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Rev. Jerry McNeill Seeks Position as Tribal Chairman



"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." This scripture found in Ecclesiastes 9:10 has served as a basic principle of life for the Rev. Jerry McNeill throughout his Christian life. This biblical philosophy and many other Christian principles he promises to bring with him as a foundation for service, if he is elected to represent the Lumbee Tribe as the Tribal Chairman Saturday, September 26, 1998. Rev. McNeill has served on the tribal council since the adoption of the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians and the election of the first Tribal Council in 1994. He has represented District 5 on the Council since that time, being elected to a three year term originally. The Constitution sets forth term limitations and a member of the tribal council or the tribal chairman can only serve two consecutive terms.

Rev. McNeill feels that his fifteen years service as a pastor is a demonstration of his leadership ability and states that he offers this expertise to the tribal members in his bid for the position of Tribal Chairman. "The position of tribal chairman," Rev. McNeill said, "is one of great responsibility and requires a great deal of experience in working with people. After all, people are the greatest asset we have. There is much potential and talent among the Lumbee and we need to accentuate the positive attributes of our own people. As Tribal Chairman, I believe I will be in a position to further the goals and objectives of our Constitution and I will, if elected, strive harmoniously to have the Constitution recognized and respected as the legal document for our government," Rev. McNeill concluded.

Rev. McNeill has served as a pastor for fifteen years, serving Riverside Independent Baptist Church. He is the founder of Riverside Christian Academy and Riverside Daycare. He is a graduate of Coastal Bible College and attended Carolina Bible College for three years.

"I am proud of the work I have done with the good people at Riverside," Rev. McNeill said. "They have allowed me to serve as a member of the Tribal Council and have supported my efforts. My experience in counseling and financial budgeting has been earned at Riverside and I desire to work for the Lumbee people in an additional capacity, that of Tribal Chairman."

Rev. McNeill, in making his announcement released the following

among his goals and objectives if he is elected tribal chairman:

"To select an advisory board from the 21 districts to communicate with the tribal council and the tribal chairman. This will give me greater input into what the Lumbee people expect from their tribal government.

"To search for funding for housing, education and social programs that will enhance the young and elderly.

"With the consent of the tribal council, in accordance with the document, to seek a tribal administrator who will oversee the execution of the laws and programs set forth by the tribal government.

"I will be an ambassador for the Lumbee people, their representative before local and state agencies to assert the positions and concerns of the Lumbee people.

"And to work federal recognition."

Rev. McNeill concluded his announcement by stating: "I encourage all Lumbee people to participate in the tribal election on Saturday, September 26. I sincerely solicit the support of the people for the position of tribal chairman. If elected, I pledge to continue to abide by my Christian principles and to bring prayerful attention to decisions that must be made. I believe that we can do nothing before we pray, but pray; but after we have prayed, I believe we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. I pledge to remember where my strength comes from, if elected, and to continue to practice the instructions found in Ecclesiastes 10:9."

Fireman's Association to Sponsor Truck and Tractor Pull

ROBESON COUNTY FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION THE ALL AMERICAN BUD 300 TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL

DATES: Friday September 11th and Saturday September 12th at 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Robeson County Fair Grounds, Lumberton N.C.

SANCTIONED BY: National Tractor Pullers Association which is the nations oldest and most prestigious governing and sanctioning body for the motorsport of truck and tractor pulling. NTPA enters its 30th year of sanctioning and producing events. United Pullers of the Carolinas is the local sanctioning body which has been promoting the sport of pulling since 1971.

PRIZE MONEY: Budweiser Pulling Circuit competitors will vie for \$9000.00 in prize money.

CIRCUIT: This event will be winding down the 1998 Budweiser Points Series. Competitors will be competing for this prestigious title for 1998 and vying for the annual points money from this circuit.

SPONSORS: This event is sponsored by the Robeson County Fireman's Association. Along with the National Tractor Pull the Fireman's Association will have Fireman Competition on Saturday afternoon starting at 3:30.

Various Robeson County Fire Departments will be competing in the Bucket Brigade, The Midnight Alarm, and the Challenge of the free standing ladder climb. The kids will get a chance to see Smokey the Bear, Sparky the Dog and go through a smoke filled firehouse. National Tractor Pullers will have their vehicles on display and will be signing autographs during the afternoon events. The kids weighing 40 to 70 pounds can compete in the Pedal Pull against drugs. Registration starts at 5 P.M. on Saturday at the Fairgrounds. Pedal Pull begins at 6 P.M. adults can try their skills with their factory stock four-wheel drives Friday and Saturday night after the National Show. Come and register early Friday or Saturday afternoon. A lot of competition and a fun weekend scheduled in Lumberton.

HISTORY: This will be the 3rd year the National Qualifying competitors will meet in Lumberton to establish a possible dual title as being the contestant to represent the eight state southern region, and to possibly become the Budweiser Points Champion for 1998. The National Qualifiers leaving Lumberton will compete at the N.C. State Fair to finalize the Budweiser Points Champion in 1998. The Qualifiers will represent Region Four for the annual National Event.

Election Notice for Absentee Voting in Tribal Council & Chairman Election

Lumbee people (residents and non-residents) wishing to vote in the tribal election for September 26, by absentee ballot should contact the Lumbee tribal office at 910-521-9999.

Persons eligible to vote by absentee ballot include: non-residents, and those unable to vote at the polling sites because of work, health, or other circumstances.

To vote by absentee ballot, you must complete an Application to Vote an Absentee Ballot. You must be 18 years or older by September 26, and Lumbee. Near relatives (parent, grandparent, brother or sister) may complete the application form for you at the Tribal Office, or you may request the form by calling the Tribal Office or by sending a written request to P.O. Box 3058, Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

In order for your ballot to be counted, it should be received at the tribal post office box no later than 4:00pm on September 25, 1998.

The Tribal Elections Board reserves the right to determine the eligibility of persons to vote as an absentee tribal voter.

CAMPUS POWWOW

Tuesday, 16 September
UNCP Quad, beside Old Main
Open at 4 PM; Grand Entry at 5 PM
No Admission Charge - Everyone Is Welcome

Traditional Native American Music, Dance, Arts, Crafts & Foods

Host Drum: Stoney Creek
Head Male Dancer: Bo Goins
Head Female Dancer: Brandi Warriax
Master of Ceremonies: Ray Littleturtle
Special Musical Guests: ULALI

The international recording group Ulali features three Native American women: Purafé (Tuscarora), Soni (Maya/Apache/Yaqui) and Jennifer (Tuscarora). These three voices deliver a mystical and sweeping sound which blends traditional and contemporary indigenous music. They were featured on the soundtrack of the Turner documentary series, "The Native Americans," and have appeared on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno." They have performed throughout the Americas and Europe with such artists as Indigo Girls, Buffy Saint Marie, Floyd Westerman, The American Indian Dance Theater, Sting, Richie Havens, The B-52's, Jackson Brown and John Trudell. They were featured on the Smithsonian's CD entitled "Heartbeat: Voices of First Nations Women," and will be on the up-coming release "Aboriginal Womens' Voices." Their album, "Mahk Jchi" is available nationwide.

For information call (910) 521-6282. Sponsored by Native American Student Organization, Native American Resource Center, Office of Student Activities, Lumbee Regional Development Association and by a grant from the Grassroots Arts Section of the N. C. Arts Council.

Steve & Magnolia Maynor Family Reunion Planned

The Steve and Magnolia Maynor Family Reunion will be held September 19, 1998 in the Cafeteria at Pembroke Elementary School beginning at 3:00pm. Reservations should be made by calling 521-4666, 521-4271, or 738-3309.

Correction

Heather Locklear, the actress from *Melrose Place* made her acknowledgement of Lumbee ancestry in the August 23, 1998 issue of PARADE MAGAZINE, not in the May 23 issue as previously stated in the August 31, 1998 issue Carolina Indian Voice.

Pembroke BPW award scholarships at meeting

The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization held its first meeting for the year at Linda's Restaurant at recently.

The highlight of the meeting focused on the presentations of scholarships which were presented to two female recipients. Foundations chairperson, Jo Ann Locklear, presented the Reba Lowry scholarship to Millicent Tubbs and Yvonne Dial presented the Grace Epps scholarship to Lakola Hunt.

Dorothy Blue and Flora ransom shared information involving the national conference which they attended in Orlando, Florida. Depression, being a major issue of the conference, was noted with much

emphasis and great concern as it affects women.

Club president, Annette Strickland, and Yvonne Dial attended a district meeting August 22 at the Fayetteville BPW Clubhouse.

Upcoming events of the club include a fall dance to be held October 23 at the Pembroke JC Hut, and the next meeting is scheduled for September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Felicia Turner will be the guest speaker. Other programs scheduled for the year will focus on depression, financial security, and health issues affecting women.

For more information contact Annette Strickland at 521-1146 or Yvonne Dial at 521-3152.

Tuscarora GREAT LAW Society Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Tuscarora of the Kautanoh Great Law Society at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in the James B. Chavis Student Center, Monday, September 14, 1998 beginning 6:30p.m.

Subject of discussion will be Federal Recognition and governance. For more information call (910-521-7875).

Congressman McIntyre Opens Campaign Headquarters

Congressman Mike McIntyre announces the daily opening of his Campaign Headquarters located at 212 East 4th Street Lumberton. The headquarters will be open from 11:00 am to 2:00pm and from 4:00pm to 6:00pm daily except Sunday until Election Day on Tuesday, September 15th, 1998. Campaign supporters are urged to pick up campaign literature, yard and poll signs and bumper stickers at the headquarters.

Further, Congressman McIntyre invites the public to join him at Campaign Headquarters after polls close at 7:30 pm on Tuesday to await the results.

Native American Flutist to perform as UNCP celebrates Indian Heritage Week

PEMBROKE---Robert "Tree" Cody, Native American flutist, artist, dancer, composer, and performer of Maricopa-Dakota heritage will present a special concert at 8 P.M. Wednesday Sept. 16, at UNC Pembroke's Moore Hall Auditorium. The performance is part of the UNCP celebration of Native American Heritage Week.

Mr. Cody has performed throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, Scandinavia, the United Kingdom, the Far East, and South America. He recently released his fifth album entitled "White Buffalo" on the Canyon Record label.

Mr. Cody's tribal name is Tree Cody Red Cedar Whistle. He was born in Los Angeles and currently resides in Phoenix.

Mr. Cody has lectured and taught students of all ages on the subjects of folklore, crafts, music and traditional ways of Native American.

The performance is part of the second season of the Moore Hall Recital Series. Once again an electric selection of performers and performances is being made available to you at a

very minimal cost. Included in this year's season of traditional, classical, and emerging artists, are:

* **Choir of Tree-** Tuesday, Oct. 20, 8 P.M. at Moore Hall Auditorium. Christian music's newest sensation. Born in Africa and currently calling Pembroke home, these three sisters, Michelle, Marie-Louise, and Julia Locklear, will lift your spirits with their gorgeous harmonies and uplifting sounds. Having recently recorded their first album, "Follow the Light," this performance promises to be simply stunning.

* **Jennifer Rose-** Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 8 P.M. at Moore Hall Auditorium. Folk musician and singer, Jennifer Rose, will present an evening of sheer delight with her style of beautiful and inspirational folk music. A Native of Kentucky, she has thrilled thousands throughout the world with her clear soprano voice, sensitive accompaniments, and the honest representation of the music from her native Appalachian Mountains.

* **David Spencer-** Tuesday, February 9 at 8 P.M. at Moore Hall Auditorium. Mr. Spencer has enjoyed a professional and diverse career world-

wide in orchestral music, chamber music, and jazz. Much in demand as an artist and clinician, Mr. Spencer has recently presented concerts and master classes in Amsterdam, London, Edinburgh, Istanbul, New York, Dallas, and Cleveland, as well as throughout Asia. He is currently serving as assistant professor of trumpet and jazz studies at the University of Memphis. He is an active member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and has served as regional coordinator of the Academy's "Grammy in the Schools" program. He has recorded numerous classical, film, and popular music releases in Korea, Japan, and the United States.

* **Raleigh Flute Choir-** Tuesday March 23, 8 P.M. at Moore Hall Auditorium. Since its founding in 1986, the Raleigh Flute Choir, an ensemble of professional flutist from central North Carolina, has distinguished itself as one of the nation's leading flute choirs. Utilizing C flutes, piccolos, alto flutes, and bass flutes, they perform an exciting repertoire spanning the centuries from the Renaissance to the present. Past performances include Colonial Williamsburg, the White House, US Olympic Festival, and Biltmore Estate.



Yvonne Dial presents the Grace Epps Scholarship to Lakola Hunt at the Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization meeting.

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 Habitats. Group visits may be arranged in ad-

vance 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.