

We Didn't Just Fall off the Turnip Truck

by Vinita "Cookie" Clark



Hello there my friends, come and join me for a ride in my turnip truck. This week I would like to say a special hello to Bill and Mary Tyler. Years ago, I nicknamed Bill "Baltimore Bill" because he lived in Maryland and I was raised in Maryland. Mary, who is not in the best of health tells me that sometimes she lays in the bed and reads my column and it really makes her laugh because I tell it like it is and I don't hold anything back. "If these people around here ever realize that they have Civil Rights, things will change," I told her. To which she replied, "Cookie, some people around here like it like that."

Mr. Rogers who is a CIV reader from Virginia called asked me where could they get a copy of the movie "Through Native Eyes... the Henry Berry Lowrie Story" which featured the late Robert Locklear. If anyone knows would they please contact me at 521-9076. People are calling all the way from Virginia for a copy of this movie and I want to see them receive it. Robert Locklear was a good friend of mine. He also was a talented actor. He is missed by a lot of people and will be remembered as the only person to ever portray Henry Berry Lowrie on film. He told me one time "when I leave this world, I will be remembered as Henry." Well, he was right.

For those of you who are wondering "Smockey" is a teacup Yorkshire Terrier. If you have ever seen "The Wizard of Oz" you are familiar with Dorothy's dog "Toto". Well, my dog is just like Dorothy's but is not that color. He has bleached hair along with 3 other shades of brown. Someone asked "why did you name him Smockey?" Well, like many people I have a friend who smokes grass and Smockey likes to climb on their lap and get a whiff. So that is why his name is "Smockey." He likes the smell of people smoking grass.

The Henry Berry Lowrie House has been successfully moved next to the amphitheater. Now, it is going to be restored and that ugly white paint is going to be sandblasted off of it. Remember Culture Fest is the first weekend in November. I really think more people will attend it than the LRDA Fall Pow Wow. I noticed a posted which stated "Thousands in Prize Money". I wonder where they are getting it from since they tell everyone "we don't have any funds coming in. Some people just don't realize the kind of following that Turdevison (Ray and Tony Littleturtle) have. But, they will be discovering it shortly.

Tribal Administrator & Chairman at Brother Billy's?
I was watching our local yard sale TV show "Brother Billy's" until it went off the other night. After the yard sale goes off, they usually have a taped church service. I had a drink up to my mouth when I heard the voice of Tribal Chairman Jimmy Goins. I had to see for myself when I turned around there he was with the Tribal Administrator Leon Jacobs. "Oh no they didn't!" I thought to myself "they have gone to Brother Billy's?" I have always thought a lot of Sister Joan Bell and the staff of Channel 7. They sat there and spoke to the audience about Federal Recognition and the Lumbee Bill. And I

thought to myself "where are their Public Relations people? It is the job of the Public Relations Department to inform the public not the Administrator." Many think that those in the PR Department are there just to make the tribe "look good." One day, I saw a Public Service Announcement that had been written and it didn't even have the Lumbee Tribal Logo at the top. Now, I was first published in the Carolina Indian Voice in 1975 and I do know what a professional newspaper press release and public service announcement look like. Many people are looking for information about the services that are available who do not have Internet access. And we as a tribe have no monthly newsletter. If you don't have the Internet, you are just out of luck. And with over 3,500 people in this county who can't read a newspaper. And more than that don't have Internet access. Would it be great to have a monthly newsletter? When push comes to shove...people don't need words...they need action. They need someone who will tell them what is going on and that is not happening at least not around here.

Everyone needs to call the LTG office and find out when they can sign up for their annual fuel check. If you don't sign up...then you have no one to blame but yourself for letting them keep that money.
153 & Counting

I am proud to say that we have collected 153 boxes of Little Debbie cookies as of this date. I am still waiting to see if any members of the LTG are going to donate cookies. I have gotten one donation from an LRDA staff member. The rest have come from special people like Dr. Ruth Woods and the members of Faith Baptist Church. This week Gloryland Road Ministries has some cookies and toothpaste for me to pick up. I have already sent close to 100 tubes of toothpaste to the 120th Infantry U.S Army Nation Guard our of Robeson County. I had several tubes left over when the LRDA closed the Food Bank. Now, LRDA staff members who had gotten toothpaste and not even given a donation for them came around and asked "if I had gotten rid of all of the toothpaste?" Instead of giving it to them and not getting even a penny for them. I decided to send the toothpaste to our soldiers who would appreciate them.

Take care, remember "somebody loves you" and I'll see you the next time on the turnip truck.

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A Commoner Comments

By Robert Currie, Jr.

I am seriously concerned about a confusing mixed message being sent to young Americans. They are being encouraged to support U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq by people, who are belittling a Vietnam veteran's war record simultaneously. True, presidential candidate John Kerry spent only four months in Vietnam, but at least he was there. Those leading the criticism used privilege to either stay out of harm's way, or stay out of the military altogether.

Some, who have never been in combat, are accusing John Kerry of "metal hunting." I seriously doubt that! Why? I know a number of Vietnam Veterans personally; some who were injured, some severely. They can assure you that "metal hunting" is the last thing on a soldier's mind while under fire. And as devastating as debilitating physical injuries are, all soldiers leave the field of battle emotionally scarred.

The classmate, who taught me to play musical instrument, came home from Vietnam missing most of one of the hands he taught with. Two of my closest school friends did not come back alive; they are buried twenty-two graves from each other right here in Lauringburg, N.C. Those in harm's way in Vietnam did not enjoy the privilege of choosing the severity of their injuries; "metal hunting" indeed!

Firsthand experience led John Kerry to question then oppose our involvement in Vietnam. Many are criticizing his opposition, but whatever Kerry did concerning Vietnam after he was there, he was able to do because he was there. He did not use privilege to avoid military service and deployment like Dick Cheney and George W. Bush, now did he?

Kerry's shipmates praise him as a hero. Some of his commanding officers are belittling his military service and his ability to lead. Since commanding officers generally remain safely behind the line of fire, I choose to believe his fellow soldiers, the one he rescued in particular. Especially since those commanding officers appear to have a political agenda.

Hopefully our young will be able to sort through the political rhetoric and understand that serving in our military is patriotic and noble, no matter which political party a soldier is affiliated with. And if they join and end up serving in harm's way, hopefully their heroic contribution will not be later criticized and belittled for political purposes-by politicians who lacked the courage to serve themselves.

Think about it, please!

SOLICITATION FOR BIDS FOR MOBILE HOME REPLACEMENT LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina will receive bids until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2004 at the Lumbee Tribal Administrative Office located at 707 Union Chapel Road Pembroke, North Carolina 28372.

The Lumbee Tribe is soliciting bids for the Zone 2 mobile homes, which is to include the costs of purchase and set-up. Additionally, the Tribe is also requesting bids for small modular homes, with 2 and 3 bedrooms. Preference will be given to in-state manufacturers.

A copy of the specifications may be obtained from Marilyn Locklear at the Lumbee Tribal Administrative Office at (910) 521-7861 or by faxing in a request at (910) 521-7790 and the specified terms and conditions will be mailed to you.

All qualified proposals meeting required terms and specifications will be evaluated and acceptance made by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to constitute the most responsive bid for the services requested.

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina will give Native American preference with proof of tribal enrollment.

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by minority-owned and women-owned businesses, as well as those owned by disabled persons.

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals presented and the right to waive any informalities or irregularities.

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

SPECIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF MOBILE HOMES

Those participating in the RFP for the replacement of mobile homes for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina must meet the following conditions:

- 1) Bids must include:
 - * purchase price of replacement mobile home
 - * set-up of replacement mobile home
 - * disposal of existing housing
- 2) Quotes must be for mobile homes at least 14' x 70" in size with 2 and 3 bedrooms
- 3) Quotes are also requested for small modular homes with 2 or 3 bedrooms
- 4) In-state manufacturers will be given priority
- 5) Shingled roofs and vinyl siding (or comparable material siding with same life expectancy)
- 6) Outside faucets and detached hitches must be included with set-ups
- 7) Handicapped accessible bathrooms must be made available as needed
- 8) Native American preference will be given to manufacturers as well as those employing Native Americans
- 9) Lowest responsive bids will be given priority

LRDA preparing for Fall Pow wow, Oct. 29-31

The Lumbee Regional Development Association Inc. is sponsoring a Fall Pow-Wow October 29-31. There will be thousands of dollars in prize money for performers in standard Pow-Wow categories. Location-Pembroke, NC at the LRDA events field located at 636 Prospect Road.

Gates open/close	Admission
Oct 29-Open 4pm Close 10pm	General - \$5.00
Oct 30-Open 10am Close 11pm	Seniors - \$3.00
Oct 31-Open 10am Close 6pm	Youth - 12 and under - \$3.00
	Handicapped children under 5 - Free
	College and Military ID - \$1.00 off

Door Prizes all three days
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INTRODUCING OUR LATEST MEDICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Tracy E. Bullard, MD. has joined Robeson Health Care Corporation and the medical staff of Southeastern Regional Medical Center as a family practitioner. She is based at the Julian T. Pierce Health Center in Pembroke.

After earning her undergraduate degree from Duke University, Dr. Bullard completed her medical degree at UNC-Chapel Hill in 2001 and a three-year residency program at the Duke/Southern Regional Area Health Education Center in Fayetteville this past summer. A native of Robeson County, she received a scholarship loan from the SRMC Foundation, offered to medical school students and allied health professionals who plan to return to the local community to practice. The NC Academy of Family Physicians has also recognized Dr. Bullard for her outstanding and compassionate patient care.

We can all feel good about each new addition to the medical staff at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Each physician brings years of education, specialized training, and personal expertise to our highly diversified healthcare team—and to our community.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest doctor. With your arrival, there is a significant improvement in the general health of this community.

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These Businessmen Know The Importance Of Good Decisions.

That's Why They Rely On The Rehabilitation Care At Scotland Memorial.

Charlie Buie and Jimmy Morgan are businessmen who've spent years making good decisions that have helped them build successful companies. When each learned they needed joint replacement surgery, they made the decision to have their surgeries at Scotland Memorial and their rehabilitation care at the hospital's Center For Inpatient Rehabilitation.

"I've had two hip replacements at Scotland Memorial followed by inpatient rehabilitation," says Charlie Buie, president of Charles Craft, a local textile company. "The surgical and rehabilitation teams were first class. I was up and around and learning to adapt to my new hip within a few days. This high level of rehabilitation helped me feel confident about leaving the hospital and returning to work and activities safely."

For Laurel Hill businessman and band leader Jimmy Morgan, getting his strength back after joint replacement was important. "The inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation care at Scotland Memorial is outstanding," he says. "The professionalism of the staff was exceptional. Although I could have gone anywhere for care, I am glad I chose Scotland Memorial because they have the expertise I needed. In fact, I am now using the pool and other outpatient therapies to help relieve an arthritic condition."

The Center For Inpatient Rehabilitation is a specialized program for hospitalized patients recovering from orthopaedic surgery, stroke or neurological disorders and injuries. To learn more about our rehabilitation services, call 910-291-7550.



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