

Miss Ronda Denise Jones To Complete For Miss New Jersey USA



Miss RONDA DENISE JONES, daughter of Mr. Dexter Jones and Ms. Lorrie Bullard Jones, residing in Hillside, New Jersey, has been selected as a contestant in the Miss New Jersey USA Pageant. The Pageant will be staged at the Four Points Hotel, ITT Sheraton, in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on November 4&5, 2000. The Miss New Jersey USA Pageant will select a representative for the nationally televised Miss USA pageant to be held in February. The Miss USA Pageant is televised annually on CBS television.

Miss RONDA DENISE JONES will be competing with young women from all over the state of New Jersey. There are two different presentations which she will participate in: The Preliminary Competition on Saturday, November 4, 2000 and the Final competition on Sunday, November 5, 2000.

Miss RONDA DENISE JONES is a student at Essex County College, majoring in Sociology and Native American Studies. She participate in Red Hawk Native American Association. She is a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Her other activities include developing a website on Lumbee Native Americans; she enjoys being an Advocate for the Native People, "Fancy Dancing."

Miss Ronda future goals include returning to her native state (NC) and working with the Lumbee people.

Her major Sponsors are Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones; Ms. Rebecca Jones; Aunts and Uncles, Mr. Ronald Hammonds; Mr. Charles Bullard, (INS.); Mr. Leroy Freeman; Hoke County Native American Organization; Mr. Richard Hunt; Mr. Burlie Locklear.

Bazaar and Chicken Bog

Chestnut Street united Methodist Church will hold its annual Bazaar and Chicken Bog on Saturday, November 18, 2000. The Chicken Bog will begin at 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and will be \$5.00 per plate. The Bazaar will begin at 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. There will be baked goods, crafts and a white elephant table. The church is located on the corner of Chestnut and Eighth Streets. Proceeds will go to the Building Fund.



Seated from left to right are candidates, Rev. Earney Hammonds, Jerry McNeill, Christine Locklear, Harold Collins and Milton Hunt.

A Correction

In last week's issue, the pictures of Gerald Strickland, running as a candidate in the Tribal Election for District Five, and Richard D. Locklear, running as a candidate in the Tribal Election

for District 16, were inadvertently switched. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience. Following are the pictures with the correct names under them:



Gerald Strickland Candidate for Lumbee Tribal Election District 5



Robert D. Locklear Candidate for Lumbee Tribal Election District 16

The Carolina Indian Voice encourages everyone to go to the polls November 7th and vote in the Lumbee Tribal Government election!

Hubbard B. Lowery, Candidate for Lumbee Tribal Council District 6

November 7 will not only be a very historic election, it will probably be the most important election that the Lumbee People will ever participate in.

The people you vote for will to a great degree determine the future of the Lumbee People, well into the new millennium.

I'm very proud to have served on the Lumbee-Self-Determination-Commission. A lot of work has been done in order to move the entire process to where we are now. A few days away from the election. But I feel the greatest work and contributions have been made by those who have served the Indian People with distinction on the Tribal Council for the last 6 years. We had a vision then and we have a vision now. And we were determined not to let the Indian People down. We had no money, no grants and at times very little moral support but we never lost sight of our objective. To see that the Lumbee People had an opportunity to vote for their tribal representative. That was our goal in 1994 and its still our goal now.

If I am elected I will work diligently to bring back to the Indian People at

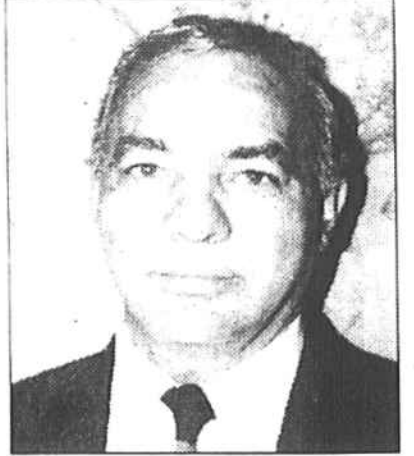
the earliest date possible a constitution for your approval with term limits in place to give the people a recourse if an elected official is not responsive to the needs of the people.

I will continue to work to ensure that every person gets fair and equal consideration for housing and other benefits. Starting with the elderly and the most needy first. As their needs are met then we will turn to the people next in line.

Folks there's a lot of candidates in this race that want 30 more years of the same of same ol, therefore it is of the utmost importance that you vote for a candidate that will work to ensure that our children now and their children to come can grow up being proud to be Lumbee and that they can become all that God intended for them to be.

We have the potential to become one of the greatest Indian Nations in America. Let's lock our arms and our hearts together and march forward into this new millennium united and determined to reach our fullest and greatest potential, for its our privilege, its our destiny. Let's go for it.

Elect Hubbard Lowery District 6 North Pembroke on November 7, 2000.



McIntyre Announces Money to Fight Drugs and Improve Housing

Washington, D.C. --U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that over \$700,000 in federal funds to fight drugs and improve housing are being made available to the Robeson County Housing Authority and Fairmont Housing Authority. Whiteville Housing Authority will also receive federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Total funding is in the amount of \$806,827, and the breakdown for each housing authority is: Robeson County Housing Authority \$577,963.00; Fairmont Housing Authority \$125,494.00; and Whiteville Housing Authority \$103,370.00.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "I am pleased that our tax dollars are coming back home to help improve public housing and fight crime in public housing neighborhoods. This funding is a very important step to make some needed improvements and ensure our communities are safer places to live."

The grant for each of the housing authorities is from the Capital Fund Program to provide for the modernization and management improvements of public housing. In addition, Robeson County and Fairmont will also receive assistance under the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program to help wipe out drugs and drug-related crime in our public housing community.

Peggy W. Chavis files for Tribal Government

A resident of the Saddletree Community-Peggy W. Chavis- for District 9 (Saddletree and West Howellsville) as a representative of the new Lumbee Tribal Government, on November 7, 2000.

Mrs. Chavis, 3635 W. McDuffie Crossing in Lumberton, is married to Robert Lee Chavis. They are the proud parents of two children, Robert Jr. and Wendy. Peggy is the daughter of Elkins Wilkins and the late Sallie O. Wilkins also of Saddletree.

Chavis graduated from Magnolia High School. She received her Associate Art Degree from Southeastern Community College, a BS Degree from Pembroke State University. Also she has a Special Education Degree from East Carolina.

Mrs. Chavis taught in Columbus County as the Hospital/Homebound Teacher for six years. She is

employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as the Homebound Teacher. She taught at Magnolia High School for 11 1/2 years. She helped start the Hospital/Homebound Program here in Robeson County. She is a teacher of 28 years. She also taught Adult High School for Robeson Community College for 8 years (Shannon Fire Department and Magnolia School).

Chavis served as the "Vice Chairperson" of the Robeson County Democratic Party. Appointed by Gov. Hunt and served on the Board of Directors for the Robeson County Department of Social Services. She was chosen as "Teacher in Space Program". Other honor's include Who's Who of American Women. She does a great deal of marketing and research for various companies. As a marketing person, Mrs. Chavis was one of the two people chosen in the United

States to be honored.

Peggy and Robert are farmers of the Saddletree Community. They operate a poultry farm and she is the owner of JR's Mobile Home Park.

"I am running INDEPENDENT for the people, with no ties of any organization." I will represent our people and what is best for their welfare. "I make no promises to anyone, but I pledge to serve and work with the newly elected Lumbee Tribal Government Representatives in developing and maintaining a government for all the people. I will support and fight for equality for all the Lumbee Indian People not just a chosen few. TOGETHER WE STAND BUT DIVIDED WE FALL.

"As a committee of 24 representatives, we must put the people of our tribe FIRST. As a team we must work together. As a goal for a brighter

tomorrow for the Lumbee Indians, I will strive to bring federal recognition, better housing, education, and affordable health care for the Lumbee People and strive to work with our local and state officials. If I am elected, I will work hard for issues that affect our tribe.

"Please go to your poll on Nov. 7, and vote PEGGY W. CHAVIS as a start of a new beginning for the Lumbee People."



Peggy W. Chavis



Josephine Humphreys

Tribal Chairman public forum

On Monday, October 30, 2000 a forum was held for all candidates running for the position of Tribal Chairman in the upcoming November 7 tribal election. Connie Brayboy, editor of The Carolina Indian Voice and NC House Representative for District 85, Ronnie Sutton, sponsored the event. Its purpose was to provide tribal members an opportunity to listen to the views of the candidates on issues ranging from their leadership abilities, structuring of the new tribal government, funding and gaming. The candidates included Milton Hunt, Mayor of Pembroke and owner of Hunt's Drywall; Harold Collins, also known as Chief Iron Bear, owner of the Pembroke Power House; Rev. Jerry McNeill, Pastor of Riverside Independent Baptist Church; Christine Locklear, a health educator with the Robeson County Health Department; and Rev. Earney Hammonds, Pastor of Ten Mile Baptist Church/ Representative Sutton served as the mod-

erator for the forum, while Mr. James Arthur Jones served as the time-keeper. There were approximately 200 tribal members attending the event held in the cafeteria of Purnell Sweet High School.

The forum, which opened with an Invocation by Bruce Barton, consisted of a series of 15 one minute questions and a series of three two-minute questions, with each candidate having one minute for an opening and two minutes to close. Questions were not taken from the audience. During a break in the forum, Rep. Sutton recognized candidates running for a seat on the Tribal Council.

The opening question provided candidates with the opportunity to discuss their qualifications to serve as the Chairman for the Lumbee tribe. This was an extremely important question, since the requirements to file for the seat were extremely broad. Each candidate had only one minute to tell tribal members why they should consider voting for them.

Rev. Hammonds felt his 13 years as a pastor and being an employee of the Public Schools of Robeson County qualified him to serve as the Chairman. He stated that during this time he was exposed to a "broad base" of tribal members. This exposure had allowed him to develop a unique relationship with the tribal community. According to Hammonds, this experience was definitely a qualifying factor for him to serve as Chairman of the Lumbee tribe.

Rev. McNeill felt the experience he had acquired as an administrator for a day care and private school provided him with the qualifications to fill the seat. He also discussed his work with the Lumbee Constitutional Assembly, in addition to his experience working with the NC Indian Housing Authority as a member of the Lumbee Housing Advisory Committee. McNeill discussed how this work gave him a chance to acquire extensive knowledge of federal programs and fund-

ing which would allow him to be an effective Tribal Chairman, if elected.

Christine Locklear told those in attendance that she was qualified because of her awareness of the needs of the Lumbee people. According to Locklear, her work with the Robeson County Health Department for 16 years had given her a chance to spend time in the homes of tribal members, and this provided her with first hand knowledge of their needs. She told of her compassion for the Lumbee people, and how she cared for them.

Harold "Chief Iron Bear" Collins felt he was qualified because of the work he had done as an "ambassador" for the Lumbee tribe. Collins discussed his travels throughout the US and abroad, and how this exposure to diverse cultures provided him with the proper qualifications to serve. He also told those present about his work raising monies for various projects to benefit tribal members. This travel, according to Collins, has provided him with an awareness of the problems tribal members face. Collins stated how he cared for the Lumbee people and would continue to work in their interest, if elected to the position.

Milton Hunt's explanation of his qualifications focused on the experience he had gained in the past 25 years working in government. He has served on the Pembroke Town Council, as well as serving as the mayor for the Town of Pembroke for the last 17 years. Hunt felt that this experience, along with his extensive work in local, county, and state politics qualified him to the Tribal Chairman of the Lumbee tribe. In his discussion of his qualifications for the seat, Hunt mentioned the progress that has been made in the town during his years of service. Hunt also talked about the importance of the Tribal Chairman position.

Candidates were asked their opinion on the necessary time frame for a

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Meet Josephine Humphreys, author of NOWHERE ELSE ON EARTH for book signing Friday, Nov. 10: 12 noon - 2 p.m. Indian Education Resource Center

By Bruce Barton

PEMBROKE-As part of its Indian Heritage Month activities, the Indian Education Resource Center invites everyone to come out and meet Josephine Humphreys, author of *Nowhere Else on Earth*, the wonderful and spritely book about the Lowrie times, featuring Rhoda Strong Lowrie, beloved wife of Henry Berry Lowrie. The book sale & signing will be from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Friday, November 10. The Indian Education Resource Center is located next door to the UNC-P chancellor's residence, and was once home to the Pembroke "Indian" High School when segregation held us all captive.

Set in the Civil War era, Humphreys is meticulous in her research and recreates many of the episodes of the Lowrie Wars when race meant even more than it does now.

No longer icons, the Lowries, and their Indian, Black and White counterparts, especially Rhoda, feel things deeply and share them with Humphreys' readers. It is the summer of 1864 and mankind is in the throes of madness, the Civil War. The Indian citizens of Robeson County are in the middle of the racial juggernaut, and are used terribly. On the fly leaf, a reviewer notes, "The Indian community, loosely known as Scuffletown, must contend with the marauding Union Army but is also hectorated by the desperate Home Guard, hell-bent on conscripting the (Indian) youth into deadly forced labor in the forts and salt works of the Confederacy."

These are the circumstances as Rhoda speaks out in a way we have never known her to speak before. She cares, and loves Henry Berry Lowrie insanely, so much so that she lets him walk away from her forever. Rhoda shows us Henry Berry Lowrie as an aloof, heroic, no-nonsense hero who has gone too far down the bloody road to turn back now. He is hellbent and cannot help it.

This writer believes that you will love this book, and encourages everyone to come out and meet the author Friday, Nov. 10, at the Indian Education Resource Center (formerly the "Indian" high school building) from 12 noon - 2 p.m.