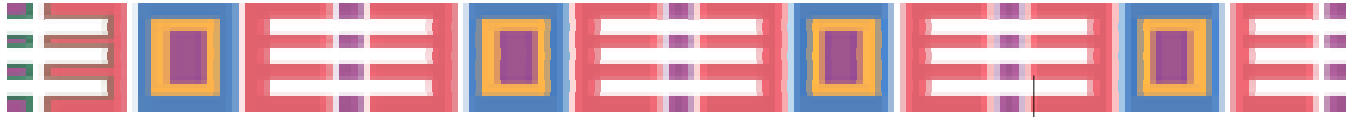




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Pauwau

Prices for ads in the Pauwau program booklet are the same as last year. A business card size is only \$60, and all you need from them is a business card and a check. Every tribal member should sell at least one, before October 16th.

For those of you fortunate enough to have know Joaquin Sopiak, he has left the Sun News to work for another newspaper in Hawaii. He did a lot for for us over the past year and we will surely miss him.

Congratulations

We'd like to send out belated best wishes to member Timothy Rainbolt on his recent marriage. We wish you and your new bride the best!!

Birthday Wishes

Hope everybody has a very Happy Birthday!!!!



Letter from the Chief

My brothers and Sisters:

There have been a few changes lately with the tribe and here are some updates.

The Tribal Grounds: Councilmember Brian Evans is in charge of getting the land ready for the Pauwau and can use all the help he can get. We, the usual tribal workers, placed 6,000 sq ft. of sod on the site last week. It has taken so long to get the land leveled and ready, that seeds would not have a chance to germinate and spread prior to the Pauwau so the only option we had left was sod.

It took us two days in the sun but we got it done. My issue is that we work the same people over and over and the same faces show up the next time. I appreciate the help folks and wish more of you cared enough to help.

The next step is to plant rye grass as seed and to put some sprigs of Bermuda grass out at the same time.

The rye will (hopefully) give us some grass coverage during the Pauwau but the rye will die and not return next year. The sprigs of Bermuda should start this year and spread and give us year round coverage from now on.

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The next tribal meeting will be Sept. 16, at 6:30pm at the tribal office in Aynor, SC.



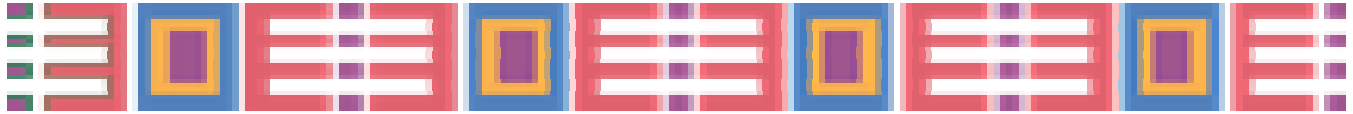
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I have selected the 17, and 18th of September to do this seeding and sprigging and I would like to have about 12-14 volunteers to help. I want two pick ups with the sprigs in the back driving along and a person in the back of each truck throwing the sprigs out. Then behind the trucks I want to have as any people as I can muster with tobacco sticks walking along and poking the sprigs into the ground.

We also need to pick up roots and prepare the ground for the seeds and sprigs so, the 17th, we need to show up in force to do roots and then the following day, sprig and seed the area. We will also need to use a garden hoses to water the ground so bring one or two when you come. You will get them back. We only need them to water the grass for about three weeks.

The tribal meeting for September will be held on Friday the 16th as well. This will allow this who travel some distance to make the trip only once to help and attend the meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM at the tribal office on the land.

Waccamaw Care: The tribal business is doing well but not as well as we would like. There are some issues involving it and the donors (Frank and Joann Wyeth) to whom we owe both a monetary and a moral debt. We've been earning between \$600 and \$1000 dollars weekly. This of course is good because anything we earn will help us in setting up the grounds and so forth. However, I believe it best to reach some level of working capital and maintain that level before any moneys are donated to the tribe for general use.

I've been seeking advice from successful business managers and bankers concerning the amount of operational capital necessary to ensure that the business doesn't get into trouble and they generally say that we need to be able to sustain ourselves for at least two months on our bank account alone. Two months of operational capital is approximately \$20,000.00 and we are no where close to that amount at present.

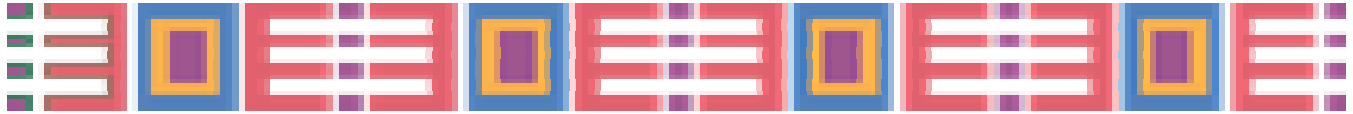
Tribal Membership: As we've announced before, the paper ID cards are expired. If all you have is a paper ID, your membership is likewise expired, and this will likely be the last newsletter you receive. I have asked Tribal Council to get to the bottom of the tribal roll and I hope they have it settled in the next three months.

If you have not contacted the tribal secretary for renewal, it is too late and you will be required to resubmit for membership, if you still desire it. The roll book is closed for non-core but is never closed to core. In either case, the paper ID cards are expired, but if you are core, you may submit an application and hopefully be reaccepted. If you are non-core, you must wait until the roll books open again.

I am aware that we had some photo ID cards done by the Catawba and I am fairly sure that these IDs expire January 2006, so you have until then to renew it and get the new Waccamaw card. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

If you wish you may send an electronic photo (head shot) via e-mail to the Tribal Secretary at WacChe-Siox@aol.com and she can renew your card via mail. However, if you have a membership packet pending and have not yet been issued an ID number, you will be required to attend the quarterly meeting to receive your card. There is a letter outlining your rights and responsibilities and some Waccamaw History that you are now required to read and sign before your membership is awarded. Of course there are exceptions for hardship reasons and your first contact in such a case is the Tribal Secretary. She can get it approved for you if you need that exception.

Tribal Office is not yet in full swing. The phones are on, the desks are in place and we're in process of moving files



and filing cabinets. The Tribal Secretary is not able to be there 24/7 and I have agreed that a couple of hours a day is sufficient, especially when she doesn't get paid for her work and gas is so very expensive these days. If you have business at the tribal office, please call and make arrangements with Councilmember Linda Atkinson so she will know what you want and is ready to accommodate you during the times she is on site. The tribal office phone number is 843-358-OUR People, that's 358-6877. If she doesn't answer, leave a message and she will get back to you.

My sister and niece painted the insides of the office this weekend. That's the 28th of August. There are folks on site every weekend working on something so if you have a hankering to help on the land, call or just show up it is very likely that someone will be there working on something. If not there are tons of roots to be moved, help yourself.

The ID card making machine, copy machine, and some of the fire proof filing cabinets are on site and more and more filing cabinets and etc will be moved along and a long until the office is in full swing. The Tribal Secretary is the point of contact for ID card issues as well, so contact her via phone or e-mail if you need some help.

Deaths in the Tribe. Since last newsletter, we have lost two persons to lung cancer. Tribal member Charles Wade Hatcher died in his home on July 26, 2005, after being diagnosed with untreatable lung cancer. Charles was a wonderful and loving man who worked as a mechanic all of his life.

The Hatcher family has suffered two loses within a month. Just a few weeks prior to Charles' death his brother-in-law, Levon Duncan (husband of Helen Hatcher Duncan) died from the same cancer. Levon was likewise a very noble and wonderful man. My condolences go to all of you who have suffered these loses.

Roughly a week after Charles' death a good friend of mine, Gary Biller of the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina also died of lung cancer. What a terrible disease to claim so many of our people. If you smoke, please consider quitting.

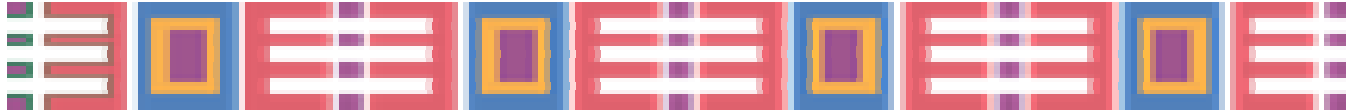
Policy revision: Councilmember Ronnie Floyd introduced a very good idea for tribal management. He (we) are trying to figure out the best way to implement it. His idea is to divide the tribe by seven and assign a council member to each group. This would provide every tribal member with a council member for communications and so forth.

For example, we could take all members with last names beginning with A through D to Council seat one. Councilmember One would then be responsible for the issues raised by his/her constituents. Additionally, these people would be the voters who would select the councilmember for that seat.

I would be happy to hear your views on this.

Artists certification: Because we are state recognized, we are now allowed (and required) to certify our artists before they can comply with Public Law 101-644 (Indian Arts and Crafts Board). Thanks to the hard work Avey Jane Webb and her team, we have a system in place to certify our artists. Tribal Council adopted the policy as a living document which will be revised as time goes on. We can start, however, to begin our certification process. If you are an artist and interested in meeting the standards of 101-644 (becoming a certified artist), please contact the Tribal Secretary and enter yourself on the log of artists waiting for the screening board.

Princess program: Another one of our members (Ms. Stefanie Lynch) has worked out the Waccamaw Princess Program and the Council has adopted it. There are four slots and age groups. Those are the Little Miss (3 to 6 years



old), Junior Miss (7 to 12 years old), Miss Waccamaw (13 to 18 years old) and Senior Miss Waccamaw which is by appointment (aged 45 and up).

These ladies will represent the tribe at different events and gatherings by entering the Grand Entries as Waccamaw Royalty and will follow the Chiefs and dignitaries. The sash and crown are in the designing stages and should be finished soon. There is a selection process and it is competitive and if you are interested in seeking selection as a Waccamaw Princess please contact Ms. Lynch at (252) 567-5342 or email LYNCH49@msn.com.

I believe that is enough for one newsletter so I will stop with that. I hope to see as many of you as can make it on the 17th and 18th. Come and help us get ready for the Pauwau, on our own land.

Be safe and walk easy.

HDH Chief

Tribal Elections

Elections are only 13 months away. The following seats are open for election: Chief's position (includes second Chiefs positions which are appointed) and three council seats. If there are things you would like to see changed or want to have a say in what happens in the tribe, here is your opportunity to run for these positions. Start now to get your message out.



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