



INDIAN TIME

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the fall edition of *Indian Time*. Our lead topic for this issue is American Indian Heritage Month, which is celebrated each November in North Carolina and across the nation to highlight and commemorate the heritage of our first citizens. While we celebrate this rich legacy, it is incumbent upon us to reflect and think about what it means to be an American Indian, in a nation of nations, and why it is important to commemorate and set aside time each year to recognize this population.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, North Carolina was home to 99,541 American Indians. Membership in our state's eight recognized tribes likely has increased since that time. Each tribal government not only has its own distinct governing structure and tribal enrollment criteria, but also develops and manages many successful programs designed to address the needs and concerns of its community.

It is important to acknowledge and recognize those tribes by name, so that the public will know who they are: Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Haliwa-Saponi, Sappony, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation, Lumbee and Waccamaw Siouan. Additionally, there are four Urban Indian Associations in North Carolina: Cumberland

County Association for Indian People, Guilford Native American Association, Metrolina Native American Association and Triangle Native American Society.

One does not have to be an enrolled member of an Indian tribe to be considered an American Indian. However, while one can have deep-rooted American Indian ancestry, ancestry alone does not give one a right to be enrolled in a tribe or to receive services. There are 562 federally-recognized Indian tribes and 40-plus state-recognized Indian tribes located throughout the United States. The federal and state designations are distinct, and neither level of recognition has any impact over the other. All American Indians are U.S. citizens, and each has the right to seek enrollment in their tribe.

Please join us in North Carolina's celebration American Indian Heritage Month and be sure to share with friends and colleagues news of President George Bush's recent action to establish Native American Heritage Day, which will be observed henceforth the Friday after each Thanksgiving holiday.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY ESTABLISHED

President George Bush has signed into law legislation to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving as Native American Heritage Day. The Native American Heritage Day Bill designates Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, as a day to pay tribute to Native Americans for their many contributions to the United States.

"It is significant that a federal observance has been established to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of American Indian citizens," said Greg Richardson, executive director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

"We feel this reinforces our efforts here in North Carolina to ensure that all citizens are aware of the rich heritage of our first citizens, including their many historic and contemporary contributions," he added. "The Commission encourages all tribes and organizations to plan special events and activities in their schools and communities to honor American Indians."

The Native American Heritage Day Bill encourages Americans of all backgrounds to observe Native American Heritage Day through appropriate ceremonies and activities. It also encourages public elementary and secondary schools to enhance student understanding of American Indians by providing classroom instruction focusing on their history, achievements and contributions.

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American Indian Heritage Celebration

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22

N.C. Museum of History, Raleigh, N.C.

Celebrate North Carolina's American Indian heritage with a day of performances, crafts, games, demonstrations and foods. Call 919-807-7900 or visit

<http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/> for more information.

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**AMERICAN INDIAN
Heritage Celebration**

This program is supported by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, the North Carolina Museum of History Association, and United Area Council of Raleigh and Wake County, with funds from the United Arts campaign as well as the North Carolina Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art.

OTHER AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH ACTIVITIES

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Washington, D.C.

View online information about the museum's programs and exhibits during American Indian Heritage Month and throughout the year at www.AmericanIndian.si.edu/

TRIBAL RECOGNITION

Since 1976, the Commission has administered procedures for the state recognition of previously unrecognized American Indian tribes and organizations in North Carolina. Authorized by N.C. General Statute 143B-406, the Commission administers tribal recognition procedures, as established under Chapter 15 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. A 12-member Recognition Committee composed of representatives of each American Indian tribe and Urban American Indian organization makes recommendations on recognition matters to the full commission.

The Meherrin Tribe of Hertford County was granted state recognition under these procedures in 1986. In 1997, the historic tribal group known as the Indians of Person County had its recognition status reinstated by the N.C. General Assembly, and are now recognized as Sappony. In March 2000, the Commission officially recognized the Raleigh-based Urban American Indian organization, Triangle Native American Society, Inc. In February 2002, an Orange County Superior Court Order, issued in accordance with a decision rendered by the N.C. Court of Appeals, granted legal recognition of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation.

Since Jan. 1 of this year, the Commission has expedited the disposition of recognition cases with two groups: one calling itself the "Coree Indian Nation" and the other the "Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina." The Commission is now prepared to precede with a group from Maxton (Robeson County) calling itself the "Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina."

The rules which govern the process for state recognition of American Indian tribes may be found at the following website: <http://www.doa.nc.gov/cia/documents/CIA-LegRecogAmericanIndiaGroups.pdf>

Key factors addressed during the North Carolina tribal recognition process include the petitioning group's ability to trace its ancestry back to American Indian tribes indigenous to North Carolina prior to 1790 (1 NCAC 15.0203[a]); the petitioner's submission of its membership lists ("tribal rolls") of its inter-related members (1 NCAC 15.0209[6] and 15.0202[5]), which must be consistent with submitted genealogical charts and information; and the petitioning group's satisfaction of five of eight criteria that address various aspects of continuous historic American Indian tribal identity in North Carolina (1 NCAC 15.0212).

For information, contact Elk Richardson (elk.richardson@doa.nc.gov), staff to the Recognition Committee.

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CALL FOR DONATIONS OF RESOURCE ITEMS

Every year, we are inundated with requests to provide speakers and conduct presentations, especially for elementary schools. As such, the Commission seeks your assistance in putting together a Teaching and Learning Resource Kit. We aim to collect items from each of the eight state recognized tribes to ensure a thoughtful and well-balanced presentation.

Items needed include gourds, pottery, quilt squares, beadwork/jewelry, cornhusk dolls, baskets, pieces of animal fur/hide, feathers, hand drums and any other item you would like to donate. This Teaching and Learning Resource Kit will remain the property of the Commission and will be used by staff when making presentations to schoolchildren.

For additional information, or to submit items, please contact Kimberly Hammonds at 919-789-5900.

COMMISSION CREATES EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

On Sept. 16, the Commission entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Robeson Community College (RCC) and the Indian Arts Institute (IAI) of Santa Fe, N.M. The purpose of this MOU is to establish a relationship and build up activities between the Commission, RCC and the IAI to increase the capacity of American Indian students' access to high-quality educational opportunities.

Both institutions and the Commission will make efforts in advocating and promoting IAI activities amongst state recognized tribes across the state of North Carolina. This

historic outreach opportunity will allow the Commission to work collaboratively to develop an IAI curriculum that will enhance and strengthen knowledge about American Indian history and culture, support RCC/IAI matriculation/transfer efforts endorsed by both the states of New Mexico and North Carolina, work to design a joint RCC/IAI digital art initiative, and coordinate joint art shows at RCC/IAI galleries.

N.C. STATE INTERNSHIP COUNCIL

The N.C. State Internship Council received 221 project proposals for the summer 2009 State Government Internship Program. Two of the approved projects are with the Commission of Indian Affairs.

One-hundred paid internships in virtually all areas of state government are available for 10 weeks each summer for undergraduates, graduate students and those attending professional schools. For information, visit <http://www.doa.nc.gov/yaio/intern.htm>

Approved projects are: A Historical Perspective of Indian Education in North Carolina, and Foster Care and Adoption Task Force Intern.

AMERICAN INDIAN NEWS

PRESIDENT SIGNS HOUSING ASSISTANCE BILL

President George Bush recently signed into law H.R. 2786, an Act of Congress to amend and reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), the major Federal Act relating to Native American housing and community development. This

N.C. COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS SWORN IN

Noah Woods, Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, swore in members Commission of Indian Affairs at the group's Sept. 5 board meeting. Pictured from right to left are: Doug Patterson (Meherrin Indian Tribe), Lila Spaulding (Waccamaw Siouan Tribe), Sharn Jeffries (Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation), Earlene Stacks (Metrolina Native American Association), Shelia Wilson (Sappony Tribe), Laurence Hunt (Lumbee Tribe), Ruth Revels (Guilford Native American Association) and Ray Littleturtle (Lumbee Tribe). Olivia Richardson of the N.C. Native American Youth Organization is not pictured.



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milestone housing comes after years of hard work by the Indian tribes, Alaska Native Villages, tribal housing authorities and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC).

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS CONFERENCE

Commission leadership charged Greg Richardson, lead advocate for American Indian citizens in our state, with the responsibility of attending National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) conference Oct. 19-24 in Phoenix, Ariz. He attended meetings related to Federal Recognition, Indian Education, Indian Housing and Workforce Investment Act.

Established in 1944, NCAI is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments. NCAI is positioned to monitor federal policy and coordinate efforts to inform federal decisions that affect tribal government interests.

NCAI has grown over the years from its modest beginnings of 100 people to include 250 member tribes from throughout the United States. Today, it serves as the major national tribal government organization, and it is imperative that State Recognized Indians be represented and engaged. Archie Lynch, Tribal Administrator for the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, serves on the NCAI Executive Committee as the Southeastern Regional Vice-President.

RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Commission entered into a one-year lease agreement on Sept. 4 with Robert Ward for management of Riverside Golf Course. Ward brings over 17 years experience working in the golf business, including full operation of Riverside Country Club, working for Southern Pines Country Club and the Country Club of Whispering Pines. He is certified in chemical applications, turf management and is a master gardener. Finally, he is certified with the Professional Golfers' Association as a master club maker and golf teacher. Ward is dedicated to developing the full potential of Riverside Golf Course and we look forward to seeing him succeed.

COHARIE TRIBE ELECTS NEW CHIEF

Reverend Donald R. Carter took office as Chief of the Coharie Tribe on Sept. 12. During his acceptance speech, he thanked the Coharie People for putting their faith and trust in him and he vowed to do his best with God's help and their prayers to be an effective Chief. He also acknowledged that "we had some big moccasins to fill" following Chief Gene Faircloth, and he thanked Chief Faircloth and Mrs. Faircloth for the support and help they have given.

Carter retired from United Parcel Services (UPS) in 2000 after 32 years of service and has been the pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Buckhead, N.C., since January 1980. He is married to Loretha Maynard Carter and they have two sons, Joshua and Justin, and three grandchildren. They are life-long residents of Sampson County.

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION APPOINTMENT

N.C. Board of Governors has reappointed Dr. Zoe Locklear to the State Advisory Council on Indian Education. Her term of office will extend through 2012.

NMAI RELEASES 2008-2009 SCHOOL PROGRAM GUIDE

The new National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) School Program Guide lists tours, exhibitions and performances of interest to school audiences at the museum. It also offers information on teacher workshops, classroom resource materials and how to plan and schedule a visit to NMAI in Washington, D.C. View the guide online at www.AmericanIndian.si.edu/

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

President George Bush signed the Higher Education Opportunity Act, H.R. 4137, in August. This legislation reauthorizes the Higher Education Act. It includes numerous amendments designed to increase homeless and foster students' access to postsecondary education.

COMMISSION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

AMERICAN INDIAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

RICHARDSON REAPPOINTED

Elk Richardson was reappointed by U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao to a two-year term to the Native American Employment and Training Council, representing Indian grantees in Region III (southeastern United States). The Council, which is authorized by Section 166(h)(4) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), provides advice to the Secretary of Labor regarding the provision of employment and training services to Native Americans through federal workforce development programs.

The Council was first established by Section 401 of the Job Training Partnership Act of 1992. Richardson, the Commission's WIA Director, was appointed to his first two-year term on July 9, 1993. Since that time, he has diligently

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represented North Carolina and the American Indian grantees in the southeastern U.S. and provided strong leadership in Council advice to the U.S. Department of Labor.

In these capacities, Richardson serves on several subcommittees that develop policy positions for the full Advisory Council in its responsibility to provide advice to the Labor Secretary. These subcommittees include the WIA Regulations Workgroup, Census Workgroup, Grantee Designation Workgroup, Reporting and Performance Measures Workgroup, and the WIA Reauthorization Workgroup. Meetings of the Advisory Council or its workgroups are scheduled to be held in November.

For information, contact Richardson at 919-789-5900 or elk.richardson@doa.nc.gov

SWEATT PARTICIPATES IN N.C. YOUTH LEADERSHIP NETWORK

Austin Paul Sweatt, Coharie tribe member of Sampson County, was selected to participate in the inaugural Statewide Youth Leadership Network held July 12-15 at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke. Austin is the son of Paul and Valerie Sweatt and is a participant in the Commission's Workforce Development Program. He attends Sampson Community College. Austin's brother, Carrington, was also chosen to attend the conference.



Austin Paul Sweatt

The Youth Leadership Network is a youth-led statewide organization that focuses on youth with disabilities taking leadership of their lives and their community. Delegates met in small teams based on regional locations. Each group developed a project to work on when they return to their local communities. Austin was the leader from his region and was one of five participants chosen to visit Washington, D.C., on Sept. 19-23 to lobby for the Community Choice Act (S.799). This Act will give people real

choices in long term care options by reforming Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid) by ending the institutional bias.

While in Washington, Austin visited with Congressman Walter B. Jones and also the offices of Congressmen Bob Etheridge and Brad Miller.

NEW GRANT DIRECTORY

Organizations that focus on workforce development and job training are a significant asset to their communities. Many corporate and private foundations see the value in these community organizations reaching their neighbors and want

to help. A new resource is available to help bridge the gap between funding and services for many community organizations.

The Directory of Foundation Workforce Development Grant Opportunities booklet is a resource for organizations looking for funding opportunities for their workforce development or economic development programs. This directory provides a detailed list of private and corporate foundations that provide grant opportunities to faith-based community organizations that are looking to further their workforce development and job-training programs.

This directory provides a detailed list of private and corporate foundations that provide grant opportunities to FBCOs in order to give community organizations a clear and concise tool to pursue grants. These lists provide a detailed explanation of each grant and contact information to more easily determine eligibility. Click here to view the document: [Directory of Foundation Workforce Grant Opportunities \(PDF\)](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

NATIONAL INDIAN PARENT INFORMATION CENTER BOARD

Sadie Brewington Barbour was officially seated on the National Indian Parent Information Center (NIPIC) Board of Directors on Aug. 17 at its annual conference held in Albuquerque, N.M. This year's conference theme was "Strengthening the Circle – Including Children and Young Adults with Disabilities."



Pictured in back row: Janella Carter Williams, attendee, Coharie Tribal Member; Margaret Romer; Sadie Brewington Barbour, NIPIC member; Judy Wiley, NIPIC Director. Front row: Tracey R. Justesen, Assistant Secretary Office of Special Education and U.S. Department of Education, and Christine Brono, NIPIC Board President.

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Barbour is the only American Indian from our region on the NIPIC Board. She is also serving on the N.C. Council of Developmental Disabilities as a parent of a child with developmental disabilities. "It's great to have another outlet to talk with other tribal parents from across the nation about our children with disabilities, finding issues are the same," Barbour said.

The conference focus was on strategies and methods to increase the families' participation in the special education process; best practices working with American Indian students with disabilities that produce successful educational outcomes; strategies that promote collaborative relationships between tribes, schools and families; successful methods in positive behavioral interventions, and the latest research and data on effective classroom practices and strategies for American Indian students.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM HOSTS WORK SESSION

The Commission's Community Service Program presented a work session on Sept. 23 at the N.C. Indian Housing Authority in Fayetteville. The work session included representation from N.C. Division of Aging and Adult Services, local Departments of Social Services, Adult Services Program from Bladen, Cumberland, Halifax, Harnett, Warren and Sampson counties.

The focus of the work session was to re-visit the Memorandum of Interagency Agreements, which became formal in 2006, and see how well they were working. The agencies involved were very engaged in the meeting and all gained a better understanding of the role each department has. With written agreements and agency specific policies in place, it plan will be a roadmap for future service collaboration between the local and state agencies. Services provided by Commission's Community Services Program which is DSS-certified, include In-Home Aide, Transportation, and a Nutrition Site. Services also include senior sites, outreach, educational information and referrals.

The Community Service Program staff has provided these vital services to the elderly, disabled and handicapped in a seven-county area for more than 30 years.

AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH TOBACCO PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Commission's tobacco team has completed its proposal for the Phase IV funding cycle from the Health & Wellness Trust Fund (HWTF) beginning in July 2009. We want to thank all of the grantees for their wonderful letters of support. The awards will be decided in January 2009 and we are optimistic that the NCCIA funding will continue for our community youth groups.

Fall is a very exciting time for American Indian youth groups statewide as they come together to plan their cultural activities for the year and how they can strengthen their tobacco advocacy program. The CIA team will be providing technical assistance and guidance to the youth groups as they plan their activities with the goal of becoming more integrated in the community structure in order to be sustainable for the future.

SUPPORTING OUR NATIVE STUDENTS PROGRAM

We are pleased to report that our 2008-09 Community Services Block Grant application to operate the Supporting Our Native Students (SONS) Program was approved. Applications are still being accepted. If you are interested in receiving an application or have questions, please contact Kimberly Hammonds, Economic Development Director, at 919-789-5900.

The goal of the SONS 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 SONS 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 1-30 American Indian Heritage Month

Nov. 22 - American Indian Heritage Celebration

N.C. Museum of History, Raleigh
Celebrate North Carolina's American Indian heritage with a day of performances, crafts, games, demonstrations and foods. Call 919-807-7900 for more information.

March 5-7 - 34th Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference

Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh
For information, please call Gladys Hunt, President, at 910-483-8442.

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