

A Front Page Editorial

Conflicts of Interest continue within LTG and ethics seems to be a distant dream

Reports in local newspapers tell us that our Tribal Administrator Leon Jacobs involved himself in tribal elections November 2nd. One of the candidates, Danite Locklear, has filed a grievance with the elections board stating that Jacobs was campaigning in the District 12 race where she was challenging incumbent Montford Dial, Jr. If we say, editorially speaking, that our tribal administrator continues to embarrass us, would anyone be surprised? We wish Jacobs would confine himself to performing the duties of tribal Administrator. We remind the tribal membership that we are paying him \$150,000 to do so. Some of the problems he is causing can be avoided. Common sense tells us that no employee of the tribal government should involve themselves in an election. They should appear neutral whether they are or not.

This brings us to this point. An ordinance on Conflict of Interest and Ethics. This would solve the problem of employees involving themselves in elections. Yes, they have a right to vote, but they should by ordinance be prohibited from campaigning for candidates for tribal council or chairman. We editorially ask the old council members as well as new ones coming on in January to immediately institute a policy on ethics and conflict of interest.

We also found it interesting that following the meeting of the board of elections, one of the Supreme Court Justices called Ms. Emma Locklear, Chairman of the Elections Board and told her they should not continue with a new election. If this is true as reported, the Justice should immediately recuse himself from any discussion or involvement in hearing evidence about whether or not they will issue an injunction to stop the December 14 election of the Board of Elections has set. The Justice has already prejudiced himself and the chances of being impartial and objective are far removed from him. We hear, although we cannot document this, that the Justice was the Rev. Tony Hunt, who is Chief Justice as well as pastor of Galilee Baptist Church. We hope this is not accurate information on the "Preacher." We hope his own personal convictions and integrity would prevent him from interfering with a decision made by the Board of Elections. We would really love to stop editorially speaking on our tribal government, but they keep violating our document, not to mention, continuing to embarrass us publicly.

We have heard that HUD has stated that it is not illegal for an elected official to subcontract work for themselves, as long as they are not the contractor. We have not heard that in an official capacity from HUD, although we do wait for their response to that question. Nevertheless, it does not matter if it is legal, it is morally and ethically wrong. We once again call on those council members who are self serving, Henry Clay Chavis, Al Locklear, Rev. Jimmy Hunt, and any others who derive a portion of their living from providing services to themselves (the council) to step down immediately. We do not expect them to enact a Conflict of Interest Ordinance and cut their livelihood, nor do we expect them to support it, but we again ask them publicly to step down or institute a policy and give us the appearance of having some personal ethics. Our government will never function as it should as long as we have council member who serve themselves and not the tribal membership.

And Rev. Hunt, please, don't cause us to question your integrity. If you have already interfered by contacting Emma Lee Locklear about a matter that is before the court, recuse yourself. Somebody in our government MUST start doing the right thing. Why not you, Rev. Hunt???? And if it wasn't you, find out who it was, and reprimand them and force them to recuse themselves. Do the right thing!!! Protect the integrity of the Court, thereby protecting the integrity of our Constitution.

This article was written by the editor, Connie Brayboy, and does reflect the opinions of the editor solely.

Tribal Elections Board sets new elections in two districts

The Lumbee Tribal Elections Board with Mrs. Emma Lee Locklear serving as Chairman has certified all of the election results from Tuesday, November 2, 2004, except two. In these races, the Board of Elections has declared a new election to be held December 14th. A new election in Districts 12 and 13 was announced at the Board of Elections meeting. The Board found enough irregularities in these two districts to warrant a new election.

In district 12 incumbent Montford Dial, Jr. defeated Danite Locklear by 2 votes. The reason for declaring a new election in that district was because one of the polling sites was moved after the election had begun. The site was moved after several people had already voted at Townsend Middle School. The site was moved to the fire station in Maxton. Locklear protested this action at the Elections Board meeting. The Board agreed with her that it should not have been done and could have prevented people from voting and caused confusion when people did not know where the polling site was.

Alton Locklear, the incumbent in District 13 which also includes Cumberland County, is apparently very upset by the Board's decision. Ricky Burnette, the challenger in that district documented several instances of people being allowed to vote outside the district. Alton Locklear had won that races according to unofficial totals by 15 votes.

Locklear has filed a request for an injunction to stop the new election with the Lumbee Tribal Court. It is his contention that the Board of Elections does not have the authority to set aside an election and set a new one. The Lumbee Constitution, however, gives full authority to the Elections Board, an independent entity, to make all decisions relative to elections.

The Carolina Indian Voice pays special tribute to our Veterans!
If you are reading this in safety, thank a Veteran

Red Springs Arts Council to sponsor contra dance

Red Springs - The Red Springs Arts Council will sponsor a contra dance on Saturday night, November 20th. The dance will be held in the old gym at the Flora Macdonald Academy in Red Springs and will feature live "old time" and contra dance music with Linda Hunt on keyboard and Buz Lloyd on fiddle. Linda Thomas will be the caller for this dance and she is equally talented with beginners and long-term dancers.

According to Arts Council President, John Bowman, "Contra dancing is a form of traditional folk dancing that is similar to square dancing, but sets of couples dance in facing lines. It is an easy form of dance to learn, the music is lively and the dancing can be vigorous. No experience is necessary as each dance is taught by the caller, and with Linda Thomas, we will have one of the best callers around. She will have you cutting the rug, if you have never dance before. And you don't have to dance if you don't want to; the music is a treat in and of itself!" The dance will begin at 8:00 p.m., but these will be free contra dance instruction before the dance at 7:30 taught by experienced dancers. Both couples and singles are welcomed. Tickets for the Saturday night dance are \$5 and will be available at the door.

This event is supported by a Grassroots grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency. For more information, call (910) 843-2228 or 843-3559.

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First United Methodist Church Pembroke

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Church next to town park Hwy 711
Plants, Crafts and baked goods will be sold
Friday, November 19, 2004 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
And
Saturday, November 20, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: First United Methodist Women

Church Bazaar planned at Chestnut Street UMC

An "Old Fashion Down-home Church Bazaar" will be held at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church in Lumberton NC, on November 13, 2004, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Eight shops will be set up so you can travel to the Casserole Corner, Basket Boutique, Farmer's Market, Grandma's Attic, Kid's Place with Santa, Bakery shop, Holiday House, and the Cozy Tea Room. The Tea Room opens at 8:30 AM for breakfast. Proceeds will go to the Building Fund. The church is located on the corner of Eighth and Chestnut Street. For more information, call 738-3304.

Gertrude Canady Blanks celebrates 93th birthday

Gertrude Canady Blanks of St. Pauls celebrated her 93rd Birthday, October 18, 2004 with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren at the Sandpiper. She is the wife of the late Prentis Blanks and the daughter of the late H.B. and Jane Revels Canady.

Millennium Awards Dinner will honor health professionals

The annual Millennium Award Dinner of the American Indian Mothers, Inc. will honor men and women who have provided distinguished leadership and who are providing leadership and service in the health professions and related health services. The Award Dinner will be held November 19 at 7:00 PM at Porter Plaza in Pembroke.

Millennium Warrior Awards will be presented to Dr. Martin L. Brooks of Pembroke and Dr. Kathleen Revels of Henderson, North Carolina. Awards will be presented posthumously to Zelma Lowry Maynor, the first Lumbee Indian to return to serve in Robeson County after completing training at Philadelphia General Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Dr. Johnny Lowry, the first Lumbee orthopedic surgeon who completed training in Tennessee and Viola Lowry, the first Lumbee Indian nurse who completed training in Tennessee.

The Governor Locklear Award will be presented to the Red Springs Robeson Family Practice Clinic of Dr. Kenneth Locklear and Dr. Herman Chavis and to the Cherokee Diabetes Clinic on the Qualla Boundary Reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina, organizations that have served the health needs of American Indian people.

American Indian Mothers will introduce the Order of the Medicine Wheel and will induct American Indian health professionals, health service providers and other health related workers into this Order at the November 19 Awards Banquet. The Order of the Medicine Wheel will be open to pharmacists, physicians and surgeons, nurses, nursing assistance, dentist and other health professionals and providers. These individuals will be appropriately recognized and participate in a formal induction.

Dinner reservations can be made by calling 910-843-9911. Tickets are available at \$35 per couple, \$25 per individual, and \$5 per child under age 10. Corporate tables for 16 guests can be reserved for \$500 and for 8 guests for \$250. Reservations and requests for tickets should be completed by November 1st.

Please make a note of the new phone numbers for the Carolina Indian Voice.

910-521-0796
910-521-0992
910-521-9154

And the new fax number
910-521-7670

Essay Contest by Mensa Foundation

The Mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF) is inviting applications for its annual essay contest. Scholarship winners will receive awards of \$1000, based on an essay of not over 550 words describing their academic and career goals. Eligibility requirements for a general MERF scholarship are:

- United States citizenship or permanent legal residence
- Enrollment at any level (undergraduate or graduate) at any accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education for Fall, 2005, at the time the scholarship is awarded.

General MERF scholarships are awarded with no restrictions regarding age, gender, academic grade-point average, or financial need. Applicants may also choose to be considered for specific award categories which do carry specific criteria. Requirements and descriptions of these awards are listed on the application forms. Winners will be announced in May / June, 2005.

Applications forms may be requested by SENDING A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE to the following address:

MENSA Scholarships
P.O. Box 1179
Carboro NC 27510

This address is to be used ONLY by applicants whose legal residence is in General and Eastern N.C. (roughly, from Greensboro-High Point eastwards), OR who will be attending, in Fall 2005, an accredited educational institution in this area. For further information, write to the internet at <<http://merf.us.mensa.org/scholarships/zipfinder.php>>

All request for applications must be postmarked by December 31, 2004, and all essays, with completed application forms, must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2005.

For general information on American Mensa, write, call or visit - American Mensa Ltd.
1229 Corporate Drive West
Arlington TX 76006-6103
Tel. (817) 649-2200
www.us.mensa.org

College Tuition Assistance

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, millions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 1000 different private scholarship sources. The scholarship list include the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For more information on obtaining these scholarship list, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 650067, Potomac Falls, VA 20165-0067

Local students included in High school Who's Who

The students on the enclosed list are from your area and are included in the 2003-2004 Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition.

Who's Who - Sports Edition, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is part of the largest recognition program in the nation honoring high school students. The Who's Who - Sports Edition honors outstanding student-athletes.

Athletes are nominated by coaches, teachers and sports organizations based on athletic achievement and participation in curricular activities.

Who's Who - Sports Edition students also compete for \$10,000 in scholarship awards. The book is also distributed on a complimentary basis to high schools, colleges & universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Local student-athletes selected include:

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| 28358 Lumberton | BETHEA, JASMINE M | CHAMBERLAIN, KEVIN |
| 28364 MAXTON | LOCKLEAR, LAUREN | KING, NIYA S |
| 28377 RED SPRINGS | MITCHELL, AMBER | |
| 28383 ROWLAND | MC CALLUM, JAMES P | |

Cultural Day in the Park planned at NCICC

November 20 will begin opening of the gates at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center at 7:00 A.M. The day will begin with a Pork and Wild Game Cook-Off. Judging of cakes, pies, pastries, jam and jellies, pickles and preserves will be held at the Longhouse at the Cultural Center. At 10 AM, a Parade will begin and will be followed by activities in the park - speeches by state and local officials, cultural demonstrations, performance by Star Search and Talent Show Winners and other performing groups throughout the day.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults, \$1.00 for school students, and children 54 and under and Senior Citizens will be admitted free of charge.

Vendor Exhibits
Vendors are invited to exhibit in the park area. For fees and set up instructions, contact 910-843-9911.