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Strickland Bids For Another Term On LREMC Board Of Directors



TIMOTHY STRICKLAND

Timothy Strickland of Pembroke has announced his intention to seek re-election to the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors. Mr. Strickland is seeking his fourth term. In making his announcement, he released the following statement:

"During my tenure as a member of the LREMC Board of Directors, I have seen many of my aspirations fulfilled. I am proud of the progress that has been made by our board of directors during the past three years, especially.

"Of particular pride for me is the fact that during the past three years, our wholesale supplier has given us three wholesale rate increases. Our cooperative has been able to absorb completely 2 of these increases & part of the other one. Any time that the cooperative is able to absorb these increases, it stops passing the increase on to the

member-consumers. That has been one of my goals.

"I have worked hard to prevent our electric rates from rising. Two years ago we (the board) directed the staff to take whatever steps were necessary to get LREMC rates competitive with other electric suppliers. It is with much pride that I report that we have reached that objective. We are now competitive with other cooperatives, as well as other electric suppliers, such as Carolina Power and Light Co. This was not an easy task, but it has been done. This is evidence that we at LREMC are working continuously with the best interests of the member-consumers in mind.

"With the recent addition of so many new members, we have approved the construction of two new sub stations and two miles of transmission line. This was necessary to increase our capacity to accommodate our new members.

"As a member of your board of directors, I have approved, supported and endorsed several new programs that will benefit the membership at large. I support a stronger communications program between the board and the consumers. This program will consist of energy conserving tips that are available to members. I believe that working together we can conserve energy and keep our electric bills within rea-

son.

"We are also in the process of implementing a new program that will be of assistance to our senior citizens. It will be called the Senior Citizens Bearable Pay Plan and will allow senior citizens an extension on payment of electric bills. I feel that this is so important because most of our senior citizens are on fixed incomes and need every consideration that we can give to them.

"Most recently I have supported a plan for the study & consideration of changing the method of returning capital credits every 12 months as opposed to the present twenty-year intervals for capital credits. This will be fair to all members, especially the newer ones.

"I have listed only a few of the programs and procedures I have favored which are in the best interest of the membership at large. I have dedicated myself to serving the best interests of the total membership. I believe that I have performed my duties well and offer myself again as your representative.

"I will appreciate your support and vote and pledge anew to continue my tradition of honest and fair leadership."

The LREMC annual meeting will be held on Tuesday night, October 7, 1986 with registration beginning at 6 p.m. All member consumers are urged to attend.

JONES ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR LREMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



ETTA B. JONES

Etta B. Jones of Pembroke announces her candidacy for position on the Lumbee River Electric Membership Cooperative Board of Directors.

The annual election will be held on October 7, 1986 in

the Performing Arts Center on Pembroke State University campus. Registration will start at 6:00 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. Each voter will receive a \$2 bill, compliments of LREMC.

Etta B. Jones is a retired elementary school teacher, Title IV Indian Education Parent Committee, Secretary of North Carolina Association of Educators and a Sunday School teacher at First United Methodist Church, Pembroke. Etta B. Jones is a very successful business woman which exemplifies qualified leadership and management.

Etta B. Jones promises the LREMC members to make an attempt to change

the late charge from 1 day after due date to 10 days after due date. This 10 day grace period after due date is the policy of CP&L. This due date would be advantageous to a vast number of members. Etta B. Jones favors giving the handicapped and disabled member who does not have a spouse a chance to cast his or her vote in the annual election. This is a privilege handicapped and disabled members are now being denied. We do not need double standards as operational procedure. Etta B. Jones sincerely asks LREMC members vote and support and make her a member of the LREMC Board of Directors on October 7, 1986. Etta B. Jones is qualified to serve.

Native Americans Speak At Greensboro College



Rev. Simeon Cummings, a Lumbee Indian from Pembroke, NC and coordinator for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Association for Native American Ministries, received a plaque of appreciation from the Guilford County Native American Association after a program at Greensboro College Thursday, September 11.

The Rev. Simeon Cummings, Chief Wilma Mankiller and Chief Robert Youngdeer spoke in programs at Greensboro College in Greensboro, NC Thursday, Sept. 11.

Cummings of Pembroke is coordinator for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Association for Native American Ministries. Cummings spoke of his work with Native Americans after giving a sermon at Greensboro College.

"Indians are the most oppressed ethnic minority group in the nation," Cummings said. "Employment, education, leadership and, of course, financial needs are the critical needs of the people."

In his work with 12 Native American United Methodist Churches, Cummings tries to sensitize congregations to the needs and concerns of Native Americans within their area.

"Many people do not understand who we are and what we are doing," Youngdeer said. Youngdeer of Cherokee, NC is chief of the Eastern Cherokee Nation. He said Indians were defeated through gunpowder,

missionaries and alcohol and are now working to overcome misunderstandings and to compete in the business world.

Mankiller of Stilwell, Okla., spoke of her work to raise the standard of living in a community with 60 percent unemployment. Mankiller is chief of the Western Cherokee Nation.

"They were in positions of people without power over their own lives," she said of the community she worked with. Through her 20 years as a grant writer and community developer and since becoming chief in December 1985, she has worked to solve social and economic problems for Indians.

As far as her being the first female chief she says, "Most people seem to have a really goofy idea of what Indian people are like. My being chief challenges their view of what modern tribal leadership is like."

The recent lectures and pow wow, were planned by the Educational Enrichment Committee of Greensboro College.

"Through the programs sponsored by the College, we hope to raise the awareness of Native Americans in our midst," said Isabelle Powell, associate professor of sociology at the College and a member of the Educational Enrichment Committee.

"The study of our neighbors who are different is crucial. To visualize Chief Wilma Mankiller, Chief Robert Youngdeer and Rev. Simeon Cummings when students and members of our community think of Indians can only result in breaking the provincial image and see the Native Americans, instead, as individuals we are proud to claim as brothers and sisters," Powell said.

ROBESON COUNTY FAIR

Entry Deadline For County Fair Destruction Derby Set For Sept. 27

Entry deadline for the first Robeson County Fair Championship Destruction Derby is Sept. 27.

The Destruction Derby, also referred to as a demolition derby, is restricted to drivers at least 18 years of age. Drivers must also supply their own car.

The championship round of the Destruction Derby begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Robeson County Fairground on N.C. 41 in Lumberton.

Entry fee is \$10 for the drivers and \$5 per pit man. Registration forms can be picked up at two locations: K-Land Tire on Elizabeth-Eden Road and Dove's Gulf West 5th Street in Lumberton.

Entry forms must be filled out and mailed by Sept. 27 to Jack Fullerton Promotions, R.D. #4, Meyersdale, PA 15562. Entry fee will be turned in at the track.

There will be four heats, with each winner receiving \$50 and a trophy. Twelve cars will compete in the

championship round, including the four heat winners, the four second place finishers of each heat and the four Fans Choice of each heat.

The winner of the main event will receive \$250 plus the Champions Trophy. Second place finisher receives \$50 and a trophy.

To be a winner, a driver must be the last to make contact and then be able to move his car at least 12 inches in any direction. A team of judges will be nearby to make any final decisions.

For more information, contact Charles Ivey at 738-1106.

Fair Registration For Battle Of The Bands Contest Due Sept. 27

Any group wishing to compete in the Battle of the Bands contest during the 40th annual Robeson County Fair must register by Sept. 27. The fair will be held at the fairgrounds on N.C. 41 in Lumberton from Sept. 29-Oct. 4.

A \$25 deposit is required and will be refunded the last

night the band performs. Preliminary rounds are scheduled for the first night of the fair.

Prize money will be awarded to the first three places, \$250 to the winner, \$150 to the runner up and \$100 to the third place finisher.

For more information, contact Donnie Hicks at 738-9283.

Booth Space Available For 1986 County Fair

Booths are available to commercial and non-commercial agencies interested in reserving space for the 40th annual Robeson County Fair set for Sept. 29-Oct. 4 at the fairgrounds on N.C. 41 in Lumberton.

All commercial organizations and businesses interested in reserving space in the Exhibit Building or on the fairgrounds, should contact Hubert Bullard at 738-5766 no later than Sept. 26.

Reservations for non-commercial booths may be made by calling Bruce Jobe at 738-8131 no later than Sept. 26.

Youth Invited To "Run" State Government During Day In October

If you are a high school student and you would like to try your hand at running state government, Youth Involvement Day is designed for you.

During Youth Involvement Day Oct. 27 students will "pick up" with top state officials and work along side them for the day.

Activities will begin on Oct. 26 with a workshop on government followed by dinner and a dance sponsored by the Raleigh Youth Council. The next day students will meet their state

government counterparts at breakfast, after which they will leave for a day of work.

For application forms and information, contact the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, 919-733-9296 or write the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, 121 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603-1334. Deadline for applications is Sept. 12. Participants will be selected by a committee.

The cost of attending Youth Involvement Day is \$39.25, which includes lodging for one night at the

Radisson Plaza Hotel (four to a room), two meals and administrative costs.

Youth Involvement Day is sponsored by the State Youth Council, a component of the N.C. Department of Administration's Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office (YAI/O), and the Raleigh Youth Council, a division of the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. The State Youth Council works to develop opportunities for youth involvement in state government and community affairs.

John Carter, alumni director of PSU, displays PSU centennial items that are now available to the public for a gift to PSU. He displays (left to right) the centennial alumni directory, coffee mug, centennial plate of fine

PSU centennial plates, each of fine china decorated with 22 karat gold, are now on sale to the public.

The 10 1/2 inch plates are individually numbered. One hundred were ordered in this limited edition, and only 80 remain.

Each plate includes with it a beautiful gift box plus a plate stand.

Cost of the plate is \$125,

china decorated in 22 karat gold, key chain, and centennial pin. Checks for these items should be made payable to PSU Foundation and mail to the PSU Office of Institutional Advancement, Pembroke, NC 28372.

which includes the gift box, display stand, insurance, handling and shipping.

The PSU Office of Institutional Advancement, telephone (919)521-4214, Ext. 252, says it "will gladly hand deliver this collector's plate within the Robeson County lines."

For those who request a letter of tax deduction, \$90 of the \$125 spent for the

INDIAN HERITAGE WEEK BEING OBSERVED ON PSU CAMPUS

"Indian Heritage Week" is being held Sept. 22-26 at Pembroke State University with many activities taking place, including demonstrations of Lumbee Indian crafts, a slide show, a mini pow wow and barbecue, and a photo exhibit.

Site of all of these events except the mini pow wow and barbecue is the Indian Museum in the PSU Native American Resource Center in Old Main.

The demonstrations of

Lumbee crafts continue each day from 9 a.m. until noon. Those demonstrating their skills include: quilters-Stella Locklear, Eva Jones, Eunie Jane Jones, Ella Lowry and Flora Locklear; mask maker-Vibrina Coronado; potter-Allen Oxendine; basketry-Cleveland Jacobs; jewelry-John Wesley Oxendine; and beadwork-Daphne Dunn.

Also being shown during this time is a slide show of arts and artifacts of various Indian cultures.

On Thursday at 4 p.m. a barbecue will be held, followed by a mini pow wow at 6 p.m. beside the Classroom North building on campus. These two events are sponsored by PSU's Native American Student Organization.

Also going on through Oct. 17 is a new photo exhibit, featuring the American Indian pictures of Lloyd Oxendine.

For more information, contact PSU's Native American Resource Center at (919) 521-4214, Ext. 282.

Lumber River Fest Scheduled For September 27

The Lumber River Fest and Canoe Race will be Saturday, September 27 at McMillan Beach in Lumberton. The Fest will begin at 10 a.m. and canoe race may register to race from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The race begins at 2

This event will feature woodcrafters from all over Robeson County. A camper exhibit, tomahawk throw and chain saw demonstration, plus many other attractions will be featured. Also a Children's booth to go fishing for prizes will be available.

For further information, contact Cathy Mitchell at the Robeson County Recreation Department, 738-9061 or 738-9065, or Al Pittman at 738-4986.

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YARD SALE PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 4

A large yard sale will be held Saturday, October 4, 1986 at the home of Mrs. Stella Thompson on Jacobs Road in the Red Banks Community, across from the Riverside Country Club. All items in the home will be for sale including furniture, pots, pans, and household furnishings. The sale will begin at 8 a.m. and last until 5 p.m.

DINNER PLANNED FOR JAMES C. PORTER

A dinner will be held on Friday, September 26, at 7 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chavis of the Philadelphia area. The event is being held for James C. Porter, candidate for a seat on the LREMC Board of Directors. The dinner is free and all friends and supporters of Mr. Porter are urged to attend.

Laubach Tutor Training Workshop Planned

The Scotland County Literacy Council is sponsoring a Laubach Tutor Training Workshop. The workshop will be held Sept. 29, Oct. 2, 6 and 9th from 9:30-3:30 p.m. at it's office on 401 North Main Street in Laurinburg.

For pre-registration or further information, please

call (919) 276-7007 or (919) 276-7443. Volunteers tutors are needed.

CHEROKEE FALL FESTIVAL

Cherokee Fall Festival, Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 1986. To be held at the Cherokee Ceremonial Grounds on Highway 441 No. in Cherokee, NC. Everyone is invited to join the festivities. The festivities will include a parade, blow gun and archery contests, stickball games, traditional dances, clogging, beauty pageants, carnival rides, Indian and mountain crafts, fancy war dance competition, gospel singing, country music, delicious food, which will consist of everything from hot dogs to traditional Cherokee Indian dinners, and many more activities and events.

Sponsored by the Cherokee Culture and Ceremonial Grounds Committees, a non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to preserving the culture and traditions of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina. For more information call (704) 497-3088 Monday, 497-3187 Ruth or after 5 p.m. call Louise (704) 497-5644 or Lawrence 497-7189 or write the Committee, Attn: Marvin S. Chisler, Box 566, Cherokee, 28719.