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Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear Announces Bid for Re-election to Board of Education



Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear has announced his candidacy for re-election for a second term on the Board of Education (At-large position) for the Public Schools of Robeson County. Locklear is the owner and operator of Sunshine Learning Center in Pembroke. He and his wife, Doris, reside in

the Prospect Community. Their daughter, Jessica, is a senior at Purnell Swett High School.

He is a member and Sunday School Teacher at Galilee Baptist Church.

In making his announcement, Locklear made the following statement: "Serving the past four years as your representative has been a very rewarding experience for me. Our students have made significant increases in reading, writing, math and SAT test scores; positive leadership changes have occurred in Principalships and in other Administrative positions; millions of dollars for new construction of classrooms and other needed facilities have been approved; and our system continues to operate on a sound fiscal budget."

"We are moving in a positive

direction, and I would like to see us continue to move that way. Our children deserve no less than the best we can offer."

"If I am re-elected as your public servant, I am committed to continue to work for the best interests of all our children and citizens. I will continue to use a student-oriented, common sense approach to problem solving and policy making. Thinking students and what is best for our children before solutions can be sought for problems or new plans are developed."

"Locklear states that one area of concern he has is recruiting and retaining qualified teachers; therefore, he supports an increase in teacher supplements."

I sincerely solicit your continued support in my bid for re-election on May 2."



Rep. Ron Sutton has announced his bid for re-election to the North Carolina House of Representatives, District 85. In making his announcement, Rep. Sutton released the following statement. It is with tremendous pride that I officially announce my filing on January 7th for a fifth term in the North Carolina House of Repre-

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sentatives. Representing part of Robeson and Hoke Counties, I am presently part of a highly cooperative and productive local legislative delegation team.

I wish to thank my wife Genny and all my family for their support. Additionally, I want to thank all my loyal and dedicated supporters that have displayed their trust in me for the past several years. I again ask for their support.

I appreciate the confidence the voters have shown in me in the past and I have tried diligently to serve all my constituents in the best possible manner.

In an environment where seniority is paramount, my longevity has resulted in assignment to numerous key positions. I serve on all House transportation related

committees and a review of our region will show a tremendous increase in highway improvements in recent years. One of my first projects was the widening of Prospect Road in front of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Other examples are the stoplight and turn lanes on Hwy. 710 and Deep Branch Road and turn lanes at the Saint Annah intersection on Prospect Road. There are other improvements throughout the region I have sponsored.

As chairman of a powerful House Judiciary Committee, I have contributed significantly to statewide lawmaking. Currently I am co-chairing a committee to study various aspects of the death penalty.

Service in the General Assembly is time consuming and takes its toll on my law practice on Union Chapel Road in Pembroke, however it is highly rewarding. The satisfaction I get in helping my constituents overshadows the time and expense I have to dedicate to service in Raleigh.

There are critical challenges ahead for the next term. In 2001 we must redraw district lines for Congress and the General Assembly following the 2000 census. Something must be done to meet the funding needs of our outstanding university system. Our community colleges and public schools are also moving forward but must continue to be adequately funded.

Our community still has a lot of road and highway needs and although many are on the drawing board, we must make sure they stay on the front burner.

This is a critical time for southeastern North Carolina. We are experiencing a significant loss of jobs and plant closings. Money is tight. Our friends in northeastern North Carolina have experienced a devastating flood and we must share in the cost of rebuilding. It is going to affect all of us.

Our local education system locally is improving while statewide it is in a state of flux. We have made major strides in teacher pay but have been unable to fund needed pay hikes for all state employees.

Many of our local projects are moving forward and I will continue to fight for funds in the future especially in a time when money is extremely tight.

The Southeastern Farmers Market, N.C. Indian Cultural Center and the Economic Development Center at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke still need money and it will take aggressive action to get them fully funded.

I pledge to you my continued efforts to do the best I can for the people of District 85 in Robeson and Hoke Counties. My district office door, located at my law office at 208 Union Chapel Road in Pembroke, remains open and I encourage your visit anytime I can be of assistance.

Scotland Health Care System's Prenatal program receives \$187,060 grant from Duke Endowment

Scotland Health Care System is pleased to announce it has been awarded a \$187,060 grant from The Duke Endowment. This grant provides assistance in the expansion of a prenatal care program at two Scotland Health Care System rural clinics. The staffs of Rowland and Wagram Family Practice Centers join the Maxton, Pembroke and McColl Family Practice Centers in providing high-quality, cost-effective prenatal care.

"Providing OB/Gyn services at our family practice centers makes sense," said Greg Wood, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Being able to provide services such as this, close to the patients who need it most, is part of the Health Care System's mission statement. Since the inception of the prenatal program at the Centers, we have substantially decreased the number of obstetric patients presenting at Scotland Memorial Hospital Labor and Delivery with no record of or no prenatal care."

The Duke Endowment grant is for two years and adds a social worker and administrative assistant to the existing prenatal program. "The success of the program at Maxton made it clear that

this is an effective approach to providing prenatal care," said Eugene W. Cochrane Jr., vice president and director of the health care division of The Duke Endowment. "We are happy that Scotland Health Care System is taking the initiative of expanding these services to additional sites, and we are pleased to be able to make this grant."

One of the issues with prenatal care is transportation and coordination of care. This grant also provides funding for the purchase of a van to offer transportation services to take prenatal patients to hospital appointments. In addition, two portable ultrasound machines will be purchased to provide on-site service at all five of the Centers.

The hiring of a Social Worker, Case Manager and an Administrative Assistant bring added support to the Wagram and Rowland Centers. With the assistance of a case manager, someone to navigate through the health care maze for patients, the coordination of services will improve and will enable people to get the care they need. The role of the Administrative Assistant is to support the Indigent Medications Program. This ser-

vice will help generate thousands of dollars of free medications for patients each month.

Scotland Health Care System's partnership with the OB/Gyn physicians and certified nurse midwives is very strong. A nurse midwife provides care at the Pembroke and McColl Centers. This grant will allow a family nurse practitioner to provide prenatal service at Wagram, Maxton and Rowland.

"As this community's health care system, we take our mission of making our community healthier very seriously," continued Wood. "In 1997, we were fortunate to receive a two-year \$30,000 grant from The Duke Endowment to develop a prenatal care program at the Maxton Family Practice Center. This project grew out of an overwhelming need for services for women of childbearing age and their children." Because of the overwhelming success at Maxton, services were added to the Pembroke and McColl Family Practice Centers in 1999. "Our arrangement with our two OB/Gyn groups to provide prenatal care on a rotating basis has been more successful than we could have imagined. We

are pleased that we can now offer prenatal services through our five rural practice centers." In each of these five practices, over seventy-five (75) percent of the prenatal patients are Medicaid recipients or have no third party health coverage. The population is at high risk for teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and abuse and neglect. "Offering prenatal care to the women in these communities has the potential to make significant positive inroads in outcomes," commented Wood.

Established in 1924 by North Carolina industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is one of the nation's largest private foundations. It serves the people of North Carolina and South Carolina by supporting selected programs of higher education, health care, children's welfare, and spiritual life. The Endowment awarded more than \$71 million grants in 1998, and has awarded more than \$1.4 billion since 1924.

For more information about prenatal care at one of Scotland Health Care System's family practice centers, call the Marketing Department at 910/291-7550.

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics to Sponsor Annual Pow Wow

The Native American Club, Akwe:kon, at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics will be hosting our ninth annual powwow on Saturday, February 19, 2000. We are hoping for lots of good singing and dancing as well as displays of Indian arts and crafts. Grand Entry for dancers will be at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Our building, the Physical Education Center, will open at 9:00 am. We would like to invite you to join us for this occasion. Please help us spread the word!

Our host drum this year will be Red Wolf from Hollister, NC. We are sure to have some fine singing in the Northern Plains tradition from this renowned group of singers. We anticipate that Red Wolf will be joined by several other drums, both Southern and North-

ern, so that we will have lots of variety in our music.

We are excited this year to have a group of outstanding Native Americans join us as our head staff. Tony Locha Clark, Lumbee, from Pembroke, NC, will be serving as our Master of Ceremonies. Osceola Red Shirt, representing the Oglala Lakota, will be serving as Head Man Dancer. Genevieve Red Shirt, representing the Rosebud Lakota and Taino people, will be the Head Lady Dancer. John Locklear will be representing the Lumbee-Cheraw as our Head Boy Dancer. Brittany Anstead, from the Haliwa Saponi tribe, will be our Head Girl Dancer.

The School of Science and Math is a residential school for eleventh and twelfth grade students from throughout North Carolina who

show particular talent and potential in the areas of science and math. We would like to make our school better known in North Carolina's Indian communities. This is one of the major purposes of our powwow. We hope that through such efforts, we can attract more Indian students to apply to our school. We also want to make the point that once Native American students enroll in the School of Science and Math, they will find a supportive atmosphere as well as other Indian students interested in the advancement of their people and their culture.

So, come join us on the 19th of February and contribute to the good time. If you would like more information on the powwow or on our school, please feel free to call 919-286-3366.



Grant Youngblood

Lumberton native tours as an opera singer

Grant Youngblood has been creating a ruckus in the opera world.

Described as a "tall dashing baritone with a robust sound and ringing top notes," the 37 year old was born in Lumberton, N.C. has performed in many of the most prestigious opera theaters, and concert halls such as Carnegie Hall, New York City, Baltimore Opera, and Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. Youngblood made his mainstage debut with the San Francisco Opera last January. His performance as "Sharpless" in Madame Butterfly earned him critical

acclaim.

He majored in computer science in college, but because of his love for music and the arts, he evolved into an opera singer.

Youngblood's schedule for the year 2000 includes a Japan tour as "Escamillo" in Carmen. He will also appear in concert in Durham N.C. during February as "Carmena" in Burana.

Youngblood is the son of Marie Revels Young and Dewey Young. His grandparents are Lizer Jane Revels, the late Willie French Revels, and the late John and Laura Young.

Public Hearings Scheduled on Issue of Government

The Public Opinion and Communications Committee of the Lumbee Self-Determination Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing on the following dates for the purpose of determining what type of government, if any, the Lumbee People wish to form as their tribal government. The Hearing will provide the Lumbee People a forum to express their views and opinions about a tribal government. Each Hearing will begin at 7:00

p.m. South Robeson High School, January 24. Fairmont High School, January 31. Prospect Elementary School, February 21. Magnolia Elementary School, February 28.

At each Hearing, a detailed explanation of the objectives of the Lumbee Self-Determination Commission will be given and the importance of the Lumbee Peoples' opinion is to the process of implementing these objectives.

Hospice Orientation program set for new volunteers

Hospice of Robeson will hold an orientation program for new volunteers on Monday, February 28 at 7 p.m. at Health Horizons, 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. The public is cordially invited to attend and learn more about Hospice and the services it provides throughout Robeson County for the terminally ill and their families.

attend the eight-part volunteer training course beginning on Feb. 29 and meeting each Tuesday thereafter until April 18 from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Hospice of Robeson Volunteer Coordinator Anne Crain said that volunteers are especially needed in the areas in and around Fairmont, St. Pauls, Pembroke, Maxton, and Rowland.

For more information and a registration application, call Crain at (910)671-5655.

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics Application Deadline is January 3

Durham - The deadline for application to Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics, a statewide program of residential institutes to provide enrichment and research opportunities to academically talented high school students, is January 31.

Application forms, which must be postmarked by January 31, are available from high school guidance counselors. Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics is the nation's largest research-oriented summer program. Approximately 600 students will participate in 2000, according to Sally Adkin, SVSM state coordinator.

A program of the University of North Carolina system and administered by the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, SVSM includes four-week programs at six campus sites during June and July for rising juniors and seniors. No tuition or fees are charged for the program which is beginning its 16th year.

Admission to SVSM is limited to current high school sophomores and juniors whose custodial parents or guardians are legal residents of North Carolina. Students are selected on the basis of academic motivation in science and mathematics, and emotional maturity.



Wendy Moore Cummings and Yvonne Barnes Dial (left) attended a Native American Writers Workshop recently in Nashville, TN. Sharing faith stories along with other Native American across the nation, their works will be published in the ALIVE Magazine in the near future.