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BOBBY DEAN LOCKLEAR FILES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF RED SPRINGS DISTRICT



Bobby Dean Locklear

Bobby Dean Locklear, Head of the Guidance Department at West Robeson Senior High School, has filed for election to the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, representing the Red Springs District. The Red Springs District is comprised of Burnt Swamp, Raft Swamp, North Smiths, Rennett, Shannon, Red Springs #1, Red Springs #2 and Philadelphia Precincts. Locklear has previously served two consecutive terms on that Board from 1972 until 1980. During his tenure on the Board of Commissioners, he served in numerous county positions, including Chairman of the Robeson County Health Department and the Lumber River Council of Governments.

Locklear is a graduate of Pembroke State University and earned his Master's degree in guidance from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC. He has served as guidance counselor at several schools, including Pembroke Junior High for six years; Hoke County High for eight years; and Prospect High for three years. He served also as a classroom teacher at Prospect High, having taught Biology, Chemistry, and English for five years.

Locklear is well known in educational circles, having served on several local and State educational committees including the State Advisory Council on Education.

He has been a dedicated member of many civic organizations. His most noteworthy contributions were made to the Pembroke Jaycees which he served as President and to the Locklear-Lowery VFW Post 2843 which he served as post commander and remains an active member. He is also Commander of Pembroke American Legion Post 205.

Locklear released the following statement:
"I have been approached by many friends, acquaintances and associates recently, urging me to seek election to the Robeson County Commissioners from our district. After much deliberation and consideration, I have decided to seek the opportunity to once again represent the Red Springs District because I believe the citizens of Robeson County are paying enough in taxes to deserve the best in County government. The citizens are not getting the best possible services at the most economical cost. I am real concerned about recent property reevaluation. How will the tax rate be adjusted to offset the increase in the evaluation of property? I am also concerned that education has not been a top priority with our Board of Commissioners. I believe our children are our greatest asset; therefore, education should be the number one priority with the Board of Commissioners. I am also opposed to the proposed merger plan for the Robeson County School Systems.

"The Red Springs Commissioner District needs 'effective' leadership. If elected, I promise to keep education a top priority. I will also support:

RECREATION 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, to work and play;

RECRUITMENT of high level industries to extend opportunities for employment as well as improve our county economy;

EMPLOYMENT training and opportunities to upgrade our unskilled and semi-skilled labor force and to promote job upgrading and career advancement for experienced workers;

HEALTH PROGRAMS & SERVICES which are adequate and effective in meeting the needs of our citizenry;

EDUCATIONAL 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;

CONTINUING EXPANSION OF THE COUNTY WIDE WATER SYSTEM to provide safe and non-hazardous waste water supply to all areas of our county, and

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 is a life-long resident of the Union Chapel Community. He is married to the former Theresa Revels and they have four children: Gwen, who is a teacher at Prospect School; twins Amelia Kay and Amira Fay, who are juniors at Pembroke State University; and Brannagan Ray, who is a tenth grade student at West Robeson Senior High School.

Lumberton Attorney Seeks Judgeship



Gary Lynn Locklear

Gary Lynn Locklear has announced his candidacy for District Court Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District, which includes Scotland and Robeson Counties. He filed his notice of candidacy with the State Board of Elections on January 4, 1988. The election will be held on May 3, 1988.

Locklear was admitted to the Robeson County Bar in September, 1979. He worked as an Assistant District Attorney for three years and has engaged in the private practice of law for the past six years. He is currently a partner in the law firm of Chavis, Locklear & Ranson, Attorneys-at-Law, Lumberton, North Carolina.

The candidate graduated from Pembroke State University in 1970 with a B.S. Degree in Business, from Appalachian State University in 1972 with a M.A. in Business and Economics, and from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1979. He taught in North Carolina's Community College and Technical System for five years prior to entering law school.

Locklear was a candidate for District Court Judge in 1982. He now seeks the Judgeship that was recently created by the North Carolina General Assembly in late 1987. This legislation added a fifth District Court Judge to Scotland and Robeson Counties.

Locklear is married to the former Molly Oxendine of Pembroke. Molly is a kindergarten teacher in the Robeson County School System. They have two children, Brooke, age 8 years and Bradley, age 6 years. The Locklears reside in Pembroke, North Carolina, and attend Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke.

When asked why he was seeking the Judgeship, Locklear replied, "I feel that I can, and will, bring the proper mix of experience, integrity, and temperament to the bench as District Court Judge, if allowed to serve the people of Scotland and Robeson Counties."

Pembroke BPW Club Awards Scholarship



Mrs. Ruth Tidwell, left, is shown presenting the scholarship award to Ms. Cynthia Carter Naugler, recipient of the second scholarship for this year.

Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club presented its second Career Advancement Scholarship in the amount of \$200 to Ms. Cynthia Carter Naugler, a junior at Pembroke State University.

Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club awards two Career Advancement Scholarships annually. These scholarships provide financial assistance to a woman who needs further training to obtain a promotion, to change to a more promising career field, or to return to the job market.

The Shamrock Ball, which is held in March, and a Fall Dance held in October are the two fundraising projects held annually for sponsoring scholarships.

Pembroke BPW salutes young and older career women in Robeson County who seek to elevate their status.

currently coordinating a bus trip to the W.M.U.'s upcoming centennial convention in Richmond, Va.

And after she returns from the convention, she will begin packing for a visit to the Middle East country of Israel later in the summer. Brewington says she occasionally works up tours because she sees it as a way to get people together. And it's something she loves to do. An international traveler, she has been touring for 23 years. "On my tours we sing and have a good time," she comments. Then she laughs, "I don't sing. I talk and pray."

When the busy grandmother is home, she works on one of many hobbies she developed over the years. She handstitches quilts for grandchildren, makes stuffed animals for great-grandchildren and creates decorative pillows and framed wall decorations for her children.

She's already begun work on gifts for next Christmas. "I have to start early. If I don't, I might get in a rush and miss someone," she explains. She says she keeps collecting great-grandchildren because she wants a bunch of them.

The ever-smiling Brewington says she enjoys good health and adds, "I owe it all to God. He's been good to me, and I've been good to Him." In explaining her active Christian life, she says, "God didn't save me at 15 years of age to go to church and sit down. He saved me to get out in the communities and work for Him."

She quietly adds another reason. "Life without giving and caring would be miserable for me, Shug."

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

LILLIE MAE BREWINGTON



Lillie Mae Brewington talks to a grandchild on the telephone while working on a quilted pillow.

By Barbara Brayboy-Locklear
Special To The Carolina Indian Voice

Her children say she's so busy they sometimes have to make an appointment to go visit her. Lillie Mae Brewington says she's too busy to sit around home all day. "Not yet have I had a day when I didn't have something to do for someone," says the Back Swamp community resident. "I get tired sometimes, but in a few minutes I can go again."

The 76-year-old widow has been going strong since early childhood. When her mother died, 11-year-old Brewington was left to share in the responsibility of caring for nine siblings. The youngest being six days old.

"I was cooking and sewing then," she remembers. She and

her sister took turns attending Piney Grove School during that time. "My sister went to school one week, and I went one week. And we walked the long distance through snow, too," she comments. "I made my grade every year."

After marrying Clyde Brewington in 1937, the Saddletree community native settled into a life of farming in the Bethel Hill community. There they began raising bumper crops and six children. It was there, too, the energetic wife and mother wasted no time in becoming active in church work. She taught Sunday School classes at Bethel Hill Baptist Church for several years before the family moved near Pembroke on a farm assignment. The new move necessitated attending a new church, Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke was to have Brewington as a Sunday School teacher for 11 years.

In 1953, Brewington and her husband bought a farm and settled off US 74 three miles west of Lumberton, where she resides today.

For 15 years she worked as a community services specialist with the Robeson County Social Services Department. Her job duties took her to all parts of her native Robeson County to help those in need of assistance in anything from grocery shopping to securing wheelchairs and housing.

"People all around think I still work with social services," she laughs. "I get requests from someone with special needs all the time." And the ever-sharing and caring volunteer always obliges. Among the many things she does is to collect used clothing to distribute to an area sheltered workshop. "There are a lot of people out there who need us," she laments.

The Lumbee Indian's great concern in helping others influenced her decision against retiring at age 65. "I retired from one job and started working on other jobs more than ever. As a matter of fact, I knew I had another job when I retired," she adds.

An assignment with V.I.S.T.A. kept her busy for five years. Then there was time given to youth clubs such as F.F.A., F.H.A. and 4-H. She retired from public work at age 70, yet continued serving area communities and church.

A recent snowstorm hit the area, and Brewington hit the roads which took her to a two-night stay with a patient in a Fayetteville hospital, a two-night stay with residents in a local rest home and an overnight stay in an ill friend's home. She is a regular visitor to the homes of shut-ins and neighbors who are ill. She usually shows up with a box of food and several hours or days to give if needed.

Then there's her loyalty to Deep Branch Baptist Church which she has attended since 1953. As a lay leader, she directs the Baptist Women of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association and is an active member of the association's W.M.U. Council. She is

2 INDIANS CHARGED WITH ARMS, HOSTAGE- TAKING VIOLATIONS

Lumberton-Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs had "reached a crossroads, and all four directions said 'desperation'" when they took 17 staff members of The Robesonian Hostage Monday, said John L. Godwin, founder of the Concerned Citizens for Better Government.

Godwin stated that the two Tuscarora Indians acted out of frustration with the county justice system.

Other reports say that Hatcher also had information about public corruption and he feared for his life and was unsure where to report the information.

While the coalition comprised of eight county groups did not condone the actions of Hatcher and Jacob, they did understand the frustration that led to their action. "The 10-hour stand off will likely do no harm to the work of the coalition," Godwin said. "Positive, positive...that's the only word I'm going to say because we're finding out that people all over the country are sympathetic to our cause...that will help."

Other members of the coalition believe that the crisis which ended with no one injured will focus attention on the problems in the county. "If it does anything, it may wake up officials on the state and national levels to the severity of the problems in Robeson County," said Rev. Mac Legerton of the Center for Community Action.

Bob Horne, editor of the Robesonian and one of the hostages stated: "These people wanted to make a public statement. They wanted to get some public attention for some perceived problems in Robeson County. If the state investigation is launched, I think it will be time looked into some of these complaints...I don't know what would happen if a big investigation is launched and some guilt is found-these guys are going to be heroes."

Hatcher and Jacobs were formally charged in federal court Tuesday with hostage-taking and firearms violations. They will be detained at the federal facility in Butner until a Feb. 12 hearing. They agreed to be held without bond. The two could be sent to prison for life if convicted of hostage taking under an anti-terrorist law enacted by Congress in 1984.

Governor Jim Martin guaranteed to the following as part of the negotiations on Monday:

To set up a special test force to investigate possible corruption in the sheriff's department, the local SBI and the District attorney's office; to investigate the jail house death of Billy McKellar; and to transfer Robeson County jail inmate John Hunt to another county, if he wished to transfer.

Bruce Cunningham of Southern Pines represents Hatcher while Bob Warren and attorney with Amnesty International will represent Jacobs.

PEMBROKE TOWN MEETING

by Sam Kerns

The Pembroke Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday night. The meeting was held to consider old business, new business and items of general interest.

In old business, Mr. Clinton Thomas Jr., Executive Director of Pembroke Housing Authority, gave an update on the Authority's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Grant from the State. The grant will provide for a project coordinator and recreational technician to help in reducing the juvenile delinquency rate in the Pembroke area. The program is expected to be fully operational by February 23, 1988 when the staff will be on board and the program open for state review and/or inspection.

According to Thomas, the staff will be selected through a structured interview process which is scheduled to be completed by Feb. 5, 1988. Staff positions have been advertised and board members were given an opportunity to have input by reviewing job descriptions and responding to the criteria for selection of staff.

Councilman Henry Ward Oxendine asked "Would the town in anyway be liable for repayment of any of the grant money?" Thomas said, "No, it is one hundred percent grant money."

Mr. Thomas also reported on a \$135,000 modernization grant for Dial Terrace and Maynor Manor, public housing units. The money will be used for completely reroofing, adding additional roof ventilation and covering wood areas with vinyl. The vinyl covering will be placed as far as the money will allow.

In old business, Town Manager McDuffie Cummings gave a brief overview of areas near the town which are being reviewed for possible annexation. They are east of town, 12 acres; north side, Harris' Trailer Park area and two areas on the west end of town, a 262 acre area and a smaller area of 62 acres.

According to Cummings, the town board has to pass a resolution of intent to annex and have a portion of the proposed annexation on file and from that point it will take 12 months to get the area annexed. "All of the areas under consideration meet statutory requirements for annexation," said Cummings.

Mayor Milton Hunt said the proposed annexation "needs to be studied and not rushed into."

Councilman Vernon Oxendine moved that a work session be set for Feb. 15 and Councilman Henry W. Oxendine seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Under new business, discussion was given to Blawitha Village Subdivision proposed by Develo, et Hubert Partners, P.O. Lake Park, Pembroke. The new subdivision area is located on rural paved road 1615 in the area of Oxendine Tree Service, east of Pembroke, approximately two miles.

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