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I apologize in the lateness of getting out the enclosed information, especially in getting out the election results, but so much has happened since the election and I have just been able to get it together. Thanks for your patience. Susan

Hello all,

I'd like to take this time to say a heartfelt "Thank-You" for all your support and help these past few months as I stepped in as your Acting Chief. I think I now know how involved it is to take on such an undertaking. We've been through a lot these past few months not to mention the past two years and I believe we are now stronger in spite of what others may think or say.

We are who we are, Waccamaw! I for one am proud to say so! We still have a ways to go, but I'm confident under the incoming administration we will forge forward.

Susan Hayes-Hatcher  
2nd Chief, External

The Pauwau 2008 Financial Report has been completed, and I'm very happy to say due to the mighty efforts and generosity of some of our members as well as some non-members, it was a profitable pauwau. The following are the figures through 11/29/08.

Gross Income To-Date	\$18,414.15
Expenses To-Date	<u>11,388.81</u>
Net Profit To-Date	\$ 7,025.34

Pending transactions not included in the above include one bill for \$200.00 for which we're awaiting an invoice, and \$1,515.00 in income from a grant and from School Day that we haven't yet received. If you would like to review the paperwork, which includes all supporting documentation for each expense and each deposit, please contact me. I can be reached by email at [wipinter-nal@sccoast.net](mailto:wipinter-nal@sccoast.net), or you can call 843-358-6788 and leave a message for me.

\$ 7,025 isn't a great deal of money, but given the pauwau was put together in just 60 days with the hope we could just break even this year, I'm very pleased with the result. Financially we keep the office operating for another year if we're careful with our spending. Although we find ourselves in a position of starting over from scratch, we're definitely off to a good beginning.

Iris H. Ewing

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Friday monthly,  
6:30pm, Tribal Office ,  
except in January and  
July***

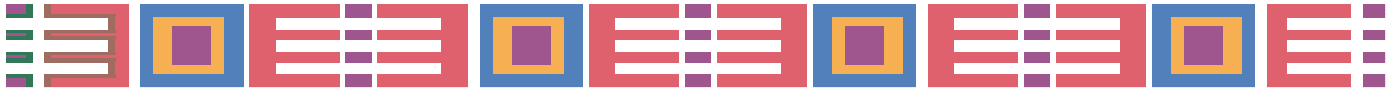
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My Brothers and Sisters;

It has been a while since I talked to you as your Chief. Since I retired in 2006, many things have happened. I personally believe the smell of power and the taste for money made some people put their own desires and welfare above you, their morals, and the Ancients of the Tribe.

These people have no accomplishments of their own, and were never elected as tribal leaders. After the resignation of the elected Chief in 2006, Webb and followers simply stumbled into a position they were not qualified and lacked the integrity to fill. They quickly, either through ignorance or malice, disregarded the very principals that made this Tribe the first in South Carolina to be recognized. They set about to control instead of lead; to harm instead of help, and when people rose against it, they misled, distorted, and outright lied to harm anyone who opposed them. They used the position of the people, as if it were their personal property and set about to deny members their constitutionally guaranteed rights of due process and justice. I know of documents mailed by certified mail to many of you claiming that I (and others) had done many things illegal or unethical, and trying to instill in you some question of my (and their) integrity and honesty.

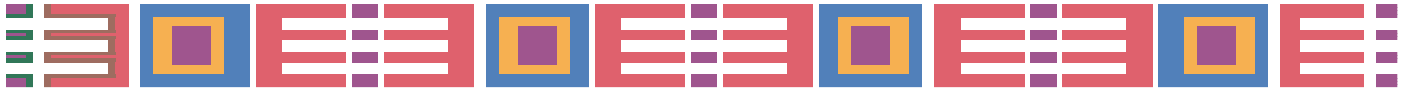
On the one hand I don't want to add exposure to their claim. However, on the other hand, I (and the others) didn't deserve their smears and, simply put, I want to respond, so I paid for this mailing. I am doing so because, I want the truth heard. I am tired of being accused in private conversations or one sided mailings, where I have no voice. I don't think you should pay for that, so, I will!

There was more than ten thousand dollars in the bank in October, 2007. Webb and followers claimed to have earned \$23,000.00 during the November PauWau. However, in December 2007, there was less money in the bank than what was there in October. When asked who authorized the expenditures and where the money went, they went into an extensive cover up. They demanded that the bank not disclose the information to anyone, even though the Council authorized access. In July 2008, they wrote a single check and took all of your money out of the Conway National Bank. I suspect that they used a lot of it to send those certified letters spreading deceit. They also made phone calls and so forth, doing the same thing. Some of you fell victim. Please remember, if you condemned me, Iris, Phil, Hank, Ronnie, Susan, Bernie, or anyone else, based upon a one sided story, you have wronged us, and all we did was stand up for your rights as a Tribal member!

Since 1992 I (and others) have worked for my people. I have driven (and serviced) my own car, paid my own expenses and took time that I would rather have been sleeping, visiting, or being with my family, to go and do. I didn't do it for me, I have my own money (none of which was stolen) and I have always known who I was. I did it for our next seven generations yet unborn; I did it for this Tribe; I did it for our grandchildren; I did it for my father and my grandfather; I did it because it was the right thing to do! I made presentations, and school board meetings so we could take our rightful place in the state's history. Although I have a fear of public speaking, I did speeches! I spoke at congressional hearings, I spoke at state house and senate hearings and I spoke to the general assembly, when it was necessary, and I even bought the gas to get me there! It worked! We arrived at a new level in South Carolina after 14 years of work.

I spent countless hours, researching, writing, editing, posting and distributing articles everywhere, so politicians, and educators, would know the plight of our people! I poked them about issues that we felt important and that few others cared anything about. I took the late night, weekend, and holiday phone calls. I survived the racial slurs aimed at me for standing up for what I believed in. I absolutely did not benefit from it financially, and I never even tried.

I heard James Webb at the Conway library, complaining about how he got an early phone call while he was in California on vacation. He gave the impression that he was simply exhausted and tired of the stress he had to endure as



the acting Chief. He had been acting Chief for all of 11 months.

This Tribe and my people filled most of my life for over 14 years. I served and I was happy to do it. I am happy to do it now. I still consider it a privilege! Many folks, who can now call their art Native art, were sleeping while I was driving to a meeting to make it happen. Folks, who now are listed as Indian on their voter's registration, were vacationing while I was writing letters and poking the politicians, who were trying to ignore us.

Folks who now can register their companies as owned by a Native American Indian because, now they are members of a state recognized tribe, were earning and enjoying money from their business while I was working, without pay and without reimbursement, to force the state to allow it. I spent hour after hour writing grant requests and running businesses that brought into this tribe over a million dollars during my 14 years. Every grant and business audited by almost everybody (state, federal, and private CPAs) and never a reportable item or any hint of a single dime misappropriated. We went from meetings in my home to Tribal land, State Recognition, a Tribal Business, listed in history books and on and on, and on. I am proud of my Tribe and what it has accomplished.

I have always turned a deaf ear to gossip and I am offended that lies and the immoral people who tell them have tarnished my reputation with nothing more. I am hurt that folks whom I thought to be my friends hear lies and don't question them. Some of you called or wrote and I was allowed to answer the allegations. I even proved my issues, and dispelled the lies. Some of you told them where to put it, but some of you simply joined in and helped spread them.

Where were the folks who can now sell their crafts with a turkey feather attached when the state barred it, just a year ago? I can tell you where I was; I was meeting with politicians, doing research, writing letters, working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), driving to Columbia (or back) and doing any of a thousand other things that was necessary to bring about change in this state. I am not an artist, I don't sell any crafts, it didn't help me! If it seems like I am complaining, I am not! I am only trying to show some perspective.

I also realize and don't intend to imply that I did it alone; I had help and I admit it freely. My hand was on the throttle, but there were many people shoveling the coal. I was very fortunate and had many loyal devoted members who supported me. Most of them still do! We cared and we did it! We saw the injustice and we fought to change it. We didn't hide what we did, we didn't lie about it! We did it publicly and we did it together!

Liars, crooks, thieves, and backstabbers usually don't last long in this business, and even if they survive, they don't get anything done. I stand on my record, and they can stand on theirs! The Webb regime lasted less than a year and accomplished absolutely nothing, except misappropriating, spending, or stealing over \$20,000.00, of your money. Was it theft, I don't know. Personally I still say "if there is nothing to hide, they wouldn't have gone to such lengths to hide it".

It hurts us all when they distort and lie in an attempt to damage the image of those that worked so hard to bring change to South Carolina. One has to question the heart of folks who degrade the spirit and image of people who have a proven record of honesty and integrity, simply because the accusers did things they should not have done and good people stood against it.

It hurts me personally when they make untruthful statements about me, trying to taint my heart, and my integrity. I have not misappropriated anything from my people. I have not lied and I have not misled. They accused me of lying to the Tribal Council to steal Waccamaw Care. Bryant even claims that he saw evidence to substantiate it. Truth is, the Wyeths gave Waccamaw Care to me, because they felt that if I were to default on the contract, they didn't want to sue the Tribe. They would rather sue me. I believe this was even advised by their lawyer. They could say for sure,



I don't remember.

I had to put my house, my land and my reputation up for the Tribe to have the business and I did! Who would have lost everything had one of the Nurses dropped a patient? Would you have done it and expected nothing in return? I promised them that I would not take a dime of the money, and I haven't. The books for Waccamaw Care are open for anyone to audit. What they told you in that certified letter was a lie and they will be called to answer for telling it. The Tribe owned a bingo hall for years. I thought everybody in the Tribe knew that. I know Webb and followers did! The Tribal Council used to meet in the Bingo Hall on Hwy 701. Bingo was certainly a business.

I never told Council they couldn't own a business. It simply isn't true and would have been a stupid statement, since we had owned businesses in the past. Ask the Council on duty at the time what they were told: Marion Gates (256) 710-6715), Linda Atkinson (843) 365-8539, Bryan Evans (843) 283-1261, Homer Johnson (864) 843-6681, Frank Hatcher (843) 662-4871.

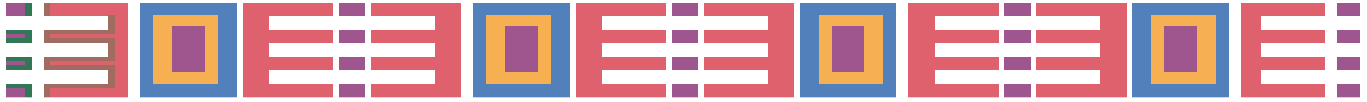
I am willing to make all financial records concerning any federal money, bingo money, grant, or any earnings whatsoever, any source, any date, any year, to any member, or group of members of this tribe, as soon as the court order brings them back to the Tribe, from Kui and the others (as part of their cover up, they took all of the Tribal financial records from the Tribal office). Do you wonder why?

As to the financial records, Tribal members may even designate anyone else they choose, to audit the files. My only stipulation is that if any impropriety is found they must call the local law enforcement and report it. This is not new. This is the manner in which I have always operated as your Chief. Hiding things became popular only under the Webb regime.

I will also open my personal bank account to anyone in the Tribe that wants to audit it and who is willing to state what he or she, is looking to find. My only stipulation is that if impropriety is found you must report it to local law enforcement, and once you finish, without finding impropriety, you must agree to open your bank account for my review, publicly identify anyone who has accused me of thievery, and then, follow up by testifying in court against him or her. Additionally, you will need to sign an agreement that only improprieties can be disclosed to anyone (I deserve some privacy, too, and I don't want everyone to know how broke I am). I believe that to be a fair offer. Let's put our money where our mouth is!

You can believe that when people call you, only to make unsupported and unfounded claims, there is a reason for it. If they hold hearings and don't invite the accused, there is a reason for it! Truth will stand in sunlight, but lies must be spread in darkness and through one sided conversations. Their claims are not true or they would have made them to local law enforcement, long ago! Lies cannot be proven except, in private meetings and to corrupt people, who are lost in them.

The certified letter you received called a meeting a hearing. Although four people signed the letter, only three (of the seven elders) even attended the meeting. I, and none of the others who were accused, were even informed that the meeting was going on. We were not allowed to attend, even to defend ourselves. I believe (and have been informed) that it was held in Webb's home. Sound like a hearing? Check due process in any state, county, or tribe. What if a court held private hearings, with only the accusers present, to talk to the Judge? The Judge, if he allowed that, would (and should) have been fired! This is how Webb and Bryant operated for their eleven months. They want to blame me for their downfall. But like the man who sees a thief steal a car, and calls the police to report it, it is not the caller's fault that the thief go to jail. It's not the police's fault, it's not the owner's fault. It is nobody's fault but the thief. The old saying, "don't do the crime, if you can't do the time" comes to mind!



Only three of Seven Elders would even attend; held in the home of the accuser, only one side invited (or even informed of it), even the accused not allowed to be there to defend themselves. How could anyone, claiming to be honorable, have allowed it or have taken part in it? Three of the Elders refused to attend and one was not even invited. If you look closely at the notes included with the “findings” it shows only three were there, but Bryant signed as a proxy for one, giving the false impression of a majority. Would you call that honorable?

Additionally, since we, “the accused” had charges also pending, against them “the accusers”, we were not there to testify, show proof, or in any way make our case. It is not hard to win a case if only one side is allowed to attend. Obviously Bryant was part of the dishonesty.

Is it any wonder that all who opposed James Webb, Lillian (Sandy) Cox, Cydnee Joe Dozier, or K.C. (Kui) Clearwater were found guilty, at the so called hearing, while Webb, Dozier, Clearwater and Cox (who were allowed to provide testimony and so forth), were found innocent? The simple truth is that these people, including the folks who signed that letter, violated the constitutional and legal rights of many tribal members. Bryant and others may soon hear from those of us they violated. Today, I will accept a written apology and a reversal of the untruthful findings if it is quickly issued! Tomorrow a court may be involved.

At a recent and public Commission for Minority Affairs meeting, Webb stood up and publicly called me names. He accused me of hiding the genealogy of Pete Bryant and concealing the alleged fact that he is core. In my view, and from what I was told by several in the room, after they walked out with me, and went to have lunch with me, Webb simply demonstrated that he doesn’t have the mental capacity and integrity to lead.

I never concealed anything about Pete. First, we need core, the more the better. Second, I loved Pete Bryant and his family. I would have done almost anything to help him. I was very surprised that he was so involved with their corruption. I still have trouble believing that a man whom I loved and whom I thought was my best friend felt that way about me. Is he the man I thought, I guess not! I am ashamed of him! I believed him to be fair and honest, but his actions were not the actions of an honorable man.

Following the corrupt hurt Pete, not me! I don’t have the money, knowledge, or desire to conceal Pete’s genealogy. I wonder how anyone could justify such a stupid charge. I certainly cannot hide the census records, or the graveyard reports. These things are public records accessible in most public libraries. I certainly cannot hide Pete’s family records, bibles and so forth. If Pete can’t find it, how is it my fault?

It is the responsibility of tribal members to do their own family tree research. Webb’s comments, in my view, mark him as foolish. He served with me as my 2nd for years. If he knew of the tie as he now claims, why didn’t he make it known?

There are two civil cases and a criminal case pending in South Carolina’s Courts already, to call Webb and followers to account for their actions and allegations. I (and others) are presently working to file personal lawsuits against still others. When heard in a court of law, this suit will allow them to show the proof they claimed they presented and saw, when they signed the document that was mailed to you. I promise you there is no proof, because their claims are lies.

The reverse is true for charges raised against them, however. One of the claims involves a former member of Tribal Council who was fraudulently seated on the Council, because she is a convicted felon. The letter signed by four people (one of whom didn’t even attend the meeting) stated that she was not a convicted felon. This is a blatant lie, but Bryant and others presented the lie to you, as a finding of fact in writing, and by certified mail. They



cannot escape the slander or the libel.

This is one of their findings that is easy for anyone to check, and would have been for them, as well, if they had really wanted to find the truth. I am saying in writing, if it is a lie, this is the proof that I said it.

Call the Richmond City Circuit Court of Richmond, Virginia (criminal side) (804) 646-6536) and ask who was convicted in case number CR93000855-00 and CR93000855-01. The birth date is 5-16-54 and the last four of the SSAN is 1811. You might also ask if the case has ever been overturned, or if this felon still has a record. It is true that she listed herself as black, but the mug shots speak for themselves and if you want one, let me know. Look her name up in Horry County Courts and you will find even more listings/charges/or convictions for similar offenses. Another of the four also has charges/convictions in Horry County. You have to use their real names to find them, but they are there as public records. As to the splinter mess, have no fear; unless you have sided and joined with Webb and his followers, you are not a splinter. Of course, whom you identify and work with is your choice. It won't lessen your Native blood and I simply don't care. If you can justify their corruption, you deserve each other!

We, the Waccamaw will continue to work for the betterment of the tribe and as we did for fourteen years, and we will continue to progress. If you chose to work with Webb, that choice is yours, but if it is found that you are part of his fiasco, your membership with us will be surrendered, and you will lose your privileges as a state recognized Tribal member, and I am happy to report that there is nothing I can do about it. If you wish, contact me, in writing, and we will remove your name from the rolls.

I am given to believe that they intend to continue their disruption through a so called election to be done in January 2009. The Waccamaw election was (and always has been) done in October. The election concluded on October 10th, 2008 with one of our biggest turn out in history and no other elections are scheduled until October 2010.

I suggest that you not respond to them in any fashion, for any reason least your dealings with them allow them to claim you are a member of their operation. They could use your notes, ballot, letters or correspondence to substantiate that claim. If they do, it is very likely that your card with us will be invalidated. The Waccamaw Constitution, and federal regulations demand it.

Any correspondence from us will have the below logo thereon. I would ignore any correspondence without this logo. Use of this logo, without authority, is a violation of copyright laws.

You can be assured, though that almost every former member of the Tribal Government, people who led and served you for over fourteen years, have stood against Webb's and follower's rape of the Tribal Constitution and your fellow Waccamaws. These honorable leaders have witnessed first hand how Webb and followers have violated Tribal Law and your rights as Tribal members. Honorable men and women have stood against them because they love this Tribe and hate to see it raped. They are standing up for you. They are standing up for your rights, and your next seven generations, yet unborn.

Do you deserve it?

I am sorry for the anger in my tone, but I am angry! I love all of my people, but I and a lot of others have earned some respect and I now demand it for all of us.

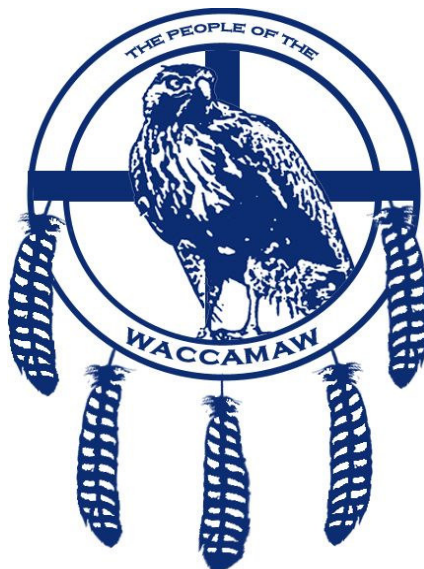


From this day on, Webb and followers are invisible to me. I hope you follow suit. If not, good luck in your future endeavors, The truth has been told and the proof is there.

Until next time,

Walk Easy!

HDH  
Chief



## Tribal Elections

Well, the votes have been tallied and our newly elected officials are listed below.

Chief: Harold "Buster" Hatcher

Five new council members: Homer Johnson, Richia Powell, Robert Benton, Dalton Hatcher, and Wayne Turner. Congratulations to all.



*Here's wishing you and your family a very prosperous  
New Year!!*



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