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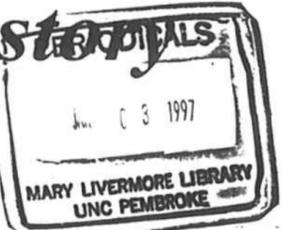
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Some Highlights From 1996

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



Making history for the Seventh Congressional District, Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend out-pollied 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-pollied 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 Breese, 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 most—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 Wasichus 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



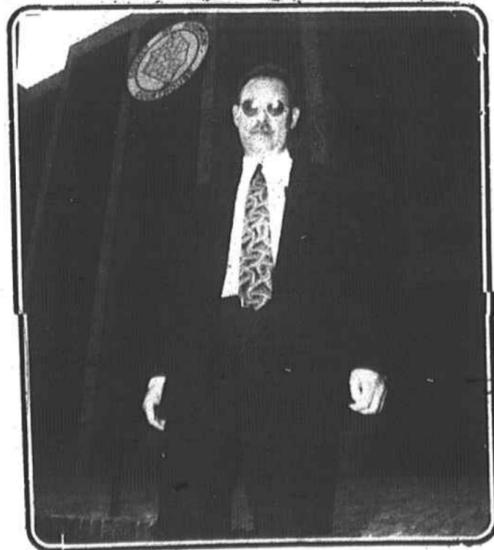
Newcomer Raymond Cummings easily defeated 16-year Commissioner Bobby Dean Locklear in the District 5 race. Unofficial votes show that Cummings overcame Locklear with an overwhelming 64 percent of the vote.

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 outpolling 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.



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.



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Henry T. Locklear Day Honors Decorated Lumbee Veteran

by Tom Squier

Special to Carolina Indian Voice: On November 8, the Veterans Day weekend was opened at South Hoke Elementary School with a ceremony honoring Henry T. Locklear, an alumnus of the school and the most highly decorated Lumbee veteran of Vietnam. Locklear attended the school when it was one of three Indian Schools in the Hoke County School System and was called Hawkeye School. First Sergeant, retired, Locklear said he knew he wanted to be a soldier shortly before graduating following a field trip to Fort Bragg. "There were no other jobs around here for us in 1963. Dr. Martin Luther King hadn't freed us (minorities) then. I went in for financial reasons and for a career. It was about the only thing to do," Locklear remembers.

"My principal, Mr. Hughes (Oxendine) took us to Fort Bragg. I told him I wanted to be a paratrooper and he told me I was too small. This mentally motivated me to accept this challenge," said Locklear. He joined the Army in September of 1963, shortly after graduating from Hawkeye High School. Today, that school has a new name, and Locklear's portrait and a plaque in his honor hang in the school's entrance.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony was retired Major General Richard E. Davis who now lives in Knoxville, Tennessee and came to praise Locklear for his bravery and his dependability. Davis said: "To-

day is extremely important. I especially congratulate the Hoke County School Board for recognizing the patriotism and heroism of Henry Locklear." When Locklear entered the Army's 101st Airborne Division, General Davis was his lieutenant. Later, they went to Vietnam together where they spent many nights together in the same foxhole because Davis was the commander and Locklear was his radio communicator. "He became a hero. He became a great leader because he has character. That character was built right here. The lesson is that character counts." He told the children assembled there that "You too can be a hero similar to Henry if you work real hard."

Henry T. Locklear's decorations and awards include the Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachute Badge, National Defense Service Medal, four Good Conduct Medals, the Expert Infantry Badge, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, two Bronze Stars for valor and two Silver Stars, five Vietnam Service Medals, a Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, two Army Commendation medals and a Meritorious Service Medal as well as the Jungle Expert School badge, Pathfinder award and Distinguished Trooper Award. Chairperson of the Hoke County Commissioners, L.E. McLaughlin said: "Because of men like Henry T. Locklear, we have freedom today."

Locklear's sister Wanda Caulder

sang "You Are the Wind Beneath My Wings" to Henry and Caulder said that Henry was always her hero as a child, filling the role of father for her and her brothers, taking them to school and taking responsibilities like an adult. She was not abt surprised at his success. Today Locklear operates his own business and unlike many Vietnam Veterans, he can still wear his old uniform. He does that regularly as an Executive Officer of the Robeson County Honor Guard which provides honors at the funerals of veterans in Robeson, Hoke and other surrounding counties. Jokingly, Henry Locklear started his speech by saying, "When I graduated, I was five-foot-six and weighed a hundred and twenty-five pounds. Today, I am five-foot-six and weigh two hundred (an exaggeration) Life's been good!" he declared. He dedicated his award to his mother and tearfully continued, "I'm giving a copy of this award proclamation back to the school," he remarked, "because I never take nothing I can't give back."

Locklear addressed the students and told them there were three things he wanted them to always remember and promise to keep: "First, learn to read. You can do anything and go anywhere if you learn to read." He made the children promise to "read one book for Henry." Second, he said, "Never, ever smoke cigarettes...or anything else. Don't smoke dope and don't drink beer. Beer, whiskey and dope will take your courage away."

The third thing Henry Locklear asked of the students was to "Never call a person a dirty name because of their color. You know what kind of names I'm talking about, he said. "Don't ever call a person a racial name. It hurts and it takes away from your dignity too." HE also said that "if you ever get knocked down in life get back up. Get back up, knock the dirt off and get going again." He turned to the teachers present and reminded them how harsh discipline was in school was when he was growing up and that times had changed. "Educators, you have to have persuasive leadership today because they took all your authority away."

Today, Henry T. Locklear is one of the most respect members of his community and is almost embarrassed to speak about his medals. He would rather be acting as scoutmaster or honoring other veterans. The Certificate of Honor for Heroism and Leadership from the County Commissioners reads in part, "WHEREAS, he has earned the admiration and high regard of those with whom he has come in contact and the affection of his fellow man (who are proud to call him 'friend' or 'pal') regardless of race, color, or creed. BE IT RESOLVED that this certificate of honor is issued in recognition of the superb leadership and heroism of Henry Thurmond Locklear."