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Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend Makes History in Seventh Congressional District Race



Making history for the Seventh Congressional District, Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend out-pollled seven other Democratic candidates to capture the lead in the Congressional House Race. Lowry-Townsend easily outdistanced the closest competitor, Mike McIntyre, with 31 percent of the vote to McIntyre's 23 percent. These are unofficial totals.

McIntyre received more votes in the county than Lowry-Townsend but she out-pollled him in the district.

Lowry-Townsend is an educator and has served as President of the North Carolina Association of Educators. McIntyre is an attorney from nearby Lumberton. Lowry-

Townsend is a resident of Pembroke.

Glenn Jernigan of Fayetteville came in third place with nineteen percent of the vote. George Breccc, also of Fayetteville and Tim Dunn finished fourth and fifth place while Wilmington attorney, Marcus Williams was sixth. Howard Greenbaum of Kure Beach

received one percent of the vote. During primary elections if a candidate does not receive 40 percent of the vote, the next highest vote getter may call for a run-off election. At press time there was no announcement from McIntyre relative to his decision. Political observers say that the possibility is high that Lowry-Townsend could be in a run-off on June 4.

Black Elk Speaks at Carolina Civic Center

by Tom Squier

No, Black Elk isn't really going to speak in Lumberton, but his spirit will probably be there as Robeson County's Premier Historic Center for the Performing Arts presents this emotionally charged, intense vision. Black Elk was a warrior and a medicine man of the Oglala Sioux who witnessed the Battle of the Little Big Horn as a teenage boy. Black Elk watched the massacre of the Indians at Wounded Knee. Black Elk Speaks is his vision of the meaning of life on this planet for all people.

Black Elk died believing he had failed the Great Spirit and his people. "Hey-a-a-hey! Hey-a-a-hey! Hey-a-a-hey! Hey-a-a-hey! Grandfather Great Spirit, once more behold me on earth and lean to hear my feeble voice. You lived first, and you are older than all prayer. All things belong to you--the two-leggeds, the four-leggeds, the wings of the air and all green things that live. You have set the powers of the four quarters to cross each other, the place is his holy Day in and day out, forever you are the life of things," he prayed. "Again, and maybe the last time on this earth, I recall the great vision you sent me. It may be that

some little root of the sacred tree still lives. Nourish it then, that it may leaf and bloom and fill with singing birds. Hear me, not for myself, but for my people. I am old. Hear me that they may once more go back into the sacred hoop and find the good the road, the shielding tree!"

Black Elk's words and his dream were written down and published in 1932 by John G. Neihardt, poet-laureate. Since then the book Black Elk Speaks has been translated into many languages and converted into a play, a testimony to the Native American peoples and their struggle with the settlers and the expanding frontier. This living history lesson will be presented at the Carolina Civic Center at 315 N. Chestnut Street, in downtown Lumberton, across from the county courthouse from May 15-18th at 8:00 p.m. and on May 19th at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are: Adults \$8, Seniors 46, Students 45 and Children \$3. Tickets are now on sale at the CCC office. To make reservations, order group rate tickets or request more information, call 910-738-4339. This project is sponsored in part by Jerry Johnson Oldsmobile and

supported by a grant of the N.C. Arts Council.

Black Elk Speaks has been hailed as one of the most accurate depictions of the Native American struggle in the west and all who have read the book or seen the performance has been profoundly moved. Neihardt refers to it as "the book that would not die." He tells: "It was my function to translate the old man's story, not only in the factual sense--for it was not the facts that mattered--but rather to re-create in English the mood and manner of the old man's narrative. This was often a grueling and difficult task, requiring much patient effort and careful questioning of the interpreter. Perhaps with his message spreading across the world he has not failed."

If this were a movie, I believe it would be referred to as a "chick flick," the name given to films which touch the heart and activate the tear ducts, so ladies, be sure to tuck a pack of Kleenex in your purse or pocket. Grown men do not look each other in the eye too long when they silently leave the production for fear a tear will betray their emotion.

Black Elk Speaks: "Once we

were happy in our own country and we were seldom hungry, for then the two-leggeds and the four-leggeds lived together like relatives, and there was plenty for them and for us. But the Wasichu came, and they made little islands for us and other little islands for the four-leggeds, and always these islands are becoming smaller, for around them surges the growing food of the Wasichu; and it is dirty with lies and greed."

The publicists at Washington Square Press in 1959 called Black Elk Speaks "a book of legend, a book of personal vision that makes the LSD trip seem pale by comparison, this is also the story of a people now almost totally destroyed, of their life on this planet and their harmony with the forces of nature, and of Black Elk himself--warrior and medicine man--born at the end of an era... and destined to watch it fade."

This play is performed mostly by Native Americans and its production is itself a healing process. One access told me she is not starring on a stage in a theatre she was once kept out of because she is an Indian. You know the play has to be filled with emotion. You will feel it yourself!

Cummings Beats Locklear in District 5 Commissioner race



Newcomer Raymond Cummings easily defeated 16-year Commissioner Bobby Dean Locklear in the District 5 race. Unofficial votes show that Cummings overcame Locklear with an overwhelming 64 percent of the vote.

Cummings, vice chancellor of student affairs at Pembroke State University, thanked the voters of District 5 for electing him and stated that he felt that the people in the District just wanted a change.

Vickie Locklear, high vote getter in Register of Deeds

Vickie Locklear, a six year employee of the Register of Deeds office outpooled four other candidates. Unofficial tallies show that Locklear received the highest number of votes cast in that election. Locklear, an Indian received 6,198, while second place finisher Billie Britt, a white,

received 5,115 votes, and Tom Jones, a Black, who is employed with the Robeson County Tax Department, came in third place with 4,369 votes. Gene Jones, also Black was low vote getter in that race. A run off is also likely in that race.

Say You Read It In Carolina Indian Voice

Jeff Moore overcomes Daniels to become District Court Judge

Assistant District Attorney William Jeffrey Moore, an Indian, and Assistant District Attorney Judith Daniels, a Black, run a close race for District Court Judge. Moore won handily in that race receiving more than 9,000 votes to Daniels' more than 7,000.

Women of Excellence Conference Planned

All Christian women, who desire a deeper, fuller, more personal relationship with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, are invited to attend the second annual "Women of Excellence" Conference. This event is sponsored by Burnt Swamp Association Women on Mission and will be held at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church in Pembroke.

The Conference will be held Friday evening, May 17th, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 and Saturday May 18 from 9:00-1:00. There is no charge for the conference and there will be something for everyone.



Reflections

A Different Kind of Mother's Day

For the first time in my 68-plus years, I am not giving my mother a gift or even sending her a card. It was the day before Mother's Day last year that she had a stroke. She died exactly one month later, the day before Flag Day and Donny's birthday. But I do have a new mother in the family, my daughter Wanda Hunt. Five months after letting my 98-year-old mother go, I discovered the joy of becoming a new Grandma, with our six month old Byron. We have so much to be thankful for on this Mother's Day!



The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for several new businesses re-locating in the Town of Pembroke. They are located at the College Plaza across from PSU and include Service Oil Company and Sebrez Ice Cream. These two businesses join McGirt's Framing in the College Plaza Shopping Center, next door to

College Sun-Do.

Shown left to right are McDuffie Cummings, Town Manager; Larry T. Brooks, Pembroke Town Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem; Donna Cummings who supervises Service Oil; Special guest Miss Robeson County April Locklear; Hervie Evans of Service Oil, Laurinburg; Greg Cummings,

Pembroke Town Councilman; Mike Sebriet, President of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce; Carolyn Bullard Deese, owner of Sebrez; and Rev. James K. Locklear who offered the benediction and is employed by Service Oil.

Refreshments were enjoyed and door prizes were given. (Photo by Francine Chavis)

Workshop planned for children

Summer Theater Workshop For Children. The Carolina Civic Center in downtown Lumberton extends registration for SUMMER STAGE I, a 4-week intensive theatrical training workshop for all young people ages 7-12, running from June 17-July 14th. Classes will run Mon.-Wed. from 12:00-5:30 p.m. with the program culminating in the production of a musical open to the public. Classes will be offered in Creative Dramatics, Acting, Stage Dance, Stage Voice and basic Technical Theater, all structured to student skill levels. Registration fee is \$95.00 with multi-family discounts offered. Financial Aid Scholarships are also available. For more information, or to receive a registration form, please come by the CCC office at 315 N. Chestnut St. or call 910-738-4339. Registration will close May 30th, so please do not delay applications.

David Weinstein becomes N. C. Senator for District 30

David Weinstein, former Mayor of Lumberton and Chairman of the PSU Board of Trustees easily defeated challenger Jean Hodges of neighboring Hoke County to become the NC Senator for District 30. There is no Republican opposition in that race.

Weinstein a Lumberton businessman, was making his second attempt to be elected to the District 30 seat being vacated by long time Senator David Parnell of Lumber Bridge. Sen. Parnell chose not to seek re-election.

Both Hodges and Weinstein easily outdistanced a challenge by John Rimberg, PSU professor



Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear lead candidate at-large

Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear will become one of the at-large members on the Board of Education. Locklear lead the ticket in that nine candidate race. Locklear will replace Gloria Lowry who chose not to seek re-election. Other winners were John Campbell, a Black, and incumbent Beth Williamson, a white.

Workshop planned for Young Adults

Advanced Theater Workshop For Young Adults: The Carolina Civic Center in downtown Lumberton announces open registration for SUMMER STAGE II, a highly intensive theatrical workshop for young adults ages 13-20, running from July 16-August 18. Classes will run Mon.-Wed. from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m., culminating with the production of a major musical open to the public in August. Classes will be offered in Acting, Stage Voice, Stage Dance, Set Construction, Lighting and all Backstage Technical Areas. New for SUMMER STAGE II this year will be an Orchestral Section with classes in Ensemble Playing, Music

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