

Palmer Prevention Red Ribbon Kick-off Dinner successful

by Mary Largent

On October 23rd, Palmer Prevention had their sixth annual Red Ribbon Kick-off Luncheon at the Southeastern North Carolina Agricultural Center and Farmers Market. Gov. Mike Easley was the keynote speaker for the event. Gov. Easley praised the county for its efforts to fight drug abuse. "It's easy to sit around and talk about doing something, but you are doing it here," said Gov. Easley. He praised the efforts of the police and sheriff's department in working together to combat this problem. "The worst thing that has ever happened to this county is drugs and poker machines." He went on to say how drugs and gambling has destroyed many homes and families. Palmer Prevention is a non-profit drug and alcohol abuse counseling agency. Tom Norton is executive director of Palmer Prevention. He has worked closely for the past twenty years with Easley. Norton worked as head of counseling with the center in Brunswick County when Easley was district attorney there. Norton said he would like to see more involvement from the community in this effort to fight drugs. One person, Screaming Eagle, (James Locklear-Brooks), Artist/Writer, showed his concern in this effort by donating

one of his beautiful paintings and a hand made quilt to be auctioned to raise monies for Palmer. There is a story behind the quilt that I would like to share with my readers. From the beginning, Screaming Eagle made an effort to count every stitch...and at ten stitches an inch, the final stitch count came to approximately 380,400. After quilting the front to the back piece, he added the quilt ties in the center of the blue squares, and then added the finishing touch...the embroidered "arrow" stitch around the outer blue border. Every piece, every color had its place.

THE HISTORY OF THE LEGACY OF THE QUILT
Early in the year 2001, myself and several other artists were presented with a project to do some work for the National Aids Quilt. Several other artists were presently working on a quilt in honor of the Underground Railroad, as quilts were used by many who were part of the Underground Railroad as road maps, and accordingly, many of the patterns on the underground quilts pointed to safe houses, food, etc. for escaping slaves. After studying most of the material presented in regards to Underground quilts, I remembered many of the quilts my grandmother Leanna Locklear Brooks had made for us children and thought it would be a great

idea to possibly make a Native quilt in honor of National Native American Month in 2002. I sat down and did a rough draft of what I thought I wanted and then designed several color "thumb-nail" sketches. I already knew what color patterns I wanted as all the colors in the quilt mean different things to various Native people. I believe colors as used in Native belief can affect how we feel and can affect us mentally and emotionally. I wanted something strong and full of energy and life. I first chose the color red, as it is the color associated with the South in Native belief and also the way the Ancestors travel when they walk on to the Spirit World. So the red was to honor them, as without them, nothing would be as it is now with my people. I felt the red needed something which would represent a sound backing, so yellow was the choice, as it represented the Sun and Enlightenment, as I would need plenty of it if I was to make the quilt in the Right way. Yellow also represents the East and the miracle of new birth, so the quilt would be born. I chose the blues as this is the color of the Heavens, an offering to the Creator in return for blessing what was about to be born. Finally, I chose Black...as I need to have something strong to keep the focus on the energy within. Black is the opposite of

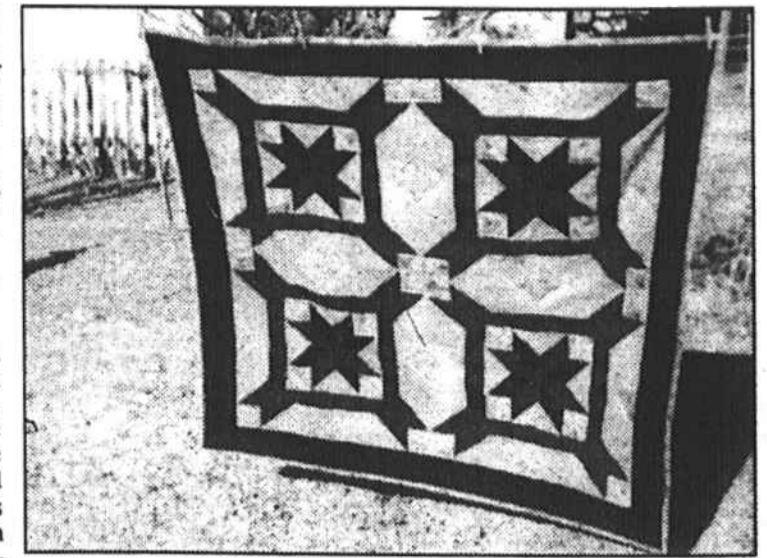
light...without black there can be no light. Black absorbs and is the color representing mystery and protection, so black to protect what was within, a good border. Artist: James Locklear-Brooks (Screaming Eagle)
Enrolled member Lumbee Tribe of N.C. Age: 39 years old. D.o.b. 1/23/1964.
Ancestry: Father: Jackson Locklear-Brooks. Mother: Delphia Elizabeth Freeman-Brooks; Grandparents: Chief Willie & Leanna Locklear-Brooks and John "Jack" Freeman and Venus Moore-Freeman, Great Grandparents: Duckery and Callie Brooks and John David and Lovedy B. Locklear.

Date "Legacy" quilt was born: Jan 2002
Finished: Nov. 2002..

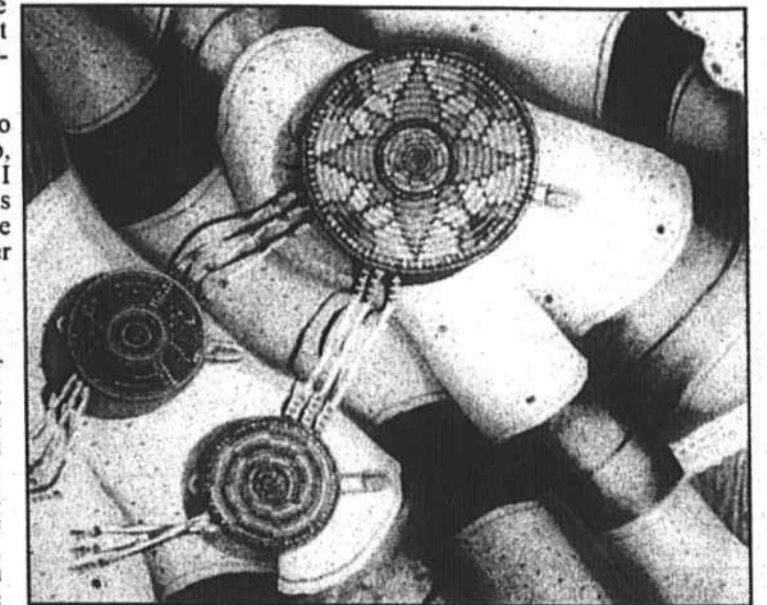
The casual person would look at the quilt and say how colorful it is. As Screaming Eagle said, "What would the Heavens be without stars?...so four stars are placed within the quilt. The red forms a hoop of many hoops around the lodges (tepees), which were used because they are universally recognized as traditional housing. A thunderbird soars out from each corner, although somewhat abstract, they are there. Four corners...and the Red Road. And there is a Center of blue, reminding us where we all must go for true meaning and understanding."

Screaming Eagle said he had "no idea where the quilt would go, but knew it would find its place. I was overjoyed when it was showcased for National Native American Month last November

in Albion, PA." I was gifted with the knowledge of who and what I am. So, the information about Palmer quilt is a legacy of sorts. I hope Drug Prevention, I knew the quilt whomever makes the quilt a permanent home will love and cherish it as much as I cherished the his "quilt of legacy" would find a time I spent thinking of my home somewhere within the "Granny" Leanna's beautiful Lumbee Tribe...As that is where Lumbee quilts."



A photo of the "Legacy" quilt auctioned off during the Palmer Prevention Red Ribbon Kick Off Luncheon held recently to raise funds for drug prevention.



This painting by James Locklear-Brooks was also auctioned off at the fund raising luncheon.

Lumbee Tribal Government building homes in Hoke County

by Alex Baker,

LTG Public Relations Director Peggy and Sherwood Locklear, Jr., always dreamed of building their own house. With four boys, ages 3 to 14, things were tight in their 2 bedroom 12X 65 trailer. They had tried to add on but were told by the loan agency that they would have to brick underpin the trailer before they could receive a loan. The Tribe will begin to accept applications for the Homeownership Program, Monday November 17 until Friday, January 30, 2004. This program provides housing opportunities for qualified Lumbee families and is designed to afford Lumbee families with the option to purchase decent, safe, and sanitary housing. The home buyer in return must fulfill obligations to make monthly installments based on income, to pay for the cost of utilities and provide all maintenance on the home. The Lumbee Housing Program will also accept applications for the Rehabilitation Program starting November 17. This program can offer assistance to repair or replace existing substandard housing conditions, while addressing fire, health and safety hazards for qualified, low-income Lumbee households. Currently the housing program has 971 rehabilitation applications and is able to bid 20-30 homes a month, meaning approximately \$225,000 to \$450,000 issued back into four county ter-

ritory by means of services, while serving approximately 300 applicants the past year. The Lumbee Tribal Council has also approved and opened the Down Payment Assistance component of the housing program. The program started accepting applications from low-to-moderate income Lumbee families on Friday, October 17. The Tribal Office will continue to accept applications from enrolled members who are interested in the opportunity to receive up to \$10,000 in down payment assistance for the purchase of decent, safe and sanitary housing, on a one-time basis. Applications for the down payment program will also be accepted until Friday, January 30, 2004. The fourth and final component of the Lumbee Housing Program is the Emergency Housing Program. The emergency program is designed to offer remedial assistance to save and protect lives, salvage property and minimize the effects of the emergency and the destruction of basic infrastructure. The cost of the needed repairs must not exceed \$5,000. The Tribal Office accepts emergency applications daily, Monday thru Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and the program currently has 871 applications on file. The program is able to bid approximately 25 homes a month. The mission of the Lumbee Housing Program is to provide opportunities for affordable

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO APPLICATION BY THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that the Pembroke Town Council will conduct a public hearing on November 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., at the Pembroke Town Hall, 203 W. Third Street, Pembroke, NC, relative to the intention of the Town to apply for FY2004 CDBG Economic Development funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain the views and proposals of the citizens of the Town of Pembroke with regard to the determination of priorities for economic development grant. All citizens are requested and encouraged to attend the public hearing and make comments and suggestions. If additional information is needed, please contact the Town Manager's Office. Formal written complaints or comments concerning the application process that are submitted to the Town Manager's Office will be responded to within ten working days by the Pembroke Town Council.

Free Health Screening

The Pembroke Housing Authority, in partnership with Robeson County Partnership for Community Health, will sponsor a Free Health Screening Day. Southeastern Regional Medical Centers' Community Health Services provides screens, programs and events for prevention and health promotion targeting the medically under-served population within the county. The screening is scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Maynor Manor Community Building. The Health Screening Day will include cholesterol/HDL, blood sugar, blood pressure checks and other health information. If you have any questions, contact us at (910) 521-1030 (voice) or 800-545-1833 ext. 761 (TDD).

Holiday Bake Sale

The Untied Methodist women of Chestnut Street United Methodist Church will have a Holiday Bake Sale on November 15, 2003 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Cakes, pies, cookies, candy and pastries will be on sale. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Building Fund, UMW Activities and the Vereen Room at Wesley Pines. The church is located on the corner of East Eighth and Chestnut Streets in Lumberton. For more information, you may contact the church at 738-3304.

SRMC's 18th Festival of Trees seeks sponsors to "Deck the Halls"

"There are several opportunities for business individual sponsorship for the 2003 Festival of Trees," said Ann McLean, Festival coordinator and director of marketing at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. "For only \$200, a benefactor can become a 'Secret Santa.' We group these smaller gifts together in order to sponsor one of the 25 beautifully decorated trees on display at the holiday event." Festival of Trees, the annual holiday benefit for Hospice of Robeson, SRMC's program of care for terminally ill patients and their families, will kick off its 18th celebration on Sunday, Dec. 7. For the third year running, the Festival will be held in the Osterneck Auditorium at 102 N. Chestnut St. directly across the street from the Robeson County Public Library. "We believe we have found a home for the Festival at the Osterneck Auditorium. Library Director Bob Fisher and the Friends of the Library have been so supportive and enthusiastic about hosting our annual event," McLean said. "It is important that our community realize that Hospice of Robeson is the only non-profit in the county," McLean said. "The continued support we have received from the community

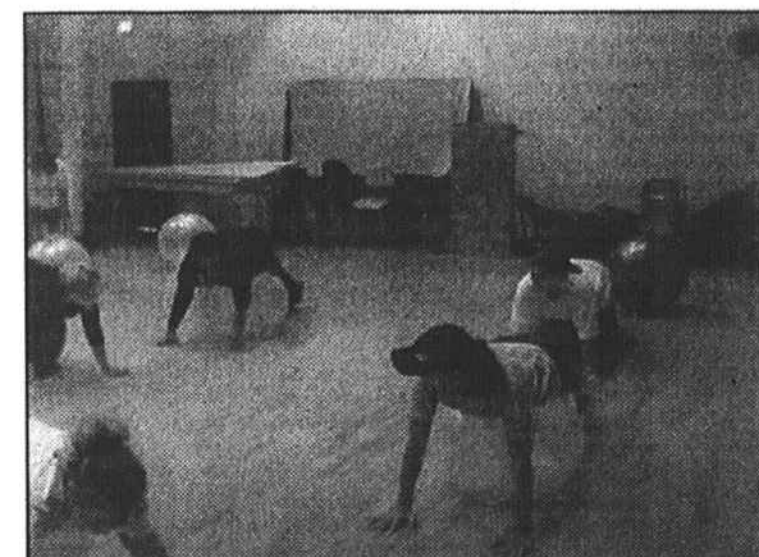
over the past 18 years speaks highly regarding the quality of the program. Director Miriam Edwards and her staff are to be commended for the work they do everyday to maintain this quality and to touch the lives of so many families in our area," she added. The festival also benefits Camp Care, a weekend camp held in May, for children who have suffered a loss through death. This continuing support for Hospice is exemplified by two local companies-Cape Fear Construction and S.Preston Douglas & Associates-that have sponsored trees since the first Festival was held in 1986. McLean also welcomes two new sponsors this year: Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitman who are sponsoring the SRMC Emergency Team tree to be decorated by the Emergency Services staff and placed in the emergency lobby after the Festival. Jerry Johnson Chevrolet has also signed on as a new sponsor for 2003. In addition to the decorated tree display, a Santa's Shop will be filled with hand-made crafts and baked goodies, according to Anne Crain, Hospice volunteer coordinator. "We will offer the Southern Supreme fruit cakes and the Moravian sugar cakes again this year," she said. Also, a cafe serv-

ing hot and cold beverages and sweet treats will be open for Festival visitors. A decorated and lighted eight-foot garland will be raffled off at the end of the Festival. Three decorators-Town and Country Garden Club, Petal Pushers Garden Club and Judy Driscoll-have been supporters since the very first holiday event. Decorators that are joining for the first time this year are The Meadows, a nursing home in Bladenboro, and Debbie Webb of Lumberton Medical Clinic, who is decorating a special patriotic tree. Other 2003 sponsors include Triangle Ice, Forms & Supply, Lumberton Radiological Associates, T.R. Driscoll, BB&T, Barnes Paving, Kiwanis of Robeson, Smith Advertising & Associates, The Robins & Morton Group, Southeastern Cardiology, Ramsaur & McLean, McDonald's-Kenli Enterprises, K.C. Desai-Horizon P T and Lumberton Obstetrics and Gynecology, PA. Decorators, in addition to those mentioned above, are: First Presbyterian Weekday School, Flowers by Billy, Shocheel Gardeners, Mother Earth Creations, Parkton Women's Club, Southeastern Cardiology staff, Scotty Thompson,

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God looked around His garden and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth and saw Peggy's tired face. He put His arms around her and lifted her to rest. God's garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best. He knew Peggy was suffering. He knew she was in pain. He knew she would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb, so He closed Peggy's weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. We miss you Mother and the Family.



Barbara Bullard instructs a Staff Development Wellness class with teachers at Purnell Swett. The class will improve the the body by strengthening the lower back and the abs. The class meets on Wednesday. All participants are really enjoying the class.

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