



Lacy Cummings announces re-election bid for at-large seat on LREMC Board



with the majority. This is good internally for the board and acts as a checks and balance system for good board and management behavior and as a watch dog for ethical and honest behavior in the consumer decision making process.

"I promise to continue to be the kind of leader on the board who has worked to hold electric rates in check for the past 15 years with no rate increase and have returned the highest capital checks to consumers in the history of the Co-op.

"Another area I will continue to be a leader in is economic development. The Co-op has become a major player in economic development in the service areas bringing in federal dollars to help new businesses get started, existing businesses to expand and added new jobs.

"The Comtech Park in Pembroke is but one example of my commitment to seeing the Co-op help develop long range plans to attract industry to Robeson County. I was one of the first to see the vision of this project and what it can do for our region once the site is fully developed. I voted often to help advance LREMC's role on this park. With our substation being across from the park, LREMC will serve and help hold down the electric rate for future generations of residential consumers.

"In the early 1990's, I voted for

the Co-op to set up and support federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe, which will be a major economic benefit to all races in the four county LREMC service areas. Now, today, we are seeing the work the Co-op helped support move closer to reality, as the Lumbee bill now has major support on both sides of the aisle in Washington, D.C. It will benefit not only the Lumbees, but in economic development, a dollar turns over in the community up to seven times, and all citizens will benefit in the LREMC service areas.

"I am proud to say that the consumers who have called on me over the past 21 years know if they have a problem concerning the Co-op, no matter what district they live in, I have always tried to help them to the best of my ability. I will continue to do so if re-elected and prayfully ask for your support and vote October 7th. I promise to faithfully carry out my duties on the board with your vote and support always aware of the trust and faith you have in me, and with God's help, the Co-op will continue to prosper and be here to serve future generations with a solid financial and leadership foundation.

"Any consumers who would like to help in my campaign for re-election should call me directly at 521-4950 day or night. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support."

Lacy Cummings announces his bid for re-election to the at-large seat on the Lumbee River EMC Board of Directors. The election will be held October 7th at the UNC-P Performing Arts Center at LREMC's annual meeting. Mr. Cummings, of the Mount Airy Community, has served on the board this October will be 21 years. He is a member and deacon of Mt. Airy Baptist Church and one of the largest farmers in the county. Mr. Cummings, in announcing his bid, released the following statements: "During my years of service on the board of EMC, I have always sought to put the members interests first in all votes that I have cast. I will continue to do so, if re-elected. "A corporation such as LREMC, which has grown to over a \$100 million corporation annually, must have some leaders who will, when necessary, agree to disagree

Jimmy Goins files for Tribal Chairman



Jimmy Goins of Prospect Community has filed to run for the prestigious seat of Lumbee Tribal Chair. Currently, Goins is serving as District 4 (Burnt Swamp/Philadelphia) Council Representative. As a member of the Tribal Council, Goins chairs the Federal Recognition Committee and serves on the Housing, Personnel & Transition, and Economic Development Committee. Jimmy also served on the Lumbee Self-Determination Commission from August 1999-January 2001. Goins has lived in the Prospect Community his entire life. Serving his country, he fought in the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. After he was honorably discharged, Jimmy completed his college career at Pembroke State University with a Business Administration degree. An entrepreneur by nature, Jimmy owns and operates an insurance business that he started in 1995 with hard work and determination.

On numerous occasions, Mr. Goins has traveled across the state and to Wash. DC, to speak to policy makers about the importance of federal recogni-

tion. His relationship with political leaders will be the key as the Senate and House vote on this issue. It is imperative that this relationship continues to remain strong.

Jimmy states that he believes it is time for the Lumbee people to have their own voice about the issues they face. The sanctity of our heritage and our birthright tell us that the only way to move forward is to move together. The time is now to uplift one another, because we have an obligation to our elders and to our youth. As Chairman of Federal Recognition, he feels a strong will to see the tribe fully recognized. He believes that as a federally recognized tribe, we would gain the respect that we justly deserve.

In addition, Jimmy is a member of Union Chapel Holiness Methodist Church where he taught as a Sunday School teacher and is a Trustee, Board Member and Steward. Currently, Jimmy serves on the Lumbee

River Rural Transportation Planning Committee. Jimmy is married to Diane Locklear Goins, has three daughters, Rhonda Dial, Jackie Deese and Jamie

Goins and five grand children. With a strong business background, good relations with other political leaders and a loyalty to his country and people, Jimmy will continue to fight for full federal recognition as Lumbee Tribal Chair. "The Lumbee people are closer than ever in 100 years to becoming federally recognized," Goins States. "It is important to keep the lines of communication open with our political leaders in the House and Senate."

Crafts to be on display at FirstHealth

PEMBROKE- Craftsmen from throughout Robeson County will show off their talents and display their wares Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9a.m. to 5:00p.m. at the second annual FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Pembroke Crafts Fair. The public is invited to get a head start on Christmas shopping at the free event, which will include children's activities as well as entertainment presented by local singing and drama groups and dance and cheer leading teams. The Center for Health & Fitness-Pembroke is located at 923 W. Third Street, Pembroke. For more information, call (910) 521-3777.

Fairmont Farmers Festival Oct. 18

The Fairmont Farmers Festival will be held on Saturday, October 18. It is a fun filled day that begins with a parade at 10:00 a.m., followed by a car and antique tractor show, food, crafts and various entertainment throughout the afternoon. The Coastline Band will top off the day with a performance at Hi-Dollar Warehouse. The show starts at 9:00 p.m. and lasts until 1:00a.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Please come and join us!



Message from Miss Lumbee Morgan Hunt

I am not a young girl, nor am I a respected elder, but in my time, I have experienced the feeling of not feeling safe in our country. I have witnessed good times and despair in our local economy. I have experienced the difficulty of being Lumbee in such uncertain times. I believe we must all do something now to support our country, our Lumbee nation, and our people. It is time to move forward in one accord and become a more profitable people, in spirit, in body, and in mind.

It is my belief that I can bring something of a renewal to the people of the Lumbee Nation. I know heritage and traditions that I feel I should teach to enable future generations. I know that I can act as a role model for our youth and others. My grandparents have always taught me to remember that the generations that came before me and the seven generations that follow will see all I do, and it is my desire that they look at me with pride.

Over the years my goal has been to do my best, whether it was academics, singing, modeling, or pageants. Becoming Miss Lumbee has been a dream of mine since childhood. I have

been greatly inspired by past Miss Lumbees' to follow in their footsteps, now hoping to inspire other little girls to do the same. To me, Miss Lumbee is more than a beauty pageant, it's a commitment of serving the Lumbee people. I realize that no one is made of a perfect mold, and, for a representative, we need someone who is normal, someone who possesses the image of the girl next door. I want to have the chance to get to know all of you on a personal level, that matters most.

When I speak, it is, with the understanding that all words have power. It is my desire my words be guided through the rich tradition of the Miss Lumbee crown. My crown is my megaphone to educate about heritage, health, (especially the Native killer diabetes), and hope. It is my responsibility to walk in both worlds and inspire greatness in others and myself. And, because of this, I feel truly blessed to be called Miss Lumbee.

Please come out and join us at our powwow on October 31-November 2, 2003. For more information, please visit our website at www.lumbee.org. I look forward to seeing you there!

Message from Teen Miss Lumbee Lindsey Jacobs



Hello! I'm Lindsay Jacobs, the 17 year old daughter of Ricky and Gail Nagrampa. I am proud to be your Teen Miss Lumbee 2003-2004!

Being Teen Miss Lumbee has been a goal I had set for myself and worked to achieve for a very long time. Now that I have achieved that goal, I have set a new one for myself.

My goal as Teen Miss Lumbee this year is to touch the lives of the youth not only in my community but also the surrounding communities through song. Letting them know that it is perfectly fine to have dreams and goals in life. Dreams are goals with wings. All we have to do is believe and we can achieve anything we set our minds to!

I am a senior in Lumberton High School. I participate in many extracurricular activities, such as cheering on the Lumberton High School varsity cheerleading squad, NASA Club, AISES club, and singing in my church...Whitehill Freewill Baptist. Some of my hobbies include singing, reading, playing soccer with my sister Raina

playing baseball with my brothers Rick and Randall and spending time with my family and friends.

I am very excited about my reign as Teen Miss Lumbee the coming year. I know with the help and guidance of my Lord and Savior, the one who made all this possible, and your continuing prayers and support I will be all I can be.

Studio One Lab Series to begin

Studio One Lab Series of PSRC Dates/Times: September 25-27 at 7:00pm, 2003
September 28 at 6:00pm, 2003
Location: The Plaza in downtown Lumberton, with the entrance at Bravo Studios, 209 N. Elm St.

Clark Runs for District 7



Vinta "Cookie" Maynor Clark has filed to run for a seat on the Lumbee Tribal Council to represent District 7. "First of all I want to thank my friends who believe in the hope of a brighter tomorrow for the Lumbee people for paying my filing fee to run in this election," Clark said. "I make no political promises about what I am going to do, however, I do have several goals in mind which are (1) to create a monthly newsletter to inform our people about what services and where they are available; (2) to see the creation of a transportation service for our elderly, handicapped and those on a fixed income; (3) to take the time to listen and the time to care; (4) to locate resources which are not available within the Lumbee tribe for it's members; and (5) to create a permanent operational food bank for the Lumbee people. There are a lot of people who don't go to church and this is where the food is at," Clark continued.

Clark is a freelance journalist and a published author with many articles and works to her credit. She serves as Church Administrator and Food Bank Coordinator for Gloryland Road

Ministries Inc. of Red Springs, NC. Clark is a paid consultant for Our Father's Children Day Care & Learning Center of Raeford. She retired from the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind" after 24 seasons. A widow and mother of two, she enjoys being able to help others and is a volunteer and computer tutor at the Pembroke Public Library. "I look forward to this race. I think it will really be interesting just to see what everyone can pull out of their hats and see all of the empty promises they make," she stated.



Left-Traci Johnson and Danielle McLean were presented the Grace Epps High School Scholarship by Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization's Vice-President, Sherry Lynn Odom. Traci graduated from Fairmont High School and plans to attend UNC Wilmington. Danielle graduated from South Robeson High School and plans to attend Chapel Hill University