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Interfaith Ministries receive contribution from First Bank

The Native American Interfaith Ministries, Inc., a non-profit interdenominational community based organization, is one step closer to fulfilling their vision of the "Healing Lodge," a faith based community project. Mrs. Lucille Locklear, Branch Manager of First Bank of Pembroke, NC and Mr. William A. Roberts, Senior Vice President - CRA Officer of First Bank headquartered in Troy, NC, presented the members of the Native American Interfaith Ministries with a financial contribution in the amount of \$1000. The presentation took place Wednesday, March 06, 2002 at a luncheon at Sheff's in Pembroke. During the presentation, Mr. Roberts expressed the commitment of First Bank to the communities they serve. He stated, "I feel this is a worthwhile and much needed ministry." Locklear echoed his sentiments by saying, "First Bank is proud to be a part of a faith based project dedicated to improving the lives of folks in the

area." During the luncheon, members of the Native American Interfaith Ministries expressed their appreciation to Locklear and Roberts for the contribution from First Bank. Rev. Bruce Swett, Chairman of the organization, stated, "This gift will certainly assist with our ministry." Through the "Healing Lodge" the group proposes to address specific problems, which affect the community. The group has identified five areas of concern. These include drug and alcohol addiction, homelessness, domestic violence, child abuse and suicide prevention. Services will be provided to persons in need regardless of race or religious affiliation.

If you would like more information, or wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Native American Interfaith Ministries, please contact Rev. Bruce Swett at 910-521-9850 or Mr. Millard Lowry at 910-522-0240.



Shown left to right: Rev. Bruce Swett, Mrs. Lucille Locklear, William A. Roberts and Millard Lowry.

James A. Leach files to represent District 48 in House of Representatives

Hoke County Commissioner James A. Leach of Raeford has filed as a Candidate for District 48 in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Donald A. Bonner is now serving in that position, formerly representing District 87. Leach has served as Chairman of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners for four years and as vice chairman for three years. He served as District 5 Director of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and is a Trustee with Rich Management Insurance Poole for the Association of County Commissioners. In addition Leach is pastor of Love Grove Freewill Baptist Church in Moore County. He is a District Elder of the Southern Pines District Union which consists of 17 churches and is a Trustee with

the United American Free Will Baptist Conference B Division. Past and present board Leach has served on include Hoke County Parks and Recreation, Senior Service Board of Hoke County, Fire Commissioner of Hoke County, Lumber River Council of Government, Sandhills Center for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Disabilities, and the Golden Gate Community Development Corporation. Leach is a graduate of Hoke County High School and has earned an A.S. in Business Administration, a Diploma in the field of Religion and Certification in Effective Management. He has been involved with Textiles Management for 21 years. Leach stated, "If elected, I will provide a Vision and a Voice for District 48."



Shown left to right: Rev. Robert Mangum, Rev. Mike Cummings, Mrs. Lucille Locklear, William A. Roberts, Millard Lowry, Gary Locklear, Rev. Bruce Swett, Rev. James H. Woods, Rev. Marshall Locklear.

NCAC Grassroots Grant Deadline Nears

The Carolina Civic Center will accept requests for 2002-2003 Grassroots grant funds through March 31, 2002. The Carolina Civic Center will serve as the local distributing agent for these funds. The Grassroots Art program is a partnership between the North Carolina Arts Council and communities, which allows for the decentralization of state funding decisions, provides a system of annual arts funding decisions, and provides a system of annual arts funding to every county in the state. North Carolina provides its major support of local arts projects through this program by allocating funds on a per-capita basis. Grassroots grants are available to any non-profit tax-exempt organization in Robeson County offering cultural programming for the community. A committee consisting of local business and artistic leaders will review Grant requests. This committee will then present funding recommendations to the North Carolina for approval. All requests must include the standard application form as well as an itemized budget for the project. The deadline for submitting requests for funding is March 31, 2002. The Carolina Civic Center is located at the corner of 4th and Chestnut in beautiful, historic downtown Lumberton. Requests may be mailed to CCC, PO Box 844, Lumberton, NC 28359. For additional information, please call Michael Bloomer at the Carolina Civic Center Box Office, 910-738-4339.

Jamie Locklear Qualifies for Hooters and Triangle Professional Golf Tours

Jamie Locklear, Pro Golfer of Pembroke, recently qualified to play professional golf on the NGA/Hooters Tour and the Triangle Golf Tour. The Hooters Tour and Triangle Golf Tour is a mini-tour that is lead up to the Professional golf tour of America. Locklear said, "These mini-tours help prepare and strengthen my golf game to help me to play more competitively at the next level." Locklear qualified in recent play in Eustis, Florida, in competition with over 80 other pro-level golfers. Locklear said, "I feel very confident of my golf game and have many contacts and friends on the pro circuit." Locklear played in 26 professional tournaments in 2001 and placed near the top in several tournaments. Locklear said, "I wish to thank Mr. Howard Brooks and Healthkeeperz of Pembroke for their commitment to be a major sponsor for my professional play in 2002. I also wish to thank the people who supported me in 2001 including: Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, Lumber River Council of Governments, UNC-Pembroke, Old Foundry Body Shop, Lonnie Locklear & Sons Construction, First Health, and Shear Touch Hair Salon. Locklear said he is seeking other major sponsors and has developed a support organization called Jamie Locklear Golf Enterprise. The support organization is directed by Royce McNeil, Monroe Lowry, and Grady Hunt. For information on sponsorship of Jamie Locklear call 736-1015. Locklear will see his first action in year 2002 on March 4th at the Triangle Tour Golf Tournament at Kings Grant Golf course in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Locklear said he would play in North Carolina and adjoining states and would work to get into major Professional Golf Tournaments to be held in North Carolina, such as the

Update on resurfacing of NC 711 in Pembroke

Rep. Ron Sutton shared the following update on the resurfacing of NC 711 in Pembroke: The limits of resurfacing NC 711 extend from SR 1555 (Jones Street) to the western city limits of Pembroke, Rep. Sutton said. "The section from SR 1555 (Jones Street) to the end of curb and gutter (at UNC Pembroke) will be milled eight (8) feet on each side of the roadway to remove rough and irregular areas and to provide a better joint." The contract for this work has been awarded to Barnes Paving Company with the date of availability being December 3, 2002 and with a contract completion date of December 1, 2002.

Locklear-Brooks Art to be part of International Expo

James Locklear-Brooks, also known as Screaming Eagle, was recently selected to exhibit his paintings with CSIA-Nitassinan, a European organization formed in 1901 in France. CSIA, a non-profit organization, was founded to give an international forum to Indians of the Americas through worldwide conferences and debates covering such areas as genocide, ethnocide and assimilation. In 1997, CSIA presented their "Art in Chains" Exposition, which showcases artwork of Native American political prisoners. The Art in Chains Expo has encircled Europe including such notables as City Hall Ever in Brussels, International Art Festival in Leon, Cultural centers in Grenoble and Strasbourg, Germany, the Albert Hotel and the Labrador Cabernet and Hotel in Chamois, and Montreal Canada. The 2002 Expo will include also the Cultural Center in Vicennes France and a conference with a Delegation from the Northern Ute Nation of Utah. Four other prisoners will showcase their art. They include Ed Brady (Navajo), Louis V. Rodriguez (Apache), Fernando Caro (Yaqui) and Amnesty International's number on Political Prisoner Leonard Peltier (Lakota-Anishinabe), the well-known AIM activist involved in the 1975 uprising at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. For more information on the Expo you can email CSIA at csia.nitassinan@bigfoot.com (for more information on Screaming Eagle Art, contact Mary Largent in Lumberton at 910-272-0533.

Kelvin Sampson named as finalist for Naismith College Award

Norman, Okla.-University of Oklahoma men's basketball head coach Kelvin Sampson and OU women's basketball head coach Sherri Coale were named as finalists for the Naismith College Basketball Coach of the Year Awards recently. Sampson is one of 25 men's finalists and Coale is one of 25 coaches up for the women's award. Sampson, whose Sooners were picked to finish fourth and fifth by most Big 12 preseason prognosticators, has directed his squad to a 21-4 record and a big 9-3 Big 12 mark. OU is in second place in the

conference race behind No. 1 ranked Kansas. The Sooners are ranked sixth in this week's AP 25 poll and fifth in the ESPN/USA Today version. His team has been ranked as high as No. 4 nationally (both polls) this season. Sampson is one of four Big 12 coaches on the men's list. Texas Tech's Bob Knight, Oklahoma State's Eddie Sutton and Kansas' Roy Williams are the others. The winners of the Naismith Awards will be honored April 5, 2002 in Atlanta at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

Geno Ransom Graduates Basic Training



Air Force Airman Geno E. Ransom has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Ransom is the son of Cynthia B. Ransom and brother of Cindy D. Ransom, both resides in Pembroke, NC. He is a 2001 graduate of Kittrell Job Corp Center, Raleigh, N.C.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Robeson County Spring Games

Will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2000 at Purnell Swett High School Track from 9:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Registration for Prospect Kindergarten

Phone (910) 521-4766 Prospect School Kindergarten registration will be held on April 30, 2002. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Parents need to bring a certified birth certificate, original shot records and Social Security number to the school. American Indian Students should also have their Tribal registration information. Your child should be 5 years old by October 16. Applications will also be available for Pre-K registration. Parents are not required to bring their children.

Spring Fashion Show

South Robeson High School is having a Spring Fashion Show on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 6:00 P.M., the show will be held in the school's gym. Admission is \$1.00. Come see the latest spring fashions from Maurices, Citi, Trends, Wal-Mart, Fashion Bug, and Tomlinson's.

Religious Poems Sought From Pembroke Area

Good news for sincere poets! The Bards of Burbank is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their Religious Competition 2002, free to everyone. The deadline for entering is March 23, 2002. To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506, you may enter on-line at www.freecontest.com. "We think religious poems can invite achievement," says Dr. John Scribner, the organization's Contest Director. "We're especially keen on inspiring amateur poets and we think this competition will achieve that. North Carolina has made many wonderful poets over the years and I'd like to discover new ones from among the Pembroke-area grassroots poets."

Red Springs Street Festival April 21

Artists, craftspeople, food vendors and community organizations who wish to participate in the Red Springs street Festival on Sunday, April 21, 2002 please contact the Red Springs Arts Council, PO Box 447, Red Springs, NC 28377 (or call Ralph Steeds at 843-3559 evenings)

Check Out These Web Sites:

Church World Service at www.churchworldservice.org
TREA Senior Citizens League at www.tscil.org
The Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.floodalert.fema.gov
America's Charities at www.americascharities.org
For information on Alzheimer's disease, visit www.AlzheimersDisease.com or www.nfacares.org



Greater Greensboro Open. Locklear said he plan to continue working with disadvantaged students in Robeson County schools to help them learn about golf. Locklear has worked with a special program operated by Lumber River Council of Governments and the youth centers in Maxton, Red Springs, Rowland, and Fairmont. I wish to thank my sponsors and friends for their support of my professional golf efforts: Mr. Howard Brooks and Healthkeeperz of Pembroke, Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, Lumber River Council of Governments, UNC-Pembroke, Old Foundry Body Shop, Lonnie Locklear & Sons Construction, First Health of the Carolinas, and Shear Touch Hair Salon.