

Robeson County Schools

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RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES AND SENIOR GRADUATION CEREMONIES FILL CALENDAR

Schools throughout the Robeson County School District have hosted special activities in honor of retiring educators and educational support staff. A total of 15 educators and 13 educational support staff members have indicated their intent to retire at the end of the current school year.

A total of 775 high school seniors participated in graduation ceremonies last week from the eight high schools across the Robeson County School District.

ADMINISTRATORS PLAN FOR STAFF RETREAT

Plans are underway for the annual Staff Retreat for School Principals and Central Office Administrative Staff for June 20-22 at Mid-Pines in Southern Pines. The three day retreat will be designed to focus on improvement and instruction in the Robeson County Schools. Special consultants and program speakers will address topics such as performance appraisal, curriculum development, effective scheduling and system-wide goals and objectives.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14

The next scheduled meeting of the Robeson County Board of Education is June 14th at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room. All meeting of the Robeson County Board of Education are open to the public and school patrons and community citizens are encouraged to attend.

TEACHER TRANSFERS EFFECTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS MANDATE

Extensive teacher transfers were accomplished during the past few weeks in compliance with a negotiated settlement of a mandate from the U.S. Office of Civil Rights dating back to the 1970's. This spring constituted the second year of a three-year plan of a three year plan for meeting the compliance requirements. The Robeson County School Plan consisted of meeting racial balance with teachers in all schools as opposed to a massive busing plan. In making the 1983-1984 teaching assignments, consideration was given to assignment of teachers in areas of certification as well as compliance with racial requirements.

RETIREES HONORED

Two educational enrichment specialists with the Title IV-A Indian Education Project

of the Robeson County Schools—Ms. Iona Oxendine, a specialist I at Prospect School, and Ms. Vennie Sanderson, a specialist I at Pembroke Middle School, were honored with a retirees luncheon on Thursday June 2.

The luncheon was held at the Youth Center, and approximately 25 co-workers of the honorees, enjoyed the lunch and fellowship in honoring Ms. Oxendine and Ms. Sanderson, who both have been with the Title IV Project since 1978.

Ms. Dorothy Blue, coordinator of educational enrichment for Title IV-A Indian Education, served as coordinator for the luncheon, and recognized each honoree by presenting them a corsage, as a token of appreciation for their many years of service with the Indian Education Project of the Robeson County School System.

AWARDS DAY AT UNION ELEMENTARY

Union Elementary School held their awards day program on Thursday, May 31 in the school gymnasium.

Mr. Grady Oxendine, Principal, presented a number of certificates for perfect attendance and academic achievement. Graduation certificates were also presented to the three kindergarten classes.

Two key awards that were presented with special recognition went to Edith Ann Oxendine, daughter of Alex and Betty Oxendine for having a perfect attendance record for six years, and to Tracy Bullard, daughter of Lindburg and Barbara Bullard and a second grade student in Ms. Molly O. Locklear's class, for reading 783 books during the past school year.

FAIRGROVE GRADUATION

96 students at Fairgrove School participated in the graduation program and received graduation diplomas on Friday, June 3, 1983.

The graduation program was very impressive utilizing student participation in speech, song and dance before the student body staff and a large number of parents.

Mr. Larece Hunt, Principal, gave the graduation address, and challenged the students to ask themselves "Where Do I Go Now."

A number of certificates and awards were presented, with Joy Oxendine receiving a plaque for an eight year perfect attendance record, academic achievement certificates were presented. The girls basketball and volleyball teams and the boys basketball and baseball teams were presented individual trophies

in recognition of their winning county championships, and the boys baseball coach, Jackie Davenport, was presented a special plaque in recognition of his baseball teams having won 51 consecutive baseball games without a loss.

The graduates, after receiving their diplomas marched out and many were already anticipating beginning their high school days in the fall, and looking forward to the day when they would be graduating from high school.

CONVERSE RUBBER CO. DISTRIBUTES TENNIS SHOES

Representatives from the Converse Rubber Company in Lumberton distributed thirty pairs of tennis shoes to students at Bryan's Learning Center as part of their annual plan for community service. Representing Converse were Bill Evans, Larry Aubin, Bill Perritt and Benjie Williams.

ACME ELECTRIC CO. DEMONSTRATES COMPUTER OPERATIONS

As part of the school's annual plan for computer awareness and literacy, Mr. Rudy Barnes, manager of the Quality Control Department of ACME Electric Company in Lumberton, demonstrated the basic operation of a Commodore 64 Computer to approximately 82 third and fourth

grade students at Southside Ashpole School. Using educational games which Mr. Barnes had developed for math enrichment for his son, several students were provided an opportunity to experience the keying in of responses on the computer's terminal as they participated in "Guessing Games" and "Times Table Game."

LAST COLUMN UNTIL THE FALL

This column will complete the first year's public relations activity in conjunction with the Year of the Public School as proclaimed by Governor Jim Hunt and the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction. Many thanks are extended to the Public School Information Coordinators, the administration and staff of all of the public schools in the Robeson County School District, and to the students who participation in the many

educational experiences and activities which were news worthy for their contributions, support and interest in the "Robeson County Schools: News and Briefs."

A happy vacation to all and an enjoyable summer.



Tracy Bullard received special award for reading 783 books from principal Grady Oxendine, Union Elementary.



Shown left to right are Dorothy Blue, Iona Oxendine, Vennie Sanderson and Donald Locklear.



Shown left to right standing: Gail Williams; Bill Evans; Larry Aubin; Bill Perritt; Benjie Williams and Zoe Ann Woodell. Seated are Jennifer Mew and Mark Dial.

The greatest number of UFO sightings have been reported in the state of California.

Local Students Visit Duke

North Carolina seventh graders who participated in Duke University's Third Annual Search for mathematically and verbally brilliant students were honored at a ceremony held on the Duke Campus on May 15, 1983. The students invited to the ceremony had obtained scores on at least one of the three sections of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) which were equal to or greater than the average score obtained by college bound high school seniors. These very capable seventh graders or 12-year-olds took the college-level SAT as participants in Duke's Talent Identification Program (TIP).

TIP was initiated in 1980 to identify bright young students, to help develop their special abilities, and to direct them toward special academic programs for the gifted and talented. The 1983 Talent Search involved more than 23,000 students and covered 16 of the southern, southwestern and midwestern U.S. and is the largest search of its type in the country," said Dr. Robert Sawyer, Director of the Program.

The 546 students invited to the North Carolina awards ceremony had to score at least 450 out of 800 points on the mathematics portion of the SAT (500 for boys); or 430 out of 800 points on the verbal portion, or 52 out of 60 points on the Test of Standard Written English. All participants received certificates of merit in recognition of their achievement and the very highest scorers also received scholarships and book awards.

Bobbie Renee Locklear, 7th grader at Piney Grove School, was among the students honored at this ceremony. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Locklear, Jr. of Route 10, Lumberton.

Learning About Computers

Mr. Rudy Barnes, manager of the Quality Department at Acme Electric Company, demonstrated the basic operation of his Commodore 64 Computer to approximately 82 third and fourth grade students.

The children played a "Guessing Game" and a "Times Table Game." Some answers were given orally. Several students were given the experience of keying in a few responses on the computer's terminal.

Mr. Barnes stated that computers serve as valuable teaching aids and that their versatility and capabilities are unlimited. "However," he added, "A computer knows only what it has been told."

Mr. Barnes' computer has the memory of 64,000 different bytes. The programs demonstrated were educational games he had prepared to enrich and extend his son's mathematical skills.

Mr. Barnes is a 1970 graduate of Pembroke State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. Currently, he attends Computer Science night classes at PSU. He resides in Rowland with his wife and three sons.

LRDA IN ACTION

by Garry Lewis Barton
LRDA Public Relations Officer

These 40 students recently received their GED (General Equivalency Diploma) diplomas. They are shown above during graduation exercises held May 29 at Pembroke Elementary School.



40 ADULT EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS EARN THEIR GED DIPLOMAS

by Patsy Lowery

To mark the end of another year of hard work and a job well done, the Lumbee Indian Adult Education Project (LIAEP), a component of Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA), held its annual graduation exercises. The graduation was held May 29, 1983, in the Pembroke Elementary School Gymnasium at 3 p.m. Approximately 325 relatives, friends and supporters were in attendance to honor the 40 graduates from the three Developmental Learning Centers. The centers are located at Smyrna Baptist Church in Lumberton; the Rex Rennert Day Care Center in Shannon, and the Evans Crossing Volunteer Fire Dept. in Maxton. The number to call for further information is 521-9703.

The program began with Rev. James A. Woods, a member of LRDA's Board of Directors, giving the invocation. Mr. Kenneth R. Maynor, LRDA's Executive Director, then welcomed everyone on behalf of LRDA and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Grady Locklear, principal of Piney Grove School. Mr. Locklear was a high school dropout who "dropped back in," eventually earning a college degree, so his speech was very inspiring to the graduates and audience. He has been very active in the Robeson County School System since 1963, devoting much of his expertise and time to working with others such as with boy scout troops and adult education classes at Robeson Technical College. Mr. Locklear proves beyond a doubt that one can overcome any educational handicap and go on to achieve whatever goals one sets his eyes on.

Following the address, Ms. Marilyn L. Locklear, LIAEP Director, presented the GED diplomas to the students and a number of certificates of appreciation to staff and community people who assisted the project during the year. Ms. Locklear was presented a plaque on behalf of her staff in appreciation of her support, dedication and outstanding leadership. The processional and recessional was provided by Ms. Paulette Locklear.

Immediately following the graduation, a reception was held.

MISS LUMBEE 1983 WILL BE A CONTESTANT IN MISS N.C. PAGEANT

The reigning beauty queen, Rhonda Flanagan, Miss Lumbee 1983, will be competing in the Miss N.C. Pageant June 22-25. Expenses incurred in her entrance in such a prestigious pageant are great. That is why there will be a chicken and barbecue plate sale Friday, June 10, in the Pembroke Town Park, beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. Proceeds will be used to purchase Miss Flanagan's wardrobe she will be wearing in the Miss N.C. Pageant.

So come on out and dine with Rhonda and all her fans and supporters. Let's show our support for the beautiful and charming queen who has represented us so well this year.

Rhonda is the daughter of Ms. Magnolia Flanagan. Hope to see you in the Park Friday.



After graduation exercises, Patsy Lowery, Curriculum Developer, presented Marilyn Locklear, Director of the Adult Education Project, a plaque on behalf of her staff for her support, dedication and outstanding leadership.

LUMBEE HOMECOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 29-July 3, 1983

•Little Miss Lumbee Pageant-Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., PSU Performing Arts Center. Admission, \$3 for those 12 and under, and \$4.00 for general admission.

•Lumbee Homecoming Kick-off Dance, Wednesday, June 29, 10 p.m. until Old Foundry Banquet Room, Lumberton, N.C. Admission, \$3.

•Lumbee Homecoming Awards Banquet, Thursday, June 30, 7:30 p.m., Pembroke Jaycee Hut, Pembroke, N.C. Admission, 7.50 each, which includes dinner and entertainment.

•Miss Lumbee Scholarship Pageant, Friday, July 1, 8 p.m., PSU Performing Arts Center. Admission, \$5.00.

•Miss Lumbee Coronation Ball, Friday, July 1, 11 p.m. Old Foundry Banquet Room, Lumberton, N.C. Admission, \$10 per couple, which includes breakfast.

•Lumbee Homecoming Parade, Saturday, July 2, 10 a.m. in downtown Pembroke.

•Saturday In The Park and Field Day Activities (including such events as a 6.2 Mile Run and weight lifting competition), Saturday, July 2, 8 a.m. until Pembroke Town Park. There will also be arts and crafts for sale and display.

•Lumbee River Art Guild Display, Tuesday, June 28 thru Tuesday, July 5. Native American Resource Center (Old Main), PSU.

•Lumbee Homecoming/Lumbee Art Guild Reception, Saturday, July 2, 12 Noon, Native American Resource Center (Old Main), PSU.

•Agriculture Awards Banquet, Saturday, July 2, 4 p.m. Auxiliary Gym, PSU Campus. Admission, \$3.

•Lumbee Homecoming Archery Contest, Saturday, July 2, 5 p.m.

•Lumbee Homecoming Pow Wow, Saturday, July 2, 8 p.m., Pembroke Senior High School Football Field.

•Strike at the Wind, Saturday, July 2, 8 p.m., Riverside Country Club, Lakeside Amphitheatre. Admission: General-\$4, Preferred-\$5.

•Lumbee Homecoming Gospel Sing, Sunday, July 3, 2 p.m., PSU Performing Arts Center. Admission free.

I strongly encourage you not to miss any of these exciting events.

THRIFTY FOOD CO-OPS FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

LRDA's two Thrifty Food Co-ops, where food items can be purchased as much as 35% below regular retail store prices, continue their fund-raising ways. Mark these

dates on your calendar.

Saturday, June 11—According to Shirley Locklear, director of the Thrifty Food Co-ops, there will be a Yard Sale Saturday, June 11, in the Pembroke Town Park. If you are looking for bargains this will be the place to visit. But you had better come early because there will be bargains galore at unbelievable prices! Proceeds will be used to finance an upcoming cultural enrichment trip for the Food Co-op participants.

Saturday, June 18—In case it's not convenient for Lumbee Indian Food Co-op participants to visit the Pembroke Yard Sale June 11, fear not. For your convenience, there will be a Yard Sale in your area Saturday, June 18, at Spivey's, located on Highway 41 in Lumberton.

But the Yard Sales are not solely for the Food Co-op participants. They are scheduled with bargain hunters everywhere in mind. So, come on out and browse around. Show support for these two worthwhile projects.

Wednesday, June 15—If the recently held spaghetti dinner is any indication of the good things to come, you won't want to miss the upcoming Mexican Dinner the Thrifty Food Co-ops are sponsoring Wednesday, June 15. The dinner will be held in the spacious and beautiful Pembroke Thrifty Food Co-op (located at Revels Motel Complex) and will consist of two tacos, refried beans and Mexican rice. The price will be \$3.00 and dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hot tamale! Don't miss out on this Mexican delight.



Store foods of the same type (such as cheeses) together in the refrigerator. Make a special corner for leftovers. That way, you'll be sure to use them before they spoil.

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