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LREMC ELECTION SET FOR JULY 12

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On July 12, 1988 member consumers of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) will gather at the PSU Performing Arts Center to elect four directors. The new election was ordered recently by Judge Craig Ellis because the present board of directors, who reportedly followed the advice of the corporation's attorneys, violated the by-laws of the rural electric cooperative.

The by-laws which were proven in court to have been violated included:

The appointment of Janice Bullard by Gus Bullard to serve on the credentials committee. Janice Bullard is married to the nephew of Board member Gus Bullard.

Section 3.08 of the by-laws state that the committee shall be composed of members "who are not, and who are not close relatives or members of the same household of existing directors or known candidates for directors to be elected..."

Section 4.14 of the by-laws defines close relative as "a person who is a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew or niece by blood or in-law of the principal person."

When 20-year veteran board member Elias Rogers protested the October 6, 1987 election, the credentials committee voted to hold a new election. The board then violated the by-laws again by allowing the committee to meet for the second time and rescind their action. That was the same as a jury returning after one verdict and changing their minds.

The by-laws state in Section 3.08 "The committee's decision (as reflected by a majority of those actually present and voting) on all such

matters shall be final."

The Board of Directors, led by Bishop Ward Clark, the president, has repeatedly refused to abide by the by-laws of the corporation, seemingly. In doing so, not only did it behave in an illegal fashion as demonstrated and proven by Judge Ellis' decision, it also violated their oath of office. It swore to uphold and abide by the by-laws of the agency when they were sworn in as board members.

In addition, they have cost the consumers approximately \$20,000 for the October 1987 election which was proven unethical and illegal; \$20,000 in unwarranted attorney fees to fight in court against the by-laws; and another \$20,000 for the upcoming July 12 election. These figures are approximated and in all probability are much higher.

What can members do about this? Attend the July 12 meeting. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Register and vote.

Section 3.07 of the by-laws also state that the order of business shall include: "... (5) election of directors; (6) unfinished business; (7) new business..." This means that the members can make a motion at the July 12 meeting to remove those board members who have violated the by-laws and their oath of office. A motion can also be made that those board members responsible for the waste of money pay those expenses themselves, rather than passing it to the members. A motion could also be made to dismiss the attorneys, or deal with any other matter that the membership feels should be dealt with.

For these actions to become a reality, it requires a proper motion, a second, and a majority vote by

members in attendance; if there are enough members present to conduct business. Reports are that these actions will be taken by members who are concerned about the seeming waste of their time and money.

Currently serving on the board are Ward Clark, Gus Bullard, Timothy Strickland, Alton Dudley, Harold Dean Brewer, J.W. Hunt, Elias Rogers, Bradford Oxendine, Lacy Cummings, and Ronald Hammonds.

Those board members seeking re-election include: Bradford Oxendine who is opposed by Brawleigh Graham; Harold Dean Brewer who is opposed by James A. Hunt; and Elias Rogers who is facing Conrad Oxendine again following the violations of the October election. H.E. Edwards is also seeking to unseat Harold Dean Brewer. Frank Jacobs and Herbert Clark are seeking election to the board as representatives of Scotland County. Jacobs has six years experience.

Sampson Receives Scholarship



Donna Sampson...Receives four year scholarship from N.C. Association of Jewish Women to PSU.

Pembroke-Through the initiative of Mayor David Weinstein of Lumberton, the N.C. Association of Jewish Women, based in Greensboro, is presenting a four-year scholarship for \$1,106 each year to Donna Cheryle Sampson of Pembroke to attend PSU.

The scholarship covers tuition and books at PSU.

It is designed to provide scholarship help "for a needy and deserving Native American student."

Miss Sampson, 18, is a recent graduate of West Robeson Senior High and plans to pursue a career in elementary education at PSU.

"Miss Sampson meets fully the criteria of need, character, ambition and scholastic ability," said Weinstein.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sampson, she was selected by a committee composed of Ray Oxendine, principal of West Robeson High School; Milton Hunt, mayor of Pembroke; and McDuffie Cummings, town manager of Pembroke. The scholarship was presented to Miss Sampson on behalf of the N.C. Association of Jewish Women by Weinstein.

Weinstein had found the funds available on a visit to Greensboro. "They were really for needy Jewish students, but the Jewish people really believe in education-- and this helps another minority," he said, adding, "Education is the key to improving our society."

Weinstein noted that the scholarship help is being provided with the stipulation that the recipient start paying it back in monthly amounts six months after graduating from college. "In this way the scholarship perpetuates itself," he noted.

Weinstein says he will monitor the progress of Miss Sampson and report periodically to Cyril Jacobs, chairman of the Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund Committee of the N.C. Association of Jewish Women.

Miss Sampson, who says she is "very happy about the scholarship," was an honor roll student in high school, was library assistant, and a member of the chorus and Spanish Club.

She is a member of First Baptist Church of Pembroke.

SEVERAL PEOPLE REAP HONORS AT LUMBEE HOMECOMING



Angelina Janell Moore was crowned Miss Lumbee at the pageant Friday night. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hammonds of the Saddletree area were honored during Lumbee Homecoming. The most coveted award, the Henry Berry

Lourie Memorial Award, was presented to Mr. Hammonds. Linda Hammonds received the Advancement of Education Award.



Morgan Brittany Hunt was crowned Little Miss Lumbee during Lumbee Homecoming activities. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny R. Hunt.



Mrs. Lucy C. Oxendine was honored at the Awards Banquet held as part of Lumbee Homecoming. Oxendine was presented the Business Person of the Year Award. She operates Lumbee Arts and Crafts.



Rev. Walton Loury was presented the Distinguished Service Award during Lumbee Homecoming festivities. Rev. Loury is the pastor of West End Baptist Church, a retired educator and active in civic and community affairs.

SANDERSON NAMED MISS N.C. NATIVE AMERICAN PRINCESS



Yulanda Kaye Sanderson

The Miss North Carolina Native American Princess Pageant, held June 15 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, crowned as its Princess Miss Yulanda Kaye Sanderson.

Yulanda, 17 years of age and a rising senior at Fairmont Senior High School, is the daughter of Jimmy and Dorothy Sanderson.

The Miss North Carolina Native American Princess Pageant is only one of the special events of the Indian Youth Unity Conference. The conference was held this year as the Ninth Annual Conference among Indian youth across the state June 15-17 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The theme was "Today's Tribal Youth Becoming Tomorrow's Leaders."

The pageant introduction opened as all pageant contestants performed sign language to "The Lord's Prayer." Miss Sherry Locklear, NCNAYO-North Carolina Native American Youth Organization Chairperson, gave a warm welcome to everyone. Amanda Jacobs, Miss Guilford Native American Princess, introduced the judges. Mistress of ceremonies was Dana Lowry, Mecklenburg County representative, along with Master of Ceremonies, Henry McMillian, Hoke County representative. Special entertainment was provided by Tonya Ammons, Miss Clinton High School 1985-86 and Angela Jacobs, Miss Indian North Carolina, 1987-88.

Immediately following the regalia, competition occurred which involved introduction of visiting princesses

and interview and philosophy of life statements from contestants.

Again, special entertainment was provided by Miss Angelique Jacobs, former Miss North Carolina Native American Indian Princess.

Next, the evening gown competition highlighted the special event with fashionable styles and cuts in short formal wear as well as gowns. Tonya Ammons again performed as special entertainment.

Former princess, Angelique Jacobs, gave her farewell speech, thus ending her reign and a challenging and rewarding year representing the organization.

Following the farewell speech was the presentation of awards and the greatest highlight of the night--the crowning of Miss North Carolina Native American Princess.

Choreographer of the pageant was Nora Dial. Producer and director was Miss Angelique Jacobs.

As princess, Miss Sanderson will attend various pow-wows, parades, pageants and other special events. At Fairmont High School Miss Sanderson has been awarded various honors. She was Indian homecoming attendant for her junior year.

The Indian Youth Unity Conference provides an opportunity for students to explore the Indian Heritage, improve their self-image and develop academic and social values. Participants include Indian youth, ages 14-18 or in grades 9-12. The participants attended educational workshops on leadership development, college planning, drama, and issues of Indian youth in the 1980's.

Special events included intra-tribal pow-wow, volleyball, basketball tournaments, princess pageant, banquet and art and essay contests.

The conference is sponsored by the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization.

Members of the NCNAYO include Ron Hunt, conference coordinator; Sherry Locklear, chairperson and adult advisors, Pantie Chavis and Tim Terrill, North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.



Miss Indian USA Visits



Miss Indian USA, Theodora Roanhorse of Tempe, Ariz., visits PSU during the Lumbee Homecoming. She is shown here in front of the historic Old Main building on campus.

Pembroke-During the annual Lumbee Homecoming June 22-July 2, one of the visitors to the PSU campus was "Miss Indian USA," Theodora Roanhorse of Tempe, Ariz.

Not only did she take part in the Lumbee Homecoming activities, she performed a Native American song here.

Meeting Miss Roanhorse at the Fayetteville airport was Dr. Diane Jones, PSU director of career planning and placement, who helped to check her into the Ramada Inn in Lumberton.

Taking "Miss Indian USA" on a tour of the PSU campus was Anthony Locklear, PSU director of admissions.

"She told me how beautiful she thought our campus is," said Dr. Jones. "It was her first visit to the Pembroke area. She commented how warm and gracious the Lumbee people are and how very friendly they are."

Dr. Jones is a friend of Lucas Tevis, a native of Pembroke who now lives in Arizona as a chaperone of "Miss Indian USA," 24, who graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in education. She finished high school in Napa, California, where she was class salutatorian.

Miss Roanhorse was "Miss Arizona State University" and "Miss Indian" in Phoenix.

Indians Accused In Hostage Case Out On Bond

NEW BERN — Two American Indians accused of taking hostages at a Lumberton newspaper were freed from jail under \$100,000 unsecured bonds Tuesday and ordered not to set foot in Robeson County while awaiting trial.

Eddie Hatcher, 30, and Timothy Jacobs, 19, walked out of the federal courthouse in New Bern to the cheers and hugs of about 35 Robeson County residents.

U.S. Magistrate Charles McCotter set the conditions for their release after a 90-minute hearing. But he indicated that he was reluctant to free the two men, who are accused of taking up to 20 people hostage at The Robesonian newspaper Feb. 1.

"I don't know of a clearer case for detention because these are serious crimes," McCotter said before setting out a long list of restrictions for bond. But McCotter said a ruling by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last week, which held that Hatcher and Jacobs had been denied a timely detention hearing after their arrest, gave him no choice.

The conditions require Hatcher and Jacobs to stay out of Robeson County, avoid all contact with government witnesses, report daily by telephone to federal probation officers and to return to the residences of court-approved "custodians" by 9 p.m. daily.

Hatcher will stay with an uncle, Jim Hatcher of Winston-Salem, while awaiting trial. Jim Hatcher, a mechanic, said he would give his nephew a job as a helper.

Jacobs will live in Halifax County with a family friend, Patricia Richardson, and her family. Richardson, whose husband is an artist-in-residence with the N.C. community college system, said

Jacobs could make and sell Indian crafts while staying with her family.

"I've seen murderers and rapists let out on bond right away, but they put us through hell for the last five months," Jacobs said as he left the courthouse.

Hatcher praised the support of fellow American Indians.

"They showed the very essence of the case," he said. "It shows there are more people than us who know what's going on."

AN ATTACK ON DRUGS DECLARED

The Robeson County Human Relations and Unity Commission acted Tuesday night to mount an attack against the drugs and drug dealers in Robeson County. Chairman Hector MacLean, with the enthusiastic, unanimous support of the full commission, said he hopes to get every citizen involved in the fight.

Taking a page from the Crime-watch book, soon there will be signs sprouting up all over the county saying, "This neighborhood observed by community watch citizens to fight drugs and crime." This will be to encourage each and every person to report any peculiar activity to their nearest law enforcement agency. If in the country, to the deputy in charge of the area, or in the city to the police agency there. At any rate, to use the Drug Hotline that is manned twenty-four hours a day. Citizens using the hotline can be assured that their names will never be used, as they are not asked to give their names at any time. The number is 671-3144, easy to remember, and best kept beside the phone at home.

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