

# INDIAN TIME

Summer 2011



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

### Good news balances bad at start of fiscal year

First the bad news. Though we did our best to foster support and emphasize its vital function, it is my sad duty to inform you that the Community Services Program operated by the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs was eliminated in the final budget approved by the N.C. General Assembly, resulting in a loss of \$203,000 in funding and seven staff positions.

More about this in a moment, but let me also share some excellent news: The Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program, whose funding also was at risk, has been continued and the program itself renamed. Additionally, the Commission has been awarded a \$271,378 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust to address the prevalence of childhood obesity within American Indian communities. We also received a \$1.4 million Educational Talent Search Program grant, which will allow the Commission to expand its outreach from 600 to 635 students served. Details follow this message.

While proud of these positive accomplishments, we are troubled by the loss of the Community Services Program, which provided in-home care and transportation services to elderly and disabled clients in the American Indian communities of Sampson, Harnett, Cumberland, Bladen, Columbus, Warren and Halifax counties. The program also provided oversight to a meal program in Sampson County and a senior site in Harnett County.

The loss of this proactive program – which was the subject of a perfect, “incident free” audit earlier this year ([see page 10](#)) – will result in the loss of needed services to a community that counted on them. However, efforts are being made to get program participants enrolled in comparable social services programs.

The Community Services Program has been funded as an initiative of a federal community services block grant received and administered by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. Although DHHS will continue to receive the community services block grant, funding that previously went to the Commission will now go directly to the local Department of Social Services for service delivery to eligible clients.



*Greg Richardson, Executive Director  
Commission of Indian Affairs*

Gregory A. Richardson

## Tobacco Prevention Program Extended, Renamed

The state budget for FY2011-12 abolished the Health and Wellness Trust Fund (HWTF) and transferred \$22 million to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health to continue work in teen tobacco and obesity prevention, among other efforts.

On June 28, Dr. Jeffrey Engel, State Health Director, and Dr. Laura Gerald, HWTF Executive Director, announced that grants awarded by the HWTF will continue for July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. This decision allows the American Indian Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program (AITTUPP) to complete its final year of a three-year grant award and continue to provide critical tobacco use prevention programming for American Indian communities in the state.

In recognition of the traditional use of tobacco among American Indians, the program has been renamed the Uppowoc Project, which references its deep roots in North Carolina ([see page 11](#)). As before, the Uppowoc Project will focus on preventing and decreasing commercial tobacco use among American Indian youth. Through the use of culturally appropriate strategies and activities, teens gain skills to help them become tobacco-use-prevention advocates by promoting tobacco-free policies in tribal buildings and at tribal events. A faith-based initiative conducts outreach and education with churches serving American Indian communities.



## Commission Receives Kate B. Reynolds Grant

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$271,378 from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust to build the capacity of North Carolina tribes and urban associations to design and implement community change to impact the health of low-income American Indians across the state. The project, titled *Healthy Native North Carolinians*, will focus on reducing the prevalence of childhood obesity of children ages 3 to 18 by promoting healthy eating and active living within American Indian communities.

The Commission will partner with the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill to help support the development, implementation, and evaluation of each tribe and urban organizations' community change.

"These awards continue the Health Care Division's strategic grantmaking around its four funding interests: access to care,

community-centered prevention, diabetes, and mental health and substance abuse," stated Karen McNeil-Miller, President of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

The Commission's Indian Health Initiative has addressed tribal health issues through policy development, educational programming, and the creation of the American Indian Health Board. This grant opportunity provides the Commission an opportunity to expand its efforts in addressing diet related health issues such as diabetes, stroke and cardiovascular disease by promoting healthy eating in Indian communities.

Please join the Commission in thanking the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust for funding this project.

## 40 Years of Impact: 1971-2011

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. A planning committee has been established and is making plans for a historic recognition event to be held Nov. 18 in Raleigh. Individuals from across the state will gather for a recognition dinner to commemorate and celebrate more than 40 years of achievements by the Commission.

"This is a significant milestone worthy of recognition," said Brett Locklear, Chair of the 40th Anniversary Planning Committee. "Our theme, *40 Years of Impact*, reflects the magnitude of the work the Commission has performed over the years."

Fundraising efforts are underway to help pay for the event. Tax deductible contributions may be made directly to:

### N.C. American Indian Fund

Attn: 40th Anniversary Planning Committee  
PO Box 25811  
Raleigh, N.C. 27611-5811

The *40 Years of Impact* celebration will provide an opportunity to honor and recognize individuals and organizations who have contributed to the Commission's success. It will be a time to renew old friendships, relive memories, establish new partnerships and reenergize our advocacy efforts. This is a historic event you won't want to miss!

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs was created in 1971 by the N.C. General Assembly in response to the requests of concerned Indian citizens from across the state. The Commission's primary purposes are to assure the right of Indians to pursue cultural, social and religious traditions and to increase economic and educational opportunities.

## 40th Anniversary Logo Designed

Jayce Williams, graphic artist in the Communications Office of the Department of Administration, designed a logo to recognize the 40th anniversary of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs. The logo will be used throughout the year to denote this significant achievement.





### \$1.4 Million Educational Talent Search Grant Awarded to Benefit American Indian students

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs has received a \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to fund the Educational Talent Search (ETS) program for an additional five years. The funds will be provided in allotments of \$292,267 annually to provide academic counseling initiatives, as well as retain four full-time Commission employees.

The goal of ETS is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education. The new grant will allow the Commission to expand its outreach from 600 to 635 students served. The program is available to

eligible students in Columbus, Halifax, Hoke, Sampson and Warren counties.

“Competition for this funding is intense, but we have a proven track record of helping students achieve success,” said Greg Richardson, Commission Executive Director. “Many of our program participants become the first in their family to attend college. Their ability to succeed in school and join the work force has been a real boost in ensuring the long-term economic viability of our communities.”

ETS high school graduates also have been successful in earning academic and needs-based scholarships to continue their education. At least one program participant during each of past five

years of the current grant cycle qualified for the prestigious Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship.

ETS is one of the oldest educational initiatives at the Commission and has provided student services for more than 37 years. “As a result, we have more college graduates from our tribes out in the work force in a wide range of professions,” said Commission Chairman Paul Brooks said. “We thank the U.S. Department of Education for its continued support of our students.”

For information about the ETS program, visit its website or contact Program Director Mickey Locklear at 919-807-4440 or [Mickey.locklear@doa.nc.gov](mailto:Mickey.locklear@doa.nc.gov).

### Status of American Indian Legislative Items

The following is a list of legislative items of interest to the Commission and our state's American Indian population.

#### **HB289: AUTHORIZE VARIOUS SPECIAL PLATES**

The fee for the Native American license plate will increase by \$20 with proceeds distributed quarterly to the Native American College Fund. (06/30/2011 – Chaptered Session Law 2011 392)

#### **HB680: STUDY/AMERICAN INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT**

A House Resolution Reestablishing the House Study Committee to Preserve the Culture and Customs of Indian Children to Further Study Issues or Matters Impacting the Preservation of Customs and Culture of Indian Children. The request for continuation of this Study Committee was included in the Legislative Omnibus Study Bill, which remains in conference committee. (Referred to Committee)

#### **HB681: STUDY OF AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS AT SCHOOLS**

An Act to Study the Use of American Indian Mascots at Public Schools. A 12-member Legislative Study Committee would be created to study the impact of American Indian sports mascots and logos at public schools and review current policies and procedures on their use. (Referred to Committee)

#### **SB324: ABC LAW/EASTERN**

##### **BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS**

An Act to Authorize the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe and Sovereign Nation, to Receive Shipments of Spirituous Liquor from the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission; to Authorize the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to Establish a Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission to Regulate the Purchase, Possession, Consumption, Sale, and Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages at Retail; and to Authorize the Limited Transfer of Wine by On Premises Wine Permittees Under Common Ownership or Control. (06/27/2011 – Chaptered Session Law 2011 333)

#### **SB582: CLARIFY INDIAN GAMING AUTHORITY**

An Act to Clarify that the North Carolina General Assembly Must Act to Legalize Any Additional Class III Gaming on Indian Lands. Establishes pathway to negotiate gaming compacts with federally recognized American Indian Tribes. (Referred to Committee)

#### **SB631: UNC/CHEROKEE LANGUAGE CREDIT**

An Act to Require the Constituent Institutions of the University of North Carolina to Recognize the Cherokee Language as a Language for Which a Student May Satisfy a Foreign Language Course Requirement for Degree Completion. This bill remains eligible for further consideration in short session. (Reported from Committee)



## American Indian Caucus Created in the N.C. General Assembly

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RALEIGH – American Indians residing in North Carolina now have a stronger voice in the General Assembly.

At the request of state Rep. Charles Graham, a Democrat from Lumberton and the only American Indian currently serving in the General Assembly, a Joint Legislative American Indian Affairs Caucus was added as the sixth recognized caucus of the 2011-2012 legislative session.

“As we have discussed, there are numerous House members whose constituency base represents a significant concentration of American Indians,” House Speaker Thom Tillis told Graham in an April 18 letter authorizing the establishment of the new caucus. “I am confident that the combined efforts of these legislators, along with the proposed mission set forth by the Joint Legislative American Indian Affairs Caucus, will facilitate cultural exchanges which address the unique challenges of both American Indians and those of all North Carolina citizens.”

Graham said that the caucus will offer legislators of both parties in the House and Senate the opportunity to hear and discuss

issues of importance to all American Indians in North Carolina.

“This caucus is open to any representative with a tribal constituency or who has any interest in American Indian culture,” Graham said. “It offers the representatives a chance to come together to show their support for tribes in North Carolina.”

Graham said that he is not aware of there ever being a caucus in the General Assembly designed to target issues of specific importance to American Indians.

“This is historical,” he said. “We have already had a couple of organizational meetings, and things are going well. I’m grateful for the support of the leadership and interest of the legislators in this caucus. Being the only American Indian legislator, it was important that I put together a group of legislators, especially those legislators with large American Indian constituencies, to address issues important to all of North Carolina’s American Indian population.”

## United Tribes Elects Officers

At the June 17 meeting of United Tribes of North Carolina, elections of officers were held. The following individuals were elected to leadership positions for 2011-12:

Co-Presidents: Gladys Hunt (Cumberland County Association for Indian People)  
Kerry D. Bird (Triangle Native American Society)

Vice-President: Otis Martin (Sappony Tribe)

Secretary: Hattie Campbell (Waccamaw Siouan Tribe)

Treasurer: Ruth Revels (Guilford Native American Association)

## Speaker Tillis Meets with Tribal Leaders

On May 17, the tribal chiefs and chairmen of the eight recognized American Indian tribes in North Carolina met with the Joint Legislative American Indian Affairs Caucus at the Legislative Building. Other guests included representatives from the Triangle Native American Society, the Metrolina Native American Association, the Guilford Native American Association, and the Cumberland County Association for Indian People.

Paul Brooks, the Chairman of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, also attended. The Honorable Thom Tillis, Speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives, addressed the group and listened to its concerns. Speaker Tillis pledged to become better informed about the American Indian population and the issues its members are facing.

Guests received special recognition during the afternoon session, and Speaker Tillis presented a certificate of recognition to each tribe.



### 2011 North Carolina Indian Unity Conference

“Honoring the Legacy of Our American Indian Warriors” was the theme of the 36th Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference held March 10-12 in Raleigh. Highlights of the conference included general assembly sessions, workshops, gospel singing, powwow, art show, quilt show and awards banquet. Special guest speaker was Lance Gumbs, Trustee with the Shinnecock Indian Nation of New York and Northeast Area Vice President for the National Congress of American Indians.

At the annual awards banquet, Adrienne Blanks of the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe was crowned Miss Indian North Carolina 2011-2012. Community awards were presented to: Clarice Dial, Distinguished Service to the Indian Community; Danny Bell, Unsung Hero; Gwen Locklear, Distinguished Service to Indian Education; Jane Smith, Indian Elder of the Year; Oliver John Lynch, Economic Advancement of Indian People; and Maya Cheyenne Richardson, Outstanding Indian Student. A concert featuring Dark Water Rising followed the banquet.

United Tribes awarded 15 scholarships to Indian students pursuing post-secondary educational opportunities. Scholarships were funded through gifts given in honor of individuals from tribal and urban Indian communities across the state.



*Keynote speaker Lance Gumbs, Sr., Trustee, Northeast Area Vice President, National Congress of American Indians, delivers the keynote address. He is joined by (from left) Gladys Hunt, President United Tribes of North Carolina, Moses Carey Jr., Administration Secretary and Greg Richardson Commission Executive Director.*

The 2012 N.C. Indian Unity Conference will be held March 8-10 at the Renaissance Suites Hotel in Charlotte.

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.

### Cherokee Tribal Elections

Tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians went to the polls on July 7 to determine the candidates for September's tribal elections. The field of five candidates for Principal Chief was narrowed to two, with Patrick Lambert, a member of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, emerging as the leader. Lambert tallied 1,598 votes to incumbent Principal Chief Michell Hicks' 1,378, a lead of 220 votes. Voter turnout was high with 3,422 people voting.

Voters in the general election to be held on Sept. 1 will elect a principal chief, vice chief, two tribal council members from each of the six communities, and school board members.



## Sappony Heritage Camp

The Sappony Tribe hosted its 10th Annual Sappony Heritage Youth Camp on June 19-25 at Mayo Park in Person County. Youth came from North Carolina, other U.S. states, and as far away as Italy to participate in this event. The camp brings together youth members of the tribe to learn about and engage in Sappony heritage activities and programs.

Campers learned about the traditional use of tobacco, attended healthy lifestyles and spiritual workshops, participated in recreational activities, and made traditional arts and crafts. The primary purpose of the camp is to build a sense of tribal pride, knowledge, and community connectedness among young Sappony tribal members, even though they may live far apart. The camp also provides an opportunity for Sappony tribal members of all ages to be involved in preserving the heritage of the Sappony Tribe.



*Campers and program leaders enjoyed cultural activities at the 10th annual Sappony Heritage Youth Camp.*

## Vacancy posted

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill is accepting applications and nominations for the position of Director of the American Indian Center, which was established in 2006. The successful candidate will enjoy the opportunity to link the richness of American Indian cultures with the strengths of Carolina's research, education, and teaching.

For more information on the position and for application instructions, visit <http://jobs.unc.edu/2501359>.

## Kidwell to Leave American Indian Center

Dr. Clara Sue Kidwell, Director of the American Indian Center at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, will be retiring from the center this summer. An enrolled member of the White Earth Chippewa and of Choctaw descent, she plans to return to Oklahoma and continue teaching and writing.

Dr. Kidwell is an accomplished senior scholar in the field of Native American Studies and is deeply experienced in the leadership of academic programs related to American Indians. She has become well known among the American Indian leadership in North Carolina and has contributed to many aspects of Indian policy during her tenure at the American Indian Center. She has led an effort to improve Indian education, Indian child welfare, and she has heightened awareness of American Indians within the University system.

On June 21, she was recognized with a symposium and reception where four historians of the Choctaws presented work in her honor. Under Dr. Kidwell's leadership, the Center has been established as a bridge between the intellectual and scholarly resources of the university and the Indian communities in North Carolina.

Congratulations Dr. Kidwell and we wish you well during your retirement!



## Keepseagle Settlement Meeting Held

Meetings have been held around the country to provide assistance to American Indian farmers and ranchers who wish to file a claim in the \$760 million Keepseagle class action settlement. The settlement resolves a lawsuit claiming that the U.S. Department of Agriculture discriminated against American Americans in farm loan applications and servicing.

Over the past six months, American Indian farmers and ranchers around the country received information about their legal rights and options by postal mail and through print and radio notices. Class members who want to file a claim for cash and loan forgiveness must file their claims by Dec. 27, 2011.

A meeting was held July 12-14 at Lowry's Farm in Pembroke. American Indian farmers from across North Carolina attended to learn more about their eligibility to participate in the Keepseagle class action settlement. They learned how there could be free assistance in filing a claim.

Class members wishing to register to receive a Claims Package can do so through the website [www.IndianFarmClass.com](http://www.IndianFarmClass.com) or by calling 1-888-233-5506 or by writing to Keepseagle Settlement Administrator, P.O. Box 3560, Portland, Ore. 97208-3560.

## Commission's Summer Intern

Each summer, the [Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office](#) sponsors the State Government Internship Program, allowing college students the opportunity to work fulltime in a state government office. This season marks the 41st year of the program's operation.

This summer, we are pleased to have Taylor Rowland work with us from May 23 until July 29. A junior at UNC-Greensboro and a native of Raleigh, Taylor is working toward a double-major in Applied Anthropology and Asian Studies with a minor in History. In her spare time, she likes to engage in crafts, and caring for her pet rabbit, a time-consuming job according to her!

Taylor's summer project is a study of traffic crashes involving American Indians and related injury, and fatality rates. Concentrating on a 15-county geographic area, she is researching and analyzing the frequency of incidents and comparing the statistics with state averages.

Commission Executive Director proposed the topic following the "untimely death of a student who did not survive a tragic motor vehicle accident. I felt it was essential that we learn more about American Indian youth who are involved in vehicular crashes to identify meaningful methods of prevention."



*Greg Richardson with State Government Intern Taylor Rowland*



### New Exhibit at N.C. Museum of History

The N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh opened Part One of its largest exhibition to date on April 16. The long-anticipated chronological exhibit *The Story of North Carolina* is so large that it will debut in two parts in 2011. Part One traces life in North Carolina from its earliest inhabitants through the 1830s. The final part of the 20,000-square-foot exhibit, opening with a grand celebration on Nov. 5, will tell the rest of the state's story. Admission is free.

"*The Story of North Carolina* is presented in an engaging and interactive format that will appeal to all ages," says Ken Howard, Museum Director. "We believe museum visitors will come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the people and events that have shaped North Carolina."

Highlights in Part One include American Indian life, European settlement, piracy, and the American Revolution. North Carolina's early history unfolds through fascinating artifacts, multimedia presentations, and hands-on activities throughout the exhibit.

At the gallery's centerpiece is a reproduction of a typical Piedmont Siouan home. Go inside the dome-shaped dwelling to see a video that explains how life changed for Indians after the arrival of Europeans to North Carolina.

"Visitors will be able to continue their journey through the 1800s in November," says RaeLana Poteat, Curator of Political and Social History. "The second part of the exhibit begins with an interactive map explaining improvements in transportation, education, and agriculture; and then addresses slavery and antebellum society."



*Step inside this American Indian dwelling, a reproduction of a typical Piedmont Siouan home, to see a video that explains how life changed for Indians after the arrival of Europeans to North Carolina.*

*(Image courtesy of the N.C. Museum of History)*

Part Two will also chronicle such subjects as the Civil War, the rise of industry, the Great Depression, and the two World Wars.

For more information call 919-807-7900 or visit [www.ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org). The museum is located at 5 E. Edenton Street, across from the State Capitol. Parking is available in the lot across Wilmington Street. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

### 10th Annual Native Women and Men's Wellness Conference

Commission staffer Kerry Bird, along with April Bryant of the Lumbee Tribe's Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Project, were workshop presenters at the 10th Annual Native Women and Men's Wellness Conference held March 27-30 in Albuquerque, N.M. This annual event is the largest comprehensive wellness conference for Native and indigenous people throughout North America. Conference sessions focused on using a blend of traditional and contemporary strategies to promote healthier ways of living for American Indians.

The relationship of the Commission and North Carolina tribes with the Health and Wellness Trust Fund and the

N.C. Tobacco Control Branch was the focus of their workshop. Participants were informed of collaborative efforts and resources developed between these state entities to address tobacco use and promote prevention of commercial tobacco products among American Indians in North Carolina. Workshop attendees were provided an overview of the tribes and urban organizations in the state.

The conference was sponsored by the American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma.





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## American Indian Women of Proud Nations Conference

American Indian Women of Proud Nations, Inc. will hold its fifth annual Conference for American Indian Women of Proud Nations in partnership with the American Indian Center at UNC-Chapel Hill. The conference is scheduled for Sept. 15-16 at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley in Raleigh.

The conference theme, *iWomen: Redefining Traditional Roles*, embodies the changing roles of American Indian women in the 21st Century. Women are expanding their leadership positions in tribal government, the corporate sector, athletic arenas, politics, education, and throughout society, all while maintaining strong family and cultural ties.

Hattie Kauffman, an Emmy Award-winning CBS National News correspondent for *The Early Show*, will be a keynote speaker. She is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho and the first Native American journalist to report on a national broadcast. Mary Jane Oatman Wak-Wak, President of the National Indian Education Association, also will participate. A member of the Nez Perce Tribe, she is Idaho's State Coordinator of Indian Education.

The Conference for American Indian Women of Proud Nations strives to incorporate indigenous cultural traditions, language, history, and values

to build intergenerational relationships and networks locally, regionally, and globally. Each year approximately 250 American Indians, professionals, community members, entrepreneurs and students attend the conference to build and foster a better understanding of American Indian people living in today's society.

For more information, contact Brandi Brooks, Chair of the Host Planning Committee, at 919-843-4189 or [brandi@unc.edu](mailto:brandi@unc.edu), or visit [www.aiwpn.org](http://www.aiwpn.org) or [www.facebook.com/aiwpn](http://www.facebook.com/aiwpn).

## REPORTS FROM PROGRAM DIRECTORS

### Sadie Barbour: Community Development Program

#### Mid-Carolina Senior Games

Mid-Carolina Senior Games were held on March 30 at Pope Airfield in Cumberland County. Twenty-five seniors registered for the events. Seniors from Harnett and Sampson Counties tribal communities joined other seniors from the region for the affair, which included the games, a health fair that included back massages, and a Silver Arts show.

We are excited to report the winners from our tribal community: Helen McCown, 1st Place Softball Throw; Dorothy Brewington, 2nd Place Basketball Shooting; and Glenda Simmons Foss, 3rd Place Basketball Shooting.

We were joined by Greg Jacobs, the Coharie Tribal Administrator, as well as volunteers Sue Faircloth of the Commission, and Katherine Simmons and Juanita Jacobs of the Coharie Tribe.

We extend a special salute to all of our participants and volunteers for their dedication. Even though the weather was rainy, they supported the Mid-Carolina Senior Games another year.



*Coharie Elders participate in an art therapy session as part of the Mid-Carolina Senior Games.*



## In-Home Aide Audit Yields No Findings

Sadie Barbour likes things to be tidy. She expects it of the In-Home Aides she supervised to provide services to 27 clients in seven counties. Even more, she expects it of herself.

“If you don’t keep things straight around here, you’ll get in trouble,” Barbour said with a laugh from her Commission of Indian Affairs office in Clinton. “It’s a lot of paperwork to keep up with, but I like knowing that everything is as it should be.”

Let there be no doubt that everything with this important is as it should be. Proof is in a new audit conducted by the Division of Aging and Adult Services, which found nothing amiss with

the program. As a result, it has been awarded a three-year certification.

“We must have done well with the client interviews, too,” said Barbour, the Commission’s Director of Community Services. “They’ll let you know if they are not satisfied, so I’m happy to know they feel we’re doing a good job.”

*Note: This program has shutdown as a result of legislative action (see page 1).*

## Missy Brayboy: Uppowoc Project/Indian Health Initiative

### Youth Attend Rally to Save HWTF

Members of the TRU group coordinated by the Lumbee Tribe’s Tobacco Prevention and Cessation program joined youth from across the state in rallying support for preserving the Health and Wellness Trust Fund (HWTF) and its successful programs addressing teen tobacco use and childhood obesity. The rally was held May 11 at the N.C. Legislature Building.

General Assembly budget proposals abolished the HWTF and proposed eliminating funding for HWTF grants supporting teen tobacco prevention efforts (see page 1). The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, and the Lumbee Tribe are all recipients of funding through the HWTF.



*Sen. Michael Walters (top second from left), Rep. Charles Graham (second from right) and Rep. Garland Pierce (far right) met with TRU members to discuss the importance of tobacco prevention programs targeting teens.*

*They are joined by Kerry Bird (top left) and Missy Brayboy (bottom row, second from left).*



*Youth from across the state gathered in support of the Health & Wellness Trust Fund.*

“Thanks to the great work of Health and Wellness Trust Fund’s programs and grantees, there are 53,000 fewer teen smokers in the state than when the program started,” explained April Bryant, Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program Coordinator for the Lumbee Tribe. “We just had to do something to try and rescue the TRU (Tobacco.Realty.Unfiltered) movement and the other important programs.”

Students from Lumberton Senior High School and Purnell Swett High School attended. Following the rally, they met with Rep. Charles Graham, Rep. Garland Pierce and Sen. Michael Walters to enlist their support.



## Tobacco Program Renamed Uppowoc Project

In recognition of the traditional use of tobacco among American Indians, the Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program has renamed itself the Uppowoc Project, a name traced back to the to 1580s when native Indians were first encountered by Sir Walter Raleigh on Roanoke Island.

These early explorers saw native Indians cultivating fields of corn, tobacco, and other crops, and observed early uses of the crop that later became known as “tobacco.” Thomas Harriot, an Englishman, wrote “they make hallowed fires, and cast some of the powder therein for a sacrifice.” This, he said, “is an herb which is sowed apart by itself, and is called by the inhabitants uppowoc.”

Harriot added that they “take the fume or smoke thereof, by sucking it through pipes made of clay, into their stomach and head, from where it purges superfluous phlegm and other gross humors, and opens all the pores and passages of the body.”

The Uppowoc Project will serve as a catalyst to promote tobacco use prevention programming targeting the American Indian community. The project will create a greater understanding and awareness of the traditional use of tobacco while addressing the impact of commercial tobacco use on the health of American Indians thru trainings, workshops, and the development of culturally tailored educational materials.

## Kimberly Hammonds: Economic Development and Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program

### SUNS Holds Academic Success Workshop

The Holiday Inn Express in Pembroke was the site of the SUNS Program Annual Academic Success Workshop focusing on “Lessons Learned.”

We were honored to have Dr. Olivia Oxendine with the University of North Carolina-Pembroke’s MSA Program/ Professional Leadership as our guest speaker. Dr. Oxendine presented a video, “Indian Elders Teachers Project,” in which seven Lumbee educators share in 60-minute interviews their memories of teaching in American Indian schools during the period of segregation.

Indian people, stating, “It is a tradition.” She expressed sadness that two of the elder teachers from the video had passed within the last year. She also expressed how thankful she was to have recorded their stories to share with future generations so they may know the experiences of our elders.



*Kimberly Hammonds (bottom row, third from left) with SUNS students attending Annual Academic Success Workshop.*

Students gained a greater understanding as well as an appreciation for what their grandparents and some of their parents had experienced. Dr. Oxendine encouraged the students to do oral history projects for themselves so there is a record of the history. She suggested they could interview their parents or grandparents on events in history or special events within their family.

Dr. Oxendine emphasized the importance of oral history among the American

Carolyn Crocker and Sue Brewington, Workforce Investment Act Counselors, gave an overview of services available through the Commission. Kimberly Hammonds, Economic Development Director and Coordinator for the SUNS Program, unveiled a newly designed SUNS logo that will be used in the upcoming FY 2011-2012 and provided students with an overview of changes for the SUNS Program.

Also, Hammonds informed the students of proposed budget cuts to the Commission programs and staff and encouraged them to get involved with the political process by expressing their concerns to their respective legislative representatives. She concluded the day by reminding students that it is all about Attitude and Lessons Learned and “We Are Only in Charge of Our Attitudes.”



## Golf Course Leased To Lumbee Tribe

On May 3, the State of North Carolina entered into a short-term lease (60-days) with the Lumbee Tribe for the purpose of maintaining and repairing the premises. The State later entered into a five-year lease with an annual rental amount of \$1.00 and containing three five-year renewal options.

The golf course will remain closed until all repairs are made and it is determined safe by staff with the Office of State Property and State Construction.

## Mickey Locklear: Educational Talent Search Program

### 32nd Annual N.C. Indian Youth Unity Conference

The 32nd Annual N.C. Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) youth conference was held June 13-17 at N.C. State University. The annual conference provided an opportunity for 240 American Indian students to learn more about their Indian heritage, explore educational and career opportunities, and work together on issues and concerns of Indian youth.

The theme for this year's conference was "*Uniting Tribes to Enhance Our Futures.*" Former NCNAYO member Charly Lowry was the keynote speaker during the awards banquet. NCNAYO scholarships in the amount of \$500 each were awarded to Nicholas D'Amico (Lumbee), Jeremy Evans (Haliwa-Saponi) and Tate Young (Waccamaw-Siouan). Tristan Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi) was selected Miss NCNAYO and Garrett Silver (Haliwa-Saponi) was selected Mr. NCNAYO.

An exciting part of each conference is the election of officers. The results for this year are:

Male Co-Chair: Dudley "Buddy" Lynch, Jr. (Haliwa-Saponi)  
 Female Co-Chair: Karli Moore (Lumbee)  
 Vice Chair: Tyler Reid (Haliwa-Saponi)  
 Secretary: Deitrick Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi)  
 Historian: Summer Jacobs (Waccamaw-Siouan)  
 Parliamentarian: Matthew Godwin (Lumbee)  
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## Health Careers Program

Two participants in the Educational Talent Search (ETS) program were selected to attend the 14th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Indian Youth Initiative (Summer Health Careers Program for High School Students) held in Washington, D.C., on June 18-26. With the assistance of their ETS counselor, Krystal Lowery and Lauren Clark applied through the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) and were accepted into the program.

The program is designed for American Indian/Alaskan Native high school students ages 16-18 who have an interest in the health field and/or biomedical research. A scholarship is provided to cover airfare, lodging, and meals during the program. NNAYT's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare high school students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research.

Both of these young ladies, who are rising seniors at Hoke County High School, are outstanding students who plan to apply to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in hopes of pursuing careers in medicine.

## ETS Participant Awarded

Brooke Spaulding, a participant in the Educational Talent Search Program, has been awarded the Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship to begin studies this fall. A member of the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe, Brooke is the daughter of Lavette Spaulding of Lake Waccamaw and Terry Spaulding of Farmer's Union. Brooke graduated from East Columbus High School as a North Carolina Scholar on June 10. She will enter Campbell University this fall and plans to become a physical therapist.



### Elk Richardson: American Indian Workforce Development Program Native American Programs Advisory Council

N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs WIA Program Director Elk Richardson was re-appointed by Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis to the U.S. Department of Labor's 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, provides advice to the Secretary of Labor regarding the provision of employment and training services to Native Americans through federal workforce development programs.

In March, the Advisory Council met in Washington, D.C., with Secretary Solis in attendance. During this meeting, council members shared with the Secretary the importance of continued funding and support of special programs that serve the Indian Country, and explored additional opportunities for partnering with business, education, and government.



*U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis (far right) met with members of Native American Employment & Training Council. WIA Director Elk Richardson is seated at left.*

### Admissions Director Appointed

Lori R. Melton, daughter of Beverly and Carroll Melton, Jr., mother of Kaleb Melton, and an active member of the Meherrin Tribe, was appointed Director of Admissions at N.C. Wesleyan College. She is a 2001 graduate of N.C. A&T University with a B.S. in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Having previously served N.C. Wesleyan College as Assistant Director of Admissions, Admissions Counselor, and as a Transfer Coordinator, Lori brings a wealth of experience to her position. She has been active in her community by serving on Communities in Schools' Advisory Boards in Nash, Wilson, and Wake counties for four years, and she is a member of the First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro.

Other activities include: Meherrin Indian Tribe Media and Public Relations Powwow Committees, Benvenue Elementary School PTSO member, representative for N.C. Wesleyan College in Relay for Life, and currently the "Wesleyan Experience" liaison for 2011.

We congratulate Lori for her many accomplishments and extend every best wish for a bright future.

### Recent Board Appointment

Sadie Barbour was recently elected to the Disability Rights North Carolina Board. During her term on the board, she plans to focus on ways to encourage Councils on Developmental Disabilities to become more actively involved with the American Indian communities.

Having experienced examples of developmental challenges in her own family, Sadie advocates for services for the elderly and for people with disabilities. Also, she has worked to strengthen understanding in both American Indian and other underserved communities.



## Congratulations

### Wedding Bells

On Nov. 19, 2010, Sue Brewington and Christopher Faircloth were married at Shiloh P.H. Church in Godwin.

The bride is the daughter of Ethel Brewington and the late James Hardy Brewington of Clinton. She is a graduate of Clinton High School and is employed as a Workforce Development Coordinator with the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

The groom is the son of the late Edward Cashwell and Betty Cashwell of Garland. He is a graduate of Garland High School and is employed as a Truck Driver with Waggoner's Trucking Company.

The couple resides in Clinton.



*Sue Brewington with husband Christopher*

## Calendar

- Aug. 5** Cherokee Carvers: Tradition Renewed Exhibit Opening, N.C. Museum of History, Raleigh
- Sept. 9** Quarterly Commission Meeting
- Sept. 15-16** American Indian Women of Proud Nations Conference Marriott Crabtree Valley, Raleigh, N.C.
- Nov. 18** Quarterly Commission Meeting  
N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs 40th Anniversary Celebration
- Nov. 19** American Indian Heritage Month Celebration  
N.C. Museum of History, Raleigh



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