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Barbara Collins Goins Seeks Election to EMC Board

Barbara Collins Goins of Shannon has announced her bid for an at-large position on the Board of Directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation. Goins, a working wife and mother, feels that she has much experience in decision making and could make a difference on the EMC Board.

The daughter of Redell and Evelyn Collins of Shannon, Goins is married to Retired SFC Donnie L. Goins and they have five sons. Her husband, a licensed heating and air conditioning contractor is supportive of his wife's efforts to be elected to the EMC board.

Goins is employed with the Department of Defense, Fort Bragg, NC and has been employed there for eleven years. She was appointed by the Readiness Business Center to serve on the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee at Fort Bragg.

A seasoned traveler, Goins feels that her exposure to other cultures and ideas will be an asset on the board of directors of EMC. "We live in a world of diversity," Goins said. "The area served by our local EMC is rich in diverse cultures and continues to grow. My exposure to other lands and cultures can only help as our EMC continues to grow and expand our service area."

In making her announcement, Goins made the following statement:

"Since returning to my native Robeson County, I have been very active in community and civic affairs. I have thought long and hard about my decision to seek election to the EMC board. I believe that I can be an asset and offer competent and efficient representation on that board. I realize that the operation of our local EMC is big business and as such requires sound fiscal management and decision making. I can be a very worthwhile contributing representative and help establish policy for the continued smooth operation of our cooperative."

"As a working wife and mother, I understand the importance of budgeting and the necessity of practicing good fiscal decision making. Both these concepts are necessary to operate a multi-million dollar corporation such as our cooperative. Through the years I have gained expertise in various areas, such as budgeting and administrative techniques. I understand the role of a board of directors and the policy and decision making required to operate successfully. On the other hand, I also understand the obligation the board and management has to the owners-consumers who are the members of EMC."

"With these thoughts in mind, I

have decided to offer my service to the members of the EMC. If I am elected October 19, I will work diligently and honestly and will be fair to the consumers in all decisions that I make."

Goins has traveled extensively and served in various capacities and positions. Her travels and assignments include service a Registrar, Federal Republic of Germany, Department of Defense; the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) Forces Europe, Directorate of Contracting; Kansas City, KS, Federal Employed Women's Conference; and the Performance Base Action and Litigation inn New Orleans, LA.

Goins has earned many awards and honors, including the 1995 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Award; served as Chairperson of the Native American Heritage Program at Fort Bragg for the past five years; named to Who's Who Among Professional Women 1997; Chairperson, Adopting a Needy Family at Fort Bragg, NC for the past three years; and received a letter of appreciation from the Community Activity Business Center, Fort Bragg, NC 1999.

The election will be held at the Performing Arts Center at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke on October 19, 1999 with registration beginning at 6 p.m.



Barbara Collins Goins

Purnell Swett High News

The Purnell Swett FFA would like to recognize the new officers for 99/00 school year.

President Jessica Lowery
Vice President John B. Locklear
Secretary Valen Rogers
Treasurer Latasha Jacobs
Reporter Eric T. Locklear
Sentinel Nakisha Lowery

The FFA has many fun and exciting events planned for this school year. Students will attend the Regional Leadership school at The N.C. FFA Center at White Lake on Thursday, September 9th. They will develop leadership skills through a series of classes conducted by state and Regional FFA officers.

Members will also participate in the Robeson County Fair, October 4-9 with an educational booth, manning a bicycle give-away with the Goodness Grows in North Carolina Booth, assist in judging the Chicken Bog Cook-off and participate in the Truck and Driving Contest.

October will be a busy month as students will also travel to the State Fair and compete in the Area VII Environmental at the Lumber River State Park. Many other activities are planned throughout the year.

Hurricane Floyd passes through the Carolinas leaving devastation in path

By Vinita Maynor-Clark

Early Thursday morning the Carolinas had an unwelcome visit from Hurricane Floyd. Packing winds over 120 miles an hour, a category four hurricane when it made land fall, Hurricane Floyd came in a manner that no one will soon forget. Over 20 inches of rain soaked the Carolinas within a matter of hours, causing people to lose their homes, personal belongings, pets, livestock and crops which is estimated to amount to billions of dollars of damage. There are an estimated 147,000 households with major damage in our area alone. The death total stands at 23 and is climbing as many people are still missing.

Mr. Addison Strickland, a resident at Sampson's Rest Home in the Philadelphia Community is one of the persons that is listed as missing. However, he wandered away from the rest home several days before Hurricane Floyd came ashore. To this day there has been no trace of him and the search has been called off.

One man was found dead in the attic of his home as he tried to get away from the flooding waters. Another visited his home to get some clothes by canoe. When he came upon his home and looked in through where a window was one located, the only thing that he could say was "Oh, my God!"

Over 1.5 million households were left without power for several days after Floyd came ashore. Robeson County along with 25 other counties were declared a State of Emergency by North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt. A Presidential declaration of disaster was issued by President Bill Clinton this week for 66 counties in North Carolina. Across the state there are currently 48 Red Cross Shelters open with a population of over 10,200 residents who cannot return home or have no where to go. The Salvation Army currently has 30 mobile kitchens active in the 17 hardest hit counties. The Red Cross has 66 mobile feeding vendors deployed at this time. More than 295 roads in North Carolina alone were shut down. At this time 133,230 homes and businesses remain without power. The United States Coast Guard has rescued over 400 people. National animal rescue organizations are in the area rescuing pets from flooded area.

The city of Lumberton was devastated as there was only one gas station working on Thursday morning. Highway 211 was closed due to flooding. The Mayfair, Hestertown and other communities had to be evacuated, which meant that close to 100 families had to seek shelter somewhere else. Even the parking lot at the local Wal-Mart and other local stores were flooded. Both the building and parking lot of Fuller's Restaurant were flooded. Water in the building was up to the tops of the tables where the customers sit. All of Fuller's kitchen appliances were

mostly under water Thursday morning. The management of Fuller's along with friends and family set forth on the task of cleaning up the mess left by Hurricane Floyd. Fuller's is planning to reopen later in the week.

Both passengers and drivers had to be extra careful in all of the towns as there were no working stoplights within their city limits. Many houses could not be reached for the flooding waters of the Lumber River. You could see people in their canoes, sitting on their porches or even on the roof of their home, their cars and trucks ruined, standing up to their windshield in muddy water. Many homemade plank bridges that were used to gain access to property collapsed.

The number of homes in our area were too many to count that had trees smashed through and portions of their roof missing. Trees that were over 100 years old toppled at the force of Floyd's mighty winds. Many trees collapsed in groups of three or more. Many residents especially in the Tarboro area of the state lost everything. Several mobile homes had their roofs blown off and were located in a nearby field. Some residents who live in rental housing do not qualify for Federal Assistance due to the fact they do not own the residence where they live. Many owners of these residences do not have insurance on their property. I could not count the number of trees as there appeared to be one in every other yard. Downed trees with power lines entangled proved to be dangerous. One neighbor stood out in the road with his flashlight to keep those driving from hitting the ditch. While he left to take a shower and change clothes there were three cars that hit the ditch. Ms. Mary Richardson of Lumberton at the Flea Market on U.S. HWY 74 Flea Market had a table of free clothes as she was trying to make a difference to the hurricane victims.

During an interview on national television Governor James B. Hunt stated that over half of the state of North Carolina roads had to be shut down and that the eastern part of the state was devastated by the hurricane. He made a plea on national television for assistance from the American people "Hurricane Floyd has devastated the state of North Carolina and we are calling on those that can to help."

The Carolina Indian Voice is sponsoring a Gift Certificate drive for the victims of Hurricane Floyd. Stores in the area that will accept the Gift Certificates are: Wal-Mart, K Mart, JC Penny, Belks, Cato's, Winn-Dixie, Lowe's, Home Depot and Food Lion. These gift certificates will be given to those who are in need and who are going to fall through cracks when it comes to Federal Assistance. Some of them will be used to buy shelter residents who have nothing left but the clothes on their backs, a change of clothes, formula and diapers. See Cookie's Corner for details on how you can help.

Ram Singers Participated UNC-Pembroke Day

The "Singing Rams" and "Ram Singers" gave an outstanding performance at UNCP - Pembroke Day on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

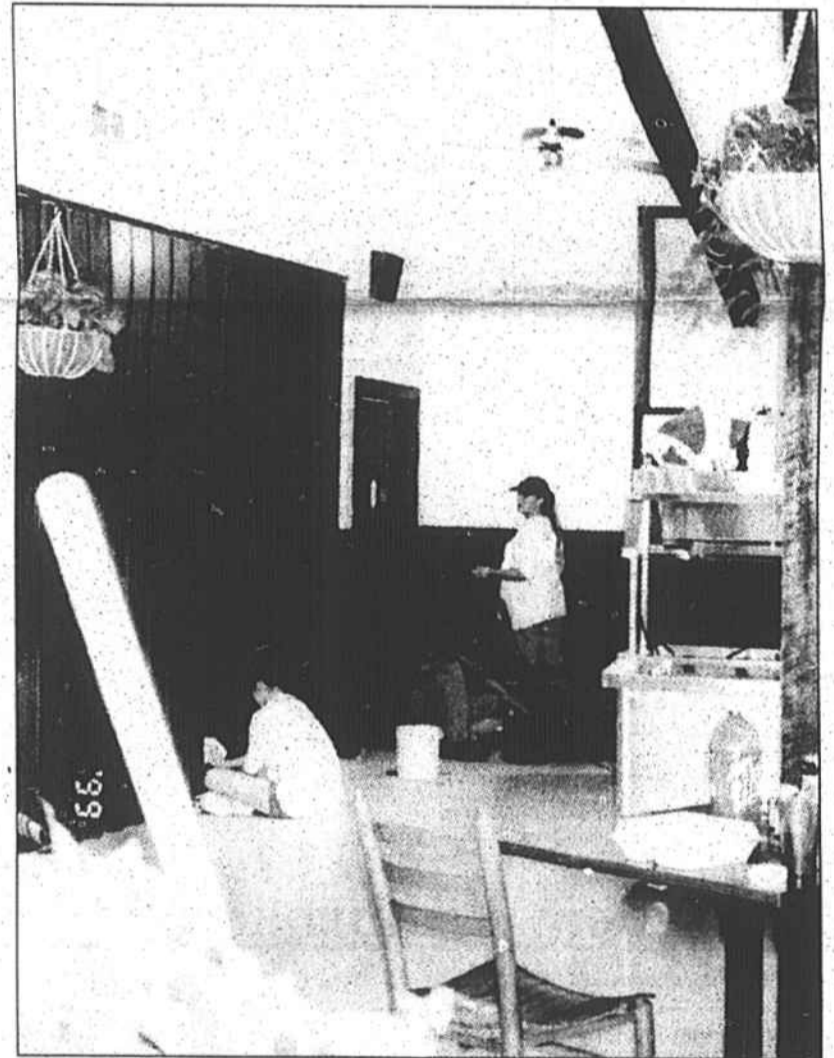
The students sang six selections and Ms. Nina Chavis, a former Ram singer has been teaching the chorus the sign language to several selections.

Ms. Chavis graciously signed as Jessica Hunt accompanied the Chorus on flutes.

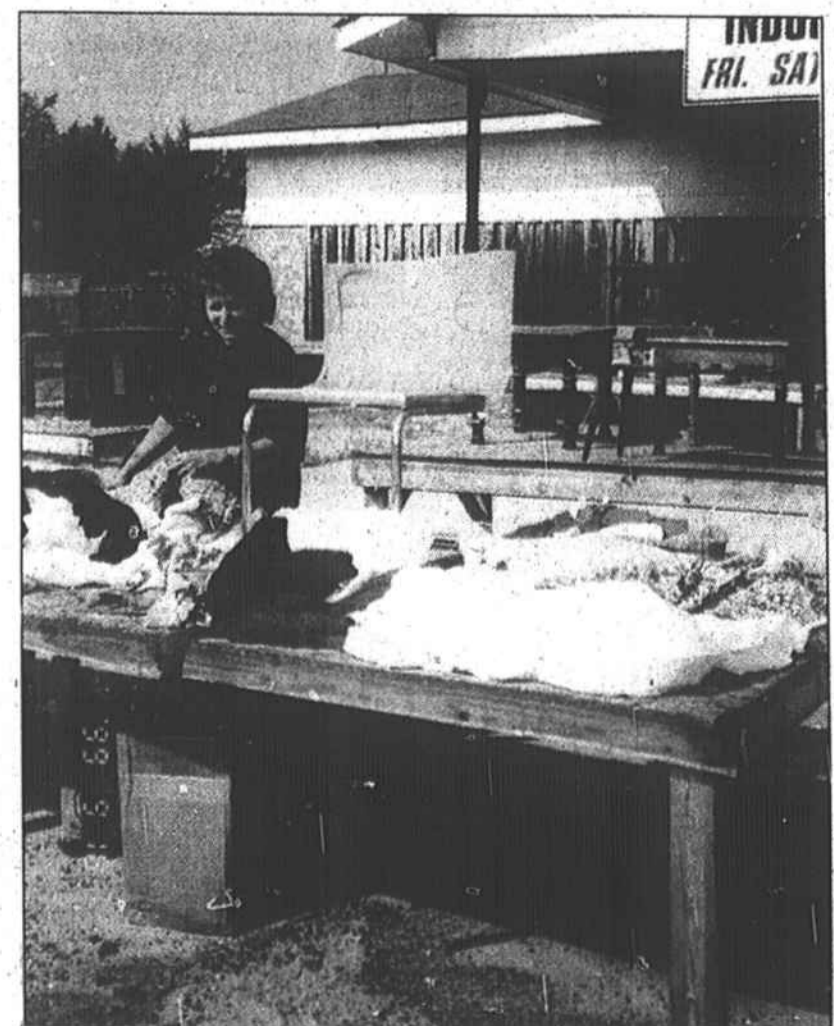
The performance was well received and Ms. Jackson is very appreciative of all the effort the performers put into their program as well as the exemplary behavior shown by all throughout the day.



(Hurricane photographs by Vinita Maynor-Clark)



The owner along with handful of friends clean up the interior damage from Hurricane Floyd at Fuller's Restaurant in Lumberton.



Mary Richardson made the difference in the lives of many people Saturday as she gives out free clothes to those in need at the local flea market, located on U.S. 74.



This mobile home and house suffered major damage from Hurricane Floyd. Both are located on the Pine Log Road.