

**POSITION VACANCY**  
**Robeson Community College**  
**Secretary to Economic Development/Occupational Extension/Community Services**

Minimum academic qualifications required: Associate Degree in Business related programs from an accredited institution. Must be proficient with microcomputers and be able to key a minimum of 45 words per minute.

Performing clerical duties, answering telephones and handling inquiries about classes, typing materials, maintenance and preparation of records and reports, registration of classes, excellent communication, interpersonal and public relations skills required. Evening work and occasional Saturday work required.

Application form, official transcripts of all post secondary education, three (3) letters of reference, and any other supporting documentation must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. November 7, 1997.

Further information contact  
**V.P. for Personnel Services**  
**Robeson Community College**  
**PO Box 1420**  
**Lumberton, NC 28359**  
**(910) 738-7101, ext. 142 or ext. 185.**

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**Job Vacancy**  
 Robeson County Solid Waste Department has the following job vacancy:

**Job Title:** Heavy Equipment Operator II

**Annual Salary:** \$20,832

**Examples of Duties:** Under general supervision, performs lead worker and semi-skilled work in operating and maintaining motorized heavy equipment used in the disposal of refuse at the County landfill. Work involves operating compactors, bulldozers, front end loaders, graders, and backhoes to spread, pack, and cover refuse and debris. Employee is also responsible for training, assisting and advising Heavy Equipment Operator I personnel. Reports to Assistant Solid Waste Director.

**Qualifications:** Graduation from high school and 1 to 2 years of experience in operating heavy equipment or mechanical maintenance work; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. Must have or obtain a CDL License within seven working days after being hired.

**Application can be obtained at:** Robeson County Administration Building, Human Resources Office, 701 North Elm Street, Lumberton, NC. (910) 671-3016. Applications will be accepted from 8:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. through Tuesday, November 4, 1997. The job description is available for review in the Human Resources Office. **Robeson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

**Job Announcement**

**Position:** Community Based Alternatives Counselor

**General Statement of Duties:** Performs professional work in organizing, developing, and implementing a community-based approach to working with at-risk youth in the community to better their self-esteem, personal attitudes, and community involvement. This position will work with youth ages 7-16 years of age that live within the developments of the Pembroke Housing Authority. This individual will establish recreational and cultural programs as prevention activities for the at-risk youth that will improve their effectiveness in school and family relationships.

**Salary:** Commensurate with education and experience.

**Requirements and Qualifications:** Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university with major course work in recreation, physical education, art, music, social work, or a related field. Excellent oral and written communication skills. Valid North Carolina Drivers License (CDL license preferred). Client tracking experience preferred. Supervisory experience preferred.

**Application Deadline:** on or before 4:00 p.m. November 26, 1997.

Interested applicants should submit a resume with cover letter to Pembroke Housing Authority, Post Office Box 910, Pembroke, NC 28372.

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**Reflections**

Last time, under "Taking a Break," I said that, when I was growing up, it took me all day to clean house on Saturday, so I never had time to play. "I learned to hate housework. And I felt sorry for myself."

Now I believe in taking breaks.

**Birthday Celebration**

For my 70th birthday Wanda Kay and Jeff gave me a nice party at their house. Besides Jeff's family, we invited a few of the many friends who have come to mean so much to me since I came to Robeson County in 1956.

My daughter, son-in-law, and the Hunt family went together (as on other occasions) to serve a delicious meal. There were two special cakes. "Miss Elsie", Jeff's mother, furnished a pound cake. Her sister, Darlene, brought her specialty, a many-layered yellow-cake-with-chocolate icing.

In place of gifts or expensive cards I had suggested 70 pennies (one for each of my years) or a dollar bill, to add to a special fund to get a new printer or have my old one repaired.

Earlier, friends at First Methodist had helped me start a printer fund. At the party one friend brought 178 pennies. The children helped me count them into a little plastic pail.

I got the idea from Mother. Children at her church enjoyed counting pennies as she dropped them into the birthday bank, when she was in her 80s and 90s.

I also received several practical

gifts. And some beautiful cards, now on display along with "Sister" ones from my two brothers.

What a coincidence it was that, aside from the pennies, the people at the party gave me the exact amount of money I had received at the church!

**Printer Problems**

In 1993 while staying with Mother, I ordered a refurbished laptop computer and tiny printer combo from the Excel Company. While I was still learning to operate the two machines, the company went out of business. But my brother Russ had taken computer classes after he (like so many others) was "let go" from a job he had had for decades.

When Russ came to Montana for the 1993 family reunion, he helped me master my "new" Toshiba hardware, along with the Microsoft software.

For three years both the computer and printer kept working well. It was great to be able to type my "Reflections" and "Pageville" columns on the computer, then send my printout copy to the Indian Voice or Madisonian office. During the past

year I even managed to get bold, letter-quality print from the little printer.

But then, last spring, the battery quit. And so did my printer! I've felt frustrated ever since. It has seemed harder to get my "Reflections" out of my head and onto paper.

Mother had called my computer a "toy." But to me it became a helpful tool. Now it's like having electricity or running water. We manage to get along okay without it until we discover how much easier life is with it. Then it seems hard to go back to the old way!

So I was thrilled to get my wonderful two part birthday present, a fund a new printer. After the party I felt more cheerful than for a long time.

(More later)

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**Pembroke Kiwanis Report**

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the New Jade Garden Chinese Restaurant, with Brian Brooks Presiding.

Program Chairman Ray Lowry Presented Mr. Phil Locklear, Native American grew-up here and has worked on the Alaskan Pipe Line for the past nineteen years. His home is in the City of North Pole, Alaska. He said he went through 75 degree below zero weather one time but it will get up to 90 degrees in the summer time. He said the oil in the pipe line is 107 degrees all the time and people can grow gardens around it. The Pipe-Line runs 800 miles to Valdez from the oil fields. Mr. Locklear left here in 1977 and has worked in one of the ten pump stations plus running a refinery. Mrs. Locklear wanted to go to Alaska; so when they went, the Alaskan highway was very rough and slow, 30 miles an hour was as fast as they were able to travel. Now it is all paved and you can go 65 miles an hour, for the 1,534 miles. They went to Fairbanks. Some wells have pressure to run the oil through the line but sea water is used for pressure, to pump

the oil out of the ground. 2.2 million barrels are pumped daily. A barrel is 43 gallons. The tanks are huge, the size of a football field. This is called a "gathering station". Jet engines run the pumps, there are three in a row. Each has it's own generator so storms can't stop the running of the pumps. Each station has pressures from 13 pounds to 1300 pounds. If you have a pump failure you have a problem. The line must be cleaned out. The "Pig", is used to scrape out the line. It is 48 inches long, but the "super pig", is several feet long with very sensitive electronic devices that can detect the smallest dent or bullet hole in the pipe, telling the condition of the pipe. Mr. Locklear worked in the Control room. There are five docks at Valdez handling five ships. Most oil goes to the U.S. There are no taxes in Alaska so each person receives a check from the Pipe Line operation, it is a dividend check. People have airplanes because that is the only way to get around in the winter time. Mr. Phil plans on going back. Charter night is next week. Wives and friends are invited to come.

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