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Timothy Strickland seeks re-election to EMC Board of Directors October 6



Timothy Strickland, life long farmer, has announced his bid for re-election to the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's Board of Directors. Strickland has served as the District IV representative on that board for 21 years. In addition to his farming interests, Strickland is also retired from the State of North Carolina where he served as Head of the Motor Pool at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke for more than thirty years. Strickland and his wife, Ruthie Jane Strickland, reside in the Harper's Ferry area. In making his announcement for re-election, Strickland released the following statement.

"It has been a privilege for me to serve the rural EMC. As a life long farmer, I understand and appreciate the significance of the establishment of the rural electric cooperative. It

was originally begun to provide electrical services to the rural areas. Of course, since its organization the EMC has extended its services as the needs of the consumer have changed. We now provide electric service to more than 30,000 consumers and have been instrumental in the recruitment of industry into the service area. In my twenty-one years as a member of the LREMC Board, I have had the opportunity to be a part of progressive change and to provide expertise in the operation of a multi-million dollar business which is what the cooperative is about these days.

"During my years of service I have served as Secretary to the Board for nine years. This experience has been used as a means of expanding my personal knowledge of the cooperative program in order that I might make wiser decisions for the consumers. After all, efficient and adequate service to the consumers is the priority of the cooperative.

"Many programs have been developed and expanded during my tenure with the EMC. I am proud of those programs and feel honored to have played a part in their establishment. I am especially proud of the 'Help a Needy Friend Program.' This is a program whereby consumers donate .50 a month to help other consumers. The program is optional but I have participated in giving since its inception. This fund is set aside to help consumers who have financial emergencies and hardships. The coop has established this program to meet the needs of consumers. It is not unusual or anything to be ashamed of to find

yourself in need of assistance. The Help A Needy Friend Program is just one way we have of meeting the financial needs of the less fortunate and/or economically disadvantaged. This is only one of the reasons that I have considered running again for the EMC Board.

"At the August meeting the board voted to send Capital Credits to the consumers. Capital Credits are the monies that are left over at the end of the operational years. These monies are returned to the consumers. In August we decided to pay over \$1 million to the consumers for the year 1978 and 1997. I am delighted to be a part of the successful and progressive LREMC Board. The more efficient the cooperative operates, the more Capital Credits earned for the consumers. After all, it is the consumers who own the not-for profit corporation.

"There are many other decisions that I have been part of that are beneficial to the consumers. I wish to remain on the EMC board because I feel that I have the experience and the expertise to continue to make wise decisions for the consumers.

"The election for four members of the EMC Board will be held on Tuesday, October 6 at the UNCP Performing Arts Center. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin as soon as there is a quorum of members. It is important for consumers to remember that they must vote for four people in order for their vote to count. I humbly ask that you make Timothy Strickland one of your four votes on October 6."



Sgt. Bryant completes 13-week law enforcement leadership program

Pembroke --- Like many students, Campus Police Sgt. Travis Bryant took the summer off from UNCP Pembroke. The only difference is he went back to school.

Sgt. Bryant, a four year veteran of the UNCP Campus Police Department, completed a 13-week Administrative Officers Management Program at North Carolina State University. The course is designed to provide law enforcement personnel with management and leadership skills.

UNCP Campus Police Chief David Helton said the skills learned at the program will enhance the department.

"The knowledge and skills which Sgt. Bryant gained will surely help us become a more professional agency," Chief Helton said. "Having an officer accepted into such an elite program as AOMP was a great honor for our department, and I would like to thank the Chancellor Oxendine for allowing Sgt. Bryant to participate. The program gives participants

15 college credits and is a nationally accredited public administration course. Sgt. Bryant's tuition was paid for with a \$2,400 state grant set aside for small police agencies.

He said the program is a good one. "I feel like this will be beneficial for my career and for the university," Sgt. Bryant said.

"This is high quality management instruction."

"Law enforcement gets more complex all the time, and programs like this teach the interpersonal skills that the job demands," he said. "We leaned about budgets, community policing and we shared a lot of ideas and concerns with faculty and other law enforcement personnel."

A 1993 graduate of UNCP, majoring in criminal justice, Sgt. Bryant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bryant.

Since his graduation from AOMP, Sgt. Bryant has been asked to serve on an assessment panel for hiring lieutenants for the UNC-Chapel Hill campus police.

New Hours for County Museum

The Robeson County Museum Associates announce new hours of operation for the Robeson County Museum: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am - 2pm; 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9am - 2pm. The caretaker is Mr. James McRae.

The current exhibit focuses on the Lumber River: History and Habits. Group visits may be arranged in advance by phoning 738-7979 during museum hours.

The Museum Associates are currently undertaking a membership drive. Informative pamphlets may be found at the following locations: Robeson County Museum, Robeson County Public Library, Lumberton Chamber of Commerce office and the office of Travel and tourism.

Democratic Women to meet

The Robeson County Democratic Women will hold a meeting on Monday, September 14, 1998 at 7:00 pm at Ryan's Steak House in Lumberton, NC. For information please call Ms. Earlena C. Lowry at 521-9092 or call 628-6642.

Crepe Myrtle Celebration planned

ANGIER-The Crepe Myrtles are in full bloom and the village of Angier, NC is full of excitement in preparation for the 16th Annual Crepe Myrtle Celebration.

The celebration will begin on September 12 with a parade leading into the village by Ronald McDonald. The special attraction this year is the Seventh Generation Society youth Council Dancers and the Red Snake Drum Group of native Americans under the leadership of Karl A. Hunt. This special attraction is sponsored by Olde Mill Motors members of the Angier Chamber of Commerce. Jay Locklear and Brent Barrett of Olde Mill Motors in a recent interview stated, "we are very pleased to be a small part of this years celebration and we sincerely hope our citizens and friends will enjoy this special feature." Other entertainment for the day will include a "street rod" show, dunking booths, music, food, pony rides, arts and crafts, puppet shows, dancing and a special booth by the Chamber of Commerce selling Crepe Myrtles at bargain prices.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Ken Johnson

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Chinese Jade Garden Restaurant with President Brian Brooks presiding.

Program chairman Buddy Bell presented his son Dr. Joey Bell as speaker of the evening. Dr. Bell's topic was the opportunities in the medical professions for gifted Indian students. There are opportunities at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Also the University of Oklahoma offers degrees in the medical sciences, especially for Indian students, plus Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. We have had many Lumbee students come out of these programs

successfully and get jobs in the health care professions. Dr. Bell encouraged interested Indian student to contact him at his Pembroke office. The telephone number is 521-0201. These programs are in all he health care professions, including pediatrics, nursing, dentistry, x-ray doctors, anesthesiologists, internal medicine, physical therapy, heart specialists, cancer specialists. The desire to serve, to be dedicated to the professional care of patients is truly evident in Dr. Joey Bell.

Opening song leader -Ed Teets. Invocation-Garth Locklear. Reporter-Ken Johnson.

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Small farms and small businesses get exemption

RALEIGH- Small businesses and family farms would be exempted from any inheritance tax under a proposal pushed Wednesday by Senate Democrats in an effort to move state budget negotiations forward.

For two months, House and Senate budget writers have been at a stalemate. House Republican negotiators have insisted on a repeal of the inheritance tax, a cut that would benefit only about 5,300 estates in North Carolina this year. At the same time, the House budget fails to expand Smart Start statewide or provide badly needed juvenile detention centers.

Senate Democrats have insisted on expanding Smart Start, providing more state resources to education, including community colleges and state universities, and more detention centers for juvenile criminals.

The disagreement has delayed school technology funding, pay raises for teachers, nonprofit agency funding and hundreds of other state programs.

"This compromise offers an exemption to those who need it most, while allowing the state to provide for educating our children and protecting public safety," said state Sen. David Weinstein, D-Robeson. "But holding the education of our children hostage for the sake of a tax cut that would benefit only a few is irresponsible."

North Carolina ranks second in the nation in tax cuts over the past five years, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The General Assembly already has guaranteed substantial tax relief this year by agreeing to repeal the food tax, to offer tax credits for long-term care insurance for the elderly and credits for parents who provide private health insurance to their children, and to repeal the tax on public retirees' pensions.

But further tax cuts-especially the inheritance tax, which would benefit only 20 estates in Bladen County, 105 in Cumberland county, 9 in Hoke County, 53 in Robeson County and 46 in Sampson County-would come at a high cost to public schools, law enforcement and Smart Start. Weinstein noted.

North Carolina already allows a \$600,000 exemption on all estates and spouses inherit property tax-free. The Senate Democrats' proposal Wednesday would allow farms and small businesses with values above the \$600,000 threshold to pass to the next generation tax free.

"It's a reasonable solution to an unreasonable impasse," Weinstein said. "Educating our children should be the state's top priority, not blowing a hole in the state budget for a tax cut that would only benefit a handful of people."

22nd Annual Native American Cultural Festival/Pow Wow to be held

Greensboro---The Guilford Native American Association is pleased to announce that they will be celebrating their annual Cultural Festival and Pow Wow on September 18-20, 1998. The Cultural Festival/Pow-Wow is co-sponsored by Guilford Native American Association and Greensboro Country Park, a division of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. The three day event will be held at Greensboro Country Park, Greensboro, N.C.

A Cultural Festival for K-6th graders will kickoff the event on Friday, September 18. The Cultural Festival will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. School children from throughout Guilford and surrounding counties are invited to attend the festival. Admission is \$1.00 during the festival only.

Activities to take place during the festival include Native American story-telling, traditional tools and weapons demonstration, traditional dancing and sign language and a La-

crose game demonstration. Featured performers for the festival will include the Ximalli Aztec Dancers of Mexico and the Eastern Cherokee Championship Hoop Dancer, Jonathan Feather. Native American traders will also be selling traditional arts and crafts.

The Pow Wow will officially begin Friday, September 20 with various activities including inter-tribal dancing, dancing competition, drum competition, arts and crafts competition, honoring ceremonies and a gospel singing. The Pow Wow will feature dancers representing tribes from throughout the United States and Canada. These dancers, ranging in age from 18 months to 75, will compete for prize money in several different dance categories. Food vendors will be on hand selling various foods, including traditional Indian Frybread and Tacos. General admission is \$5.00/day, senior citizens \$1.00, children 6-12 \$1.00, children 5 and under free. This year a three (3) day pass for general admission will be offered for

Reading for Success Workshop

The Robeson County Church and Community Center offers (at no charge) a three session workshop to train volunteer tutors. These certified tutors are prepared to tutor school children in reading at the county elementary schools. The workshops are held at Resource Room #2 in the Planetarium of the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Workshop #4 Mondays Sept. 14, 21, 28 - 6-9 PM
Workshop #5 Thursdays Sept. 17, 24, and Oct. 1-6-9 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER FOR THE THREE WORKSHOP SESSIONS, CALL Polly or Dan Cunningham (Trainers) - 521-4230 or Robeson County Church and Community Center - 738-5204

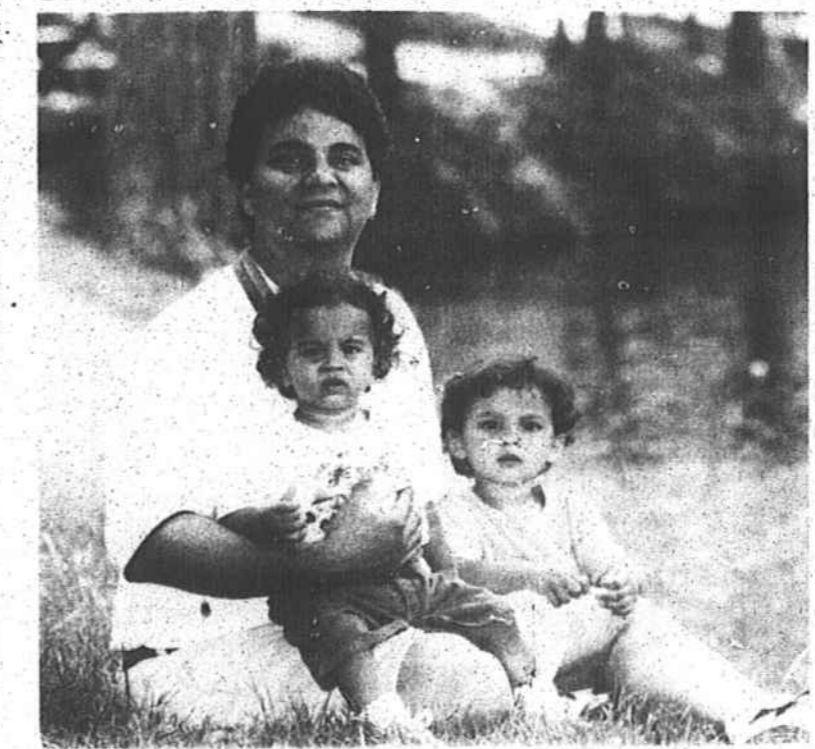
Golf Tournament

The 6th Annual Johnny Strickland Memorial Captain's Choice Golf Tournament will be held on September 12, 1998 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Eastwood Golf Course. The course is located at 4400 The Plaza, in Charlotte, NC.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$65.00 and the entry deadline is September 8, 1998. There will be a drawing on September 10th at 7:30 pm at the 19th Hole Grill. There will be food, cash prizes, beer, lots of merchandise and much more. Everyone is invited.

For additional information please contact Bobby Berry at 704-545-7711 or contact the Metrolina Native American Association at 2601-A East Seventh Street, Charlotte, 704-331-4818.

Native Americans Choose Life



Eighth quarter student Victor Locklear (with children Ethan and Kaylyn) is one of several native Americans from the same community in North Carolina who are enrolled at Life University.

Whether it's coincidence or whether its fate, eight Native Americans from Pembroke, North Carolina area, have found themselves together at Life.

This group of acquaintances, friends and in some cases cousins- all of Native American descent- lived within one or two miles of each other near Pembroke. All of them are now studying to be chiropractors.

It's really amazing that we all ended up here," said Victor Locklear, an 8th quarter student. "We had no idea of each other's plans...it just worked out this way."

The students, Brian Floriata (11th quarter) Victor Locklear (8th), Chastity Oxendine (7th), Angie Moore (5th), John Deese (5th), Jason Locklear (4th), and Regina Freeman (Pre-Reqs) are descendants of the Lumbee Tribe. These Native Americans are thought to have blended with the Lost Colony, a group of colonist

who disappeared from Roanoke Island, North Carolina in 1586. "That explains our surnames, and why some of us have red hair, or green eyes," said Victor Locklear.

All attended public schools in the Robeson School District, and several had seen chiropractors, but there was no agreement to come here together, according to Victor.

I knew Melinda Cooke (not a Native American but a life student from Robeson County) and Brian were here after 1st quarter, and I found out Jason and Angie when I went back home for the Christmas holidays," he recalled. "We occasionally run into each other at home, but we seldom see each other on campus."

Victor can't speak for the others, but he says the school's close proximity and its employees were a big factor. "Once I decided to go to chiropractic school I drove down and everybody was so friendly and nice I knew it had to be life."

More than eight Lumbee are currently enrolled at Life University which sits on Cherokee ancestral homeland. The university specializes in the training of Chiropractic Doctors.

Some of the Lumbee are related and some are just friends but they all have found each other. "It's really amazing that we all ended up here," said Victor Locklear, an 8th quarter student. "We had no idea of each other's plans...it just worked out this way."

The other Lumbee students include, Brian Floriata (11th quarter), Matt Chavis (8th), Chastity Oxendine (7th), Angie Moore (5th), John Deese (5th), Jason Locklear (4th), and Regina Freeman (Pre-Reqs)