

Swett High Happenings

PSHS students assisted chorus teacher, Ms. Ellen Jackson, in painting her chorus room. While working, they had fun and lots of laughs. Students who assisted included Billy Chavis, Reynica Casanova, William Trice, graduate of 97, James Keith Oxendine and Spencer McDougal.

Purnell Swett High Agriculture Department advisors, Dixon Britt and Jennings Bullard, attended the state FFA Convention in Raleigh, a Livestock Association meeting and educational seminar at the Joe Troxell farm in Hoke County and the summer Workforce Development Conference in Greensboro for a week. The State FFA Convention was held June 13, 14 and 15 with a team consisting of Natula Lowry, Lester Locklear, Tamer Lowry and Brandon Dwight Locklear. Natula was recognized at the Proficiency Award Banquet at the McKimmon Center for her SAE in Small Animal Care. She was awarded 3rd place in the state and received a plaque and \$50.00.

Approximately 150 local teachers of the year gathered in Research Triangle Park June 23-24 for the Fourth Annual Teacher of the Year Symposium. Susan Blackman the 1995-1996 Teacher of the Year from the Public Schools of Robeson County school system, was one of the participants. Blackman is an assistant principal at Purnell Swett High School.

The symposium gives the teacher leaders the opportunity to establish a teacher network and to build links to state education policymakers. These teachers also

had an opportunity to share strategies for effective teaching.

The keynote speaker of the event included Sharon Draper, the 1997 National Teacher of the year.

Each local teacher was honored at a luncheon and presented with a certificate of appreciation from state superintendent, Michael Ward.

Susan Blackman, Kim Branch, and Felicia Hunt attended the N.C. teacher academy at Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N.C. July 13-18.

The major emphasis of the program was integrating technology into classroom instruction.

The US Army gave an appreciation dinner to the faculty and staff on August 6th with Major Augustine Vendetti, welcoming everyone.

Recognized at the dinner was Terry Deese and Steven Josey. Mr. Deese was the recruiter for PSHS for two years and will be leaving for Korea. Steven Josey will replace Mr. Deese and take over all responsibilities Deese previously had.

Captain Twylla Willis, Fayetteville Recruiting Company commander, also greeted everyone and expressed her appreciation to the faculty and staff for their support of the armed services. She also stressed the importance of students taking the ASVAB test and how it improves SAT test-taking skills and how students are able to acquire college money up to \$40,000 to enter college.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the following people at

the dinner: Major Augustine Vendetti, Sgt. Maj. Bernie Razor, Wesley Revels, Nelia Crain, Roxanne Hunt, Sabrina Dew, Cindy Oxendine, Dennis Watts, Betsy Bailey, and Felicia Hunt.

P.S.H.S. Welcomes New Teachers: James Benning - social studies, Barbara Bullard - exceptional children, Johnny Bullard - exceptional children, M.D. Coleman - weight training, Scarlet Duncan - math, Sue Graham - business, Steve Hagen - P.E., Stacy Hinson - home economics, Larry Knowels - P.E., Kim Lawson - English, Connie Locklear - math, James Locklear - assistant principal, Joseph Locklear - exceptional children, Kim Locklear - English, Peggy Lowery - exceptional children, Andy McCormick - SMR coordinator, Anita Oxendine - exceptional children, Ann Smith - English, Tommy Tilson - SMR coordinator, Wenona Hinderson - math, Jack Carter - English, Foreign exchange student, Lukas Juda, from Orlova Lulync, Czech Republic, has joined the Rams. Juda is a junior and his host parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Locklear of Maxton, NC.

The Rams varsity football team participated in the Battle of the Border against Pageland and was defeated with a score of 14-7. Coach M.D. Coleman states, "I was pleased with our team speed and the fact that they fought hard at the end of the game to come back. We should have beaten them by two touchdowns at least, but penalties and inexperience beat us. As soon as we eliminate our mistakes, we will start surprising a lot of teams."

The Rams played their first official football game August 29th defeating the Westover Wolverines with a score of 12-10. Rashawn McKoy dashed 88 yards and made the touchdown which won the game within the last seconds.

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The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's organization presented a scholarship to Heather Locklear who plans to attend UNC Pembroke this fall. The scholarship was presented in honor of Mrs. Grace Epps, who was a member of the Pembroke BPW and dedicated her life to education as a teacher and later as an elementary supervisor. Shown left to right: Mae Locklear, mother; Heather Locklear; Carlton Locklear, father; Leona Locklear; Kathy Epps; and front, James Adam Locklear.

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US Army Recruiter Terry Deese, top right; Steve Josey, bottom left, and Cpt. Twylla Willis, bottom right presented the PSHS faculty and staff certificates of appreciation. Top left, Cynthia Sweat, Sgt. Phillip Bynum, Sgt. Major Bernie Razor, Roxanne Hunt, Betsy Bailey, Sabrina Dew, Maj, Augustine Vendetti, Nelia Crain, Felicia Hunt and Wesley Revels.



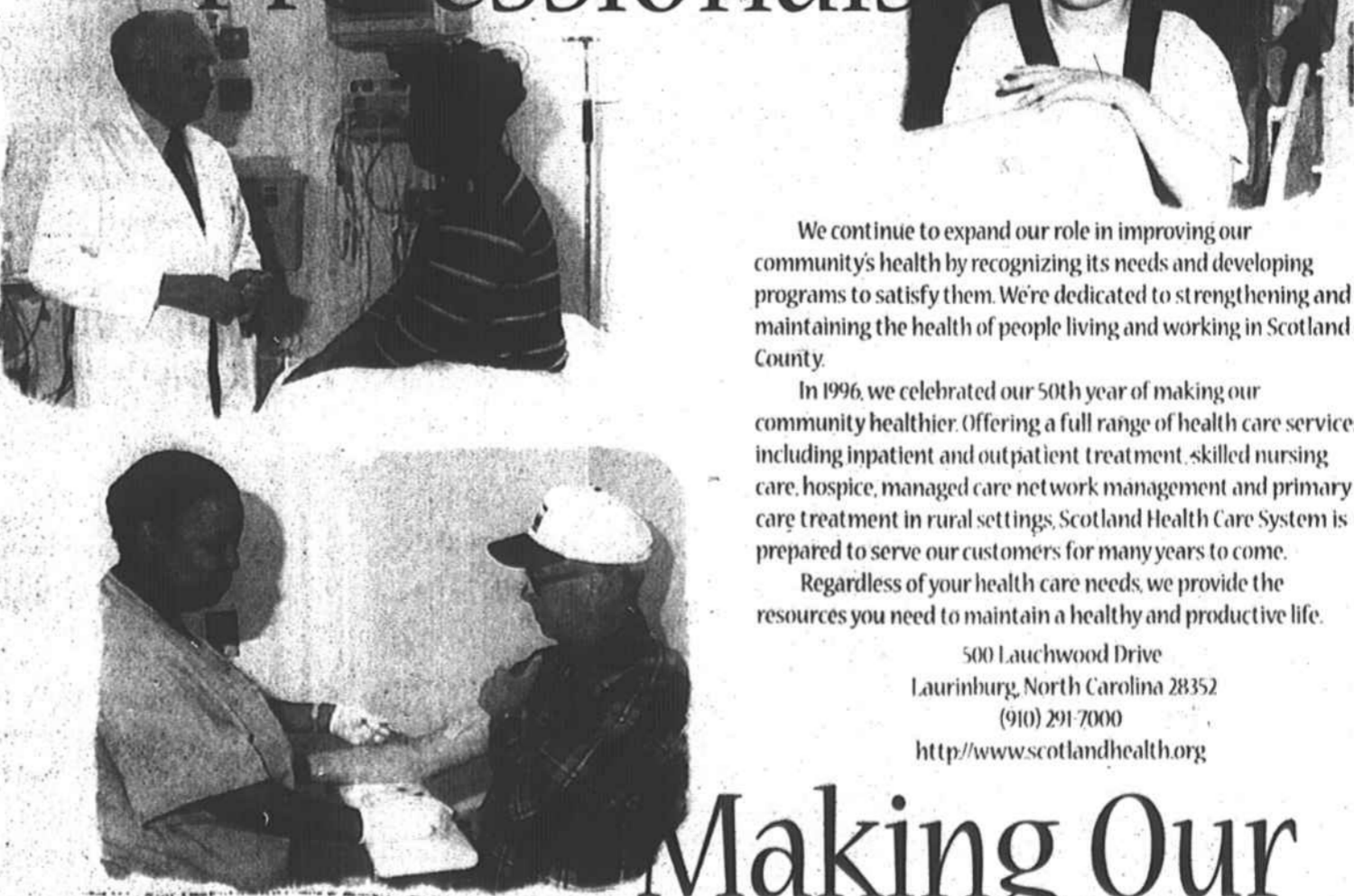
The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's organization presented scholarships to Lorie Ann Lamb and Heather Locklear. Not picture is Marca Groves. Left to right: JoAnn Locklear, Foundation Chavis; Lorie Ann Lamb; Heather Locklear and past Pembroke BPW President Yvonne Barnes Dial.

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