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Rev. Clester Locklear Challenges for Seat on Lumbee River EMC's Board of Directors

Red Springs-Rev. Clester Locklear announces his bid for election to the Lumbee River EMC Board of Directors. Locklear is running to represent District 4. District 4 represents the townships of Smiths, Red Springs, Shannon, Rennert, Burnt Swamp, Philadelphus and Pembroke.

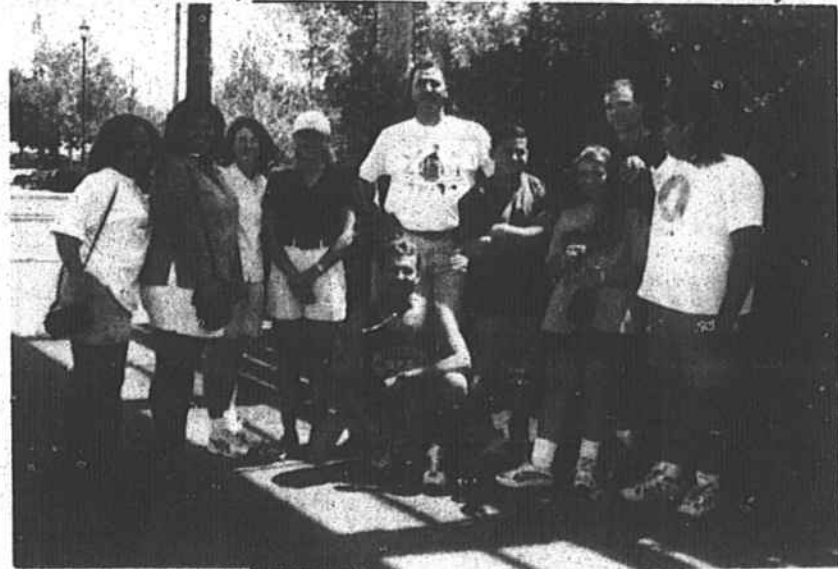
Rev. Clester Locklear appreciates and respects the integrity of the voters who will have the opportunity to cast a ballot in this election which will be held October 6 at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke's Givens Performing Arts Center. Voting will take place between the hours of 6 - 8 p.m.

A youthful 62, Locklear is a minister in the Lumbee Holiness Methodist Conference, and is a long time member at New Prospect Church. "Preacher Clester" believes in missions, and has been involved in the Caribbean for many years, especially in Trinidad and Tobago. He recently returned from a mission trip there, his 27th year of carrying the message of Christ abroad.

A Korean War Veteran, Rev. Locklear is married (Ellen), and has two sons, ages 29 & 30 respectively. He also proudly claims his status as grandfather and lists a granddaughter and a grandson on his resume.

In making his announcement, Rev. Clester Locklear issued this statement: "I make two promises to the voters in district 4. (1) If elected, I will be a voice for the voters in District 4. (2) I will go to each community in District 4 when I am elected and ask the community to choose co-op members to serve on an advisory committee to help me make responsible decisions for Lumbee River EMC, especially District 4. And, most importantly, I will pray about every vote before it is cast, and I will be honest and above board in my dealings with the rest of the co-op, including the other board members, the administration, and the members of Lumbee River EMC. These are the only promises I will make to anyone."

Locklear is anxious to remind voters that they must cast a vote in each district and at large race up for election on October 6 for their vote to count. "It is important for members to come out and vote. Please vote on October 6, and cast a vote for me in District 4. Thank you."



Local physicians attend Annual meeting of Association of Indian Physicians July 21-26

The Association of American Indian Physicians held its 27th Annual Meeting July 21 - 26, 1998 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Attending this year's conference were Dr. Joseph T. Bell and family, from UNC-CH School of Medicine; Christina Hardin (Lumbee), Tina Griffin (Lumbee), Andrew Haputa (Western Band Cherokee), and from ECU School of Medicine: Katie Lowery (Lumbee), Willie Richardson (Lumbee), Shandal S. Emanuel (Lumbee), Billy Smith (Lumbee), Lindwood Watson (Haliwa-Saponi), and Erica Evans (Occaneechi). This theme of this year's meeting was "Indian Health: Old Problems, New Solutions."

This year's conference provided 1) the latest medical research and new treatment protocol for selected diseases that affect American Native People; 2) a discussion of the impact of new health care policies, managed care, welfare reform on tribal and urban Indian health programs; 3) an atmosphere and forum to discuss Native American healing methodology and how to augment western medicine with traditional native practices; 4) training with computers: designing your own web site as well as locating health resources on the Internet; and 5) and environment for premedical students, medical students and physicians to interact and establish student/physician mentorships. The educational seminars ranged from "Considerations in the Approach to Menopause"

to Cardiovascular Disease in American Indians- Strong Heart Study" and "Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder" to "Diabetes in American Indians." Luncheons were sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychiatric Association. In addition to the seminars, a number of cultural events were held, including a Talking Circle, Women and Men's Sweat Ceremonies, and a Gourd Dance/Pow-Wow. Many participants of this year's conference found time to visit Albuquerque's "Old Town" for shopping and eating. The Sandias Mountain range was beautiful for all of those who chose to take the tram ride. The sunset was absolutely beautiful.

The Association of Native American Medical Students also held its annual meeting at this conference, where Billy Smith was selected to be the Southeast Region Representative of ANAMS. Congratulations to Willie Smith, elected President-elect of ANAMS and Andrew Haputa, elected executive board member. Also, congratulations to Dr. Joseph T. Bell who now presides as President for AAIP. The conference was a rewarding experience for all who attended.

The students from UNC-CH and ECU Schools of Medicine would like to thank all who made it possible for them to attend this year's national conference.



REV. CLESTER LOCKLEAR DISTRICT 4



Ronette Sutton Gerber, Admitted to NC State Bar

McIntyre Urges Designation of Lumber River

Washington D.C.--U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that he has written the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt, urging him to proceed with the designation of the Lumber River as a National Wild and Scenic River.

Representative McIntyre stated, "The Lumber River is a great source of pride, recreation, and commerce for southeastern North Carolina. The initiative to designate the Lumber River as a National Wild and Scenic River enjoys broad local support, and represents years of cooperation between Governor Hunt, local officials, volunteer supporters, and the National Park Service. I am grateful for their efforts and am hopeful that Secretary Babbitt will quickly give the river his complete and prompt support."

Over the last year, Representative McIntyre has actively supported the designation of the Lumber River in the National Wild and Scenic River System. On April 15, 1996, Governor Hunt petitioned the Secretary of the Interior for this designation, the National Park Service's Southeast Regional Office.

Eight Candidates running for Lumbee River EMC Board

Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation will host its 58th Annual Meeting of Members on Tuesday, October 6, 1998 at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of UNC-Pembroke. Registration and voting will begin at 6:00 pm and the business meeting will start at 7:30 pm.

An electric cooperative is unique compared to other electric utilities because its members elect the board of directors. Members may become candidates for the board either by being nominated by a nominating committee or by petition. This year eight candidates are running for the four board seats up for election.

CANDIDATES FOR THIS YEAR'S ELECTION ARE:

DISTRICT 2: District 2 contains the townships of Gaddy's, Fairmont, Orrum Sterling, and Whitehouse.

INCUMBENT, ROGER OXENDINE, 5671 Hwy. 130 E. Rowland, is running unopposed.

DISTRICT 4: District 4 contains the townships of Smiths, Red Springs, Shannon, Rennert, Burnt Swamp, Philadelphus, and Pembroke.

INCUMBENT, TIMOTHY STRICKLAND, 1294 Harper's Ferry Rd. Maxton

Election for Council & Chairman Saturday

Elections for Tribal Chairman and members of the Tribal Council under the auspices of the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians will be held on Saturday, September 26, 1998 at various polling sites in Lumbee country. Please see page 6 for a list of voting sites, eligibility requirements for voting and persons who have filed for seats on the Council.

Seeking election as Tribal Chairman which is an at-large position are the following: Rev. Jerry McNeill, Mr. Albert C. Hunt, Mrs. Dorothy Lowery and Mr. Harold G. Dial.

World's Strongest Native American, Chief Iron Bear, to Compete in US Strongest Man Competition



by Vinita Maynor Clark, Exclusive to the Carolina Indian Voice, Pembroke, NC- There's a lot of training and preparation going on in the life of Harold Collins at the Power House Gym in Pembroke, NC. Everyone who knows what Harold Collins is in training for is showing their support in his attempt to beat his First Place Record Finish in 1997 at the United States Strongest Man Competition.

This year Collins has been training everyday in his effort to bring home the Gold and the title of the United States Strongest Man for 1998. Last year Collins entered the competition for the very first time and came home with First Place, only missing the Gold by several

tenths of a point. Now he wants the Gold and nothing less will do. Collins, better known in the weight lifting world as Chief Iron Bear is documented as "The World's Strongest Native American," and is scheduled to compete in the 1998 United States Strongest Man Competition on October 3-4, 1998 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Collins, known to his many friends, fans and supporters as "the Gentle Giant" is truly on a quest to bring home the gold and the trophy for the Lumbee people which he serves proudly as a world wide Ambassador.

Keeping the Circle: Expressions of Eastern North Carolina Native Americans-Exhibit to Open

BROUGHTON OXENDINE, 4755 W. Great Swamp Church Rd., Shannon.

CLESTER LOCKLEAR, 5055 Oak Grove Church Rd., Lumberton.

DISTRICT 8: District 8 contains all Cumberland County.

INCUMBENT, JAMES HARDIN, 3299 Yarmouth Rd., Fayetteville.

THOMAS H. FURMAGE, Rt. 1, Box 62, Maxton.

AT LARGE: Directors at large candidates may live anywhere on the system.

INCUMBENT, MADIE RAE LOCKLEAR, 5674 Old Red Springs Rd. Maxton

COLLIE B. BROWN, 1177 Per-simmon Rd, Rowland

In addition to the election of officers, a business meeting will be conducted at which members will hear reports about the co-op's operation and have an opportunity to bring new matters of business before the board. Members not wishing to stay for the business meeting may simply register, vote, and leave. Members should bring their registration card and a picture ID with them. The Official Notice and registration cards will be mailed to all active members on or about September 22nd.

Voting begins at 7 a.m. and lasts until 6 p.m.

Pembroke Native Sworn into State Bar

Ronette Alesia Sutton Gerber, daughter of State Representative Ron and Genny Sutton of the Philadelphus Community, was sworn into the North Carolina State Bar on Monday, September 21, 1998. The 10:00 am ceremony at the Robeson County Court House was conducted by Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Dexter Brooks, also of Pembroke. Judge Brooks has been a close family friend for over thirty years and even participated in Ronette's first birthday party.

Ronette was presented to the Court and the Robeson County Bar by her father who is also an attorney and serves as the State House Representative for the 85th House District.

Ronette graduated from West Robeson Senior High (now Purnell Swett) in 1985 and Pembroke State University (now University of North Carolina at Pembroke) in 1989 with a BA degree. Upon completing graduate school at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1992, she received a Masters in Public Administration. Ronette also received her law degree from UNC Chapel Hill.

Ron and Ronette comprise what is believed to be the first father and daughter lawyer combination among the Lumbee.

Ronette is married to John Gerber, a Civil Engineer with the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Emergency Management Division and a National Guard Helicopter Pilot. The Gerbers reside in Asheville, North Carolina where she will practice as a member of the Buncombe County Bar.

Mrs. Narva Chavis, Ronette's Maternal Grandmother, assisted in the ceremony by holding her Bible during the swearing in while about thirty family and friends observed.

Sworn in at the same time was Sally Young, daughter of Dr. Robert L. Young, in an earlier ceremony attorney Rodney Oxendine, son of the late Simcon and Mrs. Delores Oxendine, was sworn into the State Bar and administered the oath of an Assistant District Attorney. Judge Brooks also participated in that ceremony.

Being the Ambassador for the Lumbee people is a position that Chief Iron Bear takes very seriously. During either promotional tours for his various sponsors or in competitions, Chief Iron Bear takes time out of his busy schedule to visit the hospitals and schools that are located in the area. In the classrooms of the area schools that he is visiting he stresses to the students the meaning of "respecting your elders, reaching for the stars and telling all of the children no matter what the age that drugs are for dummies." For his work, dedication and being the well known Ambassador for the Lumbee people he was honored to be chosen as the Grand Marshal for the 1998 Lumbee Homecoming Parade.

After the United States Strongest Man competition, Chief Iron Bear will be going on a promotional tour in North Dakota. After this tour he is scheduled to compete in the U.S. Grand Prix Strongest Man Competition in November which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Chief Iron Bear is looking forward to winning another gold medal, trophy and title to place in his wall sized book case located in the Power House Gym for all his fellow Lumbees to see.

These past months he has been training extensively in preparation for this season of competitions. "Being able to train in your own gym is definitely an advantage," said Iron Bear who is the owner and operator of the Pembroke Power House. "I train specific parts of my body on certain days," says the Iron Bear. "Most people go in the gym and do a complete workout every day, this is good for some people, but being a professional weight lifter you analyze parts of your body that needs building, strength, endurance and increasing my weight lifting ability for competition."

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Keeping the Circle: Expressions of Eastern North Carolina Native Americans-Exhibit to Open

GRENSBORO - The Guilford Native American Art Gallery will feature the artwork of "The Spiritworks Group," a group of eastern North Carolina Native American artists and elders. This collaborative exhibit was curated by Dr. Stanley Knick, Director of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Native American Resource Center and Daystar Dial, Lumbee Native Artist.

The exhibit will open on Sunday, October 4, 1998 with a reception from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. The gallery is located at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 North Davie Street, downtown Greensboro.

Keeping the Circle: Expressions of Eastern North Carolina Native Americans, is a mixed media art exhibit that features customary visual arts as well as music, stories (both written and spoken), videotape and other media. The theme of the exhibit reflects the artist's desire to keep alive the circle of traditional Native American culture in the Eastern region of NC through their art.

The idea of the artists is that Native American art and artists can be powerful forces and that joining together their hearts and hands with this exhibit - they can show the world that Native American culture is alive - and the circle is well kept - in Eastern North Carolina which is home to many of the Lumbee artists.

The exhibit includes artists from the Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee and the Tuscaro tribes of NC.

This very exciting and inspiring show will be on exhibit from October 4 - November 30, 1998.

For more information, call the Guilford Native American Art Gallery at (336) 273-6605.

Operating hours for the gallery are: Tuesday - Saturday, 10:am - 5:pm.