

A Front Page Editorial

The truth hurts and the preacher serving on the judiciary seems to involve himself in Politics

The truth will cause people to react in various ways. Some folks get mad. Others get defensive. We have some of all these reactions from our tribal leadership. We have a suggestion one more time for those who refuse to abide by rules and regulations. Do the right thing! It is always easier to do something right than to have to come back and try to "cover up" wrong. We hear that Tribal Administrator Leon Jacobs is planning to hire Rev. Jimmy Hunt. This will of course take him off the Tribal Council. Which would be, in our opinion, a very good thing. Rev. Hunt is one of those who continues to derive a good living off his service to the people. We hope Chairman Jimmy Goins will intercede in this action. We should never reward wrong doing. If Rev. Hunt is given a position with the government, the Executive Branch has apparently condoned his working as a subcontractor for housing and is willing to reward him. These things should not be so.

We understand also that Al Locklear is calling people who advertise with the Carolina Indian Voice and asking them to cease advertising because we are a "controversial" newspaper. If this is so, again it seems Locklear wants to continue to violate Federal Rules and Regulations, not to mention ethics and good morals. Somewhere in the rules, it states "Indian preference." He apparently is one of those who is "mad" at us. The truth hurts. We know this and have not taken anything we have said personally and only tried to help those tribal council members who are caught in a conflict of interest. Nevertheless, we will stay with the issues and not take it personally, even if some council members do. There is a simple solution. Resign immediately if you are guilty of a conflict of interest. Your credibility, ethics and morals have been called into question. This being so, we contend that you cannot be effective in providing the much needed leadership for our tribe.

We await the hearing before the Lumbee Supreme Court to settle the elections questions raised after the election. We do not wish to lose confidence in another preacher, however, we understand that

prior to a question being presented to the court. Tribal Administrator Leon Jacobs and others wrote the court's response. We publicly call on Rev. Tony Hunt, Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Red Springs, who also serves as Chief Justice for the Lumbee Supreme Court, not to be influenced by politics and friendships. We ask him to hear both sides of the elections issues and rule in accordance with the constitution. He knows as well as anyone that common sense and the intent of the constitution was for the Board of Elections to have the final say on whether another election is held. We hope the Preacher won't join the others connected with our tribal government who have shown themselves to be self serving and unconcerned about what is right and fair. Our government is supposedly by the people for the people. Rev. Hunt should never have let others interfere with the duties of the judiciary. We expected more from him. Perhaps the hearing scheduled for Saturday will be used by him to do the right thing. There is no way for a government to function properly, if the Supreme Court declares itself to have the authority to dictate to the elections board. Both bodies are supposed to be independent. Our Judiciary in the recent elections debacle has shown itself, according to reports, to be a political entity and reached a decision without hearing both sides. Not only that, Rev. Hunt allowed others to write the court's response. Come on, Rev. Hunt, either do the right thing, or refuse yourself for having met with the opposing side and making political promises. What does the justices on our Supreme Court fear from another election? If things were wrong with the election, a new election is the only way to clear it up. We know that Al Locklear has a personal reason for not wanting another election. Money obviously means a great deal to him, if he will continue to act frightened by it. Voters who vote outside their district cannot be counted. We hope the Supreme Court will set the right precedence in this matter. Politics being what it is in Lumbee Land, we hope to be pleasantly surprised. But you know Carl Sandburg said, "Hope is an echo... Hope ties itself out yonder... yonder."

Remembering Kendron with love on his birthday



Happy Birthday to Grandma's Special Boy (Kendron) who would have been 9yrs. old 11-21-2004. We lost him 6yrs. ago, and gained another one who is special too. Kai (Boss) Locklear, Kendron's brother. Also Happy Birthday to their Aunts (Twins) Amelia and Amira.

I LOVE YOU ALL,
Mama, Grandma,
Theresa

Governor Worth Locklear, M.D. Memorial Award Presented by American Indian Mothers

by Dr. Ruth Dial Woods

Two memorial awards honoring Governor Worth Locklear, M.D., the first Lumbee physician, were presented at the annual Millennium Warriors Awards Banquet sponsored by American Indian Mothers on November 19.

Barbara Braveboy-Locklear, granddaughter of Governor Worth Locklear and daughter of his only child, Eva Harris Brayboy, provided biographical information on Dr. Locklear. Governor Worth Locklear, the son of Preston Locklear and Emmaline Lowry Locklear, was born 1870 in the Preston community. He learned to read and write while carrying his handicapped brother to tutoring by Ms. Plummer, an Irish woman. As a young man, Governor drove the horse-drawn buggy for a county doctor to make house calls on patients in rural Robeson County. According to family accounts, Locklear became so skilled at delivering babies that the county doctor recommended his admission to medical school. G. W. Locklear was awarded a Medical Degree from the Baltimore University School of Medicine on March 29, 1893 (the Extinct Medical Schools of Baltimore, Maryland, 1969). Dr. Locklear married Adeline Lowry and their only son, Adnell, served in World War I, contracted pneumonia and died in New York, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Dr. Locklear was granted a medical license on June 15, 1914 and opened his medical office and apothecary in the Prospect Community, a few miles from his birthplace. Dr. Locklear practiced medicine in Robeson County until his death in 1921. Many descendants of the Preston Locklear family were in attendance at the honoring ceremony on November 19.

The Robeson County Family Practice Medical facility was the recipient of the Governor Worth Locklear, M.D. Memorial Award. Two Lumbee physicians, Herman Chavis, M.D. and Kenneth Locklear, M.D., received this award for their establishment of the Robeson County Family Practice in July, 1982 when they began their practice. Dr. Chavis and Dr. Locklear met at Prospect School as third grade students and attended school together there through the eleventh grade. Dr. Chavis moved to the Rennert community and graduated from Magnolia school in 1971 while Dr. Locklear remained at Prospect and graduated in 1971. Both Dr. Chavis and Dr. Locklear continued their friendship as undergraduate students at Pembroke State University, attended pre-med summer enrichment programs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in June, 1974. After graduation from Pembroke State University in 1975, the young men applied and were accepted to the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where they graduated in May, 1979. Dr. Chavis completed his residency at Chesterfield Family Practice in Richmond, Virginia and Dr. Locklear completed his residency at Moses Cone Family Practice in Greensboro, NC.

In 1982, Dr. Locklear and Dr. Chavis returned home to open the

doors of Robeson Family Practice Associates in Red Springs. They began their practice with three full-time employees and one part-time employee and on the first day, they saw twelve patients. The community quickly welcomed the two new physicians and often referred to them as "going to see the boys in Red Springs" when they had scheduled doctor appointments. In 1984 Dr. Locklear and Dr. Chavis became supervising physicians of Parkton Rural Health Center in association with the late P.A. Arnold W. Kinley. In 1978, they joined him and became owners of this medical center. On April 1, 1988, ChavLock Professional Plaza opened in Red Springs. Robeson Family Practice Associates is housed in this development and employs three physician assistants, two nurses, and approximately twenty other employees. In addition to private practice, Dr. Locklear and Dr. Chavis are Medical Directors of two nursing homes and one rest home.

Dr. Chavis and Connie Bullard, his wife, are the parents of five children and two grandchildren and they reside on Chicken Road and attend the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pembroke. Dr. Locklear and Phyllis Oxendine, his wife, are the parents of four children and reside on Highway 211 and attend Island Grove Baptist Church.

Dr. Chavis and Dr. Locklear attribute their success first of all to God, the Heavenly Father, who makes all things possible and secondly to just being good old-fashioned boys with honest values.

A second Governor Worth Locklear Memorial Award was presented to the Cherokee Diabetes Clinic on Qualla Boundary Reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina. Representatives of the Clinic accepted the award on behalf of Lisa K. Wheeler, PA-C, Program Manager of the Clinic. The Cherokee Diabetes Program is part of the Health and Medical Division of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Tribal Programs. The mission of the Program is to improve the physical and emotional health of the Cherokee people by providing care in the areas of medicine, health-related education, behavioral health, and complementary health. The program offers traditional medical care as well as complimentary health care including yoga, massage therapy and acupuncture. Support services are available to help patients cope with the challenges of diabetes and everyday life and offers individual support sessions and group or family assistance. Patient services include individualized medical care, assigned providers, a Point of Care laboratory for tests and phlebotomy services, diabetes supplies, group medical visits, and patient care through referrals to specialists and scheduling of appointments for other aspects of health care. Diabetes education and care is offered in a supportive atmosphere through individual education, community based education and an assortment of support groups and education classes that include nutrition, blood sugar monitoring, medications and insulin, exercise, foot care, smoking cessation, lipid management, hypertension management, kidney disease, wellness, stress management and life skills for health management.



Shown left to right: Phyllis Locklear, Dr. Kenneth Locklear, Andrea, Brittany, Brandon, and Charlene Locklear



Shown left to right: Connie Chavis, Dr. Herman Chavis, Chandler, Jonathan, Adrienne, Brent and Meghan Chavis,

Chestnut Street UMC to present annual Christmas program

Chestnut Street United Methodist Church will present their annual Christmas Music program on Sunday, December 12, 2004 at 7:00 PM. Presented in Chestnut Street's well known and loved Living Christmas Tree, the program will be called "A Lumberton Christmas Revisited"

A free offering will be taken at that time as part of another Chestnut Street tradition, the White Stocking Service, and will be designated for Lumberton's own family Counseling Center. On Monday, December 13, 2004, a Community Messiah Sing-a-long will be presented from the tree. The program is under the direction of the Director of Music Ministries, Mark Frazier and Rev. Jimmy Tatum is the pastor. The church is located on the corner of East Eight and Chestnut Streets. These programs are free to the public and tickets are available from choir members and the church office.

New phone numbers for Carolina Indian Voice

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

Hospice of Robeson Festival of trees opens

Hospice of Robeson's 19th Festival of Trees opens Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Osterneck Auditorium, 102 N. Chestnut St. in Lumberton, directly across the street from the Robeson County Public Library. Trees will be on display Dec. 5 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 6-7. Local groups have decorated 25 uniquely themed trees sponsored by local businesses. Fresh-baked goodies, crafts and gifts items are available for sale in the Santa's Shop.

Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for seniors and youth, ages 12 and over. Children under 12 are admitted free. Privileges Plus members may present their membership cards for free admission.

All proceeds from the festival go to Hospice of Robeson, a service for terminally ill persons and their families, and to Camp Care, a weekend camp for grieving children.

Donations are tax-deductible. For more information, call 671-5577.

