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## The Movie, WINDTALKERS, opens nationally June 14

Roger Willie is one of the stars

WASHINGTON, D.C.-The national screenings of the film, WINDTALKERS, was held in Washington, D.C. and New York City June 4 and 6. And many local people showed up to applaud Roger Willie, one of the stars, and the rest of the cast. Roger Willie is married to a local Lumbee woman, Teresa Maria, the daughter of Bruce and Barbara Barton. Teresa, also known as "Sissy," is a nurse and worked as a midwife at the Women's Life Center in Lumberton for a number of years before she and Roger re-located to the Tucson, Arizona area where Roger is enrolled in the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Arizona and "Sissy" is a nurse at a nearby hospital.

While living in the Deep Branch Community, Roger Willie received a degree from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in the American Indian Studies Department.

Attending the functions with them were many friends from their home church at Tabernacle Baptist Church and other friends, including Jimmy Joe Locklear; Helen Scheirbeck; Pam and John Sweeney and children; John (Pete) Carter and his wife, Lori, and children, Mallorie and Little John. Others attending included the Bartons (Barbara and Bruce) and daughter, Brandi; and Bonnie Sampson and children, Edwin, Tyra and Margo. Other church members and friends included Tommy Locklear, Claudie and Ellen Locklear and daughter, Eden, and longtime friend, Hattie Sanderson. Also attending the screening in New York City were Rev. Hubbard Lowry and wife, Phyllis, and daughter; as well as Ms. Ella Mae Locklear and Ms. Demetrious Oxendine.

The movie centers on the exploits of the Navajo Code Talkers in World War II in the Pacific, and those charged to protect them at all cost. In 1943 an original 29 code talkers completed boot camp and developed the code based on the Navajo language that was used for military community and never broken. Eventually around 400 Navajo served as code talkers. The Japanese, as noted, were never able to break the code and many historians give the code talkers much credit for helping the United States win victory. MGM Pictures proudly tell the story of the Navajo code talkers in *John Woe's WINDTALKERS*, stars *Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Roger Willie, Christian Slater, Brian Van Holt* and a memorable cast. *The movie opens nationwide June 14.*

## Tony Prevatte creates memorial scholarship to honor his brother

PEMBROKE, N.C.-Gilbert D. Prevatte will be remembered for a long time to come by students at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

A 1979 graduate, Mr. Prevatte practiced law in South Carolina until his accidental drowning in 1999 at Murrell's Inlet, S.C.

With a gift of \$ 5,000 and a pledge of an additional \$5,000, Gilbert Prevatte's brother Tony has established a memorial endowed memorial scholarship in his name at UNCP. Tony Prevatte, owner of Prevatte Mobile Home Sales, Inc. in Lumberton, remembers his brother's hard work and sacrifices to pay his way through school.

"He had a struggle, financially, to get through school," Mr. Prevatte said. "We felt like Gilbert would have wanted to ease

the financial burden of another hard-working student and receiving this scholarship would help do so."

Tony Prevatte's wife, Marilyn, said Gilbert did not let financial hardship get in the way, but that is not the case for many young people.

"Gilbert drove taxis and anything he could do to pay his way through college and law school," Ms. Prevatte said. "There are a lot of kids who throw their hands up because of the obstacles in the way of a college education. So, this is about creating opportunities."

Chancellor Allen C. Meadors agreed, saying that financial support of scholarships at UNCP has never been as important as it is today.

"We take great pride at UNCP in offering an affordable college education, and we have one of the lowest rates of indebtedness among our graduates in the nation," Chancellor Meadors said. "One of the reasons for our good results is private financial support from good people like the Prevatte's."

"The obstacles to gaining a college education are mounting," Chancellor Meadors said. "Because of the state's financial crisis, tuition is going up and the economy of our region is declining, at the short term, because of a shifting economy."

For information about this scholarship or other gift programs at UNCP, please contact the Office of Advancement at (910)521-6252.

## Absentee Voting in North Pembroke Tribal Council District

Eligible tribal voters, or the immediate family members of the voter, in the North Pembroke Tribal Council District may apply to the Lumbee Tribal Elections Board for an absentee ballot beginning June 10, 2002. Voting absentee ballot is restricted to eligible tribal voters who will not be present in the District or unable to vote Election Day because of sickness. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is June 21 at 5:00 p.m. The absentee ballot request may be picked up at the Tribal Office, located on Union Chapel Road in

Pembroke. The election will be held June 29, 2002 at the Lumbee Tribal Office. Candidates running for the tribal council seat are: Mr. Tony Hunt, Ms. Wilma Locklear Godwin and Mr. Larry Townsend. Voting is restricted to enrolled tribal members 18 years and older who reside in North Pembroke. For further information, call 910-521-7861.

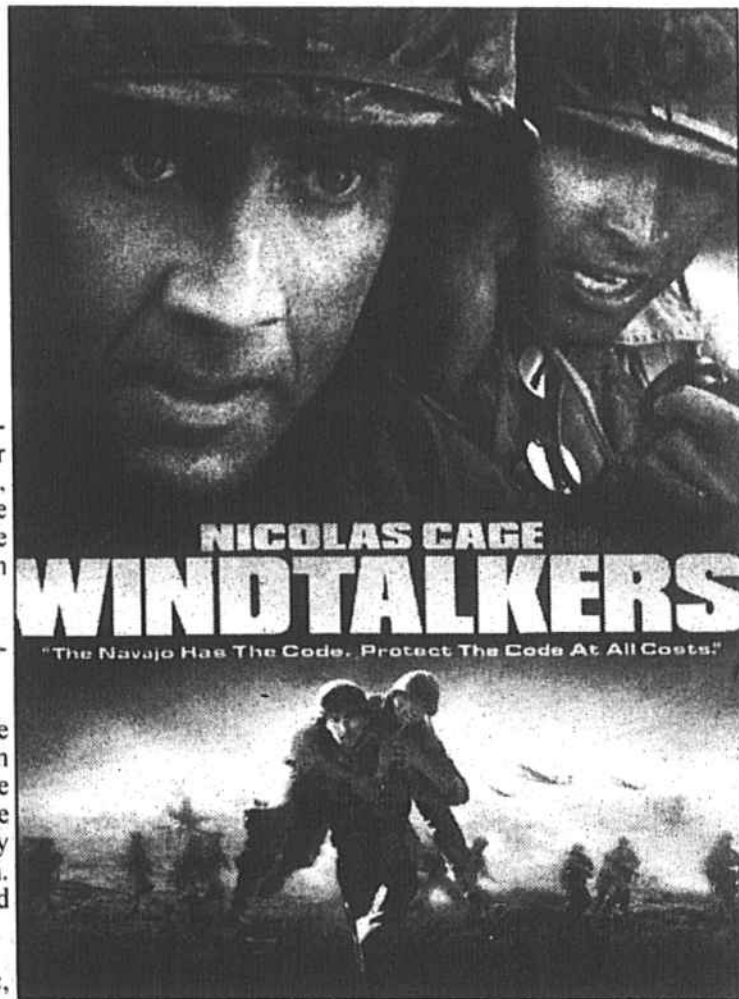
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## Locklear named to USA Junior Nationals

After an outstanding performance in the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball competition, Porcha Marie Locklear, daughter of James & Fannie Locklear who is currently a 9th grader at Hoke High School, has been invited to participate in the prestigious USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival on July 8-14 (boys) and July 22-28 (girls), 2002 in Columbus, Ohio.

Based in Madison, WI, the USA Junior Nationals provides one of the top amateur competitions in the United States and offers its program to all athletes who have a high interest in basketball and are interested in developing their skills and techniques through statewide, national and international competition. This is a unique opportunity for all athletes to improve their basketball talent through highly organized competition. Information about our participating athletes is provided to educational institutions throughout the U.S.

USA Junior Nationals offers one-day competitions at 37 states throughout the country in the spring with competitions scheduled throughout the South, Midwest, East and West coasts. Athletes who demonstrate advanced skills, team leadership, competitive spirit, and good sportsmanship go on to the next level of play which is the USA Junior Nationals Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio.



WINDTALKERS OPENS JUNE 14



Congressman Mike McIntyre and his son Stephen attended the screening and reception in Washington, D. C. and are shown with Roger Willie, right, and his wife, Teresa Maria (Sissy), far left.

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## NC Indian Cultural Center sponsors educational program

The NC Indian Cultural Center will sponsor a summer educational program for the ages of six to twelve years of age. The program began June 13 thru August 7. The cost for each student will be \$35 per week and that will include all the activities and breakfast and snack. The student will provide their own lunch. For more information contact the NC Indian Cultural Center at (910) 521-2433.

## Proposed Memorial Monument Built by VFW Post 2843

Locklear-Lowry VFW 2843 is planning to build a Memorial Monument. Plans are to engrave the names of the 261 service members from Robeson County who lost their lives in combat during World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and any other conflict that lives have been lost from the country. The members of the post will be asking for donations to help fund the project. Donations can be made to the VFW Memorial Fund at Lumbee Bank.

## Lumbee Homecoming begins June 23-July 6

Lumbee Homecoming, 2002, sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association will begin Sunday, June 23 with a Farewell Tea at for the outgoing queens at 3 p.m. in the LRDA Assembly Room.

Many events are planned for this Annual Homecoming of the Lumbee people, including Little Miss and Junior Miss Pageants, a golf tournament, Teen and Miss Lumbee Pageant, Lumbee Elders Dinner, art show and contest. Strike at

the Wind Art Dinner, a fashion show, genealogy workshop and many other interesting activities. Mr. Leroy Freeman, chairman of the Board of Directors of LRDA, Mr. Dewey Locklear, Executive Director, and the staff extend a cordial invitation to all Lumbees to attend. See a schedule of events for this year's homecoming else where in this newspaper.

## Lumbee Tribal Council partners with local organizations

By Alex Baker

The Lumbee Tribal Council is proud to announce its partnership with 18 local, faith based, non profit organizations to distribute food with the Community Services Partnership Program.

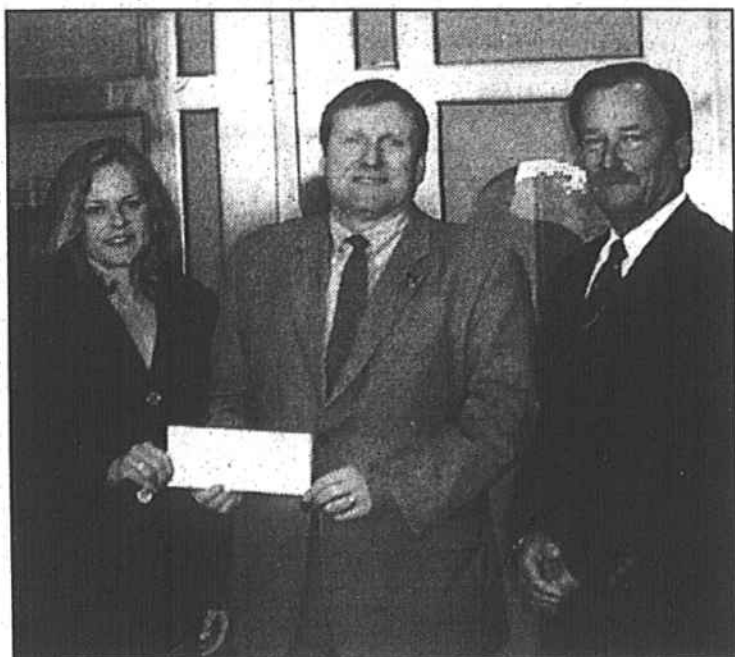
Award grants to the total of \$18,000, has been released to the organizations to administer the distribution of food. The tribal council is proud to be associated with the organizations selected and looks forward to empowering these communities to help feed needy Native American people.

The following faith-based, non-profit organizations have been awarded food distribution grants: Northside Church of God \$375.6, Cedar Grove Baptist Church \$375.61, Riverside Independent Baptist Church \$1,183.86, Robeson County Church & Community Center \$1,984.65, Burnt Swap Philadelphus Volunteer Fire Department \$1,357.11, Union Chapel Community Baptist \$1,357.11, Prospect Ladies Auxiliary \$2,159.83, Burnt Swamp

Baptist Association \$1,592.93, Bakers Chapel \$788.16, United Pentecostal Church \$788.16, West Robeson United Methodist Church \$788.16, Mt. Hebron Church \$868.17, Antioch Baptist Women \$563.29, Saddletree Church of God \$563.29, American Indian Mothers \$1,305.14, Mt. Elim Baptist \$580.38, Vision of Christ \$580.38.

To be eligible for the Lumbee Community Services Partnership Program the organization must be nonprofit and organized for charitable purposes and be within the Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties. The organizations have agreed to service Indian people that are not members of the organization and that demonstrate need.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, and the Office of Community Services provide funding for the Lumbee Community Services Partnership.



Marilyn Prevatte, left, and Chancellor Meadors, and Tony Prevatte. The Prevatte's presented a scholarship check to Chancellor Meadors to honor Tony's brother, Gilbert.

See Contestants for Miss Lumbee and other pageants on Page 5 and 6. A New Addition has been added to this year's Lumbee Homecoming Pageantry! The First Mr. Lumbee!!!

Lumbee Homecoming, the annual gathering of the Lumbee people is sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association. This year's even will begin June 23rd and last through July 6th. See page 3 of the Lumbee Homecoming Schedule of Events!