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1958 Klu Klux Klan Warriors to be honored July 3

The Indian Honor Association will honor Warriors who participated in the 1958 Klu Klux Klan Rally. The ceremony will be held in front of Old Main on the UNCP campus on Saturday, July 3rd at

8:30 a.m. A special presentation to the survivors or their representatives will be made. This is the second year that the Indian Honor Association. Garth Locklear, Chairman, will present medals

of honor to those who participated in the Rally. See photos of these Warriors in this edition of the Carolina Indian Voice, published every Thursday by First American Publications.



Park supporters-From left: Kevin Branch of Progressive State Bank; R.D. Locklear; County Commissioner Noah Woods; Larry Brooks, Chamber of Commerce volunteer; Pembroke Town Councilman Greg Cummings; Buddy Bell, volunteer; Councilman Larry McNeil; Town Manager McDuffie Cummings; Spencer Howington of Shaw Office Supplies and Mayor Milton Hunt.

Public Forum planned for Commissioner District 4

Robeson County Commissioner for District 4, Mr. Noah Woods, will hold a Public Forum at Wakulla Community Building located on Oxendine School Road, Maxton on July 8th at 7:00 PM.

Pembroke Park project surpasses fund raising goal

PEMBROKE, N.C. - "Everyone can own a piece of the park," said Pembroke Town Park fund-raising coordinator Spencer Howington. Brick "pavers" to memorialize loved ones at the new Pembroke Park will be on sale at the upcoming Lumbee Homecoming. The personalized bricks will pave a walkway at a veteran's memorial at the renovated park. Groundbreaking for \$175,000 in improvements at the park, which is located at the corner of 3rd Street and Odum Road in Pembroke, will be after the Lumbee Homecoming Parade on Saturday, July 3 at 11:30 a.m. Representatives from the Town of Pembroke, UNC Pembroke and the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, which is spearheading the fund-raising efforts, met at the park June 24 to announce that they have raised \$73,620 for the project. "It is exceeded our goal of \$50,000 that we set for Lumbee Homecoming," Howington said. "Our goal is to complete fundraising by Thanksgiving and begin construction

early in 2005." The latest gifts came from the individuals, businesses and the town. A gift of \$15,000 from the town's 2004-05 budget was approved by the Pembroke Town Council last week. Recent major contributions came from: Charles Alton Maynor, Mary Doris Dial and Pembroke Hardware, County Commissioner Noah Woods, Oxendine Tire, Dial Insurance, Ransom Insurance, Professional Providers, First Bank and Adrene Locklear. As more tape was added to the fund-raising "thermometer," tents were being erected in the park for Lumbee Homecoming. The park is an important part of the town and a gateway to UNCP. "You see that slide over there," said Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt. "I slid down it as a boy. It's 50 years old." The ambitious park design includes a veteran's memorial walkway, a history exhibit, playground equipment, wrought iron fencing, landscaping, a water feature and bathrooms. "It should be a great addition for the town and the University," said

Pembroke Town Manager McDuffie Cummings. "Because of its location, the park is very important to the town, and it is widely used by Pembroke residents and visitors." A model of the planned park will be on display during Lumbee Homecoming on July 3. It is on display during business hours at the new Pembroke Municipal Building, Lumbee Guaranty Bank, Healthkeeperz and Shaw Office Supplies of Lumberton contributed to the pacesetter phase of the campaign, said R.D. Locklear, president of the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce. Architect Mike Clark of Native American Design Services of Pembroke is providing design services without charge, Locklear said. Katrina Locklear of Locklear and Son Funeral Home is leading the design committee, and Howington of Shaw Office Supplies is leading the fund-raising committee. For information about the park, please call the Town of Pembroke at (910) 521-0647.

Poetry contest for Pembroke area residents

OWINGS MILLS, MD (USA) - The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Pembroke area, particularly beginners are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is September 30, 2004. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE. "Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Baylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Baylon. To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19920, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by September 30, 2004. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com. The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.



Madie Rae Locklear

American Indian Mothers honor outstanding citizens

American Indian Mothers, Inc. (AIMIO) recently honored several people. They held their annual banquet at the Chavis Center on the UNCP campus. Educators honored included Aggie Deese, retired Guidance Counselor, and Dr. Linda Oxendine, Chairman, Department of American Indian Studies at UNCP. Madie Rae Locklear received the Public Service Award. She is Supervisor of the Red Springs Neighborhood Service Center, Four County Community Services, Inc.

Deceased American Indian mothers honored included Evelyn Hunt, former employee of RCC; Rev. Pearl McGirt; and Mrs. Vera Lee Hammonds. Robeson County Register of Deeds Vicki Locklear was presented the Government Award. Mrs. Senora Lynch received the Cultural Awareness Award. She is a member of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe.

Book Dedication Planned

Please join us for the dedication of the book written by Mary B. Hunt on Miss Anna Mae Locklear on Sunday, July 4th at the Burnt Swamp Baptist Building at 4 p.m. The book, "From the Cotton Fields to Mission Fields: the Life and Times of Miss Anna Mae Locklear" will be on sale for the price of \$5.00.

Book Singing and Sale

A book signing and sale will be held July 3, immediately after the parade at UNC Pembroke between Old Main and the Library. Arvis Locklear Boughman and Loretta O. Oxendine will be there to sign and sale copies of their new book "Herbal Remedies of the Lumbee Indians." Don't miss this exciting event.

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Support and Self-Help Groups to meet

The Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rehabilitation Services area of the Southeastern Life-style Center, 4895 Fayetteville Rd. This group is intended to support those who have experienced the effects of life altering brain injury. Their friends and family members are welcome. Meetings are facilitated by a certified brain injury specialist. Call (910) 618-5606 ext. 229 for more information. Meetings scheduled for Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27; Thursday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 and Fridays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), a self-help group for recovering alcoholics, meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Carolina Manor/Recovery Alternatives, 1100 Pine Run Dr. Call 738-1191 for more information.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27; and Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Al-Anon, a weekly support group for family members of alcoholics, meets on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Carolina Manor/Recovery/Alternatives, 1100 Pine Run Dr. Call 738-1191 for more information.

Prepared Childbirth classes will be offered on Monday evenings beginning July 5 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in Community Education Room II at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. The five weekly classes are taught by registered nurses and cover these topics: fetal development, pregnancy, labor and delivery, relaxation and breathing techniques, and postpartum period. An additional class, Infant Care and Breast-Feeding, on Monday, August 9 is free to persons registered for this series; cost is \$10 for those not registered. The cost for the entire series is \$50 per couple; Medicaid is accepted. Advance registration is required. Expectant mothers who are due to deliver after August 9 and before October 8 can register now by calling 671-5011.

Meetings scheduled for July 5, 12, 19 and 26

Narcotics Anonymous (NA), a self-help group for people recovering from drug addiction, meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at Carolina Manor/Recovery/Alternatives, 110 Pine Run Drive. For more information call 738-1191.

Next Meeting: July 6

A support group for the family and friends of the mentally ill meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Community Education Room I at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. The purpose of this group is to share stories and provide support. Treatment approaches and sources of public assistance will be discussed with experts. Call (910) 739-4530 for more information.

Next Meeting: July 8

Families, caregivers and friends of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders are invited to attend a support group which meets the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the dining room of WoodHaven Nursing and Alzheimer's Care Center, 1150 Pine Run Dr., Lumberton. No registration is required for these free meetings. For more information, call 671-5703.

Next Meeting: July 13

Super Lungs, a support group for persons with breathing problems or lung disorders and their family members, meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Assembly Room at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Call 738-5403 for more information.

Along the Robeson Trail

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director, UNCP's Native American Resource Center

[Author's Note: This is the first of a two-part series about Robeson County history.]

This is a tale of two histories -- still connected after all these years. Some people living in the modern Lumbee community don't seem to acknowledge that they are connected to their ancient Indian past. They know their recent past as a community -- a recent past which is rich in history, people and ways of doing things -- but a recent past which seems to extend no farther back in time than the history of the United States. When they talk about traditional Indian culture, they seem to be thinking of it as something that lives somewhere else, somewhere far away, often "out west." A few even talk about the "real Indians" who live in those far-away places.

As part of this recent version of history, there is an idea about connections to the "Lost Colony" of the 1580s. But mostly there are family histories which extend back to the 1800s. In some cases this history extends back as far as the 1700s. It is a history of log cabins and tobacco barns, of working in the fields and going to church. It is a wonderful history full of good memories -- of elders telling stories in the evening; of favorite uncles and grandmothers; of hog-killing and sausage-making on cold winter days; of chicken bogs and lye soap and long rows and short rows; of the growth of an Indian school that became a university; of the pride in a community and a close relationship to the land and river.

It is also a history with more than its share of bad

memories -- racial prejudice and discrimination; doctors who wouldn't give the same proper care to everyone; politicians who only came around at election time; separate seating in movie houses and separate water fountains. But for all its good and bad memories, it is still a relatively recent history.

Some people living in the modern Native American community say: "We didn't have powwows; we didn't dance like that, or believe that way, or wear feathers in our hair." And they are right, in the sense of that recent version of history.

Many Native people alive today were not raised with "Indian dancing" or "drumming" or the other externally-visible elements of traditional Indian culture. But apparently there was some "dancing" and "drumming" and such going on all along. We know this from traditions passed down in a few families, and from photographs taken in the 1920s and 30s of local people gathered at the "Siouan Lodge" and the "Redmen's Lodge."

The world of the Lumbee did not begin in the 1580s when John White lost his colony. It did not begin when the first white settlements came to Robeson County in the mid-1700s. It did not begin when Indians were "discovered" living along the banks of the Lumbee River, any more than it began when Columbus stumbled ashore in what he thought was India (but which turned out to be the Caribbean Islands, densely populated with Taino and Carib and Arawak people). The history of the Native American community is really much older than that.

Somehow the ancient history of the people got submerged in the lives of many families. In the years following the "Indian Wars" in the Eastern Carolinas (1650 - 1718), as the remnants of Indian Nations came together and formed new communities for survival, it was no doubt easier to submerge some of that ancient history -- just not to talk about it.

People from three different Indian language families (Siouan, Iroquoian and Algonkian) found themselves living together here along the Lumbee River in what came to be known as "the Settlement." Just getting along with new neighbors probably required a certain amount of submersion of some of the old ways, some of the old history.

By the time of the American Revolution (1770s), many Indian people in eastern North Carolina were living a life largely indistinguishable from their non-Indian neighbors, if you only looked at the surface of things. They dressed in European-style clothes when they could get them, and which they learned to make for themselves. They used farm animals like oxen and mules for tilling the soil, spoke English almost entirely, believed in the Christian God. Some of the Indian men went to war on the American side against the British, helping to found the new United States of America.

[Part 2: next week]

For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in historic Old Main Building, on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (our web address is www.uncp.edu/nativemuseum).

Have a Safe and Happy Lumbee Homecoming