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Attention Members of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Following are the polling sites for the Saturday, March 8, 2003 Tribal Referendum

Fairmont Courthouse
New Point Baptist Church
Smyrna Baptist Church
Union Chapel Community Building
Cherokee Chapel Community Building
Lumbee Tribal Office
Union Elementary School
Alfordville Community Building
Piney Grove School
NC Indian Housing Authority (Fayetteville)
NC Indian Commission (Raleigh)
Guildford Native American Association (Greensboro)
Veterans' Park (Charlotte)

Hilly Branch Career Center
W. Lumberton Elementary School
O. P. Owens Building
Prospect School
Townsend Middle School
Pembroke Middle School
Heavenly Creations
Rennett Community Building
Hawkeye Sands

The tribal election on the constitution amendment proposal will be from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 8. Tribally enrolled members who are 18 years of age or older may vote only one time at any of these sites. The purpose of referendum is to decide a change to the Lumbee Constitution on defining the Tribe's territorial boundaries. Currently, the Constitution defines the State of North Carolina. Voters on Saturday, March 8 will consider changing the territory to Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland counties. If the amendment were approved, members of the Tribal Council and the Tribal Chairman would have to reside in Robeson, Scotland, Hoke or Cumberland counties.

Rep. Ron Sutton receives committee assignments

Raleigh—Rep. Ron Sutton of Pembroke recently received his committee assignments as part of the 2003-2004 organization of the State House of Representatives. Committee assignments are made each two-year term because of the turnover in membership and seniority of members.

Democrats and Republicans each have 60 members and a Speaker from each party. Democrat Jim Black and Republican Richard Morgan. As part of the power sharing between the two parties, most committees have joint chair persons. However, Rep. Sutton has been appointed the sole chair of the Judiciary III Committee, in that he does not have a Republican co-chair.

Judiciary committees are the committees that review all legislation such as criminal, judicial, civil and administrative laws.

In addition, Rep. Sutton was appointed Vice Chair of both the Committee on Military, Veterans and Indian Affairs and the Legislative Redistricting Committee.

Having served as the Senior Redistricting Chair last term, his appointment as Vice Chair gives the new committee chairs access to his advice and counsel. This was a procedure worked out by Rep. Sutton and Speaker Black so that Rep. Sutton could chair a Judiciary Committee and still be an asset on redistricting. Since last year's court drawn House and Senate maps were valid for only the 2002 elections, the General Assembly must again draw maps for the remainder of the decade.

A member of the Appropriations team, Rep. Sutton serves as a member of the Crime Control and Public Safety Appropriations Sub-Committee. He asked for that committee so that he could participate in the long-term reorganization of the Division of Motor Vehicles Enforcement Section and the Highway Patrol.

"I am extremely pleased with my committee assignments in that received exactly what I requested," said Rep. Sutton. These assignments will allow Rep. Sutton to keep a handle on redistricting, the I-77/US-74 construction, and the consolidation of two of our state's major law enforcement agencies. Meanwhile, he will chair one of the powerful Judiciary Committees that are responsible for primarily re-writing most state laws.

Miss Indian NC Princess Pageant applications available at tribal office

Miss Indian North Carolina Princess Pageant applications are now available at the Lumbee Tribal Office at 707 Union Chapel Road in Pembroke. Miss Indian North Carolina serves as an ambassador for the Indian people of the state and during her reign, she will not only represent herself and her tribe, but all tribes in North Carolina. Interested ladies between the ages of 18 thru 25 who are single, with no children and never married, should contact Alex Baker at 800-659-6585 ext. 214 from the Tribal Office or Becky Leviner at 521-6282 for further information or an application. Application deadline for the scholarship pageant is March 17, 2003.

The princess will be crowned during the 28th Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference in Fayetteville during March 19 thru 22, 2003.

Also available at the Lumbee Tribal Office is nomination applications for the Indian Unity Conference's Community Awards. Five community awards are presented each year at the Awards Banquet during the Unity Conference. The five awards are: Indian Student of the year, Indian Elder of the year, Indian Educator of the year, Community Service Indian People Award and the Advancement of Economic Development for Indian People. Winners of the awards within the past five years are not eligible nominees, and nominees must be American Indian and living at the time of nomination. Further information can also be obtained by contacting Alex Baker at 800-659-6585 ext. 214 at the Lumbee tribal Office located on 707 Union Chapel Road in Pembroke.

Applications for Basketball camp being accepted

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

Players from 50 states and 8 foreign countries attended the 2002 Camp. College Basketball Scholars are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Hickory, NC; Thousand Oaks, CA; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA; Dubuque, IA; Champaign, IL; Macomb, IL; Greencastle, IN; Atchinson, KS; Owensboro, KY; Amherst, MA; Hillsdale, MI; Saint Paul, MN; Hamilton, NY; Bluffton, OH; Lock Haven, PA; Lebanon, TN; Commerce, TX; Blacksburg, VA; Olympia, WA. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 Anytime.



Sharing love with others

Ladies from Pembroke First Baptist Church's Women on Missions Group furnished refreshments for residents at Sunbridge Nursing Home, Pembroke on Feb. 13th for Valentine's Day. This is one of several projects which the group is involved in. On Feb. 12 the group also delivered handmade valentines to each from.

Shown from right to left are Essie Jones, Ruby Revels, Dorothy B. Chavis, Sarah Bell and Polly Hunt.

Healing Lodge Project Seeks to Combat Problems and Improve Community Health

The American Cancer Society, Southeast Division has provided Community Development Grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support the "American Indian Lay Health Advisor Project" of the Native American Interfaith Ministry (The Healing Lodge). The primary focus of the grant will be breast and cervical cancer education/awareness including collaborations and promotions to enable and support appropriate screenings for early detection and treatment.

Collaborative efforts have been done to have the UNC-Pembroke nursing educator to conduct three different training dates. The training will be conducted on March 15th & 29th and April 12th. If interested in this training the timeline for each training session is:

8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Class

Door prizes and take home material will be provided. A working lunch will be provided as well. Partner agencies will be asked to support the training with free educational materials, tools and other incentives for the training participants. This program will develop Lay Health Advisors (LHA) capacity to promote cancer education/awareness and improving the rate of breast/cervical cancer screenings for American Indian women in Robeson County. Our goal is that a comprehensive health promotion focus be developed at the community level initiated through the church outreach. This training will provide the knowledge and tools for the LHA network to be established in three key communities (Rex-Rennett, Union Chapel, and Evans Crossing) that the Healing Lodge is concentrating its efforts to provide for the Parish Nurse program as well.

An initial summit took place on September 13-14, 2002 with Mary Alice Trapp (nationally renowned breast cancer awareness speaker) from the Mayo Clinic as guest speaker. A wrap-up forum will be scheduled to report all results and progress, complete the work/tracking for the grant, and kickoff the continued efforts of the LHA network. We will allocate funding for the development of a local video utilizing American Indians to offer testimonials on the importance of early detections, self-exams, mammograms, risks, overcoming barriers, etc. This video should be developed as early as possible to use as a tool in the communities.

Our expectations are for each LHA to:

- > Understand basic facts on breast cancer and cervical screening.
- > Facilitate/coordinate 2-3 educational activities for their community.
- > Provide appropriate referral resources for breast and cervical cancer screening.
- > Provide educational material for breast and cervical cancer.
- > Support Carolina Mammography Registry mammography survey.

To be considered for this great training opportunity please call Millard Lowry at the Healing Lodge office at 910-522-0900.

Free Rosebud Trees

Ten free American Rosebud trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during February.

The free trees are part of the non profit Foundation's Trees for America Campaign.

Rosebuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Redbud Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2003.

Our Men and Women in Uniform

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Larry Burnett, a 1999 graduate of Fairmont High School, Fairmont, N.C., recently was promoted to his current rank while serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Anchorage, home ported in San Diego.

Burnett was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Reggie Oxendine, Lumbee Scholar, presents paper at International Conference.



Reggie Oxendine, Local Lumbee Scholar Presents Paper at the International E-education Without Borders 2003 Conference, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

The conference was sponsored by the United Arab Emirates Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT) and was held February 22nd through February 24th - 2003. I first came to know about this conference from an email that was sent to me from the ECU graduate school office. The email was soliciting for papers to be submitted to present at the E-education Without Borders 2003 Conference. I submitted my paper entitled, "E-learning Delivers Global Perspectives." There were over 300 papers submitted and mine was one of 30 papers chosen to be presented at the conference.

At first I had mixed feelings about traveling abroad, especially to the Middle East due to current World events. After doing some research on the E-education Without Borders 2003 Conference and the United Arab Emirates, I realized that this could be a once in a lifetime opportunity. I packed my bags and after an 18-hour flight I arrived in Abu Dhabi.

After arriving in Abu Dhabi, I realized that I was among an elite group of students studying at many prestigious universities from around the world. The students presenting papers represented about 20 countries from around the world and the students attending the conference represented over 50 countries. While there were 9 other Americans in attendance at the conference, I realized that I was the only one from the Southeast United States. That gave me the chance to tell others about the Lumbee Tribe and how wonderful North Carolina, UNC Pembroke, and East Carolina University are to live, work, and receive an education.

One of the keynote speakers was His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, the UAE Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The conference objectives were to create an environment conducive to the transfer of information, ideas and concepts and expose delegates to a variety of cultures and philosophies drawn from a global pool. Also, it provided a nucleus of high profile speakers that increased delegate's perspectives on a variety of issues and topics. In addition, it provided the latest technologies and their interrelationship with the learning process. The conference also provided a catalyst for e-education and profiles the UAE and the HCT as purveyors of high quality education with concern to their role in the global community.

My experience was both eye opening and life changing. I realized that people are people no matter where they live, the color of their skin, or their religious beliefs. We all have similar needs, views, and ideas. This conference was an opportunity to discuss these ideas and views with one another and apply it to the e-learning and e-education environment. I intend to spread the word to other potential students that may want to attend the E-education Without Borders Conference in 2005.

Edward Jones Welcomes Four-Star General for Discussions on War, Terrorism

Mary Jo Walter, the Edward Jones investment representative in Lumberton, will host a free one-hour program on March 11 at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm featuring highly decorated, four-star Army General Barry McCaffrey.

During the program, General McCaffrey (retired) will explore what's next for U.S. Military forces and examine America's progress toward homeland security.

"This unique program will offer an in-depth look at war and terrorism in America," said Ms. Walter. "We'll also discuss whether war and terrorism should impact investment decisions."

During his military career, McCaffrey served overseas for thirteen years, including four combat tours. In the Persian Gulf War, he commanded the 24th Infantry.

McCaffrey has also served as the assistant to General Colin Powell and supported the Joint Chiefs of Staff as advisor to the secretary of state and the United States ambassador to the United Nations.

Under President Clinton, McCaffrey was appointed U.S. Drug Czar. In that capacity, he served as a member of the president's Cabinet and the National Security Council for drug-related issues.

At retirement from active duty, McCaffrey was the most highly decorated and youngest four-star general. He twice received the Distinguished Service Cross (the nation's second highest medal for valor). He was also awarded two Silver Stars and received three Purple Heart Medals for wounds sustained in combat.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, McCaffrey is currently the Olin distinguished professor of National Security Studies. He is also president of his own consulting firm and regularly appears as an analyst for NBC News on issues of national security and terrorism.

This live, interactive broadcast is part of the Edward Jones "Face to Face" investor-education series. It is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network.

For more information about the program or to reserve your seat, call Beth Williamson at 738-5053. If you are unable to attend at the above time, additional viewing opportunities are available.

The Lumberton office is located at 4246 Fayetteville Road.