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Madie Rae Locklear, Supervisor for the Red Springs Neighborhood Service Center, has announced her candidacy for the at-large seat on the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) Board of Directors. Long time active in local and state politics, Ms. Locklear stated that her experience in working with the economically disadvantaged through Four County Community Services, Inc. could be utilized in serving on the LREMC Board. In making her announcement, Ms. Locklear released the following statement:

"I consider myself to be eminently qualified to serve on the LREMC Board of Directors. I have participated in the elections actively, and have supported various candidates. I have been an interested observer of the operations of the local Cooperative and am familiar with the by-laws.

"The rural cooperative was organized to provide electricity to people in the rural areas. The original intent of the Cooperative was to provide a much needed service at an affordable price. Since that time, the cost for this service has escalated. Much of this is due to the spiraling economic conditions in our state and nation.

"I believe the local EMC needs a board member who is compassionate with people-oriented problems and can relate to individual needs. That board member should also be familiar with the struggle involved in running a household, meeting monthly bills in a timely fashion and in just 'making ends meet.' I would be just such a board member.

"In my twenty-one years of service with Four County Community Services, Inc., I believe that I have proven my ability to assist and offer advice and

counseling. My record as a people-oriented person speaks for itself. My commitment to people has been demonstrated by 21 years of assisting clients in home weatherization, obtaining emergency food and shelter, and demonstrated by effective referral to agencies that offer quick and humane answers to people in need. I have responded to the best of my ability to any client who came or was referred to me with compassion, concern and dedication to the relief of those who found themselves in dire circumstances.

"If elected to the LREMC Board of Directors, I promise to carry this same commitment, concern and compassion to the service of the LREMC members.

"In conclusion," Locklear continued, "Your support and vote will be appreciated. I am not running on a slate, nor at the request of any particular person or persons. I am seeking the at-large seat on the LREMC Board of Directors out of a heart felt desire to be of service. I do urge all members of the LREMC to attend the October 17 annual meeting to be held at the PSU Performing Arts Center. Registration is from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. I also wish to remind the voters of the policy concerning the election. You must vote for four candidates in order for your ballot to be counted. Please vote for Madie Rae Locklear as one of those four. Thank you."

Locklear serves on the Robeson County Fair Housing Board, is a member of a committee to bring a much needed rest home to the area, as well as many other boards and committees. She is married to William Locklear, Jr. and they have two daughters, both of whom are graduates of Pembroke State University.

Open House Planned for Indian Education Resource Center

Hidden just 300 feet off one of Robeson County's most traveled highway intersections is perhaps the best kept secret of the Public Schools of Robeson County.

"It's a secret about to be discovered by 5,000 school children who will get a peek into a 10,000 year-old history of people during the last three weeks in September," says Maybelle Elk of the scheduled Open House of the Indian Education Resource Center.

Operating under the auspices of Compensatory Indian Education Project, Title V, the eight-year-old center will open its doors to students during the weeks of September 11, 18 and 25.

This becomes the second year the center has held tours in conjunction with Indian Heritage Week in North Carolina says Elk, director of Indian Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

The small, schoolhouse red center, located behind the central office of Public Schools of Robeson County, is sandwiched between two remodeled school units and is slowly becoming discovered by people interested in the history of the state's seven Indian tribes says Barbara Brayboy-Locklear, its coordinator and curator.

Brayboy-Locklear adds that the beliefs, ways of life, and roles of the American Indians are interwoven so intimately with the cultures and histories of all the modern nations of the Americas that no civilization of the Western Hemisphere can be fully understood without knowledge and appreciation of them.

"And yet, from the time of the Europeans' first meeting with the Indians in 1492, until today, the Indian has been a familiar but little known and, indeed often an unreal person to the non-Indian," Brayboy-Locklear says. "What has been known about him, moreover, frequently has been superficial, distorted, or false."

The Lumbee curator says public school text books fail miserably in telling the history of the American Indian. "The history books tell less than half the story of a people who have walked the land of this state for more than 10,000 years," she laments.

"There is a multitude of ideas that continue to hold numerous Indians apart from non-Indians. More common among most non-Indians are the false understandings and images which they retain about Indians," she says.

Brayboy-Locklear says for many, the moving pictures, television, and comic strips have

firmly established a stereotype as the portrait of all Indians: the dour, stoic, war-bonneted Plains Indian. He is a warrior, he has no humor unless it is that of an incongruous and farcical type and his language is full of 'hows,' 'ughs,' and words that end in 'um.'

"Only rarely in the popular media of communications is it hinted that Indians, too, were, and are, all kinds of real living persons like any others," the curator says. "So enduring is the stereotype that many a non-Indian, especially young children living in an area where Indians are not commonly seen, expect any American Indian he meets to wear feathered headdress."

Brayboy-Locklear says she hopes to dispell some of the false images and understandings during the students' visit to the Indian Education Resource Center. "Once they're inside the center, my duty becomes one of presenting in 30 minutes the history the text books have failed to report in over 200 years," she says of the tour each class will receive during Open House.

The location and preservation of historical materials, documents and relics which tell the story of the Indians who settled in Robeson and adjoining counties is the primary purpose of the Robeson County Indian Education Resource Center.

The center houses a variety of primary and secondary sources which student and professional researchers alike may use to trace the history and culture of North Carolina's Indian population. The center also serves as a resource for classroom teachers who wish to provide their students with an orientation to, and training in the use of, those tools of research which can help them discover a new and exciting history of Indians of North Carolina. The center also houses artifacts of other tribes.

Unique in its purpose in bringing the past and present of the N.C. Indian into focus, the center showcases the traditions, proud cultures and special events which illustrate the rich diversity of North Carolina's Native American cultures.

This year's Open House festivities include tours of the center, samplings of Indian Fry Bread cooked on the outside grounds, and professional Indian dances by the Turtle Dancers of Pembroke.

Those teachers in the Public Schools of Robeson County wishing to visit the center during Open House are encouraged to contact Mrs. Brayboy-Locklear for a scheduled appointment. Tours are by reservations only.

Von Locklear Scholarship Being Established at PSU



A Von S. Locklear Endowed Memorial Scholarship in social work is being established at Pembroke State University in memory of this '74 graduate who taught at PSU from 1982-83 in the Department of Sociology and Social Work.

Locklear died of cancer this year at the age of 36.

From Maxton, he was employed in social work by the National Association of American Indians. He also worked with the Lumbee Regional Development Association.

Locklear earned a B.A. in sociology from PSU, a Master of Arts in Education from PSU, a Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland, and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

The scholarship in his name will be offered to a PSU sophomore or junior majoring in social work. It will be for a year of study.

Preference for the scholarship will be given to: (1) Native American students; (2) those students who demonstrate a commitment to the social work profession; and (3) those students with a good grade point average.

Dr. John Bowman of the PSU Sociology and Social Work Department said of Locklear: "During his short adult life, he consistently demonstrated an unconditional commitment to the profession of social work."

Contributions for the scholarship may be made payable to the Von S. Locklear Endowed Scholarship and mailed to Elizabeth McIntyre, resource development officer, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC 28372. For more information, telephone Mrs. McIntyre at (919) 521-4214, Ext. 533.

Special Program to be held to Bless the Grounds of NC Indian Cultural Center

A special program to bless the grounds of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center will be held on September 15, at 8 p.m. at the site of the Indian Cultural Center.

According to Dr. Helen Scheirbeck, Development Director, Indian leaders from around the state and nation will gather to dedicate the grounds for the development of the proposed multimillion dollar tourist attraction. "This is a traditional Indian way to begin the development of this major facility devoted to Indian people," said Dr. Scheirbeck.

"We will have officials from state government and the federal government to join us for this historic event to honor the Indian ancestors and to bless our efforts to develop facilities that will celebrate the history, heritage and culture of Native Americans of North Carolina and the Southeast," said Dr. Scheirbeck.

The special ceremony to bless the grounds will be held before the opening dances of the annual pow wow of the Lumbee tribe which will be held September 15 and 16 at the Indian Cultural Center. The public is cordially invited and welcome to attend the blessing ceremony and pow wow.

Dr. Scheirbeck noted that an honors dance will be held at the beginning of the pow wow for special guests of the blessing ceremony. The honors dance will be followed by a friendship dance for the pow wow participants and audience.

The North Carolina Indian Cultural Center is a proposed educational and entertainment tourist attraction that will be a tribute to North Carolina's Native Americans on a 500 acre tract on highway 74 near Pembroke.

Pamela Locklear Receives Triangle Native American Scholarship



Pamela Locklear

Pamela L. Locklear, PSU senior who is majoring in sociology, has received a \$500 scholarship from the Triangle Native American Society based in Raleigh. She is one of two Native Americans to receive a scholarship.

Official name of the scholarship is the Mark K. Ulmer Native American Scholarship. It was presented to Ms. Locklear

August 26 in a special program at the Brownstone Hotel in Raleigh.

Miss Locklear is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Locklear.

She plans to use her sociology degree to pursue a career in hospital administration.

At Pembroke State, she has been a Dean's List student, recipient of the David Osterneck Scholarship in sociology, treasurer of the N.C. Native American Council on Higher Education, vice president of the Sociology Club, and fund raising chairman of the PSU Native American Student Organization.

A graduate of Fairmont High School, she was there an honor roll student and a member of the Spanish Club and Native American Student Association.

Miss Locklear is a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church of Fairmont.



Robeson County School students are seen during the "Friendship" dance last year at Open House during Indian Heritage Week at the Indian Education Resource Center.

THE PEMBROKE KIWANIS REPORT by Ken Johnson

Program Chairman Frank Daughtry presented Miss Necia Brayboy, a soloist, and Miss Gina Revels, pianist, gospel singers in a beautiful duet, thoroughly enjoyed by the members. They sang, "Keep Your Head Up High." "All My

Trials," "Sweet Beulah Land," and "Memory," and several encores. Miss Brayboy is in her freshman year at Pembroke State and Miss Revels is the church pianist at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church. It was a very enjoyable program.

Local Student Studies in Spain



Sean Stephen Jones, a 1989 graduate of Wake Forest University, left for Madrid, Spain on August 30 to join a group of 30 students who will be studying the Spanish language at the University of Madrid. Sean will be pursuing his Masters Degree in Spanish. He is attending the University of Madrid through the auspices of Bowling Green State University of Ohio. Sean received a full academic year abroad scholarship while studying in Spain.

Sean is not a stranger to Spain as he spent a semester in Salamanca, Spain during his junior year at Wake Forest.

While attending Wake Forest, Sean was a Dean's List student and participated in intramural sports. He also was the first Lumbee Indian to serve an academic year as a Congressional Page in Washington, D.C. through the sponsorship of Congressman Charlie Rose.

Sean is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jones of Rowland, and the grandson of the late John L. Carter, Sr. and Mrs. Mary E. Carter and the late Dr. English E. Jones and Margaret Jones.

Whether by coincidence or fate, Sean at the age of 21 is in Spain studying the Spanish language as was his mother, Mrs. Dolores Jones, at the same age in Saltillo, Mexico studying Spanish. His mother is a Spanish teacher at Purnell Swett High School and Pembroke State University.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS CHANCELLOR OXENDINE TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT PEMBROKE VFW

Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 of Pembroke will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday night, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Joseph Oxendine, Chancellor of Pembroke State University. All members are urged to attend by William D. Oxendine, Post Commander.