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McIntyre Announces \$8 Million for Lumbee Housing Program

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation will receive \$8,005,918 in federal funds for housing needs in the Lumbee community.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "The most important work of government is to help families. These dollars will help many Lumbee families secure safe, decent, and affordable housing and will also assist many as they make needed improvements to their current homes. Good housing leads to self-sufficiency and economic independence, and I look forward to continuing to work with the Tribal Council and the Lumbee community. Congratulations to Tribal Chairman Milton Hunt, Housing Committee Chairman Jimmy Hunt and Vice-Chairman Jimmy Goins for their efforts in securing these funds."

The funds were approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996. Funds can be used for a variety of eligible affordable housing activities including modernization and operating assistance for low income housing, new construction, acquisition or rehabilitation of rental or owner occupied housing, housing services, housing management, crime prevention, and safety activities.

The Studio One Lab Series Holds Open Auditions

Open Auditions for Studio One Lab fall productions: The Studio One Lab announces auditions for Shakespeare's delightful comedy, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, and the sparkling cabaret, A CHRISTMAS FANTASY. Roles are open in the Shakespeare comedy for everyone age 13 through adult. Readings will be done from the script or from a prepared monologue. The Christmas cabaret show is open to everyone age 8 through adult. Needed are pop-styled singers, dancers, Native American dancers, Native American drummers, actors and all technical staffers. All singers auditioning for A CHRISTMAS FANTASY should have a song prepared; dancers need to be prepared for a short choreography session. Auditions will be held at the Lumberton Sr. High School auditorium on August 20, 2001 at 7:00 PM. For further information, contact Jeanne Koonce at Studio One Lab at 910-424-8871 or email: StudiOne2001@aol.com.

Robeson County Native Returns to Roots after Fifty Years

Helen Locklear Campbell left Robeson County when she was only 16 years old and moved to Washington, D.C. to go to work because there was no jobs here, leaving behind 10 siblings. Her parents were share croppers, and did not even own a T.V. Helen would work and send money home to help with the needs of the family. One sister who is eleven years younger can recall Helen coming to visit and bringing toys and clothes for the kids. Helen would always think of her family left behind in Robeson County by collecting clothes for her brothers and sisters.

With the loss of both Parents in 1985 and a sister in 2000, Helen would help pay the caregivers to take care of her sick parents and sister. Her

parents Mr. & Mrs. Dannie Locklear of Rowland had twelve children and were a very close family. Still today the bond is evident with Helen as she likes to collect little things for her family. After moving to D.C. Helen met and married Charles A. Campbell from Lynchburg, VA. they have two children and two grandchildren. After losing her sister in 2000 to cancer Helen wanted to move back to Robeson County to be near her sisters, she said she doesn't want a week to go by without seeing them. The Campbell's wanted to live near water because Mr. Campbell is bound to a wheel chair and loves to fish. Helen knew God would give them the perfect place, now they reside at the Bill Dunn place near Maxton.

Massive Syphilis Screening Scheduled for Robeson County

State and local public health officials are planning a R.I.O.T. to address Robeson County's syphilis epidemic. R.I.O.T., which stands for Rapid Intervention Outreach Team, is an intensive effort to screen individuals who are at high risk for acquiring syphilis.

Because syphilis morbidity continues to increase, the Robeson County Health Department and the Robeson Community Task Force SMART (Syphilis Makes Awareness Robeson's Target) are hosting a R.I.O.T. on August 17th and 18th and again on August 24th and 25th. Intensive outreach and education will be conducted in communities identified as having an increased incidence of syphilis over the past six months. Syphilis testing will be offered as teams go door-to-door educating community members about signs and symptoms of the disease, counseling them about behaviors that put them at risk for the disease, and providing safe sex kits. Confidential HIV testing will also be offered.

These efforts are part of an overall state and national plan to eliminate syphilis in North Carolina and the United States.

The Health Department has reported 1-7 syphilis cases so far this year. Provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control indicate that Robeson County reports the 18th highest number of primary and secondary syphilis cases of any county in the Country. Robeson County ranked first in rate per 100,000 (number of individuals affected per 100,000 population) among the 22 counties across the U.S. that reported over 50% of the syphilis cases in 2000.

Communities burdened by unemployment, low rates of health insurance coverage, and inadequate access to health care are most frequently affected by syphilis.

Elimination efforts are critical to improving infant health and slowing the spread of HIV infection. Syphilis accelerates the spread of the HIV epidemic. The presence of syphilis increases the chances of both acquiring and spreading HIV infection at least five-to-ten fold. Syphilis can be transmitted from mother to fetus during pregnancy causing stillbirths or birth defects, some of which may result in lifelong health problems.

Syphilis is a preventable and curable sexually transmitted disease. For more information about syphilis outreach and elimination efforts, contact the Robeson County Health Department at (910) 671-3200.

"In the Light of Reverence" to Air on UNC-TV, August 18

By Malinda Maynor

How would you feel if someone tried to drive a truck through your church? "In the Light of Reverence," an award-winning documentary film, addresses this threat to religious freedom and cultural tradition for Native American tribes and offers a new look at issues of environmental protection, individual rights and land use.

The film was produced and directed by Christopher (Toby) McLeod and co-produced by Malinda Maynor, a Lumbee Indian and North Carolina native. Their passionate yet carefully constructed film offers both sides of the conflicts in three native communities in the American West. At the center of the collision between European and indigenous cultures are attitudes about the uses of nature and the Earth. Is there room for the spiritual beliefs of indigenous people, who hold nature as sacred, in a society that views land as property? Can the U.S. Constitution ensure both religious freedom and the pursuit of property?

The Lakota are fighting to restrict the use of Devils Tower in Wyoming, essential to their spiritual practices but popular with rock climbers. The Hopi have found their land and water degraded by ongoing industrial concerns in the Four Corners region of the Southwest. And the Wintu, a non-federally recognized tribe in Northern California, struggle to keep Mount Shasta pristine against an influx of New Age practitioners and skiers. If some of these cases seem unresolvable, others are inching toward compromise. While many sacred sites have been destroyed, some have been protected. One thing is clear: the conflicts over individual rights and community responsibilities will only become more important in the years to come.

Ten years in the making, "In the Light of Reverence" juxtaposes reflections on the spiritual meaning of place by Hopi, Lakota and Wintu elders with interviews of non-Indians who have their own ideas about how best to use the land. Native Americans in these and other tribes—even in North Carolina—are fighting to protect their sacred places and their community traditions and responsibilities. Far from depicting native peoples as victims, this film causes viewers to reflect on their own attitudes about land use, religious freedom, and American history. McLeod says, "The conflicts in this film are deeply personal and emo-

tional to those we've interviewed. In the Light of Reverence is a testament to the importance of respect and patience in the delicate relationship between filmmaker and subject. The process of making it taught us not to hurry, but to take the necessary time. We hope the film will stimulate a new dialogue about the relationships of land and culture, of spirit and place, of Indian and non-Indian."

The film shows the political damage that can be done when sacred places and religious freedom are not protected, and offers solutions to prevent North Carolina communities from disintegrating over these kinds of issues. For many of the Native Americans in the film, destruction of a sacred site is the equivalent of driving a truck through a church; it is a hindrance to their Constitutional rights, but more importantly, it erodes their cultures and traditions. There are many places throughout our state that are special to both Indians and non-Indians—churches, scenic spots, state parks, rivers, fishing holes—each of these could qualify as a sacred site that deserves protection. Who will protect them? And how? "In the Light of Reverence" attempts to shed light on these problems and offer solutions.

The questions extend to bigger issues facing our natural resources. Wildlife protection, urban sprawl, forest conservation, even agricultural legislation—North Carolinians' opinions on all of these issues are informed by their relationship with special places and their feelings about the balance between individual rights and the public good. Co-Producer Malinda Maynor says, "I got involved in this film because I felt the conflict between individual rights and community responsibilities was bigger than just sacred site protection. Every American community deals with these conflicts. Maybe it concerns developing a piece of private property that's on a wetland, allowing a company to develop a toxic waste site, or not respecting free exercise of religion—even if we have a 'right' to do it, does that make it the 'right' thing to do?"

"In the Light of Reverence" explores these issues from both sides of the debate by giving voice to the diverse people who utilize sacred places. Robert Redford says of "In the Light of Reverence," "This beautifully-crafted film is a wake-up call for everyone who cares about the environment and human rights."

The film is a presentation of the Independent Television Service in association with Native American Public Telecommunications with funding provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Look for it on UNC-TV as part of the "P.O.V." series of independent documentary films. It will air Saturday, August 18, 2001 at 11:00 pm (check local listings).

Additional resources at: www.sacredland.org

Dr. Kristi Woods Comes Home to Robeson County

Kristi Woods, M.D., has joined the medical staff of Southeastern Regional Medical Center. She is associated in private practice with Pembroke Pediatrics and the Lumberton Children's Clinic.

"The people in Robeson County have a place to go for great pediatric care," she said. "I'm just glad to be a part of it."

A native of Pembroke, Dr. Woods earned a bachelor of science degree in biology at Duke University in 1994. She attended medical school at UNC-Chapel Hill where she received her degree in 1998. In June of this year, Dr. Woods completed a three-year residency training program in pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C.

"I came back because this is home," said Dr. Woods, whose parents make their home in Pembroke. "My mom, Elowyn Woods, was a nursing supervisor at SRMC for almost 20 years."

Dr. Woods was the recipient of a Southeastern Regional Medical Center Foundation scholarship loan for four years during her medical school training. The SRMC Foundation scholarship loan program was established to provide grants to Robeson County residents who pursue training and education in health care fields.



The loan recipients may repay the loans by returning to Robeson County to work or practice.

"I was very grateful for the scholarship loan fund. It really helped out in medical school," said Dr. Woods. "I was planning to come back here to practice anyway, but it made it that much better to have the scholarship loan."

To reach Dr. Woods for an appointment, call Pembroke Pediatrics at 521-0201 or the Lumberton Children's Clinic at 739-3318.

Money Management Workshop for Cancer Patients Set for Aug. 23

Southeastern Cancer Center will host a free cancer education workshop, "Taking Charge of Money Matters," on Thursday, August 23 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. This workshop is designed to teach people with cancer and their family members how to manage money matters that arise during or after their cancer experience. The program is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and will be held in the Obbie Lee Community Education Room of the Center, located at 1200 Pine Run Dr., in Lumberton. Call Stephanie Brooks at 671-5768 to register. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, August 21.

Prepared Childbirth Series Begins September 5

Prepared Childbirth classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning September 5 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in the assembly room at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. The five weekly classes are taught by registered nurses and cover these topics: fetal development, pregnancy, labor and delivery, relaxation and breathing techniques, and the postpartum period. An additional class, Infant Care and Breast-Feeding, on Wednesday, October 10 is free to persons registered for this series.

The cost for the entire series is \$50 per couple; Medicaid is accepted. Advance registration is required. Expectant mothers who are due to deliver between October 10 and December 19, 2001 can register now by calling 671-5011.

Power Wheelchairs Available (For Seniors and the Disabled)

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 yrs. old & up) and the Permanently Disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The Power Wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, please call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll free at 1-800-246-6010.

Open House at Career Center on August 16th

Parents of students taking courses at the Career Center are invited to attend an open house at the facility on Thursday, August 16th, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. It's your opportunity to learn about the various courses being taught there and talk with some of the personnel who teach the courses.

Dr. Welton Speaks at Pembroke Kiwanis Club

Dr. Welton Lowry was the key speaker at the Tuesday evening meeting at the Jade Gardens Restaurant. Program Chairman Mitch Lowry presented Doctor Lowry a long time advocate of Healthy Living, a Healthy Spiritual Life and staying physically active. Also, we need to keep Humorously active to rid ourselves of mental stress. We should feel good by exercising regularly, by working with the natural soil. After all every thing comes from the earth. We all go back to the earth. And God's creation. Sportsman ship our behavior toward's each other is so important as God's commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. Knowing about vitamins, knowing there are cures for colds, cancer, communicable diseases, heart attacks, arthritis all found in nature's wealth of natural prescriptions. These have been passed down over the ages by our Indian ancestors.

Invocation-Garth Locklear; Song Leader- Ed Teets; Presiding- Carlton Mansfield; Reporter- Ken Johnson.

Free Poetry Contest Open to Pembroke Residents

OWING MILLS, MD (USA)- The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Pembroke area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is October 31, 2001. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Babylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Babylon.

To enter, send ONE original poem, and subject any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19912, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by October 31, 2001! You may also enter on-line at www.poetry.com.

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Special Event planned at Indian Cultural Center

The North Carolina Indian Cultural Center Singles presents "Hawaiian Night" to be held August 17 at 7:30 P.M. at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. Cost of the event is \$5 per person and will include music, games, food, fun, a Christian environment.

For further information contact Beverly Collins at 910-521-2433 or Theresa Goins at 910-843-9463.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:
Assurex International at www.assurex.com.
R.C Precision at www.rcprecision.com.
ValuPage at www.valupage.com.
The American Bankers Association Education Foundation at www.aba.com.
Dr. William Forgey at www.docforgey.com.
Tonalin CLA at www.tonalin.com.
Children's Miracle Network at <http://cmn2001.org>.

Strike at the Wind Remembers Former Cast Member

by Vinita M. Clark

On Friday night, August 19, the cast and crew of the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind" dedicated their performance to the memory of Jeanette Marie Oxendine Dial, the young lady in 1976 who created the role of "Polly Oxendine." Dial at the time of her death had been a widow for several years and was raising three children on her own. Now her children who have already learned what it was like to live without a father must learn what it is like to live without a mother also. She died the morning of August 4, 2001.

In 1976 when auditions were held, Dial was one of 150 people there and she was chosen to create the role of Polly Oxendine. In 1977 she was cast

as a towns person and then was later called in to return to the role of Polly when the actress could not fulfill the script. This was the year that the drama was declared "The most successful outdoor drama in America," a title it has not held since.

Dial will be missed by the actors and actresses who all say "She never wore a frown. She was always ready to go to work and to help others. She was an excellent actress."

Any donations to help this family would be deeply appreciated and should be sent to the Family of Jeanette M. Dial % Strike at the Wind, P.O. Box 1524, Pembroke NC 28372 or call 522-0239 for details and information on how you can help.

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