

Chamber Recognizes Senior Students of Excellence Deaths & Funerals

Seniors from five of PSRC's six high schools were recognized at the meeting of the Public Schools of Robeson County Board of Education on November 5, 2001. Students were highlighted based on their leadership and service activities in their schools and their communities. Nancy McBride, Coordinator for Gifted for PSRC, presented chamber representatives and students. The Students of Excellence initiative is a collaborative effort with the local chambers and the public schools. Each chamber selects a student from among applications submitted from the high school in their area; students who apply must have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Each chamber honors their student with a plaque and other rewards for their meritorious service and achievement.

Recognized from Purnell Sweet High School was Tyson Meadors who recently attained Morehead Scholarship finalist status. As co-captain of the football team, he commands several positions: running back, quarterback, kicker, kick returned, and outside linebacker. He is also captain of the varsity wrestling team and is a participant in varsity tennis and varsity track. Ranked number one in his senior class, Meadors currently is the Student Council president, is a performer with the Drama Club, is captain of the Quiz Bowl Team, and a member of the National Honor Society. In his community, he serves as a peer tutor and math tutor for at risk children. After graduation from college, Meadors wants to attend law school and ultimately become a Supreme Court Justice. He views success as "a combination of material and personal achievements, living life up to par with personal standard, and

seizing the opportunity to both give and receive love, friendship, and happiness among friends and family." His award was presented by Teresa Cummings representing the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

Margaret Ann Gane was recognized from Lumberton High School and her award was presented by Billye Ammons of the Lumberton Chamber. Gane is Student Body president, Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team and the Varsity Tennis Team, and President of the French Club. She is a member of the Science Club, the Beta Club, and the National Honor Society. She served as a class Marshal and is ranked number six in her class. In her community, Gane is very active, volunteering at the Robeson County Humane Society Animal Shelter and as a student teacher at Tanglewood and J. C. Hargrave Elementary Schools. Additionally, she is president of her Youth Group at church. Gane plans to pursue a career in teaching which she views "as a self-rewarding profession through which I can better my own life..." She defines success as "learning to appreciate the value of self and other human beings."

Raymond Johnson of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce presented the award to Tracie Oxendine of Fairmont High School. Oxendine is extremely active in the JROTC at her school, serving as Public Affairs Officer, as squad leader and assistant commander for the Drill Team, and as Guard and Commander of the Color Guard. Oxendine is active with the Yearbook Staff and is coeditor of the school newspaper. She visits rest homes, buys holiday gifts for chosen elders, and has participated in donation drives for the New York victims and for the homeless people in her community.

Oxendine plans to seek a degree in Criminal Justice and then pursue a career as a lawyer in the United States Air Force, possibly as a Judge Advocate General. Oxendine is ranked number six in her class, and even with her wealth of school and community activities, she maintains a weighted GPA of 4.170. She believes that success "is attained only by means of strong self-determination..."

With his award presented by Doris McLean of the St. Pauls Chamber, Nunzio Accetturo was named the Student of Excellence from St. Pauls High. As a senior, his goal is to graduate with honors and with North Carolina Scholar status, and then pursue a career in teaching history. Accetturo is involved in various activities in his school and community. He is a member of the Future Farmers of America, the Varsity Tennis Team, and the Golf Team where he received the Sportsmanship Award. Other awards include Who's Who Among American High School Students and the Summer Rewards Program. As president of the Student Government Association and as Sergeant-at-Arms for his Senior Class, Accetturo demonstrates his leadership skills and supports the athletic program as statistician and reporter for the basketball teams and as Student Sports Information Director. With his community, Accetturo is active in his church through the Youth Choir, The Royal Rangers, and the Destined Drama Team. He has worked in fund raisers for the Cancer Society, the Cystic Fibrosis foundation, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Currently he volunteers for the Hope Mills Fire Department and the Dive Team. With only one dive to achieve scuba certification, he plans to be of

greater assistance in the future. Accetturo believes that "success cannot accurately be measured and should never be overlooked."

Fran Ray of the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce proudly presented awards to Shari Brockington and Jennifer Key, recipients who were tied in their assessments by the Chamber members. Brockington can boast membership in the SADD Club, the Beta Club, the Inspirational Choir, the concert Band, the Marching Band where she is captain, and the Mu Alpha Theta Club. She is also a Varsity Cheerleader. Serving as a Junior Usher and a Junior Choir member in her church and volunteering at local rest homes as well as tutoring at Peterson Elementary School are just two examples of her service in her community. Brockington plans to become a math teacher and pursue her Master's degree. She defines success as "completing goals and tasks in my life." Jennifer Key is also active in activities at Red Springs High School. She is president of Mu Alpha Theta Club and Senior Section Advisor of Journalism and is a member of the Beta Club, the Debutante Club, and the newspaper staff. In her church, she participated in the Youth Drama Club, the Youth Puppeteers, the Actens Program, and the Youth and Adult Choirs. Key plans a career as a pediatrician, a goal which requires an action plan which is "based on determination and positive influences." She feels that "a strong belief in self and a positive attitude are keys to success." All Student of Excellence recipients are recognized at their individual schools, at their area Chamber of Commerce meetings, and officially at the Board of Education presentations.

Thurman G. Locklear
Shannon, NC-Thurman G. Locklear, 73, of 436 Kacqualan Road, died Thursday, November 15, at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held Sunday, November 18, at 2 p.m. at Family Worship Center in Lumberton with the Revs. Cleo Norton, Donald and Mike McKinnon officiating. Burial followed at the Family Worship Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. D.L. Locklear and Mrs. Susie Locklear.

Surviving are his companion, Mary Locklear, five sons, Gerald Locklear of Lumberton, Bobby Locklear, Tommy Locklear and Willie Locklear, all of Shannon and Harold Locklear of Lumber Bridge, two daughters, Betty Jones and Gail Locklear, both of Shannon, a brother, Roy Locklear of Pembroke, three sisters, Thelma Locklear and Edna Bryant of St. Pauls, and Erma Oxendine of Pembroke; eighteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pearl McGirt
Shannon, NC-Pearl McGirt, 77, of 628 Fodiesville Road, died Friday at her home. The funeral was held Sunday at God's Holy Assembly Church with the Revs. Hedrick Hones, Mike Cummings, Jim Butler, Donald Chavis, Tracy Scott and Wanda Hardin officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Winford McGirt of Shannon, a son, Winford Kevin McGirt of Shannon, two daughters, Linda McGirt Locklear of Laurinburg and Glinda McGirt Dial of Shannon; a brother, Shelby Locklear of Shannon; three sisters, Eva Chavis, Bertha Mc Wilkins and Naomi Locklear, all of Shannon; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Derrick Dean "Pike" "Mack" Locklear
Fairmont, NC-Derrick Dean "Pike" "Mack" Locklear, 20, of 410 Miller Road, died Saturday at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, SC.

The funeral was held Wednesday, November 20, at the Raynham Assembly of God with the Revs. Terry Oxendine, Phyllis Bollinger, Johnie Chavis and Kenny Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in Raynham Cemetery.

Locklear was born in Robeson County February 10, 1981. He graduated from South Robeson High School in 1999. He was a farmer and a life member of Raynham Assembly of God.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Clyde and Vertie Locklear.

Surviving are his parents, Gerald and Donna Locklear of the home, two brothers, Frankie Lane Locklear and Eric Wayne Locklear, both of the home, and his paternal grandparents, Lacy and Beulah Locklear of Rowland.

Willie Rufus Bell Sr.
Lumberton, NC-Willie Rufus Bell Sr., 77, of 352 Bowman Road, died Saturday at Southeastern Regional Center.

The funeral was held Tuesday, November 20, at Liberty Holiness Church with the Revs. Melvin Bell, Ronald Locklear and Harvey L. Locklear officiating. Burial followed in New Point Baptist Church Cemetery.

Bell was a truck driver. He was a member of Liberty Holiness Church where he served as assistant treasurer. He worked with FCX for twenty years and was a carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Will and Janie Bryant Bell and a son, Willie Rufus Bell Jr.

Surviving are his wife, Bernice Oxendine Bell of the home, two sons, Willie Ray Bell and Orlando Bell, both of the home, three daughters, Gladys Fields, Marlene Locklear and Darlene Hunt, all of Lumberton, a sister, Bessie Strickland of Clio, SC, ten grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Edna E. Bozman
Salisbury, NC-Edna E. Bozman, 95, of Upper Fairmont, Maryland died Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at the Waterview Health Care Center in Salisbury.

Born in Pembroke, NC, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Rufus and Deborah Lynn Lowry Woodell. Her husband, Dewey Edward Bozman preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bozman was a housewife and mother, a college history teacher, avid sewer and donated her time to churches. She was an American Indian, Lumbee Indian Tribe, which is the largest tribe west of the Mississippi. She was a relative of Elvis Presley.

She is survived by six children, Earl Bozman, Irene Cooper, and Dewey E. Bozman Jr., all of Baltimore; William Rufus Bozman of Upper Fairmont; Christine Bozman Smith of Salisbury and Robert Bozman of Princess Anne; twelve grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers.

A grave side service was held on Friday, November 16, at 11 a.m. in Beechwood Cemetery in Princess Anne.



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Native American Dance Class

The NC Indian Cultural Center will sponsor a Native American Dance Class for anyone interested in learning to dance. Classes will be held Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. til 9:00 p.m. All ages are welcome, however, younger children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact NCICC at (910) 521-2433.



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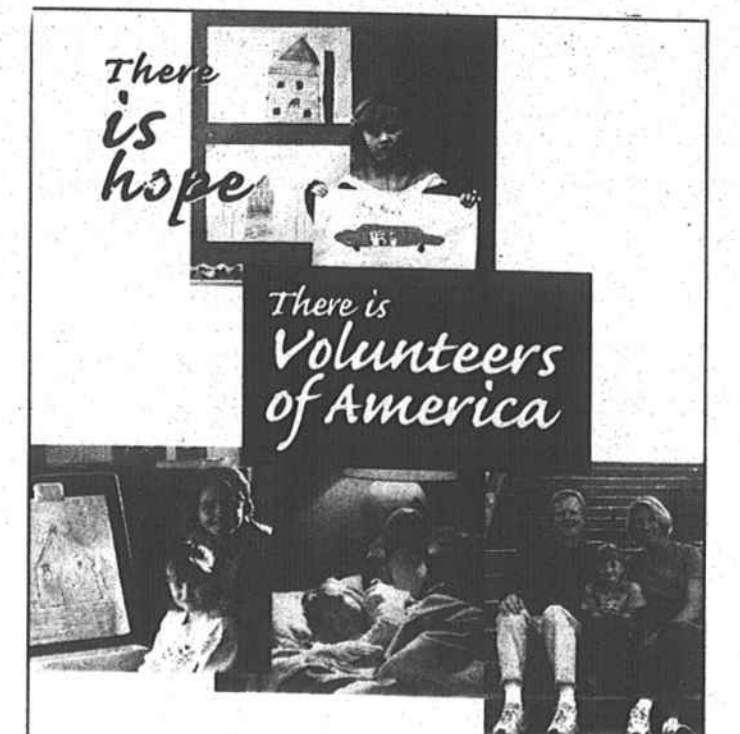
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