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## Felicia Locklear is focal point of Christian love

EVANS CROSSING - Meet Felicia Locklear. She is the object of much affection in her community -- the Evans Crossing Community on Cabinet Shop Road off Highway 74 and throughout Robeson County and beyond. Felicia lives at 1399 Cabinet Shop Road near Maxton, N.C. with her mother Ms. Earline Locklear and her brother Brian.

Felicia, a graduate of Swett High, now 27, suffers severe Scoliosis, and other medical problems including club feet and lungs that do not work at full capacity. She often has to spend a lot of time in the hospital, and recently returned home after a stay of more than six months in the hospital in Chapel Hill. She has made many friends in the hospital there among the staff.

The mobile home she shares with her mother and brother on Cabinet Shop Road is severely cramped for space, and some of the men in the community recently decided to do something about it and began a project to build Felicia an adjoining room and fit it with her special needs, including breathing devices and emergency medical equipment. While in the hospital, Felicia had to have a tracheotomy and is learning how to speak again with a voice box.

The catalyst for pulling together the resources to have the room built and outfitted does not want his name used. He just wants Felicia to have her room and whatever else she needs to be able to live as well as possible.

Many people in the community and beyond have helped with the project, including Clonnie Brayboy who has, more or less, been designated as the unofficial contractor of record. Felicia's church, Antioch Free Will Baptist Church has also expressed much love and many of the members have played

a part in helping build the room for their sister in Christ. Another one who has shown much interest in the project is Mr. Curt Locklear, Proprietor of Pembroke Hardware in Pembroke. Tyrone Locklear has done much of the electrical and plumbing work. Other churches like White Hill, Mt. Hebron, Union Chapel Holiness Methodist Church, Bear Swamp, Sycamore Hill and many others have helped too. And groups like the Friend in Need Foundation and Dial Rest Home have extended a helping hand in various ways.

Felicia is surrounded by a loving family, including maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon (Leola) Locklear and paternal grandmother Sallie Mae Locklear and her Aunt Mary Oxendine who she counts as "my second mother." Her grandmother, Ms. Leola Locklear, calls her "our miracle child."

Felicia graduated from Swett High in 1994, then studied at Robeson Community College until her ailments curtailed her activities. She also taught her self to drive, and drove her own automobile for a short while. Those who know her like her former principal Bill James Brewington remember her as one who "has much determination. Seeing Felicia graduate was one of the greatest moments in my life. I will never forget how everyone stood up and cheered as she walked under her own power across the stage to pick up her diploma."

Her mother, brother, and family and community supporters, thank all those who have helped in any way. If you would like to help with the project, write the Felicia Locklear Building Fund, 1399 Cabinet Shop Road, Maxton, N.C. 28364, or call 910-521-0704 for more information on how you can help.

### My Wish

*I wish I were well  
I am grateful to God  
and have a lot to tell.  
The pain that I have come through...  
I don't know how I made it,  
but God does.  
No matter what I have to face  
I know I can make it  
by His loving grace.  
Sometimes I feel alone  
But knowing there is God  
helps me to go on.  
He's my Lord, Friend, and Guide  
So I know I can make it  
with Him by my side.*

Written by,  
Felicia Locklear

Felicia loves to write.  
This is a poem she  
wishes to share with our  
readers.

Felicia Locklear



## Francis Pinchbeck Receives Distinguished Silver Beaver Award

Francis Pinchbeck, a Pembroke resident, was honored with the Distinguished Silver Beaver Award at the Feb. 24, 2000, Cape Fear Council Recognition Banquet at the Coastline Convention Center in Wilmington.

The award is one of the highest in scouting and is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the Cape Fear Council.

Pinchbeck, nominated by W. D. Oxendine, Executive Board Member and a 1982 Silver Beaver Recipient, is the third family member to receive this award. His father, the late Walter Pinchbeck, one of the legendary scoutmasters in the Council's history, received the award in 1947. His sister, Mary Pinchbeck Teets, retired School Administrator, and longtime member of the Cape Fear Executive Board received the award in 1995.

Pinchbeck, retired USAF, has been involved in scouting for 39 years. He received his Eagle Award in 1965, the Cape Fear Award for the Central District in 1995, and completed his Woodbadge Training in 1995. A lifetime member of the Klahican Lodge

#331 of the O.A., Pinchbeck attended the BSA National Volunteer Leader Training in Philmont, NM in 1996. While serving in the USAF he was a Scout Leader for troops in Fontana, CA. And RAF Mildenhall England. He has served as a Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 27, Pembroke since 1988. For several years Pinchbeck has served on the Central District Round-Up Team and has served as Camporee Chief for the Central District. Since 1994, he has served as a provisional scoutmaster for Camp Bowers.

Present to see her son receive the coveted award was Francis' mother, Mrs. Bertha Pinchbeck. She was also present when her husband and daughter received their awards. Also attending was Pinchbeck's sister, Sandra Bond, of Titusville, FL.

Boy Scout Troop 27 of Pembroke led the Opening Ceremony.

Other recipients were Robin Summerlin, Pres. Front Porch, Elizabethtown; J.H. Corpening, II, District Judge, of Wilmington; and Dr. Michael Queen, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wilmington.



Scouts shown at Ceremony



Francis Pinchbeck, 1999 Silver Beaver Recipient is shown with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Pinchbeck.

## Read Across America Day Celebrated at Pembroke Elementary



Reading volunteers enjoy refreshments in the Pembroke Elementary Media Center. School board member Paul Brooks is shown right. Pembroke Elementary School's students, faculty and staff enjoyed Read Across America Day on Thursday, March 2, 2000 with 39 volunteers (parents, grandparents, local professionals, county officials, UNCP students, and Swett High Students.) The media center was the main location for registration, refreshments, and conversing. Each volunteer was presented with a Read Across America button. The volunteers truly made the celebration a huge success!

## McIntyre Appointed to Special Panel on Terrorism

WASHINGTON, DC - US Representative Mike McIntyre has been appointed to the House Armed Services Committee's new Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism. McIntyre was asked to serve by the Committee's Ranking Member - Representative Ike Skelton of Missouri.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "I am honored to serve on this Special Panel on Terrorism. The vast range of terrorist threats to our country and citizens is serious. We must do all that we can to identify and expunge these potential attacks, so that we can protect our national security interests and welfare. Our men and women in uniform are often on the front lines of defending these threats, and this Special Panel will allow us the opportunity to address terrorism now and into the future."

Eight Republicans and six Democrats have been asked to serve on the Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism. The Chairman of the Panel will be Representative Jim Saxton of New Jersey, while the Ranking Democrat will be Representative Vic Snyder of Arkansas.

Congressman McIntyre is also a member of the Armed Services Subcommittees on Procurement and Readiness.

## Senator Edwards Questions Notorious Computer Hacker

WASHINGTON - Convicted computer hacker Kevin Mitnick - arrested at Raleigh, NC, apartment in 1995 after a three-year FBI manhunt - urged a Senate panel on Thursday to strengthen security on web sites and sensitive computer systems in order to foil electronic break ins.

"Breaking into computer systems is wrong," Mitnick told Senator John Edwards at a Senate Governmental Affairs Committee hearing.

The panel is considering legislation to beef up electronic information security systems.

Mitnick called the measure "a good first step," but he urged senators to require greater oversight and better training. "The methods that will most effectively minimize the ability of intruders to compromise information security are comprehensive user training and education. Enacting policies and procedures simply won't suffice," he testified.

The cyberspace bandit was released from prison last January 21 after serving five years behind bars for sabotaging computer files from major software makers and high-tech electronics manufacturers.

It would be harder to crack onto open source software systems, like those developed by Red Inn Inn of Research Triangle Park, Mitnick told Senator Edwards during the committee hearing.

Mitnick's story that culminated in his capture in Raleigh was the subject of the books Cyberpunk and Takedown.

He said that during the course of two decades before his capture he broke into myriad computer systems by combining programming savvy with what he called "sophisticated social engineering," a euphemism for conning employees of computer software and technology concerns into giving him passwords.

To listen to a RealAudio recording of Senator Edwards questioning Mitnick, go to the "Press Room" on the senator's web page <http://edwards.senate.gov> and click on this release.

## Native American Census Complete Count Committee Town Hall Meeting Scheduled

The Census 2000 Complete Count Committee will hold the Native American Census information kick-off at the Pembroke Town Hall on March 18, 2000 from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau will be on hand to answer questions and to provide information on the Census and its importance.

Join this great process, name your Tribe, be counted and ensure that your community gets the vital services that it needs such as:

- Funding for schools;
- Funding for Emergency Services and Equipment;
- Highway and Infrastructure Development;
- Targeted Federal dollars for specific community needs;
- Rural social and economic development funding and;
- Many more services that we depend on in our community;

Join in and do your part, because the next generation of our people deserves to be noticed!

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. Census Bureau