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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Efforts Aim to Count Everyone in 2010 Census

In late August, Raleigh was the site of an important meeting. The outcome of this gathering could change the state's future in very positive ways. As the Governor's Tribal Liaison, I was proud to join a panel of state and federal 2010 Census representatives to seek ethnic media's support in reaching historically undercounted populations.

Discussion focused on more effectively communicating the importance and confidentiality of the Census as a means to increase participation. Other efforts include scrutiny of Census maps to identify previously uncounted pockets and the hiring of local Census takers familiar with their communities.

Acknowledging that some underserved communities have a historic mistrust of the Census, officials have streamlined the 2010 survey to include just 10 basic questions that can be answered in 10 minutes or less. Census forms will be received nationally by mid-March, in advance of the official April 1 Census Day.

Census officials say that each citizen who goes uncounted, the state misses an opportunity to receive about \$1,000 in federal funds and services – for each of the next 10 years. As Bob Coats, Governor Perdue's Census Liaison said, "I don't know of any community in North Carolina that can let go of that kind of money."

When citizens mail back their surveys, instead of making Census takers go door-to-door, the process becomes significantly more cost effective, allowing more resources to be directed to vital services.

Accurate census data means more than just money for our fast-growing state. It could change district lines and add or subtract the number of legislators who represent North Carolina interests in Washington. It could increase and improve services to disadvantaged populations, or it could end them.

The bottom line is that – regardless of where they live, what they look like or what they believe – there is not a single unimportant person in our state. Participating in this swift and completely confidential process will provide each and every North Carolinian the chance to do their part to improve our state.



*Greg Richardson
Executive Director
Commission of Indian Affairs*

White House Announces Tribal Leaders Summit

The National Congress of American Indians

During the National Congress of American Indians' (NCAI) 66th Annual Convention held Oct. 11-16 in Washington, D.C., White House Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs Kimberly TeeHee announced that President Obama would meet with tribal leaders in Washington on Nov. 5. President Obama committed to an annual meeting with tribal leaders during his 2008 campaign. NCAI President Joe A. Garcia released the following statement on the historic meeting:

"Indian Country has been waiting for well over a decade for a meeting of this caliber with the President of the United States. I commend President Obama for setting this precedent for his administration's Nation to Nation working relationship with

tribes. We have an ambitious agenda to strengthen economic development and improve tribal government services. Tribal leaders are satisfied that President Obama is fulfilling his promise to meet with tribal leaders on a regular basis during his term in office. This historic meeting will coincide with NCAI's Grand Opening of the Embassy of Tribal Nations on Nov. 3 and a tribal leaders meeting on Nov. 4. I encourage tribal leaders to come to Washington as a united Indian Country so we can begin the consultation process with the President and his administration."

Greg Richardson, Executive Director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, attended the NCAI convention but expressed dismay that "state-recognized tribal leaders are not included on the invitation list. The North Carolina delegation voiced concern about the fact that state-recognized Indians were not invited to the White House meeting."

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Tribal Leaders from Across Indian Country to Gather in Washington to Open Embassy of Tribal Nations

The National Congress of American Indians

Tribal representatives from all corners of Indian Country were joined by international dignitaries, Members of Congress, Administration officials and tribal supporters to officially open the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Embassy of Tribal Nations in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 3. The opening included traditional Native American entertainment.

“For the first time since settlement, tribal nations will have a permanent home in Washington, D.C., where they can more effectively assert their sovereign status and facilitate a much stronger nation-to-nation relationship with the federal government,” said NCAI President Jefferson Keel.

The historic opening coincided with the Obama Administration’s Tribal Nations Conference set for Nov. 5 at the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Administration invited one representative from every federally-recognized tribe in the U.S. to attend the conference.

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 103,480 American Indians live in North Carolina, giving the state the largest American Indian population east of the Mississippi and the eighth largest American Indian population in the country; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to eight American Indian tribes:

- the Coharie descending from the aboriginal Neusiok Indian Tribe on the Coharie River in Harnett and Sampson counties;
- the Eastern Band of Cherokee residing on the 56,000 acres Qualla Boundary adjacent to Great Smoky Mountains National Park;
- the Haliwa-Saponi descending from the Saponi, Tuscarora, Tutelo and Nansmond Indians in Halifax and Warren counties;
- the Lumbee residing in Robeson, Hoke, Cumberland and Scotland counties and the largest tribe east of the Mississippi;
- the Meherrin living in Hertford, Bertie, Gates and Northampton counties and near their original reservation granted in the Treaty of 1726;
- the Occaneechi Band of Saponi descending from several small Siouan speaking tribes and now residing in Alamance and Orange counties;
- the Sappony located in Person County where they have made the Piedmont Highlands their home for countless generations;
- the Waccamaw-Siouan living in Columbus and Bladen counties along the edge of Green Swamp and a few miles from Lake Waccamaw; and

WHEREAS, American Indian cultures and Societies are at the roots of agricultural development, medical discoveries, environmental preservation, commerce, governmental institutions and structure and many more facets of the Tar Heel State and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, across the State of North Carolina, American Indians continue to celebrate American Indian culture and heritage through songs, dances, arts and crafts and traditional spirituality; the traditions of their ancestors continue to be the foundation for the contemporary lifestyles of today’s American Indian citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2009, as “AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH” in North Carolina and urge our citizens to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by the native inhabitants of North Carolina.



Beverly Eaves Perdue
BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

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UNC Chapel Hill Celebrates American Indian Heritage Month

The American Indian Center at UNC Chapel Hill

Performances and crafts will take over the Pit at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill midday on Mondays in November as American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated on campus. Activities throughout November, organized by UNC's American Indian Center, will range from lectures to films to samplings of foods native to the Americas.

For a recent UNC event kickoff of the month's observances, Chancellor Holden Thorp issued a statement about the importance of American Indian Heritage Month.

"UNC has recognized the importance of promoting knowledge about Native Americans by establishing an academic major in American Indian Studies and creating the American Indian Center to provide a focal point for discussion of American Indian cultural, social and economic issues on campus," Thorp said. "In addition, through the center, we are able to link the state's American Indian tribes and urban organizations with campus resources for research and technical assistance."

Upcoming events, free to the public unless otherwise noted, will include:

"Land, Natural Resources and Sovereignty: Lessons from the Cherokee Nation and the Palestinian West Bank," lecture by Marty Matlock, Ph.D., **6 p.m. Nov. 17**, Hooker Research Center, South Columbia Street at Pittsboro Street and Manning Drive. Matlock, who is Cherokee, is a professor of ecological engineering at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. Author of "Swimming Upstream: Collaborative Approaches to Watershed Management" (MIT Press, 2005), Matlock is environmental protection commissioner of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and a negotiator and facilitator for the U.S. Agriculture Department of water disputes among Palestinians, Israelis and Jordanians. His talk also is part of International Education Week at UNC.

"Tribal Sovereignty and the Limits of Legal Pluralism," lecture by Bruce Duthu, Ph.D., professor of Native American Studies and chair, Native American studies program, Dartmouth College, **4:30 p.m. Nov. 18**, the Carolina Club in the George Watts Hill Alumni Building on Stadium Drive. The talk will be UNC's first Michael D. Green Lecture in American Indian studies. Duthu, a member of the Houma Tribe of Louisiana, will discuss the Supreme Court's impact on federal Indian law and suggest that Congress re-embrace obligations in Indian affairs.

"The 'Identified Full Bloods' in Mississippi: Race and Choctaw Identity, 1898-1918," Lecture by Katherine M.B. Osburn, a professor of Native American environmental history at Tennessee Technological University, **5 p.m. Nov. 19**, 116 Murphey Hall.

Thanksgiving Benefit Showcase, **5 p.m. Nov. 23**, 104 Howell Hall, \$5 Performances by members of Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc., an American Indian interest sorority, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma sororities, with benefits to help fund a Thanksgiving meal for a needy Orange County family.

Carolina Indian Circle Thanksgiving Dinner, **7:30 p.m. Nov. 23**, Class of 2000 Lounge, Frank Porter Graham

North Carolina State University Native American Heritage Month

Governor's Proclamation Ceremony

Tuesday, November 17th (4:30 P.M.), Chancellor's Office, Holladay Hall
Giving in Native cultures is a way of life rather than an obligation or responsibility. Members of NASA and AISES will present Chancellor James Woodward and University Administrators, a signed Proclamation by Governor Beverly Perdue declaring November as Indian Heritage Month, along with traditional gifts from tribes of the southeastern woodland culture.

Dreamcatcher Making Workshop

Tuesday, November 17th (7:00 P.M.) Green Room, Talley Student Center
Interested in creating your own Dreamcatcher? Come out and learn about the importance of the Dreamcatcher in Native Culture and make one for yourself! Sponsored by Sigma Omicron Epsilon Sorority, Inc. RSVP to Jasmine Bullard at ajbull2@ncsu.edu by 5pm on Monday, November 16th

Tutelo-Saponi Language Lesson

Wednesday, November 18th (7:00 P.M.) Green Room, Talley Student Center
Colonization of the Americas and misguided United States governmental policies have led to the destruction of Indigenous languages. Through his research, Marty Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi) has begun the process of language revitalization of the Tutelo-Saponi language spoken by Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe. Come out to hear more about this journey to regain one's language and learn words & phrases in the Tutelo Saponi language. Sponsored by Phi Sigma Nu American Indian Fraternity, Inc.

Native American Culture Night

Thursday, November 19th (7:00 P.M.)
Washington Sankofa Room, Witherspoon Student Center
Join us for a night of storytelling, drumming, singing, dancing, and historical trivia. If the entertainment doesn't interest you, maybe our traditional Native American Thanksgiving dishes and hors d'oeuvres will do the trick! Come out, enjoy and learn about our rich Native American heritage. Sponsored by NASA, the Student Mentor Association and Multicultural Student Affairs. **Admission is only \$2.00.**

14th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration

Saturday, November 21st (11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.)
North Carolina Museum of History
Join the North Carolina Museum of History in their annual state-wide celebration of American Indian Heritage Month. The Native American Student Association (NASA) and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) have teamed up to volunteer both days. If you would like to volunteer for this service learning project please contact George Locklear at glockle@ncsu.edu or for more information about the event go to <http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/>

"Miss Navajo" Beauty Queen or Tribal Princess? Film & Lecture

Monday, November 23rd (6:30 P.M.)
Washington Sankofa Room, Witherspoon Student Center
The film "Miss Navajo" reveals the inner beauty of a young woman who compete in this celebration of womanhood. Contestants exhibit poise and grace as those in typical pageants, but they must also answer tough questions in the Navajo language and demonstrate proficiency in skills essential to daily tribal life. Ms. April Locklear (Lumbee), a former Miss Lumbee (1992), Miss Indian North Carolina (1995), and Miss Indian World (1998) will share her personal insight following the film. Sponsored by NASA, the Women's Center and Multicultural Student Affairs.

Native American Art

October 22 - December 19, 2009, Gregg Museum, Talley Student Center
This exhibition showcases the first installment of gifts from Drs. Norman and Gilda Greenberg to the Gregg Museum of Art & Design and includes a range of Navajo work, including rugs, carvings, baskets & pottery.

For more information contact Multicultural Student Affairs at 515-3835 or Derek_Oxendine@ncsu.edu

Student Union. Members of the Carolina Indian Circle host their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

For information, call 919-843-4189 or visit <http://americanindiancenter.unc.edu>

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An Unforgettable Journey

The Charlotte Observer

Jesse Oxendine was an 18-year-old Army private in 1945 when he helped liberate Wöbbelin Concentration Camp near the German town of Ludwiglust, days before World War II ended in Europe. In no time, he witnessed the most heartfelt gratitude that lifted his soul and the worst of atrocities “with hundreds of bodies stacked like cordwood.”

Months later, in January 1946, Oxendine returned to America and took part in a parade that drew over four million people to the streets of New York City.

But never has the retired Charlotte pharmacist’s blood stirred so freely than when

Oxendine returned to Charlotte/Douglas International Airport with 122 other veterans after a free day-long trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial.

There, on the other side of security at Concourse B, they were greeted by a crowd of approximately 250 clapping, cheering, holding American flags and signs. They were local people and strangers to Oxendine.

Two days after the welcoming, he was still charmed by what he saw. “It was raining outside. The war had been over for nearly 65 years – and they would do this for us?” said Oxendine, now 83. “We walked through the line, shaking hands with people on both sides – young mothers, mothers in their 80s, vets from other wars, people with tears in their eyes, one woman crying, Boy Scouts in uniforms, young men, old men. What an honor, what a welcome.”

The vets and their escorts flew at no cost to Washington on a plane chartered by Flight of Honor, a program paid for by the Rotary Club’s District 7680, which serves 14 counties in central and western North Carolina.

At the memorial the veterans met with former U.S. Senators Bob and Elizabeth Dole. They visited Arlington National Cemetery and other monuments in a city of monuments.

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SUNS Program Update

Due to the economic downturn, the Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program has been inundated with applications for the fall semester. The program is now full and additional applications will not be considered at this time. Students approved to participate in the SUNS Program will receive a book voucher, and students successfully completing the fall semester with a grade point average of 2.0 or greater will receive a semester completion incentive payment.

The goal of the SUNS Program is to provide educational opportunities for American Indians whose educational and socioeconomic background might otherwise prevent them from successfully attending and succeeding in college. The SUNS Program provides income-eligible college students with a book voucher for the fall and spring semesters, and semester completion incentive payments. All students are required to complete an application including supporting documents and meet income eligibility requirements.

Additional opportunities may be available in early January 2010. Anyone interested in receiving an application for the 2010 spring semester should contact Kimberly Hammonds, Economic Development Director, at 919-807-4440 or Kimberly.hammonds@doa.nc.gov.

North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs



Commission Meeting Set for Dec. 4

In accordance with G.S. 143B-408(a), the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs is required to meet quarterly to address Indian policy issues and other matters before the Commission and to receive reports from standing and ad hoc committees, and from the Executive Director and his management team. Therefore, the Commission is scheduled to meet Friday, Dec. 4, in Raleigh at 5800 Faringdon Place. The meeting agenda will include, but is not limited to, the finalization of the Commission's 2010 legislative agenda, which is in preparation for the upcoming session of the N.C. General Assembly.

The Commission will receive guidance from its legal counsel regarding the Meherrin Indian Tribe vs. the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs court case. Additionally, the Commission will consider an action taken by the Administrative Office of the Courts regarding the seating of a tribal member on the Commission. Finally, the Commission will consider adopting new utility allowances for the Section 8 Housing Program.

American Indian Health Board

On Oct. 9, members of the American Indian Health Board met in the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs conference room on the third floor of the Administration Building in downtown Raleigh. Dr. Robin Cummings, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order. The purpose of this meeting was to review proposed structure and to formulate a mission statement to be discussed at the next Board meeting on Nov. 13 in Chapel Hill at the Friday Center.

\$14.6 Million in Federal Funds Approved for State Veterans Home

Gov. Bev Perdue announced in October that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) has conditionally approved North Carolina's application for federal assistance to build a 100-bed State Veterans Home in Buncombe County. Conditions for the \$14.6 million award include finalizing design documents, approval by involved state agencies, and advertising and award of construction bids.

"This facility will go a long way toward providing the long-term, skilled care that our veterans need and deserve," said Perdue. "The collaboration between the Department of Administration and Department of Health and Human Services to identify an appropriate site already owned by the state is a great example of government working for the people."

The amount of \$14,632,787 has been set aside by the USDVA – Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. In September, the USDVA announced that \$12,119,575 in federal matching funds have been set aside for a similar facility in Kinston. Both projects are funded by appropriations through the N.C. General Assembly and funds made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"Managing both projects at once will be challenging, but we are motivated by the rising number of aging veterans who need services here," Charlie Smith, Assistant Secretary of the N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs. "Within a 60-mile radius of Asheville, there are more than 100,000 veterans. The numbers

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for Kinston are similar. The sooner we get these facilities built and residents settled in, the better off we'll all be."

There are two State Veterans Homes presently in North Carolina, one in Fayetteville and the other in Salisbury. Each of the new facilities will provide residential care for up to 100 veterans and will employ 150-170 staff.

The N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs is part of the N.C. Department of Administration.

Providing Needed Resources to American Indian Children

*By Gregory A. Richardson
N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs*

On Oct. 21, I participated in my first webinar, an outreach tool designed to help educate social service providers statewide about the special needs of American Indian children. This is a topic of great importance to the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, whose members have worked hard to better identify and serve these children.

I commend the Jordan Institute for Family at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work for presenting the 90-minute webinar, "Working with Native American Families and Tribes." My fellow panelists were Nadja Jones, Senior Community Development Specialist for the National Indian Child Welfare Association, and Karma Warren, Licensing Consultant for the Division of Social Services.

My contribution focused on the progress being made, and additional steps needed, to increase the number of American Indian youth placed with American Indian foster and adoptive homes. Too often, this vital cultural connection is overlooked, creating heartache among willing Indian families and unnecessary distance from a child's cultural heritage.

The traditions of our tribal peoples are handed down from father to son, from mother to daughter. If this continuity cannot be provided from biological parents, it is important that they be maintained from within the community. We feel strongly that, if an Indian child is raised in a household not part of the community, no matter how loving, the child will not be exposed to the traditions and culture that we believe are part of his or her birthright.

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs pledges its support in improving the timely identification of American Indian children, recruitment of Indian foster families, and partnership with the state's tribes to better assist case workers in their efforts to aid our youth.

Veterans Administration to Open Clinic in Pembroke

Fayetteville Observer

By spring, veterans will not have to drive to Fayetteville for routine doctor's visits and mental health checks.

The Veteran's Administration recently announced that it will open a new, 5,500 square-foot outpatient clinic in the Carolina Commerce and Technology Center at 49 Livermore Drive in Pembroke.

The VA estimated about 2,100 existing patients and 300 new patients will use the facility to receive their primary care and mental health services. Emergency treatment will not be offered. The VA Medical Center in Fayetteville will oversee the operations of the clinic and staff it, said Jim Belmont, a spokesman for the hospital.

Federal Recognition Declined

Associated Press

After a 31-year wait, the U.S. Department of Interior will not recognize Montana's Little Shell Tribe, a group of landless Indians who have struggled to stay together through more than a century of poverty and dislocation. The long campaign for acknowledgement now turns to Congress. Members of Montana's delegation said they would push to circumvent the executive branch decision.

"It kind of hurts, naturally, but it's not the end of the line," said Little Shell elder Roger Salois, 72, after learning of the government's denial. "It's really hard to describe a feeling like this. You have your community and your place to go. We don't have that. But we're still together, and we're still Little Shell."

The three-decade delay in answering the tribe's application was chalked up in part to "departures from precedent" – a reference to the Little Shell's scattered membership and its history of intermarriage with non-Indians and members of other tribes.

Federal recognition would bring housing grants and other assistance to the tribe's 4,300 members, who are spread across Montana and neighboring states and provinces. Members of the tribe are candid about their mixed ancestry: Many also call themselves Metis, a Canadian people with European and Native American roots.

The rejected petition was filed in 1978 after several earlier attempts fell short. Nine years ago, Montana formally recognized the Little Shell, allowing the tribe to get grants for tobacco-use prevention and economic development.

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A Touch of American Indian History – We Celebrate the Past

N.C. Museum of History, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs

This listing of American Indian facts and events is offered in conjunction with the commemoration of American Indian Heritage Month.

1584 – Sir Walter Raleigh sends explorers to North America in search of potential colony sites. At Roanoke Island they meet Chief Wingina and find the site excellent for settlement. They return to England with two American Indians, Manteo and Wanchese, who learn to speak English and help to create publicity for Raleigh's colony.

1611 – Because of Spain's rivalry with England, the Spanish government develops an alliance with the Tuscarora people to monitor the Jamestown colony.

1661 – King Kilcocanen of the Yeopim Indians grants land to George Durant in the earliest grant on record in the colony.

1690s – Cherokee traders establish trade agreements with the English at Charles Towne (present day Charleston, S.C.).

1700 – An American Indian serves as an architect in the construction of a large Tuscarora Indian fort near the Neuse River.

1721 – A treaty is signed regulating trade and establishing a boundary between the Cherokee and European settlers.

1730 – Cherokee leaders visit London and confer with the king. They pledge friendship to the English and agree to trade exclusively with the British.

1738-1739 – A smallpox epidemic decimates the Indian population in North Carolina, especially in the eastern part of the colony.

1754 – Governor Arthur Dobbs receives a report of Indian families living along Drowning Creek (present-day Lumber River). This is the first written account of the tribe from whom the Lumbee descended.

1755 – The colonial governor approves a proposal to establish an Indian Academy in present-day Sampson County.

1763 – The Treaty of Paris ends the Seven Years' War in Europe and the French and Indian War in North America.

1808 – The Cherokee establish a law code and the "Light Horse Guards" to maintain law and order.

1820 – The Cherokee establish a judicial administration and eight judicial districts.

1821 – Sequoyah completes his work of establishing the Cherokee alphabet, making the Cherokee people the only group of Americans Indians to have a written language.

1828 – The first edition of the Cherokee Phoenix, a newspaper printed in Cherokee and English, is released.

1859 – The Coharie community established subscription schools for Indian children.

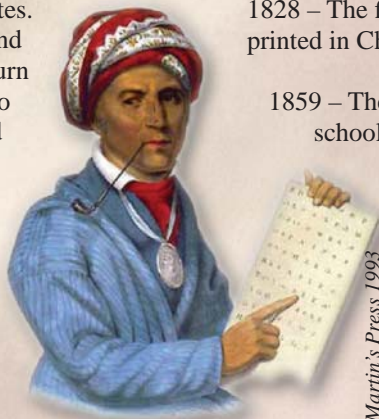
1882-early 1900s – Three schools are established in Halifax and Warren Counties to serve Haliwa-Saponi children.

1885 – The state recognized the Croatan Indians, now known as the Lumbee, as an official American Indian tribe. With recognition came separate schools for Indian students.

1887 – A normal school for Indians opens in Pembroke, Robeson County. This school evolves into the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

1889 – The Eastern Band of Cherokee is incorporated under North Carolina law.

1911-1913 – A North Carolina law changes the name of the Croatan Indians to the Indians of Robeson County. In 1913 the name is changed again to Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.



Sequoyah

St. Martin's Press 1993



Old Main at UNC Pembroke

UNC Pembroke

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1925 – Cherokee lands are placed in trust status with the federal government.

1939 – The Indian Normal School, now the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, grants its first college degree.

1950 – The Cherokee Historical Association receives funding, and the first performance of *Unto These Hills* takes place.

1953 – The State of North Carolina recognized the Lumbee (formerly called the Cherokee of Robeson County).

1958 – English E. Jones becomes the first Lumbee president of Pembroke State College.

1965 – The Haliwa receive state recognition as an Indian tribe.

1971 – The state recognized the Coharie and Waccamaw-Siouan tribes.

1971 – The General Assembly established the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. Bruce Jones, a Lumbee, serves as director.

1972 – Horace Locklear, a Lumbee, becomes the first Indian to practice law in North Carolina.

1973 – Old Main, the oldest building on the campus of Pembroke State College, is gutted by fire. After reconstruction, the building houses the Department of American Indian Studies and the Native American Resource Center.



1973 – Henry Ward Oxendine, a Lumbee from Robeson County, becomes the first American Indian to serve in the N.C. General Assembly.

1973 – The Guilford Native American Association incorporates in Greensboro.

1976 – The Metrolina Native American Association incorporates in Charlotte.

1986 – The Meherrin Indian tribe receives recognition from the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

1997 – Harrah's Cherokee Casino opens on Qualla Boundary Reservation with 175,000 square feet of space.

2001 – American Indian Fund Developed.

2002 – Development of the American Indian Economic Development Initiative.

2006 – Opening of the American Indian Center.

2009 – October: Development of the American Indian Health Board.

2009 – November: Opening of the American Indian Embassy, Washington, D.C. and White House Meeting with Tribal Leaders.

For additional information, visit <http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/nchh/amerindian.html>



Bruce Jones



Horace Locklear

Calendar

- Dec. 4 – Quarterly Commission Board Meeting, 5800 Faringdon, Place, Raleigh
- Mar. 11, 2010, Quarterly Commission Meeting, Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh
- June 4, 2010, Quarterly Commission Meeting, Location to be announced
- June 2010, Indian Youth Unity Conference, Location to be announced

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American Indian Business Leaders Honored

N.C. Indian Economic Development Initiative

The First American Corporate Leadership Award was presented to Lori Winfree, Lumbee, and to Oracle Software Corp. for their technology solutions provided to American Indian businesses leading to successful commerce.

Winfree is the Application Sales Manager who handles Oracle's Native Tribes & Casinos division. "As a Native American employee of Oracle, I am proud of the solutions that Oracle delivers in Indian Country and the commitment we have to be a part of the Native American Community. I am honored by NCAIED's (National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development) recognition of that commitment," said Winfree.

N.C. Indian Economic Development Initiative (NCIEDI) Program Manager Christine S. Theodorou, Lumbee, and April Locklear, Clinical Counselor, Robeson Health Care Corporation, Lumbee, won the NCAIED Under 40 Award given to the nation's top young American Business Leaders and Professionals for their work in economically advancing tribal communications.



Lori Winfree (left) with Margo Gray-Proctor, Chairwoman, NCAIED Board of Directors

Theodorou was honored for her state and national work in creating financial literacy and asset/wealth building strategies for American Indian communities. Locklear was recognized for her grassroots work in the advancement of tribal self-awareness via expressions in native cultural traditions.

Our Congratulations To...

North Carolina Tribal Officials Elected to NCAI Offices:

Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, was elected President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) at the organization's 66th Annual Convention. Keel has served as NCAI First Vice-President since 2005.

Archie Lynch, Tribal Administrator, Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, was elected NCAI Area Vice President, Southeastern Region of the United States.

Larry Townsend, Lumbee Tribe (Member/Lumbee Warrior), was elected Alternate NCAI Area Vice President for the Southeastern Region of the United States.

Nominee for Commissioner

Lillian Sparks, a Lakota woman of the Rosebud and Oglala Sioux Tribes, is President Obama's nominee for Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sparks received a Bachelor of Arts

degree from Morgan State University and a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center, and she has been Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) since 2004. Also, Sparks is a member of the National Congress of American Indians, the Native American Bar Association, and the National Trends & Services Committee. In 2004, she was named one of seven young Native American Leaders by the USA Weekend Magazine.

We Shall Remember

Nanny Martin, 83, of Roxboro

Mrs. Nanny Martin, an outstanding leader in the Sappony Indian Community died October 6. She is the mother of Julia Martin Phipps, a member of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs Board. Married for 62 years, Mrs. Martin was instrumental in Title 7, a cultural education program, and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Roxboro. In the 1970s, she worked with the Commission under our Vista Volunteer program, and she was very active in the N.C. Indian Senior Citizens Coalition's activities until her health declined. Mrs. Martin was very proud of her Indian heritage and culture, and she instilled that pride in her family members.

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30th Annual NCNAYO Conference

By Mickey Locklear

Local media helped share the good word about the positive activities of the 30th annual N.C. Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) youth conference held June 1-18 at UNC Wilmington.

While the powwow was the main attraction, reporters were intrigued by the NCNAYO Youth GIVE project and the fact that the group had awarded more than \$12,000 in grants to aid youth in their tribal communities. The News Reporter of Whiteville features photos of American Indian youth, and WWAY and WECT broadcast scenes from the powwow and individuals with conference attendees and adult chaperons.

Documentary features ETS Students

By Mickey Locklear

Stephanie Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi, graduate of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School, dons her fire fighter's uniform as she talks about her experience as a volunteer fire-fighter and how her volunteer hours turned into dollars that the students of the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization were able to grant for projects in their tribal communities.

Her story is one that was featured in UNC-TV's one-hour broadcast on Nov. 9. To view the podcast, visit [NC Now Special Features](#).

American Indian Workforce Development Program

2009 Training Conference

By Elk Richardson

Elk Richardson (NCCIA Director of American Indian Workforce Development Programs) and Carolyn Crocker (NCCIA WIA Services Coordinator – Waccamaw-Siouan tribal area) attended the 2009 Eastern and Mid-West Multi-Regional Indian & Native American WIA Grantees Conference.

The conference was held Nov. 2-5 in Louisville, Ky. Workshops for American Indian Workforce Development Program staff included: "Bear Tracks" case management and reporting software training; "Census 2010 in Indian Country"; "Transitioning from Reservation and/or Rural Areas to Urban Areas"; "Indian Country Going Back to Green"; "Building Network Sources and Business Relationships"; "Serving Job Seekers with Special Needs"; and many more.

Other North Carolina WIA Section 166 (Indian & Native Programs) tribes and organizations that attended the conference were the Lumbee Regional Development Association and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Approximately 250 representatives from American Indian tribes and urban American Indian center organizations from the eastern United States attended the conference.

Employment & Training Council

In conjunction with the conference held in Louisville, the U.S. Department of Labor's Native American Employment and Training Council (NAETC) met Nov. 1-2. The Council, which is authorized by Section 166(h)(4) of the Workforce Investment Act, provides advice to the Secretary of Labor regarding the provision of employment and training services to Native Americans through federal workforce development programs. Commission WIA Director, Elk Richardson is one of two representatives to the council from Indian grantees in Region III (southeastern United States).

Public comments were heard on Nov. 3. Council action at the meeting included the submission of a letter to U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis congratulating the historic Nov. 4 meeting with leaders and representatives of tribal nations, but expressing the concern with the exclusion of NAETC leadership and council members in the meeting.

For more information regarding the national conferences or the U.S. Department of Labor's Native American Employment and Training Advisory Council, visit the National Indian & Native American Employment & Training Conference (NINAETC) website at www.ninaetc.net. You may also contact Elk Richardson at elk.richardson@doa.nc.gov or 919-807-4440.

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American Indian Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program

By Kerry Bird

The American Indian Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program provides mini-grants to several tribal communities in the state which conduct grassroots activities with American Indian youth. Highlights of these mini-grant programs have included youth group activities and meetings, a cultural camp and exhibit booths at pow wows.

The program also maintains a subcontract with the Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministry (RDNACM) to coordinate a faith-based initiative. RDNACM was instrumental in developing and promoting a tobacco-free resolution to the membership of the eastern division of the United Methodist Church Convention. Attendees at the 2009 North Carolina conference held June 10-13 in Greenville passed a resolution which encouraged its 812 member churches to make their buildings and grounds tobacco-free.

In addition, staff of the American Indian Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program presented a workshop on the cultural significance of tobacco and the dangers of commercial tobacco use at the 3rd annual Conference for American Indian Women of Proud Nations conference held Sept. 23-26 at UNC-Pembroke.



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