



## PRESENTS "Tobacco Free"

Jason Blue, Pembroke, NC  
 Jean Brown, Delco, NC  
 Myia Revels, Maxton, NC  
 Barbara Montgomery, Florence, SC  
 Victoria Nesbit, Mullings, SC  
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**Pledge Tobacco Free and be featured in the Lumbee Pride Newsletter, by contacting April Whittemoore, Tobacco Cessation Coordinator at (910) 522-2220.**

The Lumbee Teen Tobacco Cessation Program sponsored by the Lumbee Tribe will honor the programs teen advocates and facilitators during the Second Annual Lumbee Spring Pow-Wow, held on May 5-7, 2006.

The Pow-Wow will be tobacco free and will focus on the dangers of second hand smoke and empowering Lumbee Youth with the skills to effect positive policy changes in our youths environment..

The teens will provide a tent for local media outlets to provide coverage concerning the advocates campaign to have tobacco free schools in Hoke and Robeson Counties. Lumbee Teen Tobacco Advocate, Markeisha Chavis of Hoke County High School states, "I have the right to clean air."

The international street dancers Sour Patch will honor the Lumbee teen tobacco advocates and tribal facilitators. Members of the hip-hop dance group educate youth around the world on wellness issues and recently starred in the new movie "New World".

## Letter to the Administration

May I begin by saying how grateful we are to have this opportunity to say "Thank you" to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

My name is Wendy Locklear. My husband, Matthew Locklear, and I have lived in Hoke County since we were married 15 years ago. For all of those years we have dreamed of becoming homeowners, although most of the time it was only a dream. We purchased a mobile home after we had been married 7 years, but we still desired to have a home. We had pursued every avenue possible to make this dream come true, but it was all to no avail.

We had applied for homeownership assistance in 2002 or 2003, I can't even remember, but we were unable to get into the program. Then, in November 2004 I received a call from Mr. Marcus Bryant wanting to know if we were still interested in the homeownership program. *I was elated!* My heart seemed to skip a beat. When my husband came in from work, I took him by the hand and told him to listen to a message on the answering machine. When he heard the message it was as though time had stopped. We just looked at each other knowing that our prayers had been answered. We still knew

that there were steps left before we could truly qualify, but what we didn't know was that the tribe cared enough about us to make our dreams come true.

September 2005, we moved into our new, beautiful, 1500 sq. ft. home. *Thank you!* My only prayer is that someone else is blessed through our blessing and receives a new home as well.

Words can't express how appreciative we are that the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina cares about its' members. We've seen in so many ways, even before we received assistance that they were working for the Lumbee people. We read in the paper a few weeks ago about all the good they are doing for our people. So many families' lives have been changed thanks to the efforts of those who are fighting for our rights, as well as, our betterment as Native Americans.

To all of you who work so diligently for the Lumbee people, on behalf of my family, may I say God bless you all and thank you again for making our dream become a true reality.

Matthew & Wendy Locklear (Feb. 2006)

## Culture Classes FREE

### Heritage Haven Building

Marion Stage Road, Fairmont  
 Tuesday  
 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### Prospect Community Center Beside Prospect Church

Thursday  
 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

For more information, contact  
 John Oxendine or Robert Carter at  
 (910) 521-7861.



Christmas Tree decorated by Club Members

## Boys and Girls Club Christmas

Pembroke-The Boys and Girls Club of the Lumbee Tribe held its annual Holiday celebration on December 22. The party was sponsored by Unilever INC., Wal-Mart of Pembroke and Fuller's Old Fashioned Bar-B-Que, and more than 80 club members and 50 parents enjoyed the festive occasion with fanciful decorations, food, music, entertainment and gifts.

Club member, Alexis Jones performed a tap routine to "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree," with special guest Little Miss Lumbee, Madison Davenport singing "Santa Baby." The highlight of the event was the arrival of Santa, who came bearing gifts. Each club member received a gift bag from Unilever, which included a \$10 gift certificate from Wal-Mart of Pembroke. Unilever and Wal-Mart are partners of the Lumbee Tribe's Boys and Girls Club.

Tribal Chairman Jimmy Goins stated, "By reaching our youth at an early age and providing positive activities and encouragement, our Club provides an alternative to crime, drugs and other negative influences that impact our community."

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