

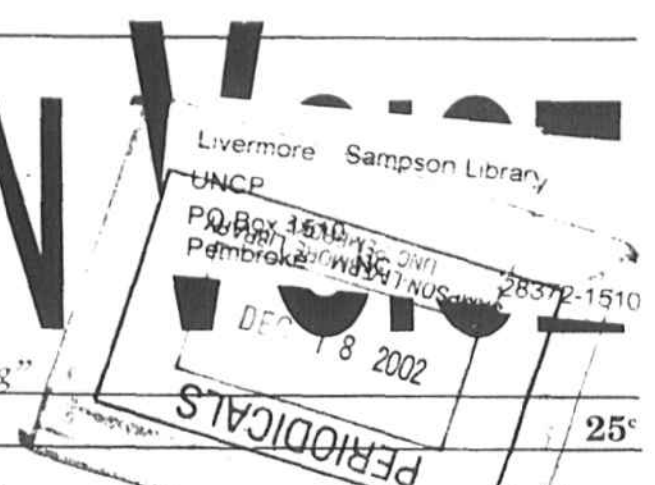
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LRDA's CDC Subsidiary Awarded Economic Development Grant

In 2001 Lumbee Regional Development Association Inc. formed a non-profit subsidiary Community Development Corporation (CDC) called Lumbee Revitalization and Community Development Corporation (LRDCD) to focus on economic development. The subsidiary CDC was awarded Internal Revenue Services Federal non-profit status in August of 2002.

LRDCD was recently awarded a \$75,000 capacity grant from the Office of Community Services within the Department of Health and Human Services in DC. The grant will allow the LRDCD to develop its capacity to undertake economic development projects in the LRDA services area, and in the first year identify five potential businesses that may be viable for Robeson County.

One of the businesses will be selected for the second year of the project and LRDCD will submit a grant request to implement the business identified that has the greatest potential for success, and jobs creation.

LRDCD would provide the technical assistance and grant money to get the selected business up and running in year two, if the project is selected for funding by OCS in Washington for capital funds for start-up.

Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. is a multi purpose non-profit agency. The LRDCD subsidiary will be a limited purpose agency promoting economic development and affordable housing with its own separate board.

LRDCD will begin in January soliciting business development ideas from the communities. Business plans will be done on five selected projects. Then one will be selected by the LRDCD board and community advisory committee to be submitted to Washington.

The remaining projects will be assisted in locating capital to start up also, in the public and private sector. For more information on this project call 910-522-2136.

Sandy Plains UMC to hold UMYF spring program

Pembroke-Children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to participate in the Sandy Plains United Methodist Church Junior UMYF spring program that will start on Sunday, January 3, 2003.

Planned activities include memorizing Bible verses, learning songs, playing games, and listening to Dan Laren's book Jesus. The group will also perform during the morning worship service once in February, March, and May.

Sandy Plains UMC is located at 2468 Union Chapel Road, 1.7 miles north of Pembroke and .7 miles south of the Highway 72-Union Chapel Road Intersection. Call (910) 521-8600 for a schedule and more information or email the church at spumcnc@bellsouth.net to learn how your child can be a part of this ministry.

Sandy Plains UMC to have commodity food distribution

Pembroke-Sandy Plains United Methodist Church will have another commodity food distribution on Saturday December 14 beginning at 9 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Persons making application for food assistance will be asked to provide verification of total household income, their case number, if they or anyone in the household receives food stamps, their social security number, and N.C. driver's license number. Applicants will also be asked to verify that no one else residing in the household will file a request for USDA donated food.

Persons wishing to take part in the program and wanting more information should call the church at (910) 521-8600.

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Triangle Native American Church Holds Benefit Gospel Singing

A grand time was had by all as singing! In an effort to support American Indian ventures and preservation of history, a book signing was held with co-authors Tim Brayboy and Bruce Barton who wrote a book entitled "Playing Before an Overflow Crowd: The Story of Indian Basketball in Robeson, North Carolina, and Adjoining Counties. However, we received another wonderful blessing when through their act of generosity, they donated all the money received from the book sales to our benefit singing! In an act of kindness, Junior Godbold did likewise in the giving of his sales towards the singing. In addition, Leigh Eason, Cherokee, has written a book titled "Remembering Our Traditions: Daily Devotionals for The Advent Season." All proceeds from this devotional will be given to the church building fund. Also, video copies of the gospel singing will be available. If you want a copy of the video or the daily devotional, please contact me directly at (919) 833-7219.

God truly blessed us to have an awesome and wonderful array of talent from within, and outside North Carolina. From across North Carolina, we enjoyed the harmonious sounds of Yielded Who got the program off to a good start. What blessings we received from the magnificent sounds of the Jacobs family. Everyone was in awe of the powerful Junior Godbold, who sounds a lot like Michael Combs. And if you have not heard the MT Elim Praise Team from Hoke county, you really have missed wonderful voices and songs of praise that are truly spellbinding. And finally there was James Hill from Wake Forest who was nothing less than glorious.

We thank God for his continued blessings on us and your outward expressions of love and support for us. Continue to pray for us as we grow in the body of Christ.

In Christ, Sylvia Collins, Pastor
Triangle Native American United Methodist Church

No Appointments at Tribal Enrollment Dec. 9-13

Tribal Enrollment will not schedule appointments and recertifications from Monday, December 9 until Friday, December 13. The regular schedule will be resumed December 16. Information can be obtained by calling 521-2843.

Applications for The Lumbee Tribal Council's Crisis Intervention have been rescheduled after Wednesday, December 13. Applications will not be available until January 13, 2003. Further information can be obtained by contacting June Jacobs at 521-7861 ext. 202.



McDaniel Lucas Jr. to perform at Harper's Ferry Baptist Church

McDaniel Longwolf Lucas, Jr. will be the featured soloist at Harper's Ferry Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 22, 2002 during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Lucas, 38, is music director at a Baptist church in Oklahoma City. He has a degree in piano, organ and voice from Oklahoma City University where he also received a Master's degree in Opera Performance.

Lucas is the son of McDaniel Longwolf Lucas, Sr. of Pembroke and the late Mary Elizabeth Lucas of Minnesota. He is the great grandson of Daniel Bucky Locklear of Pembroke.

The pastor of Harper's Ferry, Dr. Glenn Harris and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

(Editor's note: Last week we inadvertently stated that Mr. Lucas would be at Deep Branch. Our apologies to Mr. Lucas.)

Edward Jones Investment Hosts Holiday Open House

Mary Jo Walter, an investment representative with the financial services firm Edward Jones, invites the public to attend an open house to celebrate the holidays. The open house will be held Tuesday, December 17th, 3 pm until 6 pm at 4246 Fayetteville Road. Refreshments will be served.

"We are happy to be part of the Lumberton community and would like to express our appreciation for the confidence and support we have received," Ms. Walter said.

Edward Jones, the only major financial services firm advising individual investors traces its roots to 1871 and currently serves nearly 6 million clients. The firm offers its clients a variety of investments, including certificates of deposit, taxable and nontaxable bonds, stocks and mutual funds.

Student fees to rise five percent in 2003-04

Pembroke, N.C. - In its final meeting for 2002, the UNC Pembroke Board of Trustees approved a small increase in Student Fees.

The proposed increase in student fees for the 2003-2004 school year would result in total fees of \$980, compared with \$934 last year. A campus committee of students, faculty and administration representatives recommended the increase.

The five percent increase must be approved by the UNC Board of Governors, which supervises all 16 UNC campuses.

Athletic fees would increase \$11, health services \$5, technology fees \$8, activity fees \$22 and debt services would increase \$8. Activity fees include the school yearbook, newspaper, intramural sports, student government and University Center costs.

The board of Trustees also approved a list of 329 graduates to receive degrees at Winter Commencement on December 14th at 10 A.M. It is the largest number of graduates in the three-year history of Winter Commencement. A record 91 graduate students will receive diplomas.

In other news, the board approved design firms for major construction projects, including infrastructure updates for campus water and electrical systems. The projects are part of a series of projects that are funded by \$56.6 million in construction bonds.

Building additions planned at UNCP

Additions to the University Center, renovations to Moore and Locklear buildings and construction of stadium seating and locker rooms at the new Belk Track and Soccer Complex are seeking design firms at this time.

The remarkable growth of university enrollment (45 percent in three years) generated considerable conversation. It was reported that the university started the year with 46 residence hall rooms with three students per room and many are still over booked.

With enrollment expected to rise again next year, Vice Chancellor for business Affairs is assisting University Courtyard owners to add 169 beds to the 330 it already operates next to the university. Applications and acceptances for fall 2003 are at record levels, according to Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Managements Jackie Clark.

Finally, Dr. Tom Leach was named permanent dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Kathleen Hilton was named permanent dean of the School of Graduate Studies. They had been interims.

Down payment assistance & home ownership applications available

The Lumbee Tribal Council's Housing Program is accepting down payment assistance and homeownership applications until Friday, January 31, 2003. These programs will allow affordable housing through lease purchase and individual development accounts that will strategically assist low-income Lumbee families in attaining safe and affordable housing. Twenty-five new homes are expected to be constructed between June 2003 and August 2004 with these programs throughout the tribal designated service area Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland counties. Contact June Jacobs at the Lumbee Tribal Housing Program at (910) 521-1341 for further information.

Tribe receives grant for strategic planning

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has awarded a \$30,000 grant to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina for Council, staff and tribal member training in organizational development and strategic planning. Leveraging the Power of Peers will provide an opportunity for the Lumbee Tribal Council to spend quality time in planning and program development while strengthening the skills and expertise of the Tribal Council in tribal governance, preparing tribal staff for more effective and efficient delivery of services, and involvement of tribal members in decision-making and problem solving activities through active participation on committees and advisory councils.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the youngest son of the founder of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. In its history, the foundation, as the beneficiary of the income from the Trust has now made grants totaling more than \$336 million to recipients in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. The foundation currently gives special attention to certain focus areas: community-building and economic development; the environment; governance, public policy and civic engagement; pre-collegiate education, and social justice and equity.

In observance of the 50th anniversary of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the Nancy Susan Reynolds Award was established to recognize people who have made a difference in leadership in their communities and who have gone largely unrecognized.

Also a sabbatical program to reward individual leaders in nonprofit organizations who have made exceptional commitments of time, talent, and energy to their positions was established in 1989.

Ruth Dial Woods, Tribal Administrator, expressed enthusiasm for the Potential impact and expected results from the training in team building, group Dynamics and organizational development and strategic planning that will improve the functioning of the Lumbee tribal Government, staff effectiveness and efficiency, and potential for building new community leadership through increased involvement of tribal members in leadership training and development.

Clothing Bank for needy at Pembroke Housing Authority

Pembroke-The Pembroke Housing Authority announces the availability of clothing for families in need. This service is available to anyone regardless of income. It is solely based upon implied need. Community residents have cheerfully donated the clothing items available.

Churches and local service organizations are encouraged to participate by referring needy families and clients to the clothing bank. The clothing bank is located at 701A Roberts Avenue in Pembroke, North Carolina. Hours of operation are each Tuesday and Friday afternoon, 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

"We would like to thank those who have so graciously given to our clothing bank so that others may be warm and neat," says Lemark Harris, Executive Director for the Pembroke Housing Authority. "You have helped others attain proper attire that they might not have otherwise been able to afford."



First, accept my apologies for the vacancy of last week's column, but my papa (grandfather), who is ninety-eight years young, had two strokes, which placed him in the hospital, and my place was there.

Folks, I love and respect my audience, but in the true way, we must see to our own, and until I start shootin' fire and brimstone articles, you probably don't really look forward to these moments of reminiscence. This seems to be what I've poured out as of late, and don't make the mistake of taking this as an apology; it's not! We get plenty of bad publicity and fall short to speak of those things that are of good intent. That's exactly what I'm about to do this weekend in honor of my papa, Paul Locklear, Sr., of the Prospect Community.

As I stated previously, he's ninety-eight years young, but up until a couple of years ago, this headstrong Indian still drove a tractor to plow his own garden. Haven't you heard, "you can't keep a good Indian down?" This might not be the phrase you're accustomed to, but it's certainly appropriate in this instance. Quite frankly, I don't believe in waiting until a loved one passes to pay tribute to the impact their lives have made on others and myself. So to my papa, I write to let others know just how blessed I am to have been raised by grandparents who held true to the old ways of respect and integrity.

It was my papa who taught me that "if your word ain't much good, then you ain't no good to no one; not even yourself." And, Please, whatever you think about the grammar, keep it to yourself, cause it's a "Prospect" thing and you surely wouldn't understand. He taught me that to get anywhere in life, I have to be willing to pay the price to make my life what I want it to be. If I fail to hold up to my end of the deal, then I can just take my failures, keep my mouth shut and not complain, "Cause you get back what you put in."

He has always taught me to treat people the way you want to be treated, rather than the way they might deserve to be treated. My papa wasn't a very educated man in academy, but there isn't a certificate of honor in existence that could even come close to paying homage to the doctorate of wisdom he posses. There's not enough space in this publication to tell you all the good about my papa, but the one thing I know, the principles he has instilled in me will be my eternal guidelines for the times when life deals me those cunning and baffling obstacles. The decisions that I make at these pivotal crossroads will give testa-

ment to my children and grandchildren of the wisdom of our elders and the importance to keep this type of ethics and integrity as part of our family traditions for the preservation of the true Indian way of life. I feel sorry for those unfortunates who do not have the guidance of a man like my papa. It is the wisdom of my grandparents and parent that has helped me to find my true path and constantly compels me to do my best to follow all their directives for success. The success of which I speak has no monetary value, but as I get older and remember their words of wisdom; I never fail to experience an awesome common sense epiphany.

As much as I would like to consider myself an intelligent person, I must understand that I will forever be a work in progress, because, shocking as it may sound, "I don't know everthing." LOL.

If there is someone in your life who has made a positive impact, pay them tribute while they are alive, for this may be the only confirmation that their lives have not been in vain.

Thanks papa for all you have done and continue to do to secure the quality of my life. I love you and pray Creator will soon give you the comfort for that peaceful journey you so wish to embark on. Though you may leave us, your words of wisdom will forever remain. One day we will forever rejoice together in that place you so lovingly call Home.

May Creator Bless!