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## Zona Locklear sees Career Counseling as an Investment in the future

When you have dealt with job placements, job and classroom training and work experience for more than thirty years, it is difficult to calculate how many people you have assisted. This is the unique situation Zona Locklear is in. "Of course," she says, "there are records and I could take time and calculate, but it would be time consuming. Normally, we average 1,000 participants in the program."

The numbers are not that important to Locklear. What is important is the many lives that have been affected during her tenure with the Lumbee Regional Development Association. Locklear is a Career Counselor with the WIA program operated by Lumbee Regional Development Association. Locklear began her employment there in 1972 with the Neighborhood Youth Corp. The program has been through several name changes in the past 30 years, but the basic concepts have remained

the same. The CETA program replaced NYC and JTPA replaced CETA.

Now known as the WIA program, the goal is to provide job training to under skilled employees and to guide and assist young people in choosing an appropriate career. Some of the participants receive on the job training, while others receive classroom training and some acquire work experience.

Locklear, a member of Bear Swamp Baptist Church, believes she is truly in her field. "I was born to be a counselor," she said. "I love young people and am thankful I have had the opportunity to work in my chosen field."

While Locklear cannot quote the exact number of young people she has helped through the WIA program, she can recall many of them by name and with fondness.

"Raymond Cummings," she said, "was one of the participants of our program. I remember him

very well. When he was in college, he came to us as a participant and he was a dedicated and appreciative young man." Cummings now serves as a member of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners.

"I encourage our young people. I believe and I tell them they can do and become anything they want to be," Locklear stated. "Most of them are successful and listen well to counsel. Once in a while, I have met one and tried to help and have felt that I failed. But that is the exception. Most of my participants have been an investment in our future and I feel privileged to be a part of that."

Locklear, the daughter of John David and Carrmac Johnson Brewington, is married to Harold Locklear. They reside in the Bear Swamp community. They have two daughters, Zonya Locklear, a dentist and Nina Locklear, a teacher. They also have four grandchildren.



Zona Locklear, WIA Career Counselor

## Palmer Prevention Inc. to observe 10th anniversary

Palmer Drug Prevention, Inc. would like to invite you to help celebrate the 10th year anniversary, which also coincides with the 5th annual Red Ribbon Luncheon. Congressman Mike McIntyre will be speaking along with Maxine Elliott, the original founder of Palmer Drug Abuse. In addition, many other state dignitaries will be in attendance. As always this luncheon will be a collaborative effort between Palmer Prevention Inc., National Guard Armory, Robeson County Sheriff's Department and several faith based organizations.

The Luncheon will be held on October 31, 2002 at 12:00 noon in the Southeastern Agricultural Center. Seating will be on a first buy basis. Tables of eight are available for \$150.00, half tables for \$80.00 and individual tickets for \$25.00. You may also choose to sponsor a table and Palmer Prevention Inc. will transport citizens who cannot otherwise afford to attend.



Screaming Eagle  
(James Locklear Brooks)

## James "Screaming Eagle" Locklear-Brooks' Artwork on Display in Pennsylvania

By Vinita Clark

His talent is even surpassing his expectations and many are touched by his exceptional work. James Locklear Brooks who is known in the art world as "Screaming Eagle" and a proud member of the Lumbee tribe specializes in watercolor art. He has the world looking through his eyes at life. Although he might be confined at the time, it is clear that no one can keep his spirit from soaring through the fence at the Albion Correctional Institution.

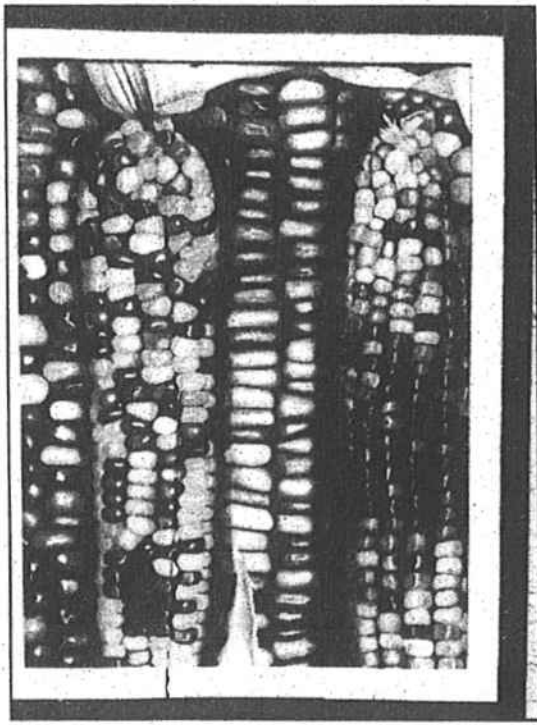
Now at the Schanz Gallery in Erie, Pennsylvania several hundred people attended the art gallery to see the work of Brooks and others. Karen R. Merkle of the Erie Times News reviewed the opening along with his instructor Deborah Sementelli. Merkle enjoyed the exhibit as the painting titled "Sacred Selu, Corn II," a water color of Indian corn that appears on the cover of the newspaper's Showcase Magazine. Merkle is quoted in the magazine saying, "A vase of bright red roses against a velvety blue background is as striking a still life you'll ever see. A watercolor of Indian corn may seem somewhat prosaic at first, but to discover the intricate, natural beauty in the size and shape of the kernels is eye opening."

Brooks also had several other paintings in the exhibit. His painting in

regard to 9/11 brought tears to the eyes of many. A candle wrapped in barbed wire, for example, or soldiers carrying a flag draped coffin. One scene is on an airport tarmac, where a family member awaits the body of a loved one and jets fly overhead in the missing-man formation was heart tugging and emotionally moving.

In regard to his art work Brooks states, "The art room is a safe zone for all those who wish to challenge not only themselves but others around them. The challenge is to open new doors. Personally, I have grown alot by being provided an outlet for many emotions, the most noticeable is fear, fear of failure, fear of the unknown, just plain fear."

This exhibit closes on October 31, 2002 and is free to the public. Brooks' artwork is hanging on the walls in 27 different states and 5 different countries. The majority of the sales from his work goes to charity as he gets an inner peace from being able to help others with worth while projects. His artwork can also be seen on the website: [www.worldwidefriends.org/screamingeagle.html](http://www.worldwidefriends.org/screamingeagle.html). Locally his artwork can be seen at: Mother Earth Creations, The Carolina Indian Voice, Indian Education Resource Center, UNCP Native American Resource Center and the Lumbee Tribal Government Offices in Pembroke.



Sacred Selu II by Brooks appears on the cover of the October 10, 2002 Showcase Magazine of the Erie Times-News.



## Carolina Princess Queen

Takonna Lyn Bullard, daughter of Michael and Teresa Bullard of Red Springs is the new Fayetteville Carolina Princess Queen. She is an honor student at Mt. Zion Christian Academy School.

## Studio One to Present "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe"

Take the first step...fall through the wardrobe...enter the world of "NARNIA"! The Studio One Lab Series of PSRC is proud to present their new play version of C. S. Lewis' classic. Based on the first book of the series, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe", this new play retains the wonderful characters and adventures of four young children who found a world of adventure, danger and personal challenge, all inside an old clothes wardrobe. An all-star cast of Robeson County's own special talents will transport you to the magical land of NARNIA where 4 young people find their own courage and help the great lion king, Aslan, save the kingdom from the icy grip of the White Queen and fulfill the ancient prophecy! This lovely story of personal sacrifice and redemption will have special meaning for all young students and their families. NARNIA runs October 24-26th at 7:30 and October 27th at 3:00 pm in the theatre auditorium of Lumberdston Jr. High School. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

All young "Trick-or-Treaters" who come in costume on Saturday evening's performance will get a discounted admission and a free special gift! This lovely story, with beautiful costumes and spectacular effects, will delight and enchant the entire family!

## Women's Health Event Promotes Healthy Living

Ladies, Scotland Memorial Hospital has planned a special evening just for you. The Women's Health Event, which will be held on Thursday, October 24th provides women an opportunity to enjoy an evening just for them. A delicious dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Keynote speaker Alyce DeWitt starts the evening on a humorous note, while helping ladies learn that they can leave the stress in their lives behind them. Participants will then have an opportunity to sit in on two roundtable discussions focusing on health topics close to women's hearts. The Women's Health Event will be held in Scotland Memorial Hospital's WR Dulin Conference Center.

Health educator Kathie Cox, event coordinator, is excited that Scotland Memorial Hospital can offer the women of our community such a wonderful event. "It is so important for women today to stay informed about health issues as well as learn about prevention, since our lifestyles are so hectic. Education and information are vital since advances in medicine occur at such a rapid rate."

Keynote speaker Alyce Kemp DeWitt from Columbia, South Carolina, and is no stranger to Laurinburg, having been a workshop speaker at The Gathering, a women's all-day health event held in March 2000. Alyce is employed with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health as G. Werber Psychiatric Hospital's Community Resources Coordinator. She is the State Coordinator for the Nations Compassionate Friends and cofounder of The West Columbia Chapter of The Compassionate Friends (a self-help group for bereaved parents). She is also the Miss South Carolina Women of Achievement (91997) and the first runner up of Ms. South Carolina Senior America (12998). Alyce's goal is to leave each participant with a positive view of themselves.

Following Ms. DeWitt's presentation, participants are invited to join a roundtable for a discussion on the health care topic of their choice. Each roundtable will be led by a health care provider affiliated with Scotland Health Care System. "We appreciate our providers offering

their time to facilitate the discussions at the roundtables," said Ms. Cox. "It's not often that we can get fourteen healthcare providers together for a community event such as this. Their expertise is invaluable in helping the women of our community learn more about their health issues. I know the ladies will very much enjoy the opportunity to meet in small groups and learn more about what's affecting them. The roundtable format gives women the opportunity to be a part of the discussion, as opposed to just listening to a presentation." Following a break, the ladies will then attend a second roundtable of their choice on a different topic.

"We hope the women of Scotland County and surrounding areas will be a part of this enlightening event," said Ms. Cox. "The \$5 fee for dinner doesn't even begin to cover the cost of the benefits received during the course of the evening. The event is sponsored by Scotland Memorial Foundation and is funded through the proceeds from Putting on the Ritz."

For more information about this event and to register by phone, call Ms. Cox at 910-291-7552.

## LTEC Opens Hospitality Room

The Lumbee Tribal Elders Council, Inc. are pleased to announce the opening of their "Hospitality Room" located at 306 Normal Street, Pembroke, NC.

The space has been donated by Mike Clark, owner of Native American Designs.

The Hospitality Room will be open from 9 A.M. To 5 P.M., Monday through Friday. An Elder will present to provide coffee, cake or donuts to all visitors.

Elders will spend their time teaching the old ways of our people, culture, and spiritual beliefs. They will also teach how to make lye soap, salt fish and other techniques of days gone by.

Please come by and visit with an Elder as often as you can. Our purpose is to preserve cultural traditions while serving the people in our community.

## Senate passes Edwards Cybersecurity Legislation

Washington- The Senate late Wednesday passed legislation coauthored by Senator John Edwards to thwart terrorist attacks on computer systems.

"We rely on computers so much today that hackers and high-tech terrorists could wreak havoc in America from terminals on the other side of the planet," Senator Edwards said. "This legislation will go a long way towards protecting our country from cyberterrorism."

A group called Gforce Pakistan last fall commandeered the Defense Department's web pages to declare a "cyberjihad" against America. During the war in Kosovo, NATO's computer system was shut down with "e-mail bombs." The last four major computer viruses cost American companies more than \$10 billion.

Unless checked, cyberterrorists could shut down power grids, contaminate water supplies or disrupt military command systems. Computer expert are constantly devising new ways to fend off cyberattacks, but hackers often outpace these innovations, and existing defenses are not always put into practice.

The bipartisan bill that passed last night incorporates provisions by Senator Edwards that would encourage federal agencies to beef up their computer security by disseminating a list of the best security practices, and requiring agencies to report their cybersecurity efforts to Congress. The recommended safeguards, which will be established by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, could include strengthened firewall protections and methods to identify security breaches as they happen.

The bill also includes a measure by Senator Edwards that would devote \$25 million to increase the number of university professors researching cybersecurity. The legislation would help fill the critical need for cybersecurity experts with fellowships and training programs.