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LRDA TO HOLD OPEN ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. will conduct an open election on December 6, 1990 to elect five representatives to serve on the LRDA Board of Directors for a three year term. The polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. The precincts, candidates and polling sites are as follows:

DISTRICT I, representing Fairmont, Orrum, Marietta, Sterlings and Thompson precincts; polling sites will be at Fairgrove School and Green Grove School. Glois Hunt, incumbent, has no official opposition.

DISTRICT III, representing Lumberton, Wishart and East Howellsville precincts. Polling sites will be at Smyrna Baptist Church and West End Baptist Church fellowship hall. D.W. Lowery, incumbent, is being challenged by Mary L. Hardin and Virginia E. Jacobs.

DISTRICT IV, representing Burnt Swamp, Philadelphia, Red Springs, and Raft Swamp precincts. Voting will

be held at Union Chapel School. Incumbent Bobby D. Locklear has no official opposition.

DISTRICT V representing Smiths and Maxton. Voting sites will be Oxendine School, Prospect School, Blue's Cafe (at Lumbee Shopping Center, Maxton.) Incumbent Sylvia A. Locklear, incumbent is being challenged by Gerald Strickland.

DISTRICT VI, representing Pembroke and Union precincts. Voting sites will be Pembroke Elementary School and Union Elementary School. Incumbent Deanna Lowry is being challenged by William A. Lowry and Helen M. Scheirbeck.

To be eligible to vote, a person must be Lumbee Indian, 18 years of age or older and must reside in one of the precincts listed above.

Write in candidates will be allowed. For further information contact the LRDA-Administrative Office at 919-521-8602.

Area Lumbees Make Annual Pilgrimage To Croatan Indian Memorial Cemetery



Dr. Kemp Mabry, left, accepts the Lumbee video story, "Good to be Indian: Proud and Free" from Barbara Brayboy-Locklear, coordinator of the annual pilgrimage to the Croatan Indian Memorial Cemetery near Claxton, Ga. The video was given to the Bulloch County [Ga.] Historical Society for placing in Statesboro, Ga., Regional Library.

The annual pilgrimage to the Croatan Indian Memorial Cemetery in Evans County, Ga., was conducted on Nov. 9-11, with 50 Lumbees from Robeson County travelling by bus to the cemetery located on Wiregrass Plantation between Statesboro and Claxton, Ga.

For approximately 60 years, beginning soon after the Civil War, Croatans from Robeson County worked in the turpentine industry and farmed the area around Adabelle and Claxton. With the decline of turpentine in the early 1920s, the Croatans returned to Robeson, leaving their cemetery of about 30 graves.

A one room building near the cemetery served as their church and as the Croatan Indian School, partially supported by the Bulloch County Board of Education prior to 1914 when the area changed to Evans County. On the pilgrimage was Lottie Emanuel Chavis, 87, who taught the Croatan School 70 years ago. With her was Mary Locklear Sampson, one of her pupils.

There was a search for the cemetery in 1974. Later, Bruce Barton, Sam Jacobs and the Reverend Welton Lowry conducted a research tour with the study report prepared by Barton as Federal Recognition Consultant on the migration.

Recently, following several trips to the area, the cemetery was restored, a chainlink fence erected and in 1989 a historical marker was dedicated.

Barbara Brayboy-Locklear, of the Public Schools Indian Education Resource Center, is pilgrimage coordinator.

Welcoming the Lumbees and providing their clubhouse for the Lumbees and a Southern "pig picking" were Wiregrass Plantation owners Frank and Dottie Simmons, son Jeff and brother Louie Simmons. A videotape of "Good to be Indian: Proud and Free" was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Kemp Mabry, of the Bulloch County Historical Society for placement in the Statesboro Regional Library.

Re-Count Continues In Robeson



Pictured above, left to right, are Bo Biggs, Michael Sanderson and Thasie Marie Sanderson.

BY HAROLD G. DIAL

After a long day of recounting votes in Robeson County, with counting to be continued the next day, a lot of people are asking Bo Biggs, chairman of the Robeson County Board of Elections "Does the vote counting system in Robeson County work?"

A lot of effort and time have been spent looking at the vote totals in the county, trying to determine how many people voted, how many votes were spoiled (not able to determine who was voted for), and there are still a lot of questions about the election results in Robeson County. Three of the six ballots given to voters are being examined: the race for State Supreme Court Justice, Robeson County Commissioners race, and the race for Sheriff of Robeson County.

With ballots locked away in a sealed box, and these boxes locked away behind a pad-locked and sealed door, it was time to dig them out Monday, November 26 and begin a

recount of ballots, supervised by the N.C. State Board of Elections. With four Republicans and four Democrats in a roped-off area and a gallery of 25 on-lookers, the ballots were re-run through the vote tabulators.

That is another question: what happened to the tabulators on election day here in Robeson? Maybe the tabulators will work for the recount.

But there is still the question: Is this system what Robeson County needs or can it even perform?

This system is based on a computerized device which can be programmed to do anything. In the most sophisticated and technologically advanced areas in America, they employ voting booths that use mechanical levers.

What is going to work for Robeson County? We definitely have got to have a system that will tally. Can the system we have now be made to

work? How are we going to make it work?

If the system didn't work during the last election, how did you get the results you released? Where did those numbers come from? Outer space?!! Is Hubert Stone the real elected Sheriff of Robeson County?

At the time of this article the N.C. State Board of Elections has not confirmed the Sheriff of Robeson County. But please let me try to

make one thing perfectly clear. You, the public, need to get involved. You need to vote and you need stand around and make sure they count

your vote, because your vote is the most important vote of all. You should respect your right and privilege to vote.

Let's get things straightened out in Robeson County. With your help we can get it straightened out.

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INTERNATIONAL LOAN NETWORK PROVIDES GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIAN PEOPLE

The International Loan Network, Inc. is a plan of financial independence that has been proven to be effective. For Chief Young Bear (Brawleigh Graham), the chief for the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina, the program offers a great opportunity for Indian people. "One of the most impressive programs offered by ILN is the College Education Service," Young Bear said. This service is an opportunity to provide for your child's college education. The opportunity is of ILN members only.

Young Bear explained the program: "This program

provides college tuition grants. Members may receive grants from the College Education Fund up to \$25,000 per child"

He encourages interested persons to give their child an opportunity to be part of the educational enrichment program. Parents or guardians of the child must be an ILN 500 Club member.

Young Bear is available to discuss this exciting program with anyone who is interested. For more information call the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina at 521-3231 or write P.O. Box 1455, Pembroke, NC 28372.

Rowland Christmas Festival Dec. 1

A horse drawn buggy will bring Santa Claus to the Rowland Public Library Saturday, December 1 at 2:15 p.m. After greeting the children, Santa will proceed west on Main Street to join the Christmas Parade on Hines Street near Rowland Middle School.

Featured in the parade will be Smokey the Bear, South Robeson High School band, beauty queens

from Rowland and the surrounding area, antique cars, Robert McNeil playing Scottish bagpipes, Rowland Pack 310 Cub Scouts, Scotland County Native American Dance group, 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade 108th Regiment U.S. Army Reserve Training Unit Color Guard, plus many other attractions.

Parade trophy awards will be presented by Mayor Mitchell Walker

at the Rowland Depot at 5 p.m.

The Rowland Christmas Festival begins at 9 a.m. and features entertainment throughout the day and evening. A large crowd is expected to usher in the Christmas season. The Festival is supported by a grant from the Grassroots Arts Program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency. For further information, call (919)422-3591 or 422-8191.

ALL-TUSCARORA-IROQUOIS FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS

The All-Tuscarora-Iroquois Fall Festival that took place on the landbase territory of the Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation on Oct. 27 and 28 was very successful in its second year. There were good crowds both days to witness the many Tuscarora-Iroquois cultural events that took place. Chief Stanley Buck of the Seneca Nation, originally from Grand River Six Nations Reserve Canada, but now residing on the Onondaga Nation 20 miles from Syracuse, NY, said he "thought the festival was very good and plans to attend again next year." He also said that he "could see that the young people were becoming a lot more knowledgeable in their own culture and tradition."

Bob Gabor (Turtle Clan) Mohawk Nation, was the judge for the Tuscarora Youth Art Contest. He said he "saw much potential in the artist that submitted works and encouraged the crowd to become more involved in art because every Indian community that he had ever been in, there was so much artistic talent."

The results of the art contest are as follows:

Ages 6-11: first place-Jonathan Dunn (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora, second place-Brian McMillian (Bear Clan) Tuscarora; ages 12-14: first place-Aimee Dunn (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora and Jonathan McMillian (Bear Clan) Tuscarora (tie); ages 15-17: first place-John Oxendine (Wolf Clan)

Tuscarora, second place-John Oxendine (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora.

The blow-Gun Competition proved to be very exciting with a woman winning the adult competition.

The results follow:
Adult: first place-Denise Barton (Bear Clan) Tuscarora, second place-French Bryant Tuscarora; youth: first place-Rex Lowery (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora, second place-Jonathan McMillian (Bear Clan) Tuscarora.

The Iroquois War Dance Competition was judged by Chief Stanley Buck and Bob Gabor. The results were as follows:

GIRLS Ages: 0-6 first place-Beth Oxendine (Bear Clan) Tuscarora; ages 7-11 first place (tie) Amanda Dunn (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora and Elisha Oxendine (Bear Clan) Tuscarora; ages 15-17 first place-Aimee Dunn (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora, second place-Charo Barton (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora.

Tuscarora: ADULT Women: first place-Shannon Dunn (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora, second place-Melena Barton (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora.

BOYS Ages 0-6 first place-Marcus Dunn (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora, second place-Brian Bethea (Snipe Clap) Tuscarora; ages 7-11 first place-Jonathan Dunn (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora, second place-Brian McMillian (Bear Clan) Tuscarora; ages 12-14 first place (tie) Jonathan McMillian (Bear Clan) Tuscarora and Gentry McMillian (Bear Clan) Tuscarora; ages 15-17 first place-Brian Locklear (Bear Clan) Tuscarora, second place-

Ryan Chavis (Bear Clan) Tuscarora; ADULT Men: first place (tie) Brian Graham (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora and John Oxendine (Wolf Clan) Tuscarora.

The Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation would like to give thanks to everyone responsible for making the Fall Festival a success. We are self-help and don't receive any money from the federal government or state government. Everything was done by Nation members or through donations by private individuals or businesses. We would like to give a very special thanks to our Nation Chief, Kever Locklear, whose knowledge, know-how and love for the Nation and for sovereignty pushed us on to accomplish what we did. We love him and respect him very much.

Submitted By Nyaw-Weh Koah



Pembroke Christmas Parade December 7

The Town of Pembroke, the Pembroke Jaycees, and the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 17th Annual Pembroke Christmas Parade on December 7, 1990. Schools, citizens, and civic organizations are encouraged to participate. The line up for the parade will be 4 p.m. on Friday, December 7. The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. The line up area will be east of Pembroke at the Pembroke Elementary School. The parade will go through town one time and end at the PSU Performing Arts Center.

Last year's parade was very spectacular and colorful with beauty queens, floats, marching bands, marching units, fire trucks and of course the main attraction--Santa Claus and his little helpers. There were over 6,000 spectators with 31 entries.

Categories to be judged include marching bands, elementary bands, marching units, and non-commercial floats.

Anyone wishing to participate should contact Charles Gregory Cummings, P.O. Box 866, Pembroke, NC 28372; or call 919-521-9761, 521-2784 or 521-9758.