

Chambers Recognize Junior Students of Excellence

Six juniors and one senior from five of PSRC's six high schools were recognized at the meeting of the Public Schools of Robeson County Board of Education on December 3, 2001, as Students of Excellence. Students were highlighted based on their leadership and service activities in their schools and their communities. Nancy McBryde, coordinator for Gifted for PSRC, presented chamber representatives and students. The Students of Excellence initiative is a collaborative effort with the local chambers and the public schools. Each chamber selects a student from among applications submitted from the high school in their area; students who apply must have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Each chamber honors their student with a plaque and other rewards for their meritorious service and achievement.

Recognized from Purnell Swett High School were Erica Dellinger and Sheena Marie Oxendine. The Chamber decided to recognize both of these young women because both demonstrate exemplary achievement and contributions- one example being their class ranks as number one. Dellinger's achievements include treasurer of the National Honor Society and the school's concession stand, recognition in Who's Who among American High School Students, member of NASA, SADD, the Art Club and a very active role in sports, including the Varsity Tennis Team, the Junior Varsity Basketball Team, and the Varsity Softball Team. She is active in her church, she tutors elementary students, and she is an ambassador for the Lumbee Tribe as Miss Lumbee 2001-2002. Dellinger wants to pursue a profession in the field of medicine and values the support which she has received from her mother and family. Her mother's encouragement "to never give up" and "just be yourself" have guided Erica Dellinger to her current level of success. Sheena Marie Oxendine is involved in several clubs at her school, including SADD, NASA, the Spanish Club, the National Honor Society, and the Living History Club. She is secretary of the Art Club and is a member of the Girl's Track Team. She has been an active participant in the Special Arts Festival and in community blood drives. Oxendine wants to pursue a study in prelaw, but her passion is in visual art and in some way she plans to keep art as a part of her personal life. Oxendine believes that success is "when one has done his best" that one must "give 10% to be successful." The awards for Erica Dellinger and Sheena Marie Oxendine were presented by Teresa

Cummings representing the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

Raymond Johnson of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce presented the award to William L. Floyd, Jr., of Fairmont High School. Floyd is very active in FFA serving as treasurer of the Fairmont Chapter and secretary of the Cumberland Robeson Federation. He is a member of the Beta Club and the Quiz Bowl Team, and he is vice president of the Chess Club and parliamentarian of the Interact Club. He serves as student trainer for the Athletic Department and is a member of the Tennis Team. Within his community, Floyd is on the Youth Advisory Council for the Town of Fairmont, is active in the choir at his church, and has participated twice in World Changers. One of his special projects was in "Planet Rock," funded through the Lumber River Council of Government. He plans to pursue a career in agricultural education as a teacher. His FFA advisor Chip Lewis has been a decided influence in Floyd's developing a love of agriculture and his desire to pursue this type of career.

Linda West of the St. Pauls Chamber of Commerce recognized Nuchelle Hazlett as the Student of Excellence from St. Pauls High School. Hazlett is a member of the Student Government Association and the National Honor Society at her school. Her church involvement includes being an assistant coach for the Destined Drama Team and being a member of the anointed and Truth Youth Choir. Her immediate personal goal is to be a top graduate in her Senior Class; her goals for the future include majoring in biology in college, and pursuing a career as a forensic scientist. She feels that working with the FBI and police in solving crimes would be a challenge. Hazlett believes that achieving success "involves pushing yourself and striving to reach personal goals." She sees herself as another pioneer for women in the goals she has set for herself.

Presenting the award for the Red Springs Chamber was Nancy McBryde, who recognized Whitney Roberts as Student of Excellence from Red Springs High School. Her activities include being a member of NASA, AISES, the National Beta Club, HOSA, the Spanish Club, the Math Club, and SADD. She is involved in the Youth Group and the church choir in her church. She has given high praise to her mother Kay Roberts as a role model. In Whitney Roberts' words, "my mother has been a math teacher in Robeson County for 28 years" and "she has a positive out-

look on life that involves helping others succeed in learning math." Whitney plans to pursue a career as a pediatric nurse.

Two students from South Robeson High School -- a senior Kevin Radford and a junior Adam Bollinger -- were recognized by Tim Harper, representing the Rowland Chamber of Commerce. Kevin Radford is a member of the Beta Club, the Math Club, and the Robeson County Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Committee. He was a Marshal in the 11th grade and serves as Sergeant at Arms for his Class of 2002. He is very active in sports, as a member of the Varsity Football Team and the Varsity Track Team. In his church he serves on committees for helping disabled people and senior citizens and in his community he helps with Clean-Up projects and charitable fund-raisers. Even with a part-time job at Piggly Wiggly, Radford continues a high focus on helping others. He contributes to achieving success. Radford admires his football coach Mike Brill-- a person he describes as "a friend, teacher, and father to his players." Under his coach's direction, Radford was named Most Outstanding Defensive Lineman for his football team. Adam Bollinger is a member of several clubs: the Math Club, the Beta Club, the Art Club, and AISES; he is Sergeant at Arms for NASA, Assistant Vice President of the Student Council, and serves as a Peer Mediator. In JROTC Bollinger has been on the Drill Team, the Raider Team, the Color Guard, and the Flag Detail; additionally he has held positions as Regimental Color Guard Commander, alpha Company's First Sergeant, Squad Leader, and Escort. He has worked with TEEN Summit and Upward Bound. His musical talents have been shared through the SRHS Marching Band and the Robeson County All-County Chorus. In his church Bollinger is a Youth and Youth Choir member and has been Children's Day coordinator. His contributions to his community by mowing grass for the elderly and with the clean-up committee for the Town of Raynham. He wants to pursue a degree in criminal justice and law and a career as a public service lawyer. He believes that "in order to be successful, one must first understand defeat, for one must continue to strive for goals--even with a prospect of failure."

All Students of Excellence recipients are recognized at their individual schools, at their area Chamber of Commerce meetings, and officially at the Board of Education presentations.



Sheena Marie Oxendine of Purnell Swett High receives her award from Teresa Cummings of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.



Erica Dellinger of Purnell Swett High receives her award from Teresa Cummings of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

1966 Pembroke High School (PHS) Reunion

The PHS Class of 1966 will celebrate their 35th year reunion on Dec. 21st at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut, Pembroke, NC. Classmates who entered the 9th grade in the school year 1962-63 at PHS, and may not have graduated with the Class of 1966, for one reason or another, are also cordially invited to attend. Confirmation date is Dec. 14th. If you have not received information about the reunion, and are interested in attending, please e-mail stan_locklear@goodyear.com or phone Suzanne at (910) 521-0648.

Happy Birthday Mama



Delora Locklear (June 5, 2001)

This is your first birthday with Jesus, and I know it's the best one you ever had. It is our first without you and it is a hard day for me. But I will have to just remember, with Jesus you no longer grow older, no sickness, no sadness, no good-byes and no heartaches. Things will never be the same, so I just look forward to the day I am reunited with you.

Happy Birthday & Merry Christmas Mama.
We love you and miss you.

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Mary Evelyn Locklear Daniel

CLINTON--Ms. Mary Evelyn Locklear Daniel, 48, of 620 Taylors Bridge Highway, died Sunday (Dec. 9) at Sampson Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday (Dec. 12) at New Bethel Baptist Church, the Revs. Mike Cummings and Don Carter officiating.

Ms. Daniel was born in Sampson County in 1953. She attended Duke University and was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church. She was also a homemaker and worked as a floral designer before her illness.

She was preceded in death by her father, Willard Locklear.

Mrs. Daniel is survived by a daughter, Kristy Daniel of Clinton; her mother, Joyce Brewington Locklear of Clinton; two sisters, Lenora Locklear of Greenville and Janice Doochin of Franklin, Tenn.; two brothers, George Willard Locklear Jr. of Plant City, Fla. and Stevie Locklear of Raleigh; three nieces and three nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3131 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, N.C. 28403.

Deaths & Funerals

Tommy Locklear

LUMBERTON--Mr. Tommy Locklear, 56, of 86 Ramdy St., died Sunday (Dec. 2) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Locklear was a carpenter. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 8) in Oxendine Cemetery in Pembroke by the Rev. Kenneth Revels.

Mr. Locklear is survived by four daughters, Tomalita Peterson of Perry Hall, Md. and Crystal Locklear, Hannah Locklear and Inga Locklear, all of Lumberton; four brothers, Billy Locklear and Carl Locklear, both of St. Pauls, Quincey Locklear of Pembroke and Hugh Locklear of Baltimore, Md.; a sister, Ella Mae Locklear of Baltimore; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Boles Funeral Home & Crematory of Rowland.

Pernell Deese

PEMBROKE--Mr. Pernell Deese, 64, of 93 Sally's Road, died Thursday (Dec. 6) in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 9) in Mount Airy Baptist Church, the Revs. Steve Strickland and Michael Cummings officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Sylvia L. Deese of the home; a son, Pernell Deese Jr. of Raleigh; three daughters, Karen K. Deese, Elaine D. Brewington and Alisa Deese, all of Pembroke; three sisters, Adelaide Jacobs of Pembroke, Christine Woolford of Dallas and Isa Valandra of Rapid City, S.D.; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Locklear & Son Funeral Home of Pembroke.

Viler J. Chavis

RED SPRINGS--Ms. Viler Jane Chavis, 84, of 6199 Old Red Springs Road, died Thursday (Dec. 6) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

Ms. Chavis was a retired school teacher for the Robeson County schools.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 9) in Cherokee Chapel Holiness Methodist Church, the Revs. Julian Ransom, Jimmy Locklear and Kip Woods officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ms. Chavis is survived by a son, Jimmy W. Jacobs of Red Springs; a brother, Wade C. Chavis of Red Springs; a sister, Minnie P. Bullard of Maxton; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Locklear & Son Funeral Home of Pembroke.

Leroy Locklear

MAXTON--Mr. Leroy "Boney" Locklear, 57, of 3615 Midway Road, died Monday (Dec. 3) in his home.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 9) in House of Prayer Church, the Revs. Eugene Jones, Jimmy Oxendine and John Davis officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Locklear is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Locklear of the home; two daughters, Judy R. Oxendine and Teresa L. Carter, both of Maxton; three sisters, Jeanette McVicker of Lumberton, Emma M. Chavis of Dillon, S.C. and Rosa M. Locklear of Rowland; three brothers, James Locklear of Laurinburg, Craig Locklear of Pembroke and Lee E. Locklear of

Maxton; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Revels Funeral Home of Pembroke.

Carrie Warriax

SHANNON--Ms. Carrie Warriax, 67, of 120 Himark St., died Tuesday (Dec. 4) in Kindred Hospital in Greensboro.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 9) in Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Red Springs by the Rev. Montana Locklear. Burial followed in the Warriax Family Cemetery.

Ms. Warriax is survived by a son, James Warriax Jr. of Shannon; a brother, Crawford "Buddy" Locklear of Hampstead; and two sisters, Hortense Culbreath of Hampstead and Rosie Locklear of Maxton.

Arrangements were by Heritage Funeral Home in Red Springs.

Donald Lee Chavis

LUMBERTON--Mr. Donald Lee Chavis, 62, of Piney Grove Road, died Saturday (Dec. 8) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 11) at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, the Revs. David Lowery and Kelly Sanderson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Chavis was born in Robeson County and was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Docia Chavis.

Mr. Chavis is survived by his wife, Virginia Brooks Chavis; four brothers, Rudolph Chavis, Earl Chavis, Willie Ray Chavis and Billy Chavis, all of Lumberton; and two sisters, Lorraine C. Maynor of Pembroke and Jeanette C. Locklear of Lumberton.

Pallbearers were Rudolph Sampson Jr., Kelly Chavis, Lavender Locklear, Joshua Carter, Lewis Locklear, Timothy Locklear, Carson Lowery and Eric McMillan.

Arrangements were by Biggs Funeral Home of Lumberton.

Walter Oxendine

LAURINBURG--Mr. Walter Oxendine, 71, of 17702 Harry Malloy Road, died Saturday (Dec. 8).

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday (Dec. 11) at East Laurinburg Baptist Church, the Revs. Richard Tyson and Chester Chavis officiating. Burial followed in Oxendine Family Cemetery.

Mr. Oxendine was born in Robeson County on April 6, 1930 to the late Grim McGirt and Sadie Oxendine. He was a heavy equipment operator with Highway One Construction.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donald Oxendine.

Mr. Oxendine is survived by four sons, James Allen Oxendine of LaGrangeville, N.Y., Ronald Oxendine of Clemmons, Freddy Oxendine and Jeffery Oxendine, both of Laurinburg; two daughters, Leslie Dial of McColl, S.C., and Christian Oxendine of Rockingham; a brother, Wiley Luther of Laurinburg; two sisters, Mary O. Locklear of Laurinburg and Fannie Luther of Laurel Hill; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Geraldine Butler.

Arrangements were handled by Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Laurinburg.

Memorials may be made to: Hospice of Scotland County, P.O.



Left to right: William Floyd, Jr., Fairmont High; Nuchelle Hazlett, St. Pauls High; Whitney Roberts, Red Springs High; Sheena Oxendine, Purnell Swett High; Erica Dellinger, Purnell Swett High; and Adam Bollinger, South Robeson High

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Sandy Plains United Methodist Church will present the play "Christmas Special Delivery" on Sunday, December 16 at 5 P.M. in the church sanctuary. The performance is free and open to the general public. Sandy Plains UMC is located at 2468 Union Chapel Road, 2.5 miles north of Pembroke.

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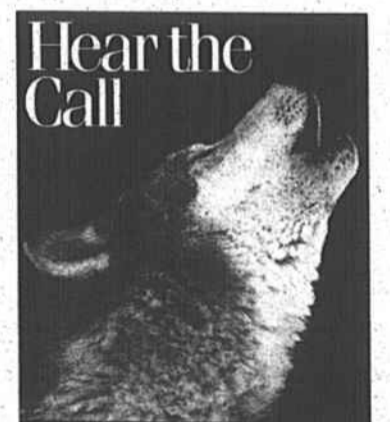
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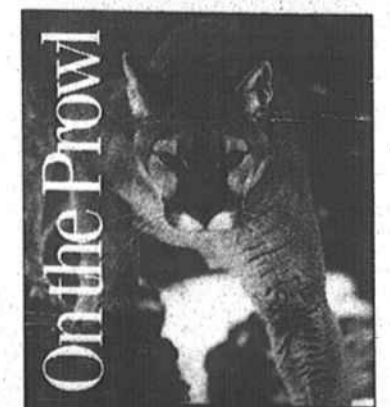
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