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## Bobby Dean Locklear seeks re-election to District 5 seat on Board of Commissioners



County Commissioner Bobby Dean Locklear filed on January 10, 1996 for re-election to the Robeson County Board of Commissioners representing District 5. District 5 includes Burnt Swamp, Philadelphus, North Smiths, parts of red Springs 1 & 2, Raft Swamp, Rennert, Saddletree, Pembroke and Shannon Precincts.

Locklear released the following statement: "Many friends, acquaintances and associates urged me to seek re-election to the Robeson County Board of Commissioners for District 5. I have the utmost confidence and respect for our county employees. They do a super job. I also have a harmonious working relationship with the people in District 5. Over the years the district 5 citizenry have provided me good suggestions for county government. Their advice and prayers have been greatly appreciated. District 5 citizenry may not be the 'best' but my opinion tells me there is none any better. I desire to continue to represent District 5 and I have ample time since I have retired from the Public Schools of Robeson County.

"The present board is doing an excellent job meeting the many demands placed on them. In the face of these increasing demands, we have kept the same tax rate and water rate since 1989. I believe I have the experience and leadership ability to continue to help the board make decisions in the best interest of the county. While I represent a district, I will continue to fulfill my whole responsibility to act for the whole county."

Government service only begins with the County Commission for Locklear. HE is Chairman of the Robeson County Department of Social Services Board of Directors and a member of the Lumber River Council of Governments. Locklear is a former member of the Robeson County Board of Health and the Employment and Training Advisory Council.

Locklear is a life long resident of the Union Chapel Community. He is married to the former Theresa Revels and they have four children and six grandchildren. The family attends church at Pembroke First Baptist Church.

A retired educator and guidance counselor, Locklear is a graduate of Pembroke State University and earned his Master's degree in guidance from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC. He ended his last 10 years of service at Purnell Sweet High School as head of the guidance department. Locklear also served as guidance counselor at Pembroke Junior High for six years, Hoke County High for eight years, and Prospect High for three years. Prior to his guidance and counseling, he served as a classroom teacher at Prospect High for five years.

Well known in educational circles, Locklear has served on several local and state educational committees including the State Advisory Council on Education and the State Advisory Council on Indian Education.

Locklear has a long history of

commitment to civic and professional activities and organizations. He is the current Post commander of Pembroke American Legion Post 205 and is a current member and former Post Commander of the Pembroke Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2843. He is a charter member and a former President of the Pembroke Jaycees. Locklear presently serves on the Lumbee Regional Development Association's (LRDA) Board of Directors.

His board history of leadership and service has contributed to Locklear's effective role as a Robeson County Commissioner. If re-elected, Locklear promises to keep education a top priority. He pledges his support for: (1) Education Programs designed to provide a quality system for the upgrading and improvement of curriculum designed to promote and improve the quality of life for all citizens of Robeson County; (2) Recreational Programs and services to provide opportunities to improve the life and well-being of our citizenry and to make Robeson County a better and well-rounded place in which to live, work and play; (3) Employment training and opportunities to upgrade our unskilled and semi-skilled labor force and to promote job upgrading and career advancement for experienced workers; (4) Recruitment of high level industries to extend opportunities for employment as well as improve Robeson County's economy; (5) Expansion and improvement to the county wide water system to provide a safe and hazard-free water supply to as many areas as possible; and (6) Conservative Spending of our tax dollars to ensure that we meet the needs of our citizenry without unnecessary tax increases while ensuring sound fiscal management to adequately serve our citizenry.

Locklear stated: "I appreciate the trust placed in me for several years by the citizens of District 5 and I pledge not to betray that trust if re-elected."



## Virginia Highway Patrolmen to Represent Lumbee as Ambassaor

Darren Hunt of Prince George, VA has been chosen to represent his Lumbee Tribe in the Americans for Indian Opportunity's American Indian Ambassadors Program: Medicine Pathways for the Future. Nearly 100 Native Americans applied for the program. Hunt was one of the eighteen who were chosen to participate in the new and innovative leadership program.

As a part of the program, Hunt will be required to attend four one-week Gatherings; read a set of selected books and articles; develop and carry out a Community Initiative; Choose a Mentor; make a family history presentation and help with fund raising activities.

The first Gathering will be held April 20-26 in Bernalillo, New Mexico. The second will be May 13-19 in Washington, D.C. The third will be announced at a later date. And the fourth Gathering will be September 9-15 at the Choctaw Reservation in Mississippi.

Darren Hunt is a Virginia State Trooper and is the only Lumbee selected for this prestigious honor. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Hunt of Shannon.

## Youth Rally planned at Prospect UMC Church



Prospect United Methodist Church will be the site for a Youth Rally on Monday, February 26 at 7 p.m. All youth are invited to attend this exciting event of fun, fellowship and praise. The Prospect Youth Choir, directed by Harold Jacobs, will begin the event at 6:45 with a mini concert of Gospel music and will lead into the Rally with the Rev. Steve Jones, Pastor of Harpers Ferry Baptist Church, as the guest speaker. There will be great music ministry and testimonials that will delight the audience.

This rally is sponsored by the Prospect United Methodist Men, the Young Christian Association of Swett High and the Young Ladies' Fellowship of Prospect UMC.

After and evening of praise and challenge, there will be a time of fellowship in which free hot dogs, hamburgers and the trimmings will be served to all those attending the rally.

## Janet Wynn seeks election as Register of Deeds



Janet Wynn has officially filed as a Democratic candidate for the Register of Deeds.

Ms. Wynn attended Magnolia High School, Robeson Community College and Pembroke State University and earned a degree in Business Administration. She has always been very active in the political arena for many years. In addition to having

served on the Executive Committee of the Robeson County Democratic Party. Ms. Wynn has also been a past secretary of the Robeson County Democratic Party. She has had the distinction and honor of having been appointed by the Honorable James Hunt, Governor of North Carolina, to serve as a delegate to the White House Conference on Families as well as having been appointed to and having served two terms on the North Carolina Highway Efficiency Council.

Ms. Wynn, an employee of Lumbee Guaranty Bank, has worked with several financial institutions over the past 14 years, including Southern National Bank and Progressive Savings and Loan. She as a member of the Native American community, has also worked as a Clerk Stenographer III with the NC Commission of Indian Affairs in Raleigh. For the most part, her responsibilities in these positions involved transactions requiring confidentiality, competency, integrity, and accuracy in the keeping of the public's financial records. These are

qualities which Ms. Wynn states she will bring with her and utilize should she be elected as the Register of Deeds.

Ms. Wynn has been an active member of the Saddletree community of all of her life. She is a trained Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer Advocate for Abused Children. Janet is the widow of the late Harold B. Wynn. She is the mother of Attorney Jeffrey Wynn of Lumberton who is married to the former Daphne S. Hunt, daughter of Ms. Dorothy Hunt and the late Mr. J.W. Hunt of Fairmont. They have a daughter, Kristyn Jaelyn. Janet's daughter, Kimberly, is a Physician's Assistant with Maxton Medical Center, a division of Robeson Health Care Corporation.

Sates Wynn, "If elected to this position, I do not anticipate any changes in personnel in the Register of Deeds office. I know that we can work together and become one of the most professional and accurately operated offices in county government."



## Locklear to appear on Channel 7

Madie Rae Locklear, the only woman serving on the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's Board of Directors, will be the guest speaker on the Rev. Clester Locklear program on Saturday evening, February 17, 1996. The program is aired every Saturday evening on Channel 7 at 7 p.m. Ms. Locklear will appear on the program to give her personal testimony. She will be discussing her bout with cancer and testifying to the sufficiency of God's Grace, the answering of prayer, and times of testing.

## Dr. Bell to serve on Bone Marrow Program Board

Dr. Joseph T. Bell, Pediatrician with Julian T. Pierce Health Center, attended the National Marrow Donor Program's meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, February 8-9. Dr. Bell was selected to serve on the NMDP Board of Directors for a two year term beginning January of 1996.

The National Marrow Donor Program helps recruit donor and coordinates marrow transplants for patients with life threatening diseases such as leukemia. NMDP is particularly interested in getting more minorities on the donor registry and helps sponsor an American Indian Initiative to achieve this goal. Questions about MDP can be answered by calling 1-800-MARROW-2.

**UNC subcommittee to discuss PSU name change**

The public is invited to attend an open meeting by the UNC Board of Governors Subcommittee on Governance concerning Pembroke State University's proposed name change to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

The meeting will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in Moore Hall Auditorium at Pembroke State University.

## PSU Homecoming to begin Feb. 23

The Alumni Association of Pembroke State University invites alumni and friends to Homecoming '96 on Friday, February 23, 1996 at 9:00 P.M. for Alumni/Student Dance featuring "Pat's DJ." The awards dinner will be held on Saturday, February 24, 1996 at 4:30 P.M. in the cafeteria followed by the Women's and Men's Basketball Game in the gym. Reserve tickets today by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at (910)521-6213.

## Plate sale planned at Prospect School

Prospect School will hold a plate sale March 1, 1996 in the School Cafeteria from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Home cooked barbecue, and 1/2 chicken plates will be available for \$5. Sandwiches will be sold for \$2.50. The public is encouraged to attend this event.



### Elders & Traditionalist Events & Pow Wows

(Please note the differences from past years)

- \*March 14-16-Native American New Year Ceremonial Festival. Thursday, March 14-Elders Council meeting; prayer circle; talk circle and social time. Sunrise-Noon-Evening-Sundown Ceremonies. And other times as needed by guests and attendees. In between will be social, education, talk and prayer groups meeting. All are invited.
- May 10-12- Lumbee Spring Dance Festival. Lumberton Fairgrounds.
- April 12-13- Pee Dee Indian Association Pow-Wow. Lindsay Park, Bennettsville, SC.
- June 13-16-Traditional Spiritual gathering.
- No fees. No admission. No vendors. No competition. Praying, dance, drum, learn, teach, enjoy. Free admission, Free camping. Bartering only. 24-hour security. Meet Native Americans from all over Indian country.
- June 30-July 7- Lumbee Homecoming
- \*September 20-22- Lumbee Fall Ceremonial. Picnic style meals. No admission. No vendors. Barter only. No competition. Celebrate the creator's Harvest Gifts.
- October 11-13- Lumbee Fall Pow Wow
- Note: \* means that food at this event will be pot luck, picnic-style. There will be a cooking committee that will cook donated food or you can grill or picnic on your own. There will be no admission fee, no vendors, no competition. A donation box will be available for support of other Elders Council programs.
- November 21-22- Indian Cultural Center Fall Festival.
- Fire circle ceremonials, sunrise, noon, evening, sundown. Come learn, socialize, support the Elders and the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center.
- TBA- Tree lighting and fire ceremonies. Sunrise, noon, evening.
- \*December 21- Winter Solstice. Sunrise and Noon.



## Activities at Pembroke Housing Authority

On February 6, 1996 Ms. Leigh A. Lennon, Director of Health Education and Ms. Linda R. Hughes, Child Injury Prevention Coordinator visited the Youth Center. The special program was about cleanliness, hygiene, washing and grooming. The presentation explained why good grooming and proper personal hygiene should be used daily. After the presentation the youth received a bag of healthful tools used to keep good grooming and proper personal hygiene.

Drug Elimination Coordinator, Mitchell Bosco, Locklear would like to send a special thanks to Robeson County Health Department for sharing this information with the Youth Center.

