

# INDIAN TIME

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This issue of Indian Time is dedicated to the life and legacy of Mr. Ray Littleturtle.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

### Remembering a Symbol of American Indian Heritage

For some people, the path to a brighter future means never forgetting one's past. Ray Littleturtle believed that, and his lifelong role as a vocal advocate for his beloved Lumbee Tribe, and for fair treatment and respect of all tribal cultures, today means that countless American Indian youth in North Carolina actively choose to celebrate their culture.

We all were deeply saddened to learn of Mr. Littleturtle's passing on Jan. 10 at age 72 after an extended illness. I have always viewed him as a cultural icon, having first become aware of his role as a tribal activist when I was a child. It was an honor to work with him during his tenure as a member of the [N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs](#). A textbook traditionalist, he chaired the Culture and Religion Committee.

Mr. Littleturtle's thoughtful deliberations and respect for protocol were evident in every meeting, as was his commitment to righting wrongs and celebrating cultural values. He typically wore traditional regalia at Powwows, tribal functions and Commission meetings, and especially during school visits intended to help youth gain a better appreciation of American Indian culture and values.

His rich legacy will live on in so many places – from the stone steps of the N.C. Museum of History, where he helped to develop the first American Indian Heritage Month Celebration 15 years ago (it is now the museum's largest annual event), to the prison cells where American Indian inmates complained that they were denied the right to express their religion and culture. He also was passionate about the protection of American Indian burial sites in the state. He did not believe that Indian burial remains should be stored in boxes in museums or on shelves by archaeologists, but instead respectfully reinterred and not exposed to testing for research purposes.

On behalf of the Commission, we pray that Mr. Littleturtle's own final rest returns him to the valley of unburdened joy, where he may find peace in knowing that he has done so much to improve the well-being of North Carolina's American Indian community.



Gregory A. Richardson

## Listening Session Scheduled for Input on Use and Purpose of N.C. Indian Cultural Center, Riverside Golf Course

The [N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs](#) and the [N.C. Department of Administration](#) will conduct a Listening and Learning Session regarding the use and purpose of the N.C. Indian Cultural Center and Riverside Golf Course from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 3. The session will be held at Carolina Commerce & Technology Center (ComTech Center Park), 115 Livermore Drive, Pembroke.

The purpose of the Listening and Learning Session is to provide an opportunity for tribal and community leaders, citizens, local and state officials and other interested parties to make comments regarding the

400-acre N.C. Indian Cultural Center property, including the golf course, which is located in Robeson County. The grounds, now in disrepair, formerly were used by families and visitors for summer recreation and to attend Powwows and the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind."

The State will close until further notice the Riverside Golf Course, effective 12 noon Friday. The decision to temporarily shut down the golf course was made for public safety concerns, since its facilities do not meet state building code standards and have been repeatedly vandalized.

Public comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Speaker registration will be held from 6-6:30 p.m., with the public comment period beginning at 6:30 p.m. on a first come, first serve basis. Written remarks also may be submitted for the record either at the meeting or by email to [Indian.Affairs@doa.nc.gov](mailto:Indian.Affairs@doa.nc.gov). Comments on this topic will be accepted through 5 p.m. March 25.

For additional information, contact Kimberly Hammonds at 919-807-4440 or [kimberly.hammonds@doa.nc.gov](mailto:kimberly.hammonds@doa.nc.gov).



## North Carolina Observes American Indian Heritage Month

On Nov. 3, seats in the Old House Chambers of the State Capitol were filled by tribal members and state government leaders to hear Gov. Bev Perdue formally proclaim November as American Indian Heritage Month in North Carolina.

Acknowledging the formal ceremony as a first, the Governor took time to read the entire proclamation aloud before signing it with eight pens – one each to represent our state-recognized tribes. She also paid tribute to our state’s American Indian service members, whose contributions are acknowledged in this year’s celebration poster, “Honoring the Legacy of Our Warriors.” The poster, designed by Jayce Williams, the Department of Administration’s graphic designer, featured images of American Indian veterans representing each of the eight tribes and four urban Indian organizations in the state.

On Nov. 20, the American Indian Heritage Month Celebration was held at the N.C. Museum of History. This annual event attracted a record crowd of more than 12,000 attendees, making it the largest event held by the museum in 2010. Dancers, drummers and artisans representing each of our tribal communities participated, including Miss Indian North Carolina, Qua Lynch (Haliwa-Saponi).

The highlight performers of the event were the Warriors of Anikituhwah (Eastern Band of Cherokee). A special thanks to the Eastern Band of the Cherokee and Harrah’s Cherokee Casino & Hotel, Eagle Sponsors of this year’s celebration.



*Commission Executive Director Greg Richardson (at podium) is joined by Tribal Representatives and former Rep. Ronnie Sutton to thank Gov. Bev Perdue for recognizing American Indian Heritage Month with a formal proclamation-signing event.*



*Alaskan Native and Raleigh resident Angela Avellino (right) with her children Chris, Jessica, and Nick, attend the proclamation ceremony.*





### Tribal Consultation Meetings held with U.S. Department of Education

As promised, the U.S. Department of Education returned to North Carolina for a second meeting with tribes and urban organizations to learn more the challenges faced by our American Indian students. The meetings were organized by Kerry Bird, Program Coordinator for the Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program.

The Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 sessions followed the first meeting back in August, when tribal leaders from across North Carolina gathered at the Public Schools of Robeson County Indian Education Resource Center to participate in a Listening and Learning Session. At that time, leaders had the opportunity to speak about the struggles their tribes experience with Indian education and made recommendations for improving Indian education in North Carolina.

According to Kevin Jennings, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug Free Schools, the U.S. Department of Education has been traveling the country seeking input as policymakers work on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the primary source for Indian education funding. The Department of Education issued *A Blueprint for Reform: the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act* outlining four focus areas: improving teacher and principal effectiveness, providing information to families to evaluate and improve schools and learning, implementing college-and-career-ready standards, and improving learning and achievement in America's lowest-performing schools by providing intensive support and effective interventions.

On Nov. 30, Jennings made a site visit to the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Charter School in Hollister. He met with students, staff, and teachers as he heard first-hand of the successes and challenges of operating a tribal charter school. Jennings even took a turn at skinning a deer hide as part of the culture class at the school. During his visit to the community, he also met



*Greg Richardson (fourth from left) and Kevin Jennings (fourth from right) with the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council.*

with members of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council to discuss educational issues affecting the tribal community.

That evening, Jennings met with parents, students and staff of the Wake County Title VII Indian Education Program at the Wake County Public Schools Training Center in Garner. He heard about the unique needs of American Indian students attending schools in an urban setting. One of the issues addressed was the topic of bullying in schools based on Indian identity.

On Dec. 1, an American Indian Education Forum was held at N.C. State University as a follow-up to the August meeting. Benita Tipton, N.C. Department of Public Instruction staff member to the State Advisory Council on Indian Education, presented an overview of the 2010 State Report on Indian Education. Jennings attended the forum and participated in a working session to identify implementation strategies for addressing educational concerns of North Carolina's American Indian population.

The Commission is advocating for more funding for Indian Education programs in North Carolina, increased attention to the needs of Indian students in the state, and continued eligibility of state-recognized tribes in federally funded education programs.

### 2011 North Carolina Indian Unity Conference

The 36th Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference will be held March 10-12 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh. "Honoring the Legacy of Our American Indian Warriors" is the conference theme, with a special tribute to be given to American Indian veterans. The conference is sponsored by United Tribes of North Carolina. For information, contact Gladys Hunt, United Tribes President, at 910-483-8742.

United Tribes of North Carolina is a nonprofit corporation established in 1982 to provide greater coordination and unity among the Indian tribes and organizations of the state, to promote educational, economic, religious, charitable and cultural activities for Indian people, and to increase economic prosperity for Indians of North Carolina.



## CDC Senior Tribal Liaison Meets with Tribal Leaders

A tribal consultation meeting was held on Dec. 14 between North Carolina tribes and the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) within the Centers for Disease Control Office in Atlanta. Missy Brayboy, Project Director for the Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program, coordinated the meeting.

Kimberly Cantrell, OSTLTS Senior Tribal Liaison, gathered information from tribal representatives and state health officials related to the health needs of American Indians in North Carolina. Following welcoming remarks by Administration Secretary Moses Carey, Commission Executive Director Greg Richardson gave an overview of the Commission's structure and programming.

Other presenters at the meeting included: Dr. Jeff Engel, State Health Director, N.C. Department of Health and Human Services; Lisa Harrison, Director of N.C. Healthy Carolinians; Dr. Ronny Bell, Director, Maya Angelou Center, Wake Forest University; Kimberly Leathers, N.C. Office of Minority Health; Sharon Rhyne, N.C. Division of Public Health; and Dr. Laura Gerald, Executive Director, Health and Wellness Trust Fund.

The following day, Cantrell attended a forum in Pembroke where she heard from community health practitioners, including Rev. Dr. Mike Cummings, Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, and Jinnie Lowery, CEO of Robeson Health Care Corporation.

## State Capitol Memorial Advisory Committee

*By Greg Richardson*

The American Indian Subcommittee of the State Capitol Memorial Advisory Committee held its initial meeting on Sept. 20 to initiate the process of selecting an appropriate subject for the memorial to American Indians to be erected on the State Capitol grounds at Union Square. Those participating in the meeting were Michael Hill, Brendan Greaves, Louise Maynor, Greg Richardson, Archie Smith, Richard Starnes and Tyler Howe.

Hill led the discussion, and members suggested broad themes, motifs and images for the anticipated monument. Some of the ideas to be considered for the project included the reflection of a spiritual element, the inclusion of all American Indians in North Carolina, and the use of culturally-relevant materials. Efforts will be made to engage a North Carolina artist to complete this memorial and to assure that American Indian artists are involved in the process.

## Governor's Interstate Indian Council Meeting

Commission Executive Director Greg Richardson attended the Governor's Interstate Indian Council (GIIC), which met in Carson City, Nev., last August. The GIIC is a national organization that represents state Indian Commissions and serves as a forum to discuss state legislative and governmental issues affecting American Indians. Topics discussed included education, health care, employment, Indian child welfare, and national policies impacting American Indians at the state level. New officers were elected and local, state and tribal leaders spoke on many of these topics.

## Native Women's Conference Held in Cherokee

*By Kerry Bird*

The fourth annual American Indian Women of Proud Nations Conference was held Sept. 16-17 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel in Cherokee. The Conference theme, "Nurturing and Empowering Our Communities through Leadership," was woven into remarks by keynote speakers and workshop presenters as they shared information on the importance of American Indian women to tribal communities, reflecting on traditional roles and contemporary challenges.

Michell Hicks, Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, and Greg Richardson, Commission Executive Director, gave welcoming remarks. Award recipients honored for their contributions to American Indian women were: Sally Bradley (Cherokee), Joyce Dugan (Cherokee), Kay Sanders (Cherokee), Amanda Swimmer (Cherokee), and Amelia C. Trice (Kootenai Tribe of Idaho). Commission staff attending included Kerry Bird and Missy Brayboy, workshop presenters, and Tiffany Graham-Locklear and Mickey Locklear, planning committee members.



## REPORTS FROM PROGRAM DIRECTORS

### Educational Talent Search

### North Carolina Students Represent at National Level

*By Mickey Locklear, Director*

Three North Carolina students Leslie Locklear, Lumbee, from Red Springs; Katelyn Jacobs, Waccamaw-Siouan, from Bolton; and Josh Locklear, Lumbee, from Maxton were elected at-large members on the Executive Committee of the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Council during the UNITY Conference in San Diego, July 16-20, 2010.

The National UNITY Council is composed of two representatives (one young man and one young woman) from each affiliated youth council as well as those representing individual members of the UNITY network. The National UNITY Council serves as the voice for American Indian and Alaska Native youth (ages 15-24).

In other UNITY news, Brittany Hammonds, Lumbee, from Lumberton was selected as the southeastern regional representative to UNITY.

Matthew Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi, from Hollister and a



*North Carolina students participate in National UNITY Conference in San Diego.*

graduate of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School, received the Golda Cook Memorial Scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship was awarded to two students during the UNITY Conference in San Diego.

### Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program

### Youth Attend TRU Tuesdays

*By Kerry Bird, Program Coordinator*

Central Region Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program grantees of the Health and Wellness Trust Fund held a series of youth development activities every Tuesday for six weeks during the summer. The Commission and TRU group members representing the Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministry participated in several of the events.

TRU is an acronym for Tobacco Reality Unfiltered ([www.tobaccorealityunfiltered.com](http://www.tobaccorealityunfiltered.com)), a statewide initiative to get youth involved in tobacco prevention activities. The first TRU event was held June 29, 2010, in Raleigh and included a visit to the Legislative Building. Representative Jennifer Weiss, a co-sponsor of House Bill 2 prohibiting smoking in bars and restaurants, gave an overview of the legislative work it takes to introduce a bill and get it passed.

Members of the Rockingham TRU youth group along with members of the Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center TRU youth



*Members of the Rockingham TRU youth group tour the Legislative Building.*

group participated in the TRU Tuesday event held July 27 in Moore County. Members conducted a presentation on the cultural significance of tobacco to American Indians and performed a dance exhibition.



## Workforce Investment Act Program

### Program Coordinator Attends Ribbon-Cutting

*By Elk Richardson, Director*

Carolyn Hunt Crocker, Waccamaw-Siouan Tribal Area WIA Coordinator, attended the ribbon-cutting for the planned Economic and Workforce Development Department of the Brunswick Community College Center in Leland, N.C, on June 1. Congressman Mike McIntyre and Commerce Secretary Keith Crisco participated in the ribbon cutting. This event was sponsored by the Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees and President Stephen Greiner.

In August, Crocker attended the Vision East's strategic planning retreat in New Bern. as a representative of the youth committee for the Cape Fear Council of Governments. Vision East has developed a "strategic-doing" plan to address its 38-county region's planning and policy infrastructure in response to its



*Carolyn Crocker and Commerce Secretary  
Keith Crisco attend the ribbon cutting event.*

economic and labor market influence that currently exist in the region. Vision East is one of a consortium of seven workforce development boards which represents 38 percent of the State of North Carolina.

## Students express appreciation for WIA Support



*Jennifer Dorman*

Jennifer Dorman, who now lives in Pembroke and is originally from the Buckhead community of the Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Tribe, writes: "I would like to thank Mr. Elk Richardson, Director of the WIA Program, and Mrs. Kimberly Hammonds, SUNS Director, for helping me through school at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville. I am entering my senior year at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and I could not

have made it this far without your assistance. The funding from programs like WIA and SUNS helped with my gas expenses and bills."

Lynn Brewington of Clinton wishes to thank the WIA Section 166, American Indian Workforce Program Director Elk Richardson and Sue Brewington, Coharie Tribal Area WIA Coordinator, for the opportunity to participate in the Commission's Adult Work Experience Program. She worked with the Commission's Community Services Program as the Senior Citizens' Coordinator/Office Assistant under the supervision of Sadie Barbour, Community Services Program Director. Brewington says that working with the senior citizens was one of the most rewarding experiences of her career. She was recently hired by the Coharie Tribe as its Community Health Ambassador.



*Lynn Brewington*



## Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program

*By Kimberly Hammonds, Director*

We are pleased to report that our grant application for the Community Services Block Grant Program funding for the Supporting Undergraduate Students (SUNS) Program was approved.

This fiscal year has started with a bang. We have received 41 SUNS Program applications and an additional 41 requests for applications. We have been inundated with requests for assistance, which we feel is a direct result of the economic downturn and the lack of individuals to secure adequate employment.

At the request of our students, we added an additional workshop in December to provide students with another opportunity to network with other native students from across the state. During this meeting, we sought input from students on other services and proposed changes to the design of the SUNS Program for FY 2011-2012.

For information, please contact Kimberly Hammonds, Economic Development Director, at 919-807-4440 or [Kimberly.hammonds@doa.nc.gov](mailto:Kimberly.hammonds@doa.nc.gov) and be sure to include SUNS in the subject line of the email.

## Section 8 Program

### W.C. Groves Retires as Director of Section 8 Housing Program

*By Greg Richardson*

William C. (W.C.) Groves, Director of the Commission's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program retired on Dec. 1. We want to take this opportunity to thank him for 35 years of services to the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and to the American Indian citizens of North Carolina.

W.C. started to work with the Commission on Dec. 8, 1975, in the Comprehensive Employment and Training Program. He became Director of the Section 8 Housing Program in 1990 and continued to serve in that capacity until he retired.

The Commission staff hosted a retirement luncheon for W.C. on Dec. 6. Administration Secretary Moses Carey and Deputy Secretary June W. Michaux expressed congratulations regarding W.C.'s years of service to the citizens of the State of North Carolina. Additionally, a number of Commission staff spoke about his dedication and service to the Commission and shared personal stories about how W.C. touched their lives.

Unfortunately, W.C. was unable to attend due to illness. His retirement certificate and a special plaque will be presented soon.

## Community Services

*By Sadie Barbour, Director*

We are pleased to announce that our Community Services Program has received recertification status. I want to take this opportunity to express deep appreciation for all of the contributions made by everyone associated with the program to make it successful, including the volunteer drivers and in-home aide participants, as well as tribal leaders who support the program.

The effective date for the new certification to begin was Aug. 1.



## Saluting our in-home aides

*By Sadie Barbour, Director*

The Community Service In-Home Aide staff provides in-home level 1 care in Harnett, Sampson, Cumberland, Warren, Columbus and Bladen counties. This service has been provided by the Commisison to our tribal communities for more than 30 years. Our clients are certified through each local Department of Social Service.

We have interviewed both the aides and the clients as to what this service means to them. I am pleased to announce that in all counties the clients are very satisfied with this service. One client reported that the service allows her to remain in her home where she feels safe and independent. Other clients wanted to share that the care they receive is given in a respectful and culturally-appropriate manner.

Leslie Maynard wished to “tell the world” that his aide, Daris Hunt, cooked for him like his mother did, and she always makes an effort to prepare enough food for the next day for

him. Maggie Graham and Marcella Patrick were referred to as “angels sent from heaven,” and, even when off duty, they are just a phone call away. Denise Cox, Jerri Perry, and Pandora Silver were all described as always knowing what their clients need even before they are asked. The nice little cards and shared Bible verses are very uplifting as well.

When in-home aides were asked what the best thing about their jobs was, the answer was the same across the board. They all enjoy their assigned duties and felt very fortunate to have such unique relationships with their clients. In-home aides work twenty hours per week and volunteer with their clients when needed.

We salute our clients for allowing us to serve them, and we acknowledge our capable in-home aides for their dedication to quality care.

## Dr. James Jones Receives 2010 Harris Award

*From the Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence*

The recipient of this year’s T. Reginald Harris Memorial Award has been described by his colleagues as a giant in medicine in North Carolina. James G. Jones, MD, a member of the Lumbee Indian tribe who spent his career advancing the quality of care in the state, received the distinguished Harris Award on Oct. 23 from the Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME), in honor of the life and memory of T. Reginald Harris, MD, one of CCME’s founding members. The award was given at the annual meeting of the N.C. Medical Society.

Throughout his career, Dr. Jones has dedicated himself to finding ways to make the health care system work better for patients. In 1994, he was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., to direct all health planning activity for North Carolina. He served as the executive director of the N.C. Health Care Reform Commission and served on the board of directors of the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research, N.C. Foundation for Advanced Health Program, and Cape Fear HealthNet. In 1990, Dr. Jones established the James G. Jones, MD, Student Scholarship Program at the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Foundation to demonstrate his continuing commitment to the education of medical students. He currently

serves on the American Indian Health Board (AIHB), which was created by the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs to address the many needs of North Carolina’s American Indian population.

Dr. Jones was the first American Indian graduate from Wake Forest University and earned his medical degree from Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and he serves as the medical director of Access III of the Lower Cape Fear. He started a family medical practice in Jacksonville, and later moved to Greenville to direct the newly-formed Family Practice Residency Program at East Carolina University (ECU) School of Medicine, where he became the founding chair of the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Jones was past president of the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians and the AAFP.

We congratulate Dr. Jones for his outstanding leadership in the field of medicine and for his effort to make a positive difference in the health care system. Dr. Robin Cummings, President of the AIHB said, “I can not think of anyone more deserving of this high honor than Dr. Jones. He continues to advocate for the improvement of medical services for the citizens of North Carolina.”





## Scheirbeck championed American Indian Civil Rights

Washington, D.C.– Dr. Helen Maynor Scheirbeck, longtime champion of American Indian civil rights, pioneer for Indian control of their own education, and passionate advocate for the sovereignty of her Lumbee Tribe, died on Dec. 19, 2010, at age 75. In May of 2009, just weeks before the debilitating stroke that led to her death, Dr. Scheirbeck’s 40 plus-year odyssey fighting for Indian Self-determination was recognized by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. By her side also receiving an honorary degree was anti-apartheid campaigner and Nobel Peace Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Dr. Scheirbeck was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. She served as the Secretary to the Board for two terms and joined the staff at the museum, where she served from 2000-2007 as Senior Advisor for Museum Programs and Scholarly Research and earlier as the Assistant Director for Public Programs.

Prior to joining the museum, Dr. Scheirbeck had a long career working for the development of Indian tribal governments and communities, Indian control of educational institutions, and on issues related to Indian children and families.

She began her career as a staff member of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights chaired by former

Senator Sam Ervin (D-North Carolina). She helped organize a Capitol Conference on Poverty in 1962, where Indian leaders advocated for Indian participation in the War on Poverty. On her recommendation, Ervin held hearings that culminated in the 1968 Indian Bill of Rights.

That same year she was named director of the Office of Indian Education in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, where she led efforts to pass the Indian Education Act of 1975. As a member of the American Indian Policy Review Commission, she worked to craft reforms that led to the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978.

“She had a hand in every major initiative in Indian education for the last 40 years,” remarked Kevin Gover, director of the museum. “Her passing is a great loss, and a reminder of what we can achieve when we believe deeply in our cause.”



*Helen Scheirbeck*

Photo courtesy of NMAI

## Educator Named Clinton City Schools Principal of the Year

### *Excerpts from The Sampson Independent*

Vivian Maynor, Principal of Kerr Elementary School in Clinton and a member of the Coharie Indian Tribe, was named Clinton City Schools Principal of the Year at the Oct. 5 meeting of the Board of Education. She was singled out for her drive, hands-on approach to management, love of the school as well as its children and faculty, and for the innovative programs at Kerr.



*Vivian Maynor*

Under Maynor’s leadership, students have demonstrated continuous improvement in reading, writing and math. She credits her staff and a supportive group of parents for helping to bring about what she calls “remarkable results.”

To ensure that all teachers meet the needs of all children, Maynor stressed the need to provide programs that challenge students and encouraged parents to be part of the academic process available at Kerr.



## Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Tribe Conducts Voter Registration Drive

By *Greg Richardson*

The Waccamaw Siouan Tribe held a voter registration drive in conjunction with its annual powwow Oct. 15-16 in support of the American Indian Caucus' goal to increase American Indian voter registration by at least 10 percent. Each tribe and organization was requested to designate a person to serve as the local registrar and to work with the local Board of Elections to coordinate a voter registration drive.

The registrar was responsible for obtaining copies of the voter registration forms and coordinating registration activities in the Indian Community. Additionally, the Executive Director, or the Tribal Administrator, of each tribe and organization was asked to incorporate voter registration activities in all programs and encourage everyone 18 or older to register to vote.

## Kenneth Wilkins Addresses Senior Health Issues during August Staff Meeting

Kenneth Wilkins, Special Populations Outreach Manager with the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), spoke at the Commission's September staff meeting regarding Medicare, Medicare Part D, and the Extra Help program.

Wilkins explained that there are many people who have a hard time paying for their medicines and Part D monthly premiums. The federal Extra Help low-income subsidy program can increase cost savings by paying for all or part

of the monthly premiums and annual deductibles, and by reducing drug co-payment amounts for those who qualify.

To qualify for Extra Help, the annual income for an individual must be no more than \$16,245 (\$21,855 for a married couple living together) and the total resources must be no more than \$12,510 for an individual (\$25,010 for a married couple living together).

If you know individuals who may qualify for the Extra Help program,

please encourage them to call SHIIP toll-free at 1-800-443-9354.

SHIIP is a consumer information division of the N.C. Department of Insurance that offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance information. SHIIP's trained volunteers provide one-on-one counseling in all 100 counties in the state. More information is available at [www.ncshiip.com](http://www.ncshiip.com).

## Haliwa Saponi Presents Tribal School History at Smithsonian

*The Roanoke Daily Herald*

As part of the Oral History Project Double Feature, a delegation from the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe traveled to Washington, D.C., in July to participate in a presentation for museum staff at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. Project coordinators compiled more than 30 hours of audio and video footage with photographs of the Haliwa Indian school founders, teachers and students.

The delegation included Marty Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi Tribe Director of Planning and Development; Glenda Evans, committee member and former school student; Karen Lynch Harley, committee member; Dr. Joseph Richardson, tribal council chairman, former student and principal; Dr. Ogletree Richardson, former student and assistant teacher; and Miss Indian North Carolina and tribal member, Elizabeth Qua Lynch.

This project was made possible in part by a grant from the N.C. Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



### Congratulations

**Alisa Hunt-Lowery** of Clayton, for her appointment to the Domestic Violence Commission of the N.C. Council for Women. Her appointment became effective Sept. 1 and will expire Aug. 31, 2012.

**Commission Executive Director Greg Richardson**, for his recent appointment by Governor Perdue to serve as a member of the N.C. Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs.

### Calendar

#### February 5

N.C. School of Science and Math Powwow  
Durham, N.C.

#### February 25

Minority Health Conference  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### March 10

Quarterly Commission Meeting  
North Raleigh Hilton  
Raleigh, N.C.

#### March 10-12

36th Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference  
North Raleigh Hilton  
Raleigh, N.C.

#### March 16

Guest Lecturer with Elder and Residents Program: Ada Deer  
UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### March 19

UNC-Chapel Hill Powwow  
Fetzer Gym  
Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### March 26

East Carolina University Powwow  
Minges Coliseum  
Greenville, NC

#### April 2

N.C. State Powwow  
Raleigh, N.C.

#### April 7-8

7th Annual Southeast American Indian Studies Conference  
UNC-Pembroke  
Pembroke, N.C.

### In Remembrance

**Mr. Darryl Carter**, nephew of Chief Don Carter and a Commission member; Oct. 21.

**Mr. Harold Deese**, 68, former Assistant Director of the Commission; Oct. 24.

**Mrs. Inez Goins**, 79, mother of Dianne Goins, former Educational Talent Search Director at the Commission; June 24.

**Ms. Mary Allean Mitchell Graham**, 77, wife of Haynes Graham, who formerly served as Chairman of the N.C. Indian Housing Authority; Aug. 29.

**Ms. Thelma Hammonds Huggins**, 90, tribal grassroots leader and a strong supporter of the Guilford Native American Association, the Guilford Native Art Gallery, and the Association's Annual Powwow; June 5

**Mr. Ammie Jacobs**, 102, Coharie Indian tribal elder; Nov. 7.

**Mr. John Marshall "Jug" Jeffries**, 93, a member of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation and grandfather of Sharon Jeffries, Commission member; August 28.

**Mrs. Eunice Mae Jones Locklear**, sister of Commissioner Daniel Jones; Oct. 18.

**Ms. Wanda Kay Locklear**, a member of the Lumbee Tribe, who served as its as Director of Youth Services; July 2.

**Mr. Baldy Edward "Running Bear" Richardson**, a community leader who was an actively-involved member of the Haliwa-Saponi tribe and one of the original Tribal Council members following reconstruction of the tribal government; Sept. 4.

**Mr. Gerald Sutton**, brother of Rep. Ronnie Sutton of Lumberton; Nov. 16.

**Mr. Stephan Wilson**, 48, a native of Hollister and the son of Mr. Manson and Ms. Colemarine Wilson, an employee in the Commission's Community Services Program; Sept. 1.



## American Indian Heritage Month



*Chairman Paul Brooks thanks Gov. Bev Perdue during the proclamation signing ceremony at the State Capitol.*



*Miss Indian North Carolina Qua Lynch performs a ceremonial dance at the N.C. Museum of History.*



*John Scott Richardson (right) performs during American Indian Heritage Month event.*



*Grand entry of traditional dancers begins the annual celebration at the N.C. Museum of History.*



*Tribal leaders gather at State Capitol for the Nov. 3 Signing Ceremony.*



*Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center TRU youth participate in the American Indian Heritage Month Celebration.*



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### **Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe**

Jeffrey Anstead ~ Ruth Ealing

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