to put a ten minute parameter on public comments. Discussions centered on strategies of how the Lumbee people can be more involved from an advisory perspective in an effort to keep the people better informed about the actions taken by the tribal council.

In addition, there were some concerns raised by Larece Hunt on the importance and need to have a single line of communication when interacting with the media. Questions were also extended about the proper protocol for inquiries and the signing of grants and awards. It was the consent of the body that the Chairman and the vice chairman should be the voice to the tribal council.

The meeting ended with standing committees giving an overview of their purpose, expectations, function and proposed plans. Other business included a motion by Randall Jones that a financial report be provided on the operating money by the Lumbee Self Determination Commission before the council assumes any of the funds. A question was raised on how the money can be transferred to the tribal council without any legal or administrative problems. Chairman Hunt stated that he will contact Jim Lowry, former Chairman of the LSDC, regarding the issue. The council ended by voting to hold all council meetings the third Saturday of each month at the tribal office in the Dream Catcher's Mall. In the month of March, however, the meeting is scheduled for the Fourth Saturday. The meeting time is 10 a.m.

The meeting ended with a stronger sense of commitment, mutual respect and understanding among all of the tribal council members.

Pembroke Small Press Seeks to Build on Success

When WFCPress started filling orders for their booklet last year, they knew one thing for sure. If people started reordering the check register inserted in the booklet, they would be in. The latest order is \$14.94 from a user in Texas.

Now WFCPress wants to build on that success. They want to go into TV marketing and get 100,000 people using the register. They want to print checks for those users.

The booklet has 20 pages and is entitled "How to Have Extra Money All the Time." If a buyer switches to the new check register inserted in the booklet, he or she won't run short between paydays, will stop checks from bouncing, will save more money, won't have to borrow from family and friends, and will have money all the time.

Edmond Locklear, Jr., author of the booklet and retired teachers, says his small press, WFCPress, wants to go into TV marketing and get 100,000 people to join persons who have already switched to the new register. Their paying \$6 to \$9 per year for register refills and an average \$30 for printed checks will get his small press off the ground and give employment to some 100 persons.

But Locklear doesn't have the estimated \$150,000 to set up TV marketing of "How To Have Extra Money All The Time." "Now, he says, "we need the help of good people living in Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland Counties." If his pres reaches 100,000 new users and prints checks and does other publishing, he projects the company will hire over 100 persons and pour hundreds of thousands into the economy of the four bordering counties.

Locklear is inviting people in the four counties to purchase his booklet and share in building a new, local industry. Booklets can be used for wedding, birthday, Christmas and love gifts to family, friends and neighbors. Businesses can give the booklet for new accounts, test drivers of new cars, and purchasers of groceries, tires and services.

Parents and grandparents can use the booklet and check register and teach children the very good habit of saving money. A how-to plan is outlined in an information packet available with a review copy.

The public may buy 20 to 100 booklets. Persons or businesses purchasing 100 will get a free Code# which lets them share in the company's success through distributions from a rebates Fund already set up in an area bank. Locklear suggests parents and grandparents reward teenagers

who have clean life-styles and are doing well in school by awarding them a Code#. They will draw monthly checks long after the parent or grandparent is gone.

Locklear says he hopes his small press succeeds to the point it can use future profits to buy back and retire the Code #, offering the owner up to ten times what he paid for the booklets. He says people should understand they are not buying stock, only booklets. The Code # is a gift.

The first step for interested folks is to get a review copy of the booklet. It costs \$5 and can be ordered by mail from WFCPress, Box 3187, Pembroke, or picked up in person at 506 N. Jones Street, Pembroke, behind Bo's Supermarket. Persons using a credit card may call 910-521-7314 or FAX to 910-521-7714. An information packet comes with the review copy.

"Back in the '80s," Locklear remembers, "my wife was obsessed with overdrawing her account. She said she didn't have \$18 to pay a bank for bad checks. She looked at me one evening and told me I had been an accountant for 25 years. I could help her. I told her when her account got low, stop writing checks. She said no more, but I knew she wasn't satisfied."

"I thought about it for some two weeks. Then, one afternoon on the way home from school, it dawned on me how to set up a savings account in her check book. Since I deposited her disability check, I did it. I put \$2 from each check in a reserve column in her check register. She said she didn't understand what I had done. I explained her money was still in the bank but just in a different place in her checkbook. She accused me then of trying to confuse her. The reserve built up to a nice nest egg by the time she died of cancer in 1992."

Locklear says it has taken him a long time to realize other people may have the problem of running short between paydays, having to borrow from family and friends, checks bouncing, and not being able to save much money. He's satisfied his check register is the answer. "It worked for my wife. It works for me. I believe it will work for other people. I hope people across Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland Counties will purchase some booklets and help us get set up." He is seeking 500 people to purchase 100 booklets, get Code #s and share in the returns from TV marketing the booklet and printing checks. Three people already have a Code #.

Purnell Swett High News

Reflecting on an era-Remember the 60's

The Living History Club held its first show on Saturday, January 13, at the Carolina Civic Center. This year marked the 6th annual showing of "Remember the 60s."

Director John Hodges has been working very closely with the cast to make this an unforgettable show. Members of the Living History Club put in many hours of rehearsal and promotion to make the show a success.

Highlights of the show included musical acts from the Rolling Stones, the Temptations, Ray Charles, Jim Morrison, Little Egypt and the Beatles, as well as performances by PSHS students Charly Lowry, Kirk Blue, and Shane Baker. The story-line goes back to Vietnam and the Civil Rights movement with a tribute to the memory of Mr. Hodges' personal friend, Carl Rodgers, who lost his life in the Vietnam War. The character of Carl is played by former graduate of Purnell Swett High, John Lowery. Other major parts were performed by Lori Rose Chavis, Charline Locklear, Shane Baker, and Billy Hunt.

Mr. Hodges describes the cast as "A great group of talents coming from all parts of Robeson county to act out important events in history such as the Civil Rights Movement and the campaigning of JFK. These events affected not only other parts of the United States, but Robeson County as well."

German exchange student, Sephanie Simoh, described the show as "Really awesome. It was lots of fun. Very different from shows in Germany!" Senior LaDonna Locklear described the show as "The most exhilarating experience I've ever had."

Most critics described the show as a perfect reflection of history. Hodges' most memorable moments of the show include an annual visit of Mrs. Rodgers to receive roses, and meet new cast members every year. Watching a show dedicated to her son always brings a tear to her eyes.

The show is not only for Mrs. Rodgers, or the cast, but mainly for those who have experienced the 60's themselves, and a also for those who are seeing the show for the first time, and love it so much that they actually want to come back.

"Another major highlight," said Mr. Hodges, "is to enjoy developing a close working relationship between myself and the cast which leads to a better understanding between student and teacher."

Mr. Hodges' main reason for "remember the 60's: is to showcase outstanding talent at Purnell Swett and all Robeson County schools.

The Living History Club also sponsors the Living History Club Scholarship. All profits from the shows will go to the Living History Club Scholarship which this year is up to \$800.00

-by Crystal McCormick

THE INDIAN EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER AND THE NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER PRESENT

THE
1st ANNUAL
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MARCH 6, 2001 THRU APRIL 6, 2001

RECEPTION MARCH 30, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.
AT THE INDIAN EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER
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This Art Show and Sale is being held in conjunction with The Gathering of the Eastern Nations at Sunrise Festival

Co-sponsored by NCICC and Southeastern NC Agricultural Center and Farmer's Market



Winter Evangelism Conference

The Burnt Swamp Association Winter Evangelism Conference will be held February 18-20. The theme for the event is "A Living Savior for a Dying World". The Conference will be held at Island Grove Baptist Church located on Highway 710, and begins at 6:00 p.m. Sunday and 7:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

Jernigan new football coach at Swett High

Frank Jernigan was named the new football coach at Purnell Swett High School at the board of education meeting Monday night. Jernigan will transfer from Fairmont High School where he has coached the Golden Tomatoes for the last six years. Coach Jernigan compiled a 33-33 record in his six year stint at Fairmont and made three trips to the playoffs, finishing 7-3 last year.

Coach Jernigan replaces Walt Locklear who resigned Nov. 20 after two years as football coach of the Purnell Swett Rams. The last winning season for the Rams was in 1993 when coach Mark Heil led them to a 6-5 mark.