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Gerald Strickland Files



Gerald Strickland has been employed by the Robeson County Health Department for 23 years as an Environmental Health Supervisor. He is a registered Environmental Health Supervisor, and in 1991 was appointed to the State Board of Sanitarian Examiners by Governor Jim Hunt.

He is currently the president of the Pembroke Civic Club, formerly the Pembroke Jaycees of which Strickland has been a member of the organization since 1971. In 1991, Mr. Strickland was elected to the LRDA Board of Directors to represent District five which comprises the Smiths and Maxton precincts. According to Strickland, "It has been an honor to serve the Lumbee people since 1991 in my capacity as an LRDA board member. Serving on the board has given me the opportunity to gain a wealth of experience with issues relative to the Lumbee people. I have worked diligently in the fight for federal recognition. I would like to continue working for tribal members as a representative for District five. This District encompasses the oldest Lumbee tribal community, Prospect. However, tribal members can be assured, if I am elected, I will work for all tribal members. It is my desire to have their input on how this new tribal government will be developed. I want a tribal governing document that tribal members can use as a tool to ensure their rights as members of the Lumbee tribe are protected. I feel my experience as a businessman and an LRDA board member will allow the tribe to progress. It is not my desire to be elected to this position for my own political agenda. If elected, I will be an honest and fair representative not only for District five, but for all members of the Lumbee tribe. I humbly ask your support in this election. If given the opportunity to serve as a representative in the new tribal government, I would sincerely be appreciative."

Gerald Strickland has filed as a candidate in the Tribal Election for District five to be held November 7, 2000. District five, which will have two representatives, includes Maxton and Oxendine precincts. These precincts encompass the tribal communities of Prospect and Oxendine. Strickland, owner of Prospect Satellite, is married to the former Brenda Dial Strickland, a retired school teacher of the Robeson County School system, and current office manager of the couple's satellite business. They are the parents of two children: Jeri Lynn, an eighth grade student at Prospect Middle School and Chad, a senior at Purnell Swett High School. The couple and their children reside in the home place of Ms. Strickland, a lifelong resident of the Prospect community. They attend church at New Prospect. His wife is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Herman Dial. Strickland is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Strickland of the Harper's Ferry community. Mr. Timothy Strickland of the Harper's Ferry community. Mr. Timothy Strickland currently serves on the Board of Directors of LREMC.

Christine F. Locklear Files For Lumbee Tribal Chairperson

Hello my Native people I am Christine F. Locklear and I would like to represent you as Tribal Chairperson. I graduated from Pembroke State University in 1978 with a B.S. degree in Sociology. I am married to Harold Locklear and reside in Lumberton N.C. I am the mother of three children and also a proud grandmother. I have invested 20 years in the human services field. My dedication to the people of Robeson County proves that my commitment is long suffering for our future generations. As Tribal Chairperson I will represent the Lumbee people with pride, honesty, and dignity. It is time

that the Native people are recognized and heard, and I will be your voice. It is only through unity and strong leadership that our native people will prosper in the new millennium. We need to invest and reinvest in our youth, senior citizens, and our community as a whole. In order for our children to realize their dreams and be successful it takes the Lumbee Tribe. Together we will be dream makers and not dream chasers. I look forward to serving as your Tribal Chairperson and ask for your support on Nov. 7TH. Sincerely, Christine F. Locklear

Tim Blanks Candidate For Tribal Council

My Fellow Lumbee, My name is Tim Blanks; an educator, businessman and family man who is proud of his race. Federal recognition is a must for the Lumbee people. This can only be achieved through education and development. It is my privilege to be a candidate for tribal representative in District 18, the

areas West of Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. I am asking for your support. Please contact your friends and relatives in these areas and encourage them to vote for me in the November 7th election. Thank you for your support. Remember: BE LUMBEE, BE PROUD!

Reception held for Lumbee Tribal Government Council Candidate Darlene Jacobs

Raleigh - Dozens of supporters and well-wishers for Darlene Jacobs packed the contemporary office building located at 700 South Wilmington Street in Raleigh on Sunday. Jacobs is a candidate for the Lumbee Tribal Government Council for the 14th District and a resident of Garner, north Carolina. The reception was hosted by friends and supporters and featured a Fall theme. The food table was donned with pumpkins, flowers, baskets and Indian corn. The food ranged from homemade chicken salad to old-fashion sweet potato bread. As an added feature John Chico Carter played soft but lively music for the guest. During the short formal pro-

gram Jacobs spoke of her dreams and goals if elected. High on her list of goals was the inclusion of all Lumbees into the process and the opening of an urban center for the Triangle area to assist Native youths and especially ones attending the colleges and universities in the area. Among the guest included Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt and Rev. Jerry McNeill both candidates for Tribal Chairperson. These candidates spoke briefly and then joined the activities for Jacobs. Jacobs personally thanked everyone for their hard work and then joined the campaign workers for a photo session.



On Saturday, October 21, 2000, First Health Family Care Center in Pembroke had its Open House and fall festival. Shown left to right at the ribbon cutting are Glenn Reeves of First Health; Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt; Thomas and Zoe Ann Locklear (with daughter Elizabeth in foreground); Catherine Strickland and Dr. Robin Cummings of First Health, a Pembroke Native.

Locklear Running for Lumbee Tribal Council

I encourage members of District 16 and all Lumbee to join in this historic opportunity to exercise your right to vote in the establishment of a government for the Lumbee people. Those persons elected on November 7th will draft our governing document, most likely a Constitution, after which you will be asked to ratify or reject. I believe that I am uniquely qualified to serve as a representative. However, qualifications standing alone do not justify your blind allegiance. Thus, I invite you to consider my specific proposals: First, I believe this document should demand accountability of its elected representatives. To avoid the accumulation of power in the hands of a few, I will support the imposition of term limits.

Second, services based upon need should be distributed equitably to each of the districts. Wherein distance is identified as an obstacle in achieving this goal, vouchers should be utilized to insure services are provided to those living outside the immediate Robeson County region. Third, efforts to obtain federal recognition should be continued. I believe a detailed and well constructed governing document will enhance support of both Congress and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in our efforts to achieve this goal.

Finally, in that other federally recognized tribes have engaged in gambling activities, it is naive to assume that our governing document would not address this sensitive subject. The issue of whether or not the Lumbee would allow gambling should be placed before the people in the form of a referendum. Prior to sub-

mitting this question the governing document should detail in very specific language the manner in which said activities would be governed if approved. I believe that a separate article should be devoted to outlining the specifics of gambling. The objective is to insure profits gained from said activities would be utilized to assist educational programs, scholarships, as well as social needs of tribal mem-

bers. In that monies derived from these activities would not be audited in the same fashion as other government funded programs, I believe it would be necessary to establish accounting procedures to oversee the receipt of profits and distribution to targeted programs. In anticipation that such activities may initially require administration by outside investors and consultants. Continued on page 12

Linda Rose Locklear files for District 18 seat

Linda Rose Locklear is a resident of Valley Center, California and she has lived in California since 1970. Linda is the daughter of Helen Bell Locklear and George Locklear of Jacksonville, FL. She is the granddaughter of Maggie Bell, the late Furman Bell of St. Paul's and the late Rosie Hunt Locklear and Flag Locklear of Fairmont. Linda attended Magnolia School as a young girl. She attended San Diego State University and University of California in San Diego. She has been a professor of American Indian Studies for twenty-six years at Palomar College and is currently Chairperson of that department. She also teaches at San Diego State University.

Active in the issue of federal recognition, Linda has worked with both federally recognized and non-federally recognized tribes on a variety of issues. She also participated in the National Congress of American

Indian, National Indian Education Association, American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Alaska and American Indian Professor Association, and many other American Indian organizations.

Linda has two daughters and two grandchildren who are enrolled in the Pauma Indian Reservation in California. Her husband, Michael Almer, is a supervisor in the probation department in San Diego.

"I will bring another perspective to tribal issues, especially in our pursuit for federal recognition. I have experience and knowledge in working on these issues for both federally recognized and non-federally recognized tribes.

I've also been involved internationally with the World Council of Indigenous People that brings issues of all tribal people together. I can offer a global perspective in maintaining our culture and sovereignty.

Library Book Sale

Miss the library book sale in April? You will have another chance to buy reading bargains in November. Robeson County Public Library will again offer books for sale on Thursdays, Nov. 2, 5-9 p.m., Nov. 3, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday Nov. 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Sale will be held at Robeson County Public Library in the Osterneck Auditorium. For more information call 738-4859.



Richard D. Locklear Candidate - District 16

Lumbee Tribal Chairperson Public Forum

The Carolina Indian Voice and Rep. Ron Sutton, NCHouse, are sponsoring a public forum for all Tribal Chairperson candidates. The forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 30, 2000 at the Purnell Swett High School cafeteria.

The purpose of the forum is to give the public an opportunity to hear what all the Tribal Chairperson candidates have to say on specific topics. The format will consist of general statements by each candidate as well as their response to specific questions posed to each of them. The final format is still under development by the sponsors but will be announced before the program in time for candidates to thoroughly understand the process.

Rep. Sutton will moderate the meeting. "It is my desire that the general public have the opportunity to see where the candidates stand on issues and how they respond to potential problems they may encounter upon being elected", said Rep. Sutton.

The questions, still under development, will be fair, direct and pertinent but broad enough for candidates to give their own perspective. Responses and comments will be timed to be fair to all candidates.

"The role of the Tribal Chairperson will be critical in a new Lumbee Government and Lumbees should have an opportunity to hear how each candidate views his/her role", said Rep. Sutton. Candidates were previously invited to participate by a letter from Rep. Sutton. They were advised that proposed issues were Chairperson qualifications, questions about a Lumbee Constitution, their leadership style, how they intend to lead the newly elected governmental body and their vision of what should happen to the existing Tribal Council and Lumbee Regional Development Association after the election.

District Tribal candidates will be publicly recognized but due to time constraints will not address the audience. If all tribal candidates participate, a two hour format will only allow short and hopefully concise responses to various questions. It is doubtful that there will be time for questions from the audience.

This is an extremely important forum and Lumbee voters should come out to hear their potential tribal leaders. The Lumbee Tribal Candidate ultimately elected as Chairperson on November 7th will be our governmental head for at least the next three years. That selection is too important to be made without examining all candidates. All Lumbees need to make an informed decision prior to voting and this forum can be one important tool to help in that process.

The sponsors look forward to seeing all prospective Lumbee tribal voters at the Purnell Swett High School cafeteria on Monday night, October 30, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. for this important public forum. Rep. Ron Sutton



Darlene Jacobs flanked by members of her election executive committee. (L to R) LaTonya Hammonds, Alisa Lowery, Gwen Locklear, John Chico Carter, Ms. Jacobs, Rod Lowery, Horace Locklear, Clarice Dial, Marvin Butler and Weldon Freeman. (not shown Margaret Wynn, Terri Bullard-Qadura and Brett Locklear)

N.C. Indian Cultural Center Adult Breakfast Program

For senior and disabled will begin October 11, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. The program will begin with nutrition

and educational programs. The breakfast will be held at the Intral Tribal Longhouse. (Community BLD).



2000 Oilseeds Program

The Robeson/Scotland Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting application for the 2000 Oilseeds Program. This program will distribute financial assistance to farmers who produce soybeans, sunflowers, flaxseed, canola, rapeseed, safflower seed, mustard and crambe.

Farmers are urged to contact the FSA office for additional details.