



Lonnie Locklear Jr. & Sons Construction Co. Named Business of the Year by Pembroke Chamber

Lonnie Locklear Jr. & Sons Construction company was named Business of the Year at UNC-Pembroke Over by the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony held January 18 at UNC-Pembroke Over 260 people attended the banquet, including a large delegation of family and friends and supporters. Lonnie Locklear Jr. & Sons Construction Company was established in 1986 and has experienced steady growth in work volume and the number of employees over the past 16 years. The original and current officers of the businesses: Lonnie Locklear, Jr., President Trent A. Locklear, Vice-President, Christine Locklear, secretary-treasurer. In his comments on receiving the award, Mr. Locklear said, "You are only as good as your employees allow you to be. We feel fortunate to have a core of employees that have remained with us through both the good times and bad times." Locklear noted that the business leaders often worked 10 and 12 hour days in efforts to build the business. The business currently employs over 80 people and has realized annual revenues of over \$10 million. The company performs a variety of construction projects including general building, public utilities, storm

drainage systems, and highway construction. The Pembroke Chamber presented a major new award, the Pembroke Appearance Award, to be presented to a business or organization that has provided outstanding leadership in improving the appearance of the Pembroke community to improve appearances of the town. The Harry West Locklear President's Award was presented to a Chamber volunteer who provided exemplary service to the chamber. The award was presented to Teresa Oxendine who has served in positions of Vice-President and Executive Director. The Chamber installed new officers at the banquet. The officers installed, their position, and the businesses they represent include: R.D. Locklear, (President) of Locklear Financial Group, Angela Chavis, (Vice-President) of First Bank, Keith Branch, (Treasurer) of Progressive Bank; Beverly Locklear, (Secretary) of Healthkeeperz, and Ben Jacobs, (Executive Director) of Lumbee Regional Development Association. For additional information contact Ben Jacobs at 521-8602.



Shown are some of the participants in the recent Health Screening at Red Hill, sponsored by the Native American Interfaith Organization, Inc.

Scholarship applications for the United Tribes Awards available

Scholarship applications for the United Tribes of North Carolina Scholarship Award are available at the Lumbee Tribal Office. Applicants must be American Indian and be enrolled full-time in a two year of four-year college or university. The organization expects to award five, \$500 scholarship for the 2003 fall semester. Applications will be competitive and must be received by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2003. Winners will be announced March 19-22 at the Unity Conference, Holiday Inn Bordeaux, in Fayetteville. Contact Alex Baker at (910) 521-7861 ext. 214 or Sue Jacobs at the NC Commission of Indian Affairs at (910) 655-8708 for further information.



Locklear appointed to local board

Pembroke-Joel Garth Locklear has been re-appointed to the Pembroke Housing Authority Board of Commissioners by Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke to serve a third five-year term on January 17, 2003. Locklear was originally appointed to a five-year term on January 17, 1993. During this term he has held the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Locklear currently serves on other boards of local interest. He is Chairman of The Indian Honor Association of Robeson County, Inc., an organization organized under his guidance for the purpose of promoting honor and respect for Indian elders and their families for participation in the electoral process. He is also a member of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs representing District III of the Lumbee Indian. He serves as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee for Indian tribes of North Carolina, both organized under the auspices of the N. C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

Over \$1.8M spent in housing program

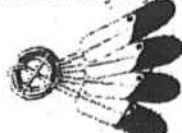
The Lumbee Tribal Council's Housing Program has issued over \$1.8 million in services into the Lumbee community. The funds have been spent either in rehabilitation, replacement or emergency services. The tribal rehabilitation program, with 169 homes repaired and 31 in progress, has issued over \$1.3 million since April 30, 2002. By replacing substandard housing, the council has issued over \$300,000 and through emergency services approximately \$140,000 has been spent or issued for services.

The Lumbee Housing Program is still accepting rehabilitation, down payment assistance and homeownership applications until Friday, January 31, 2003.

Members who have previously filed with the Tribal Office only need to update their file in the case of: marriage, divorce, loss of job or the change in the number of persons in the household. These programs allow safe and affordable housing that strategically assist low-income Lumbee families. Contact Kimberly Strickland at the Lumbee Tribal Housing Program at (910) 521-1341 ext. 217 for further information.

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Red Hill Health Screening, A Surprising Turnout

The Native American Interfaith Organization, Inc. (NAIM) is a non-profit establishment that is committed to addressing the public issues and health crises in American Indian communities and surrounding counties. The NAIM held a free health screening at the Red Hill N.C. Indian Housing Authority apartments. The event took place on January 14, 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. The NAIM was assisted by the Community Health Services of Southeastern Regional Medical Center faculty (SRMC), HealthKeeperz, Robeson County Health Department, Palmer Drug Prevention, Burnt Swamp Association, Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministry, United Methodist Church and Red Hill Housing Authority director, Paulette Bullard, for the screening.

The health checks offered were for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, and STDs/HIV testing. The NAIM also distributed information on these health checks and how to eat and exercise properly. Pamphlets were also offered on STDs and drug prevention from NAIM. Furthermore, the NAIM provided participants gift certificates to Walmart and fruit to eat after health screening.

Before the health screening took place, NAIM employees and volunteers were trained by Lekisha Hammonds and Mary Black; two health specialists from the Community Health Office of the Diabetes Center at SRMC. The workshop and training took place January 8 and 13 at the NAIM office in Pembroke, N.C. The two training sessions provided

information on the testing procedures for total cholesterol, HDL, and glucose.

Participants were steadily coming in and signing up for the screening. The participants ranged from 18-60 in age. With over 43 participants, the health screening had a surprising turnout and success.

We would also like to thank the volunteers, medical personnel and participants who took part in this health screening. We encourage the community and its people to take an active involvement in these free health screenings.

This and other concerns of this type will help NAIM address major issues such as substance abuse, homelessness, outreach for sexually transmitted diseases, domestic violence and suicide prevention. To eliminate disparity, faith communities nurture and provide social support for the well-being of those that share faith, and they reach out to those in need within their neighborhoods and throughout the world. Inequities that create disparity in the determinants of health for individuals, families, and populations capture the attention of faith organizations and public health.

The NAIM is located behind the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association building in Pembroke, N.C. If you are in need of services or interested in contributing your time, energy, and/or resources, please contact Executive Director, Millard Lowry at 522-0900.

Rebekah Revels to host Miss UNCP Pageant

Pembroke, NC-In her first public performance since competing for the Miss World title, Rebekah Revels will host the 2003 Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant on January 30.

With "A Bit of Broadway" as its theme, nine contestants will compete in the pageant, which is 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30 in the Givens Performing Arts Center.

Admission is free to students, faculty and staff and \$ 5 for the general public.

The pageant is directed by another former Miss North Carolina, Lorna McNeill. Both McNeill and Revels will give special performances. The title is currently held by sophomore Katherine Greer of Fuquay Varina, N.C.

The winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship, free room and board for the fall semester, a class ring from Jostens, an oil portrait and a \$1,000 wardrobe allowance to be used in her quest for the Miss North Carolina title in June.

First runner-up will receive a \$ 300 scholarship, second runner-up will receive \$ 200 and third runner-up \$100.

The contestants will compete in interview, talent, swimsuit and evening wear categories, said Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lisa Schaeffer.

"This is one of the largest and most talented groups of contestants we have ever had on our stage," Dr. Schaeffer said. "It's going to be a very exciting evening of entertainment."

The contestants are:

- * Vanessa N. Jones, a sophomore business marketing major from Fayetteville. She will recite poetry during the talent competition.
- * Heather Marie Jaques, a junior secondary math education major

from Chadborn. Her talent is clogging.

* Jessica Michelle Park, a junior music education major from Clinton. Her talent is singing.

* Fallon Twilla Marquita Lord, a sophomore mass communications major from Hope Mills. Her talent is dance.

* Robyn Grace Baker, a freshman music education major from Northfield, N.J. Her talent is opera.

* Kristen Michelle Britt, a freshman mass communications major from Lumberton. Her talent is singing.

* Selina Markeia Craig, a sophomore elementary education major from Laurinburg. Her talent is singing and playing the piano.

* Aja Terrell Locklear, a freshman business administration major from Maxton. Her talent is singing.

* Crystal Rennee Batten, a senior elementary education major from Lumberton. Her talent is baton twirling.

Miss Revels will show off the singing talent that earned her the Miss North Carolina title and the talent competition of the Miss World Pageant in London. Among her major titles is Miss UNCP 1998 and Miss Lumbee 1996.

A St. Pauls native, Revels is a UNCP graduate with a degree in secondary English education.

Pageant choreographer again this year is Karen Gibson Jenkins of Laurinburg. She is a UNCP graduate and the 1967 Miss UNCP. She is married to Dr. Charles Jenkins, a professor in the School of Education and former long-time provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Red Cloud Art Show is Announced for 2003

Supporters of American Indian artists have provided \$6,000 in awards for the 2003 Red Cloud Indian Art Show which opens June 8th at Pine Ridge, SD.

Now in its 35th year, the show displays the work of artists from 30 or more tribes and is the nation's largest Indian Art Show held on a Reservation. The show is open to all Native American artists-Indian, Eskimo and Aleut. All applicants must be eighteen years or older. All applicants must have a tribal enrollment number.

All works must be for sale, and each year about forty percent or more of the works are sold to the public.

We want to acquaint the public with the artistic talents of the Native American people. We also want to provide a market for the accomplished Indian artist and to give aspiring artists an opportunity to display their work. No entry fees are charged to the artists.

Open seven days a week, June 8th to August 17th, free to the public. Hours are from 9 to 5 daily.

Artists wishing to enter their works may get entry forms by writing to The Heritage Center, 100 Mission Drive, Pine Ridge, SD 57770

Dr. Hardin named Fellow of American Academy of Pediatrics

Christina Hardin, M.D., has recently passed her certification from the American Academy of Pediatrics. This is quite an honor and names her a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Hardin is a native of Robeson County. She joined Children's Health of Carolina, P.A. on September 3, 2002 and is based at Pembroke Pediatrics with Joseph Bell, M.D., Kristi Woods, M.D. and Naitik Panwala, P.A.-C.

Dr. Hardin has received numerous honors so this Board Certification comes as no surprise. She graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine where she was a recipient of the Board of Governors Medical Scholarship for all four years. She completed her pediatric residency from East Carolina School of Medicine.

Dr. Hardin is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association and the North Carolina Pediatric Soci-

Free trees for those who join Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2003.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Goldenrain trees, 2 Washington Hawthorns, and 2 American Redbuds.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers--and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2003.

Youth Legislative Assembly Registration Deadline is Feb. 21

Raleigh-North Carolina students in grades 9-12 are invited to become "legislators for a weekend" during 2003 Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA) March 21-23.

Space is limited for the 33rd annual mock assembly, which is expected to attract approximately 250 students from throughout the state. Feb. 21 is the registration deadline.

YLA will meet at the Radisson Governor's Inn, I-40 Exit 280, Davis Drive, in Research Triangle Park, beginning with a general session at noon Friday, March 21, and concluding midday Sunday, March 23. The \$165 registration fee includes overnight accommodations for two nights (four students to a room), three meals, a T-shirt and all conference materials.

During the assembly, participants will meet with one of 10 assigned committees: children and family, civil rights, constitutional and governmental affairs, criminal justice, education, environment, health affairs, human sexuality, substance abuse, and youth affairs. The young legislators are expected to write, debate and vote on a number of bills, including one proposing that the age of compulsory education be raised. A final report will be forwarded to the governor and other state leaders.

YLA is sponsored annually by the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office in the N.C. Department of Administration.

To register for more information, contact the YLA coordinator, Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, (919) 733-9296, or visit the Web site at <http://www.doa.state.nc.us/doi/yao/y1a.htm>.

Schedule of Spiritual Gatherings for 2003

The Lumbee tribal Elders Council, Inc. have announced the following dates for the 2003 year Spiritual Gatherings.

March 21-23 Spring Spiritual Gathering at the NC Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke, NC

Free Camping
June 20-22 Summer Spiritual Gathering at the NC Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke, NC

Free Camping, bring crafts to trade--no selling.
July 5 The Lumbee Tribal Elders Council, Inc will have a booth set up on the campus of the University of North Carolina at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke in observance of the Annual Lumbee Home Coming.

September 19-21 Fall Spiritual Gathering at NC Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke, NC

Free Camping
December 20-21 Winter Solstice Spiritual Gathering at NC Culture Center, Pembroke, NC

For information: Call John Marshall (910) 521-2470