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LREMC Members see no reason for change of Board members

The members of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation met for their Annual meeting on Tuesday night, October 8, 2002 at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the UNCP campus.

In spite of a law suit recently filed and publicized prior to the election alleging abuse of power by the present board of directors, the membership was not swayed and saw no reason to change the four incumbents.

Official vote returns show that incumbent Robert Strickland easily outdistanced his opponent Gerald Goolsby with 821 votes to Goolsby's 502.

Maggie Hunt, the representative from Hoke County overcame her

challenger Burlie Locklear 739 to 583.

Scotland County representative overcame challenger Rev. Stoney Locklear 739 votes to 589.

At large member Ruth Oxendine has a closer challenge than the other incumbents. She won 681 votes and challenger Joan Carol Locklear received 642 votes.

Following the election, the board re-elected to same officers. Roger Oxendine was re-elected President. Ambrose Locklear continues as Vice President; Ruth Oxendine was re-elected secretary and Madie Rae Locklear remained in the position of Treasurer.

Elizabeth Dole Pledges Support for Lumbee Federal Recognition

Traditionally voting with the Democrat Party, many Lumbees this election, are reaching beyond their usual voting pattern. They are focusing on candidates and supporting the one they believe is most honest and fair, regardless of party affiliation. This is necessary in order for the Lumbee Indians to obtain what they are already entitled to: Federal Recognition. The candidate for U.S. Senate who seems to be the most likely one to support the Lumbee efforts for Federal Recognition is Elizabeth Dole, according to many of the Democrats who have banded together under the "Democrat for Dole" umbrella.

On Friday night at the Farmer's Market in Lumberton, many local Democrats showed up at a major fund raising event in support of Republican candidate, Elizabeth Dole. It was at this function she publicly announced her position on Federal Recognition. "Federal recognition for Lumbee is only

fair. It is the right thing to do. This is not a campaign promise," she told supporters. "It is my pledge to you. I will support Lumbee Federal Recognition because it is the only fair thing to do."

Among those Lumbees believing that Federal Recognition is necessary and forth coming with Dole's election, are McDuffie Cummings, Delora Cummings, Roger Oxendine, Bobbie Oxendine, Dobbs Oxendine and Ronald and Linda Hammonds, to name a few. They were all in attendance Friday night.

Federal Recognition has been a struggle for the Lumbee for more than 100 years. During the tenure of Sen. Jesse Helms, who is not seeking re-election, a bill on federal recognition could never garner the necessary votes to become legislation. Many Lumbees believe Sen. Helms' failure to support the bill always resulted in its failure to become law. There are many who believe that

Sen. Helms' position was more a political decision than his true feelings on the issue. It is a fact that at no time during his tenure did Lumbee voters show any significant support for him, seeming always to vote for the Democrat candidate. "It is a matter of politics," said McDuffie Cummings, Pembroke's town Manager. "Why should he support us when we never gave him any reason to. When we show a significant block vote for a Republican candidate, then we can expect them to show support for us when we have our recognition bill pending."

"We like to say Helms is the reason we don't have recognition. True, he could have supported it because it was the right thing to do. But, Helms, first of all, a politician. Politicians seem to do favors and help those who support them. It is my hope that Indians in our county will show a significant show for Elizabeth Dole this election, and then, in turn, we can expect her to show tremendous support for our recognition efforts."

Cummings is only one of many who feel that federal recognition is over due and sees Sen. Helms decision not to seek re-election as an opportunity for the Lumbee to make a sound decision that could easily result in the culmination of our fight for federal recognition. Cummings continued, "Our county has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. Our citizens are among the lowest income families in the state. Statistics show these things to be so. While these statistics are not pleasant, they are indications of what we now have in the state. I believe it is time for us to try another approach. It is obvious from an economic standpoint that what we have now is not working successfully for us," Cummings stated.

"I hope this election, we will vote with our heads and not our hearts. Let's give Elizabeth Dole a significant amount of votes and then insist that she follow through on her promise to support our recognition efforts."



Ambrose Locklear



Elizabeth Dole,
Candidate for U.S. Senate

Ground breaking Ceremony

Rev. Ricky Deese and the congregation of Praise and Worship Ministries invite the public to attend their Ground Breaking Ceremony to be held Saturday, October 12 at 12 p.m. on the newly acquired land on Highway 71 N. Red Springs, NC (next door to the Kingdom Hall).

Praise and Worship Ministries have been meeting for more than two years in Crumpler's Funeral Home in Red Springs and are in the process of beginning construction on their new facility.

According to Edward Bullard, Sunday School Superintendent

and Recording Clerk for the Church, the upcoming facility will be 12,000 sq feet and will have a seating capacity of 500. The congregation has purchased 11 1/2 acres and are grateful to Lumbee Guaranty Bank for helping with the financial needs of their new venture.

According to Bullard, the Church is nondenominational and is open to all people, regardless of color. They also have a deaf ministry and presently have in excess of 150 members.

The public is cordially invited to attend this historic event.

Small Business Workshop Helps North Carolina's Southeastern Businesses grow

WHO: The e-NC initiative, a grassroots effort led by the Rural Internet Access Authority to connect all North Carolinians to the Internet and a better future.

Advanced Internet Technologies, Bladen Community College, Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Robeson Community College and Sprint are cosponsoring the event.

WHAT: E-NC and partner organizations will give the E-business Resource Exposition: Tools & Tips for Small Businesses, the first in a series of e-business workshops being hosted throughout Eastern North Carolina. Small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs from Bladen, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Sampson counties are encouraged to attend.

WHEN: Thursday, Oct 10, 2002 - 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Introduction to the Internet Session begins at 8:00 a.m. First general session begins at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Fayetteville Technical Community College-Cumberland Hall Auditorium

SIGNIFICANCE: The purposes of this event are to encourage small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs to

- use the local consulting and support services that are available to them for starting or expanding their business

- consider the Internet as a means of increasing their business' access to a large customer base, finding less expensive inputs, accessing important business-related information and participating in relevant educational and business networking opportunities, and

- learn about the processes associated with establishing an internet presence and evaluating specific information about the variations in cost/time investment and potential benefits.

COST & REGISTRATION: Free, but your seat must be reserved ahead of time. To reserve your seat, call 910-678-8462 or register online at www.e-nc.org



Visiting Lumbee Mary Largent poses for a photo session with the Chief of the Chickahominy Tribe, Stephen Adkins, during their annual pow wow.

Chickahominy Tribe holds 51st annual Fall Festival and Pow Wow

The 51st Annual Fall Festival and Pow Wow was held September 28 and 29 in Charles City, Virginia. Chief Stephen R. Adkins greeted the many tribes in attendance. Master of Ceremonies was Keith Colson with Shirra Gray and Dorothy Gray serving as Head Male and Female dancers. Host drum for the event was Black Bear.

Grand Entry was at 12 noon and the Color Guard VEVITA (Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-Tribal Association) performed the presentation

of colors.

The crowning of the queens, Little Miss Chickahominy, Junior Miss Chickahominy and Miss Chickahominy was also a part of the first days activities.

The majority of the members of the Chickahominy Tribe reside in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Of those tribal members residing in the Commonwealth, 7-0 percent live in Charles City County, Virginia. Many of those away from home return for the annual festival and pow wow.

UNCP, partners get \$21 million for science/math education

Pembroke, N.C. -- A \$21 million grant to address critical needs in science and math education in 17 county school districts has been awarded to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke in partnership with three universities and the public schools.

The program, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), targets 200,000 students, kindergarten through 12th grade in eastern North Carolina.

"This is a significant grant for this region," said UNCP Chancellor Allen C. Meadors. "It is a model of how higher education should work together to help the public schools and their students."

"I am proud of our mathematics and science departments, our grants office and everyone who worked so hard to make this program possible," Chancellor Meadors said. "This grant has the opportunity to make a very positive difference for education in eastern North Carolina."

UNC Pembroke's partners are East Carolina University, Fayetteville State University and UNC Wilmington, said Dr. Jose D'Arruda, chair of UNCP's Department of Chemistry and Physics and group leader for the grant.

"Science and science instruction are changing very rapidly, and this program will allow our public school teachers to provide the latest instructional innovations to their students," Dr. D'Arruda said. "At

UNCP, we have been doing advanced training for UNCP will use the grant to hire facilitators to coordinate training programs in the summer to presents workshops for teacher, and during the school year they will work with these teachers in their schools. Science and math professors from all four universities will also be hired to teach and consult with the program, Dr. D'Arruda said.

The Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program is a five-year national effort to unite the activities of higher education institutions, K-12 school systems and other partners in support of K-12 students and teachers. The program is part of President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" initiative to strengthen and reform K-12 education.

The NSF announced 24 awards under the new Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program - an anticipated investment of \$240 million over five years in projects to improve the achievement of K-12 students in science and mathematics. The Department of Education (ED) is an NSF partner in this effort, co-funding two projects involving state education agencies.

A key facet of President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" education plan and the first investment in his five-year, \$1 billion math and science partnership initiative, these new partnership activities are designed to enhance the performance of U.S. Students in mathematics and science. Partnership projects address key contributing factors

such as: too many teachers who are not fully trained to teach math and science subjects; to few students who take advanced coursework, and too few schools that offer challenging, curricula and textbooks.

The new partnership program will unite teachers and administrators in K-12 schools, mathematics, science and engineering faculty in colleges and universities, and other stakeholders in K-12 education to improve student outcomes. The new projects will seek to enhance the quantity, quality and diversity of the math and science teacher workforce at a time when many teachers are retiring or otherwise leaving the profession. Designed to raise mathematics and science achievement of all students, MSP projects are also expected to reduce the well-documented achievement gaps among segments of student populations.

"These partnerships will become part of a broad national network of interconnected sites that will share successful instructional strategies, entice and train competent science and math teachers and improve learning for millions of students," said NSF Director Rita Colwell.

"One of the key outcomes of these grants will be the improved content knowledge of teachers of mathematics and science in districts across America," said U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige. "This will undoubtedly lead to improved student achievement."