

County Superintendent Honored for Commitment to Education

Dr. Barry Harding, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Robeson County, was presented an Achievement Award by the Title IX Indian Education Parent Committee at the school board meeting Monday night for having been selected National Indian Educator of the Year by the National Indian Education Association.

The plaque, presented by Lloyd Locklear, Chairman of the Committee, recognized Dr. Harding "for distinguished services rendered as a leader who exemplifies outstanding vision and creativity in the

education of our most valuable resources—our children."

Dr. Harding will receive the NIEA Award at its meeting in Sioux City, South Dakota on November 1st. It is given to a teacher, counselor, or administrator who, through leadership, vision and creativity, and commitment, has made major contributions to improving educational opportunity and quality for Native Americans. His work with the Public Schools of Robeson County was recognized for making such contributions.

Dr. Harding was nominated by Mrs. Agnes Chavis and he was selected from

a large group of nominations for the award.

At the same board meeting, announcement was also made of Dr. Harding's selection as the outstanding "Friend of the Arts Administrator" for the State of North Carolina by the North Carolina Art Education Association for the academic year 2000-20001. He is being honored for his commitment to promoting high quality arts education as a key factor in student achievement.

Dr. Harding will receive his award at the annual conference of the Association on October 20th in Charlotte.



Dr. Barry Harding

Jacobs Seeks Election to Lumbee Tribal Council

Raleigh--From the halls of the North Carolina General Assembly to the corporate boardrooms of the Research Triangle Park to the dirt roads of rural North Carolina, Darlene Jacobs feels right at home. Jacobs, a Lumbee Indian from rural Robeson County is a candidate for the Lumbee Tribal Government Council representing District 14.

On November 7, members of the Lumbee tribe living in District 14 will vote in tribal council elections for a tribal government. District 14 includes: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chatham, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Martin, Moore, Nash, Northampton, Orange, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Onslow, Sampson, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne and Wilson.

Jacobs moved to the Raleigh area 22 years ago in search of a career in State Government. Jacobs' move to the Capital city was not only a personal endeavor toward professional development, but also an opportunity to assist, support and advise other Native Americans with their urban transition. A charter member of the Triangle Native American Society, Jacobs has held all elected offices of that organization. As president, she was instrumental in establishing the Title IX Indian Education program for Wake County. Jacobs has also served on the com-

mittee of the North Carolina State Employees Credit Union, North Carolina State Employees Association and numerous other boards, offices and committees in an effort to give Native people a voice and protect their rights.

In addition to her involvement with Native American activities throughout North Carolina, Jacobs has earned a Masters Degree in Applied Sociology and is currently working on a Doctorate Degree at North Carolina State University.

As a candidate for the new Lumbee Tribal government, Jacobs says that her vast experience has allowed her to "develop leadership qualities that are imperative to tribal development." Jacobs says her personal goal if elected to represent District 14 is to "educate and heighten the communities' perception about the Native population."

Supporters for candidate Darlene Jacobs will be hosting a reception on October 22, 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Carolina Association of Educators Building, 700 South Wilmington Street in Raleigh. The public is invite to attend.

The polling site for the Lumbee Tribal Government Council election on November 7th for District 14 will be at the N.C. Association of Educators Building in downtown Raleigh. For more information about the Lumbee Tribal Government election, please contact the Lumbee Self-Determination Commission at 910/521-7861 or visit www.lumbeetribalgovernment.org.

Daucey Brewington files Tribal Government Seat

Daucey Brewington grew up in Robeson County, NC. He is the son of the late Rev. David R. Brewington and Emma Belle (Oxendine) Brewington. He is the grandson of John David and Cara Mae Brewington and John and Mary Oxendine. He attended both Pembroke and Magnolia High Schools. After high school, Mr. Brewington was appointed to the United States Air Force Academy. Upon graduation in 1970, he became the first Native American to graduate from the US Air Force Academy and the first Lumbee to graduate from any of the service academies. He also holds a Master's Degree in Business Management.

Mr. Brewington formed his own company to supply professional services to the federal government. For 12 years he operated a small business and became well versed in federal programs such as the "Buy Indian Act", Indian Incentive Program, HUB Zones and the Small Business Administration.

In 1999, Mr. Brewington formed NACON, Native American Consulting. NACON works solely with tribes and tribal businesses. Among the many tribes he is currently assisting are three tribes which have recently regained their recognition. He is helping to establish the tribal infrastructure which will accommodate economic development and expansion of tribal programs.

Mr. Brewington has been endorsed by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

The National Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is:

to develop and expand an American Indian private sector, which employs Indian labor, increases the number of viable tribal and individual Indian businesses, and positively impacts and involves reservation communities, by establishing business relationships between Indian enterprises and private industry.

Further information on the National Center can be found at www.ncaied.org.

Mr. Brewington has also been endorsed by Mr. Tom Godwin, President of Complexity Simplified. Mr. Godwin was selected as the National Center Businessman of the Year for 1999. He is also a Lumbee.

Mr. Brewington is one of the original founders of the Northwest Regional American Indian Chamber of Commerce and is its current president. In addition, he is a consultant on Native American Affairs to the Department of English Literature at the United States Air Force Academy and to the newly formed Native American studies program at Virginia Tech.

Why I Chose To Run For Tribal Council

Over the past 15 years, I have been involved with the federal government from a contractor's point of view. I have learned the method of securing contracts and developing successful programs. I have also been fortunate to have visited more than a dozen reservations and spoken with representatives of numerous tribes across the United States.

Having grown up in Robeson County I have permanent ties to the community and on my return visits I often drive around reflecting upon my early years. I also spend quite a bit of time comparing our collective tribal home with that of other tribes I have visited. There seems to be a common thread to the needs of the people and the services that the people would like.

Each tribe needs to develop a

stable, sustainable revenue source in addition to grants. We obviously need to continue applying for grants but we need to also look for methods to gain tribal economic independence and tribal sovereignty. We have the ability, at hand, to develop economic strength and through this strength we can gain the political might to help us regain that which was taken from us.

Mr. Brewington and his wife Pat have been married over 30 years. They have two children and one grandchild. They reside in North Bend, Washington.

I would like to use the skills, knowledge and contacts I have developed to help the Lumbee Tribe attain complete federal recognition, to develop viable tribal business which will, in turn, create meaningful jobs for our people and create a revenue flow to the tribal treasury.

Retired School Personnel to meet

Robeson County Retired School Personnel will meet at Calabash West of Lumberton on October 17, at 11:15 a.m. The speaker is Jack Crane. His topic is "How to Manage Your Stress." For additional information call 738-3309.



Daucey Brewington



Ronald Hammonds



Earl Cummings

Ronald Hammonds announces Candidacy for LREMC Board of Directors, District 5

Ronald Hammonds of Saddletree has announced his candidacy for a seat on the LREMC Board of Directors, representing District 5. In making his announcement, Hammonds released the following statement:

"October 17, 2000 at the UNC-Pembroke Givens Performing Arts Center there will be an annual meeting for the member/consumers; voting will be conducted from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The Annual Meeting is one of the most important opportunities you, as members and consumer of the LREMC, will have to participate directly in the business of your Co-op.

"I, Ronald Hammonds, have filed for the Board of Directors of District 5. I am a native of Lumberton currently residing in the Saddletree community. My wife, Linda Oxendine Hammonds, and I have five adult children: Chad, Colby, April, August and Alvin. My occupation is Agri/Business.

"My qualifications prove to be both internal and external. I was employed with Carolina Power and Light Company (CP&L) for ten years and I have previously served on the LREMC Board of Directors as well as other Boards and committees. I have extensive experience in Co-op Financial Planning, Public Relations, and Transmission and Distribution of Electric Service to the Consumer. Additionally, I have on the job experience in restoration of power outages from Hurricanes, Tornadoes, and Electrical Storms.

"Lumbee River EMC is a sixty million dollar corporation with deregulation at the next crossroad. But most of all EMC is a member/consumer owned business, whose focus should always be on the consumer through courtesy on the telephone, professional staff, electric service or even accessibility of Board members. To render pleasing service EMC demands well-trained, satisfied employees as well as Board of Directors

who will put the consumers' needs first. Realizing that without YOU, the member/consumer, EMC's sixty million dollar business would be nonexistent.

"I was bought up in a rural farming community in Robeson County where people were self-sufficient because "people helped people." This is the same spirit of our Co-op "People Helping People Today. I believe in our local EMC and will work diligently to represent you the consumer. Our local EMC has changed tremendously in the past fifty years as has our community and EMC and its people have been blessed with Economic Development. Nevertheless, the needs of our elderly remain the same.

"The issue of our senior citizens and the handicapped will always be close to my heart. It's a national and local issue here at home. I don't believe our senior citizens and disabled should have to choose between paying an electric bill or paying for medication (drugs). I want to see a program for our senior citizens. I believe our Co-op can develop a program to make a difference to help our senior citizens as well as the disabled and handicapped much like the "Help a Needy Friend Program" that has been so successful. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to assist with the development and subsequent implementation of the program; it was developed in 1992 during my tenure on the Board. Due to my role in the "Help a Needy Friend Program" I am confident that we can do something similar for our elders, disabled and handicapped and the establishment of such a program will be one of my objectives. Programs such as the above mentioned programs are passageways to the continual development of our economy. We must help our communities and people to become self-sufficient. A program for our elderly, disabled and handicapped will be a valuable tool to help these

special groups of people toward that self-sufficiency for which we all strive. After all, it's about people helping people Lumbee River EMC. Service to humanity is the best work of life.

"It is my hope that when consumers attend the annual meeting October 17, 2000, 6-8 p.m. at the UNC-Pembroke Performing Arts Center that they will select me as one of their four choices (representatives). It is also important for me to mention here that in order for your vote to count you must vote for a candidate in each district. I humbly request that you make me one of your four votes. This community and the LREMC community have been good to us, and I want to give something back by serving on the board."

FirstHealth Family Care Center Set to Open in Pembroke

FirstHealth Family Care Center will sponsor a Harvest Festival Grand Opening October 21, 2000 from 1-4 p.m. at FirstHealth Family Care Center Facility, 923 West Third Street, Pembroke. The event is free to the public. Festivities will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, train ride, moonwalk, family games and performances by Turtle Vision Native American Dancers, Gospel Singer Charles Bell, the Pembroke Elementary Concert Choir and Health and Fitness aerobics' demonstrations. While supplies last, free T-shirts and pumpkins will be given away. Participants may also enter drawings to win prizes, including tickets to the North Carolina Zoological Park, massages, a free physical, and a three-month Health and Fitness membership. At-

teendees may also choose to receive health screenings and obtain health-related information.

FirstHealth of the Carolina, Inc. based in Pinehurst, is an integrated healthcare system providing comprehensive health care services to a 16-county region in the mid-Carolinas. FirstHealth has more than 3,300 employees, 800 volunteers and credentials over 180 physicians, including primary care physicians and a full range of specialists. Its services and facilities include health and fitness centers, primary care clinics, Hospice services, a skilled nursing facility and a chain of home medical equipment and supplies' stores. For additional information visit the FirstHealth of the Carolinas web site at www.firsthealth.org.



Darlene Jacobs

Veterans Endorse Rep. McIntyre

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Political Action Committee has endorsed U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre for re-election to the United States Congress.

Rep. McIntyre's selection for endorsement was based upon his "support for veterans' rights and a strong national defense," according to John M. Carney, Director of the VFW Political Action Committee, which represents the VFW's 1.9 million members and 750,000 Ladies Auxiliary members and their families.

A member of the Armed Services Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman McIntyre has co-sponsored pieces of legislation to help veterans and to strengthen national security. McIntyre serves on both the Military Readiness and Military Procurement subcommittees as well as on the Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism. Recently, Rep. McIntyre was named to the joint House/Senate Conference Committee on the Department of Defense bill.

Seeks Seat On Lumbee Tribal Government

Earl Cummings has announced his candidacy for the new tribal government district 4 seat. District 4 includes Raft swamp, Burnt Swamp, Philadelphus, and Red Springs.

Mr. Cummings has been a life long member of the Mt. Airy community, and a member of the Mt. Airy Baptist Church for 35 years. Services in the church includes, deacon, royal ambassador leader (15 years), youth teacher (20 years), with active community, civic, and political involvement also. He has six children.

Mr. Cummings has been elected from his tribal district to the LRDA board since 1993, and is no newcomer to representing this district as the tribal membership representative.

"I have tried to the best of my ability to serve the tribal membership well in the past. My experience has allowed me to develop into a stronger voice for the membership, and I will continue if elected to be that voice for you" he stated.

Mr. Cummings believes that it takes integrity and no hidden agenda's to be effective at the "bargaining table" for the tribal members. He meets these qualifications and will stand and fight for those in need of

services and will do so "seeking nothing for myself" he said.

Mr. Cummings has 29 years of employment with the University of North Carolina at Pembroke as a former bus driver, and is now serving as the Jones Health and P.E., and Athletics department's equipment manager. He also worked for the local FCX as petroleum manager prior to joining UNC-P, then Pembroke State University.

"My experience as treasurer of LRDA, Lumbee Housing Committee, Federal Recognition Committee, and the Executive Committee, I believe will be a benefit to the new tribal government. Experience is critical in any new venture you go into. It will help reduce new organization growing pains," Mr. Cummings added.

Mr. Cummings said in conclusion "If elected I will do all I can to serve you with your needs and problems as far as I am able to do". Remember to vote November 7, 2000 in district 4 for Earl Cummings and I will help develop a tribal government through a new governing document that is responsive to the people and our future generations. "I will fight for your rights".

Art Exhibit at UNCP

The Laudario di Cortona Series by artist M.R. Tuelsen is showing at the Locklear Hall Art Gallery at UNC Pembroke until October 27.

Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 8-noon, 1-5 p.m.

Mr. Tuelsen is a printmaker from Wilton, New Hampshire. He has exhibited widely in the United States and abroad.

5th Army Association

The 5th Army Association (Italy, World War II) would like to hear from men and women who served under General Mark Clark from the Salerno beachhead to the Alps. Contact Sy Canton, Executive Director, 465 Shore Rd., Long Beach, N.Y., 11561 or Phone 516-432-3022.