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## Vicki Locklear announces candidacy for Register of Deeds



Vicki Lynn Locklear, a seven-year employee with the office of the Register of Deeds, has announced her candidacy for that office where she now serves as Deputy Clerk II. Locklear of Lumberton feels that her experience in that office qualifies her for the position. She is a graduate of Southview Senior High School in Hope Mills NC and has attended Pembroke State University, Robeson Community College, as well as Fayetteville Community College.

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She has served as a part time employee at the Robeson County Board of Elections where she served as Registrar for precinct 7. She has also had experience as a teacher's assistant, and has served as a teller at Southern National Bank. Locklear also has varied experience in civic activities. She has worked with Project Graduation for several years and has been a part of the fundraising effort, Jail-a-Thon; the Red Ribbon Campaign; served as a member of the Board of Directors for "Strike at the Wind" and designed the program for the Arts Dinner for that event. She has volunteered at Union Chapel Elementary School, as well as a volunteer for the state and county softball teams; DARE-the Palmer Drug Abuse Program.

Locklear is a member of Mt. Airy Baptist Church.

Upon making her announcement, Locklear released the following statement:

"My work with the Register of Deeds Office has given me the experience that is necessary to operate the office efficiently. I am familiar

with all aspects of the job and am confident that, if elected, I will be an asset to the citizens of Robeson County.

"I believe that the keeping of our public records is a sacred trust and it is necessary for the Register of Deeds to understand how valuable the service is that the office renders. I have long believed that the work of that office is invaluable and requires commitment and attention to detail. I have this commitment and dedication, realizing that the records are entrusted to our office for safekeeping and therefore they must be accurate. There is not much room for error in the keeping of the public records. I know how important it is to do things accurately and in a timely manner.

"As a member of the Native American community, I understand the tradition and customs of our elderly citizens. I know that they have confidence in the ability of the Register of Deeds to do things properly. I vow, if elected, to continue the tradition of honesty, integrity and principle that the citizens of Robeson County have learned to expect from the office of Register of Deeds."

## Activities at Pembroke Housing Authority

On January 12, 1996 Frederick Locklear from Maynor Manor celebrated his 11th birthday along with other youth from the Housing Authority. The celebration took place at the Youth Center. It was topped off with a birthday cake and ice cream followed by music and dancing.

4-H agents Ms. Aggie Rogers and Ms. Nahir Hunt visited "Helping Hands" 4-H Club on January 23, 1996. "Helping Hands" would like to welcome new 4-H agent Ms. Nahir Hunt. Along with Ms. Hunt, "Helping Hands" is planning a productive year for 1996. Some of the upcoming projects include a "Rock-a-Thon" and a Talent Show.

The Cultural Program, funded under the Youth Sports Grant, learned a lot about culture this week. A group of youth attended the Public Schools of Robeson County Indian Resource Center on January 25. Mr. Ed Chavis spoke to the youth about great warriors of the past, such as: Chief Joseph and Chief Jeronimo. He also spoke with them about how they can be in control of their spirit. The youth also visited

the Art Museum and saw different paintings and art work that was produced by some of the local artists, such as Delora Cummings and Gene Locklear. "This was a very eventful outing for the youth, because so many of our youth do not know about the history of their ancestors," said Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear, Pembroke Housing Drug Elimination Coordinator. Locklear said that there should not be one youth in the Public Schools of Robeson County who does not visit the Indian Resource Center at least once a year. Locklear would like to thank Mr. Chavis and Mr. Kevin Locklear of the Center for the kindness that was shown to the youth.

The youth also visited the Lumberton Civic Center on January 26 to see "Remember the 60s," a musical drama performed by the Living History Club of Purnell Sweet High. "I believe that this is the best event we have been to with our youth and my hat goes off to the students at Sweet High," said Locklear. Locklear also said that he would like to see the drama performed at every school by the Living History Club.

## NASF announces grants and gifts for December '95

Albuquerque, N.M.: The Native American Scholarship Fund announced today that it received \$ 258,101.42 in gifts and grants for the month of December 1995. "This is our third largest gift month in the eight years we have been operating," said D.R. Dean Chavers, the director of the Fund. "We hope to add as many as 30 new additional students before the end of this academic year." The fund has 132 students on scholarships this year at some 35 different colleges and universities. The income to support them comes from gifts from individuals, from grants from bequests, from training fees, and from sale of books. "This is an excellent group of students," reports Lynette Charlie, the Director of Recruiting. "Most of them have gotten overall grades of over 3.0 for the fall

1995 term. Even our freshmen are making excellent grades." NASF serves students from any tribe in the U.S. who have excellent grades, high test scores, and overall leadership ability, as long as the student attends an accredited college. "Our 89 graduates are really doing well," reports Ms. Charlie. "All of them are working, and almost all of them are working for Indian people. We have doctors, nurses, teachers, engineers, college professors, and tribal administrators among our graduates.

They are making valuable contributions to their tribes." NASF is located at 8200 Mountain Road, N.E., Suite 203, Albuquerque, NM 87110. The phone is (505) 262-2351, and the fax number is (505) 262-0534.

## LRDA Establishes New Goals For 1996

LRDA's Board of Directors and management are very concerned about the federal budget cuts pending in Washington on services programs and also the opposition that has stymied federal recognition efforts. However we cannot stand still and not move forward with innovative plans to do economic development and provide new services to the community, if possible. Therefore the following goals will be pursued in 1996:

1. Obtain financing and build a Lumbee Tribal Building Complex in Pembroke that will house LRDA's currently rented four Pembroke offices in one location - An economic development project.
2. Establish and obtain funding for a consumer education and credit counseling program
3. Obtain funding to establish a veterans' memorial to all Indian veterans of the region.

4. Successful coordination of the free Health Services project to the Indian communities with Southeastern Regional Medical Center.
5. Establish a "Henry Berry Lowrie Scholarship Fund and Endowment" and raise at least \$25,000 for the fund by December, 1996.
6. Expand the growth of the Lumbee Tribe's Spring and Fall Pow-Wows and successfully sponsor Lumbee Homecoming for greater heritage and cultural awareness.
7. Implement one new small business project in 1996
8. Implement the use of the Lumbee Tribal Rolls in future elections for the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and LRDA Board elections for the Lumbee Tribe! The LRDA Board will continue to pursue federal recognition as in the past in the changing political climate in Washington. The above goals will be sought in 1996 for the benefit of the Lumbee community.

## Willie Harris Jr. among those appointed to NC Arts Council

Gov. Jim Hunt today announced the appointment of eight North Carolinians to the Arts Council (NCAC) board, including Amy Blumenthal, Charlotte; Alberta Cuthbertson, Greensboro; Willie Harris, Pembroke; Ranelle Hunsucker, Catawba; David Perry, Carrboro; Karen Wells, Wilson and Edward Wilson, Winston-Salem. Marianne Hayworth of High Point is reappointed to the board. The 24-member board, appointed by the Governor, sets arts policy statewide and makes funding recommendations to the secretary of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Its goal is to provide arts experiences to citizens statewide. "I know that we can count on them to promote our state's rich cultural heritage and meet the needs of arts communities around the state," Gov. Hunt said. "Each of these individuals has demonstrated a strong commitment to arts." Amy Blumenthal of Charlotte is a musician and president of Airy Publications, etc., a sheet music publisher, and arranger/editor for Columbia Pictures Publications. She is also a chamber music director and a flute instructor. Blumenthal has served on the boards of Wildacres, Charlotte arts and Science Council, Charlotte Symphony, Blumenthal Foundation, Afro-American Cultural Center, the N.C. Dance Theater and many other groups. Alberta Cuthbertson of Greensboro taught high school until her retirement in 1988. Besides chartering the National Art Honor Society at Grimsley Senior High, she taught art on various college campuses during summer breaks and was Faculty Representative for the N.C. Education Association. Currently, Cuthbertson is on the boards of the African-American Atelier, Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art and the Touring Theater Ensemble, as well as several other community groups. Willie Harris Jr. of Pembroke teaches social studies and vocational education in Robeson County. He has held offices in the Pembroke Jaycees since 1972 and been a cast member and board member for "Strike at the Wind," serving since 1986 and 1989 respectively. Ranelle Hunsucker of Catawba is the retired office manager of Catawba Insurance Mills and owner of Catawba Insurance Agency. A member of the Hickory community Theater, Hickory Museum of Art, and the Catawba County Council for the Arts, she has also worked with other civic and

educational organizations. She and her husband, David, were named 1993 "Volunteers of the Year" by the Catawba County Council for the Arts due to their successful leadership of its annual united arts fund drive.

David Perry of Carrboro has worked for the UNC-Chapel Hill Press since 1979 and is currently its acquisitions editor, specializing in books about North Carolina and the South. In 1991 this Asheville native co-authored with Bill Neal, "The Good Old Grits Cookbook" (Workman Publishing).

Karen Wells of Wilson has been executive director of the Arts Council of Wilson since 1985, completing successful fund raising for a 20,000 square foot arts center which opened in 1989. She has held theatre and arts commission positions in Mississippi and Florida and has been a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship recipient. Formerly president of ARTS North Carolina, she also has been consultant for arts agencies in North Carolina and Tennessee.

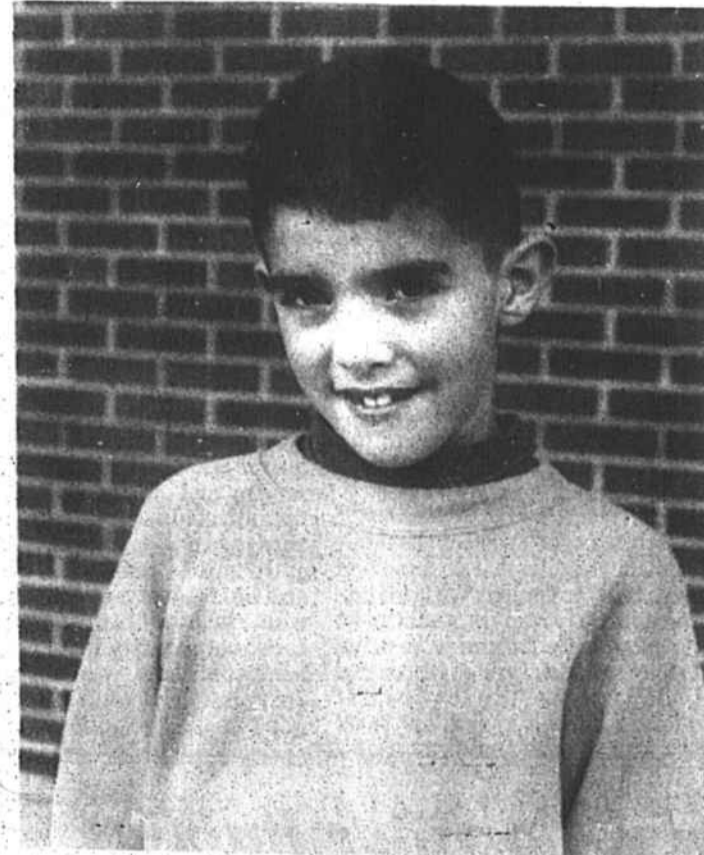
Edwin Wilson of Winston-Salem is English professor and Provost Emeritus at Wake Forest University and currently a board member of the N.C. School of the Arts Foundation, Winston-Salem State University, Belmont Abbey College and the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro. He is a former president of Piedmont Opera theatre, Winston-Salem Arts Council, Winston-Salem Gallery of Contemporary Art (now the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art), Red Shields Boys' Club and the Atlantic Coast Conference. Wilson also has been a board member for several other arts and educational agencies.

Marianne Hayworth of High Point was also reappointed to the NCAC board. Formerly vice president of the High Point Arts Council, she has served on the boards of several other organizations, including the Eastern Music Festival, High Point Theatre Advisory Commission, the N.C. Symphony Society and the Historic Book Club of North Carolina. In 1987 she and her husband Joseph received the Mayor's Award from the High Point Arts Council for their support of the arts cultural life in the community. The NCAC is an agency of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. For further information about these board appointments, contact Fay Mitchell Henderson, 919/733-5722.

## PSU professor releases book on Native Americans

Pembroke - Dr. Thomas Ross, chair of PSU's Department of Geology and Geography, recently published a book entitled American Indians: A Cultural Geography (Karo Hollow Press 1995). The book is a collection of 18 chapters written especially for this volume. Ross wrote two of the chapters and co-authored a third. One of the chapters written by Ross discusses the Lumbee Indian population growth and the increasing political influence of the Lumbee Indians in Robeson County.

Ross has been a faculty member at Pembroke State since 1969. He has authored, edited and co-edited several books and numerous journal articles. Presently, he is completing the editing process for a book dealing with American Indian economic development and is also working on a geography of Moore County. American Indians is available at PSU's Bookstore or can be ordered by other bookstores from the publisher. Retail price is about \$65.00.



## Deep Branch Student wins

Matthew Locklear, a second grade student at Deep Branch Montessori School was winner in the 1996 NC Youth Authors Project held during the month of November. His work was submitted to the state competition held during January.

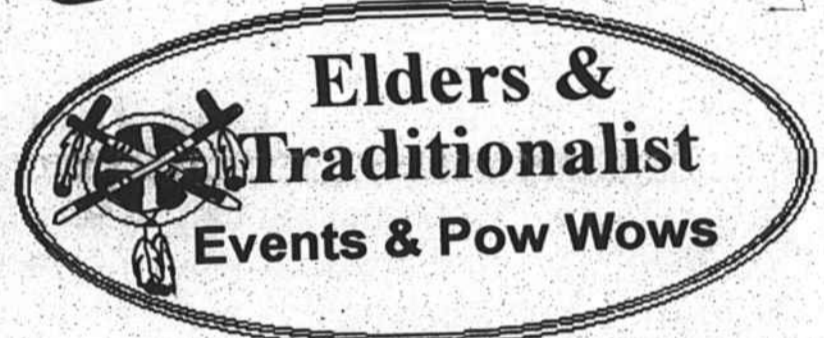
Matthew is the son of Keith and Kristin Locklear of Lumberton and is a student of Ms. Tonya Locklear at Deep Branch.

## National Tap Ensemble to perform

\* The internationally renowned National Tap Dance Ensemble will perform Tops in Taps: An American tradition in Red Springs at the Flora Macdonald Academy on Saturday, February 10, 1996 at 8 p.m. Tickets are 43 and will be available at the door. From minstrel show steps to Harlem Jazz to the electronic techno tap (made famous by Gregory Hines in the film "Tap"). Tops in taps simply dances the 150-year history of tap in the United States.

The company's dancers come from throughout the United States and reflect a broad range of styles at the highest levels. Featured in this show are Artistic Director and master dancer Chris Belliou, Cassandra Baker, and Chester Whitmore, who has been described as one of the "most versatile and knowledgeable tap artist of the new generation." Performing with the group is distinguished jazz trombonist Calvin Jones who has played with many of the greatest names in jazz, including Duke Ellington, Count Basie and the Ray Charles Band.

Tops in taps is an evening of dance, audience involvement and reverie, and features some of today's best performers. Touted as "The truest, most energizing tap company on this planet," the National Tap Ensemble's program is sponsored by the red Springs Arts Council, and is supported by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council. For additional information, call (910) 843-5312 or 843-4520.



(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, singing, 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.



## Pembroke Elementary PTA has successful year

The Pembroke Elementary School PTA has been very productive this school year. Under the direction of Mr. Patrick Bullard, PTA President, the PTA has sponsored a variety of incentives for the children. The most recent event took place on January 12, 1996. Eighteen children were transported by limousine to Pizza Hut. These children dined on pizza with the principal, Ms. Verdia Deese, and the assistant principal, Mr. Kelly Sanderson. The children and faculty of Pembroke Elementary would like to thank the PTA for a job well done.