

Lumbee Supreme Court Justices Sworn in

By Alex Baker, LTG Public Relations

Superior Court Judge Gary Locklear administered the oath of office to five members of the Supreme Court of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina on Tuesday, August 27. "It is an honor to be a part of such an historic moment in Lumbee history," stated Judge Locklear addressing an audience of over 40 people.

Justices Henry W. Oxendine, Edward Bullard, Anthony Blanks, Tony Hunt and Dr. Sherman Brooks were sworn into office. The Court later elected Justice Henry W. Oxendine as Chief Justice. Tribal Chairman Milton R. Hunt, stated that the Court is an independent branch of the tribal government and that their decisions will impact the future and the rights of the people of the Lumbee tribe.

The new Court, by direction of the Lumbee Constitution, will have an original jurisdiction over all cases and controversies and ordinances enacted by the Tribal Council under the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.



Superior Court Judge Gary Locklear administers the oath of office to the Lumbee Supreme Court Justices. Shown left to right: Edward Bullard, Tony Hunt, Dr. Sherman Brooks, Chief Justice Henry W. Oxendine and Anthony Blanks

PHS Organizes Alumni Association

On Saturday, July 6, 2002, over 200 former students of the high school gathered at the site of the school on Pates Road to sign up and organize the Alumni Association.

The Association will meet for a reunion every two years and will publish a newsletter during the alternate years.

The PHS Alumni group is still seeking members. Please contact Helen Lowery in Pine Lake Estate to join. Helen and Jesse Oxendine of Charlotte are Co-Chairmen of the association.

Local Businesses Lend A Hand to Freshmen Orientation

PEMBROKE, N.C. - Students at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke were surprised to discover Outback Steakhouse serving free food in front of the Chavis University Center on Aug. 18. The restaurant was one of several businesses which pitched in to assist with Freshman Orientation.

"Outback is based on doing grassroots things like this," said Anthony Bonner, managing partner with Outback Steakhouse of Lumberton. "College students are our future, so we want to be there for them and we want to be a leader in the community. Maybe we can do it bigger and better next year."

More than 250 students lined up for burgers and fries on the last day of Freshmen Orientation at UNCP. The restaurant, which opened its doors in Lumberton last year, was just one of several businesses who contributed to Freshman Orientation. Office Depot of Lumberton was also on hand Sunday. They raffled off two office chairs, a computer printer and a \$50 gift card. They also gave out pens, highlighters, notepads, and other gifts. Outback Steakhouse gave away frisbees, water bottles and pins.

John Locklear, a 1988 graduate of UNCP and store manager of Office Depot in Lumberton, said his company's involvement is all about maintaining relationships.

"I graduated from UNCP, so I have some personal interest in the school. I want to give something back, and at the same time, Office Depot is very into community involvement. We give back as a

company," Locklear said.

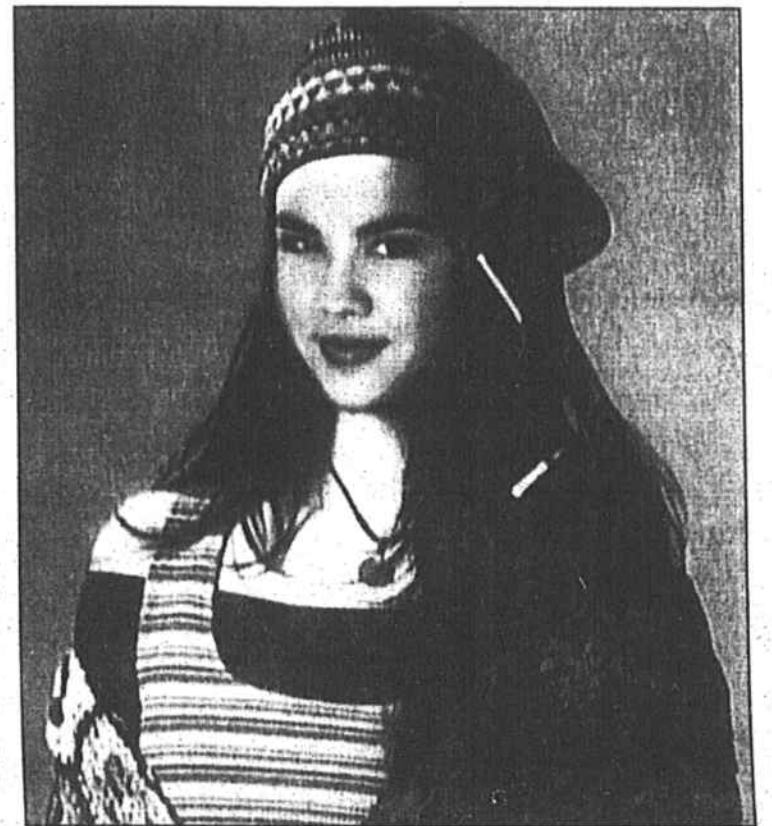
The Lumberton Visitors Bureau set up a display during check in on Friday. They gave freshmen local maps, discounts coupons for local businesses and other gifts. Pizza Hut of Pembroke donated pizza to students moving into their dorms on Friday, and Coca Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated of Fayetteville provided beverages at several events throughout the weekend.

On Saturday, about 65 freshmen took part in a shuttle tour of local businesses in Pembroke and Lumberton.

"Providing the bus tour to several of Pembroke's and Lumberton's area businesses was very well received," said Robert Canida, who guided the tour. "I believe the high points of the trip were the stops at Walmart and Biggs Park Mall. The tour provided these freshmen the opportunity to become acclimated with area businesses and some of Pembroke's and Lumberton's history. It's important for these students, as well as all UNCP students to be knowledgeable about the resources and services that are available to them. The main thing to remember is that our local businesses relies on UNCP and UNCP relies on the businesses."

The Lumberton Chamber of Commerce and Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce were both instrumental in coordinating with local business for the Orientation events.

For questions contact James M. Eass, assistant director of Student Activities and program director.



April Whittemore

Celebrating the life of Retired Captain Donald Godwin

Funeral services for Retired Captain Donald Godwin, Bailiff with the Robeson County Sheriff's Office were held Wednesday, August 14, 2002 at First Baptist Church, Pembroke with Rev. James Hunt, Chaplain of the Robeson County Sheriff's Department; Rev. Kent Chavis; and Rev. Charles Locklear officiating.

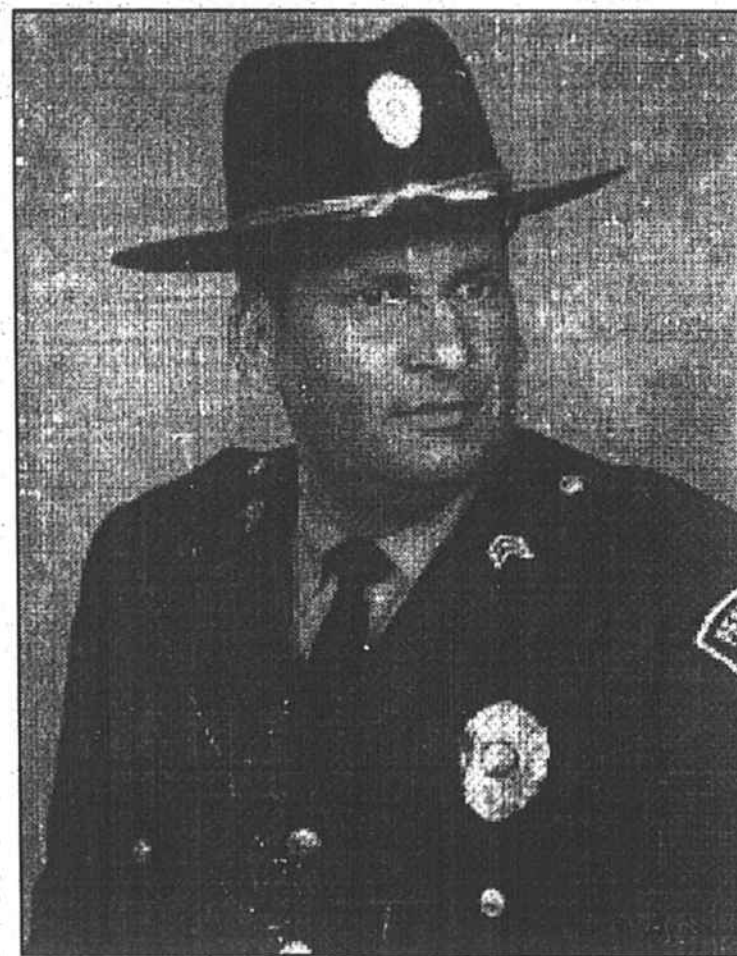
Captain Godwin, 63, of Moss Neck Road, Pembroke, died Saturday, August 10 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Captain Godwin was born in Robeson County on September 17, 1938. He was the son of Stella Godwin Oxendine. He had a distinguished 35 year career in law enforcement with the Town of Pembroke, UNC at Pembroke, and the Robeson County Sheriff's Department where he served as Bailiff until his untimely death.

His wife, Jackie Chavis Godwin, a daughter, Donna Godwin, two grandchildren, Dustin and Desarae, all of Pembroke, survive him. His mother, Stella G. Oxendine of Landis; three sisters, Mary Bare and her husband Bob of Landis; Kitty Oxendine of Pembroke; Maudie Summerville and her husband Ed of Charlotte also survive him. His foster parents, Lonnie and Rosa D. Godwin Revels preceded him in death. Four foster sisters: Florence Ransom, Della Hartis, Theresa Locklear and Rosa Winfree and a foster brother, William Lonnie Revels, also survive Captain Godwin.

Interment followed in the Revels Family Cemetery on Union Chapel Road, Pembroke.

Pallbearers were the Honor Guard-Robeson County Sheriff's Department.

Honorary Pallbearers included Men of First Baptist Church; UNCP Police Department; Harry Oxendine; Jerry Cummings; Jason Lowry; Dr. Joseph Oxendine; James Albert Jacobs; John Oxendine; Milton Hunt and Lycurous Lowry.



Retired Captain Donald Godwin

Whittemore Selected as Head Dancer

April Whittemore, a 27 year old Fayetteville native, a Lumbee Cultural Ambassador, former Miss Lumbee and former Miss Indian World, has been given the honor of being the head dancer for the First Inaugural Native American Celebration scheduled for September 14 and 15 on the National Mall in Washington, DC. The program is in conjunction with the September 11 memorial as well as a celebration of the National Indian Museum scheduled to open in 2003, and a Gala event on September 18, 2002 for the First Maori Ambassadors exchange program from New Zealand.

Whittemore, a member of the Lumbee-Cheraw-Tuscarora Nation has spent two years traveling across the United States and Europe as an A.I.O. Ambassador. Americans for Indian Opportunity is a two year academic program. Up to sixteen participants are selected from a national pool of applicants. The Ambassadors represent a cross section of the Native American population. During the two year Ambassadors travel and learn with a graduate level faculty to guide and critique their work, they were exposed to national organization leaders and Members of the United States Congress, and the President Cabinet. Furthermore, the Ambassadors met and talked with Indigenous leaders from throughout the world and representatives from international communities. During her travels, April performed in Cultural exchange programs include singing and dancing in Alaska and New Zealand in conjunction with the Hula-Haka Productions, Inc.

April registers North Carolina Artist, she is a singer for the group Kautahnoh Jr. (people of the submerged pine) she sings traditional songs as well as performed tribal dances. She is also a member of the International Native American Dance Troupe based out of Atlanta Georgia. April is graduate of Douglas Byrd High School and Campbell University. She is currently employed with the North Carolina Department of Administration as a counselor with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. She is a member of Berean Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC.

For more information go to www.nmai.si.edu.

Resident attends PartyLite National Conference

Plymouth, Mass.-Local resident and independent consultant with PartyLite, Felicia L. Bryant, recently attended the annual PartyLite National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, July 17-20, 2002. PartyLite Gifts, Inc. is the world's premier direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories with more than 35,000 independent consultants nationwide.

The Conference, themed PartyLite Above & Beyond, was attended by more than 10,000 consultants who gathered for high-impact training geared toward expanding their personal candle and decorating businesses. As part of the group, Bryant attended daily business seminars, a new product launch and a formal awards banquet. Attendees also celebrated the success of their personal

contributions to PartyLite's Charity of Focus, the American Cancer Society. Since 1997, the PartyLite team has raised more than \$3.5 million for the charity. Bryant began her personal business with PartyLite in 2000 and currently provides customers in the Robeson County and surrounding area with premium quality candles and accessories, decorating expertise and candle care tips. She also assists with developing and training new consultants.

To learn more about the products and career opportunities with PartyLite in your area, please contact Felicia L. Bryant at ARayofLight023@Aol.com or call the PartyLite Home Office at (508) 830-3100, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, or visit www.partylite.com.

Triangle Native American UMC Church Celebrates First Anniversary

God's grace and hand of provision continues to amaze us here at Triangle Native American United Methodist Church (TNAUMC)! We heard that prayers from the community, state, and around the country were going up on our behalf for our first year service and celebration. And God honored those prayers as only He can! This special occasion was held July 21, 2002 During the morning worship, God allowed us the privilege to bask in special music by Junior Godbold, Junior and Tina Dial and it was truly gripping and moving in every way. Rev. Glen Ray Harris led the standing room only congregation in awesome prayers, praises and spirit-filled music. Powerful comments and challenges, recognition of accomplishments and setting the vision for the church were given by distinguished guests, District Superintendent Rev. Hope Morgan Ward, Rev Robert Mangum, and Rev. Alvin Deer. To add to all of this was an undeniable commanding and compelling message given by no other than Rev. Kenneth Locklear!

Garner United Methodist Church opened doors and allowed us to provide a wonderful meal and fellowship with over 250 guests and members. In the afternoon service God's blessings were poured out on us at our gospel singing. Magnificent and swaying music filled the sanctuary from nine groups who wanted to share in our celebration. Performing were former Miss North Carolina, Lorna McNeill, Ashepole Center UMC, Youth Choir, Tina Dail and Willie Jacobs, Raleigh Church

of God Voices of praise, Branch Street UMC, the Strong Family, Yielded Mattheu and Louisa Locklear and Junior Godbold. Special tribute was given to The North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministry, General Board of Global Ministries, the Raleigh District of the NC Conference and others who have given unselfishly of their time, energy, prayers, and financial support. The day ended with a cake cutting ceremony that was baked by Bobbie Sampson, fellowship, and an overwhelming sense of excitement at God's awesome power, mercy, and unfailing love. Guests for our celebration came from Baltimore, Washington DC South Carolina, Oklahoma, Lake Junaluska, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, Scotland, Craven, Johnston, Durham, Orange, Guilford, Sampson, and Wake counties. Also in attendance were distinguished guests, State Superintendent, Mike Ward and Wake County Commissioner, Betty Mangum. This kind of outward expression of support is humbling and it strengthens and encourage us as the Body of Christ. Words cannot adequately express our heartfelt appreciation to Garner United Methodist Church special quest, musicians and others who came to share in our anniversary. We want to say THANK YOU ALL AND MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU!! Continue to lift us up in prayer and that He will use this church in a mighty and glorious way! God truly blessed us with a grand and glorious time that was had by all