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William Locklear to represent Region on Native American Employment and Training Advisory Council

William E. Locklear has been employed with Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. since 1974 in different capacities with the Job Training Program; he currently serves as director of the Workforce Investment Act Program (WIA) which is a program funded by the United States Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. This program provides employment opportunities to Lumbees and training while on the job.

There are 185 Native American programs throughout the United States with every state and region served by this program; each region has a representative who is nominated by fellow grantees in the region to serve on a National Native American advisory Council. Locklear has been selected to represent Region IV.

On May 20th, 2003, Locklear received a letter from Elaine L.

Chao, U.S. Secretary of Labor, appointing him to a two year term to serve on the Native American Employment and Training Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to advise the Secretary on the overall operation and administration of Native American employment and training programs.

The secretary stated, "I look forward to your leadership in matters affecting the employment and training of Indians and Native Americans and believe that your service on the council will be highly beneficial."

Locklear will represent Region IV which consist of eight Southeastern states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Kentucky.

Locklear stated that he looks forward to networking and collaborating with fellow council

members, a total of twenty, to enhance the Workforce in each community to meet the challenge of the 21st century.

"I feel privileged to have the opportunity to serve in a broader capacity for employment and training of Indians. I am extremely proud of the many people who have been helped by WIA and LRDA during my tenure with the agency," Locklear stated.

Dewey Locklear, executive director of Lumbee Regional Development Association stated, "William Locklear is an excellent choice to serve on this national council. He is dedicated to ensuring employment and training to those who most need it. He will be an asset to the council and, of course, it is a giant step for Lumbee people."

Leroy Freeman, Chairman of the LRDA Board of Directors, was equally pleased with Locklear's appointment.

Locklear is competent, and conscientious. He will advise the Secretary of Labor with the best interest of Indian people in mind. We are grateful for Mr. Locklear's willingness to add this responsibility to his agenda. He is Director of our WIA program and one of the most knowledgeable about the overall operation. He will add significantly to the national council," Freeman said.

"LRDA continues to meet the needs of Lumbee people and employment and job training are one of the ways that is done," Freeman continued.

Locklear has served on many local and state boards including Chairman of the Pembroke Housing Authority for six years and is currently serving as vice-chairman of the Lumberton Housing Authority.



William Locklear, Director, LRDA's WIA Program.

Sarah Oxendine to enter Dixie College in Utah

Sarah Oxendine of Prescott Valley, Arizona graduated from Dixie High School and will be attending Dixie College in St. George, Utah.

She is the daughter of David and Heather Smith Oxendine. Her maternal grandparents are Jerry Smith and the late Pamela Smith. Paternal grandparents are Vanzetta and Mary Angela Bradberry Oxendine.

Her maternal great grandparents are the late Jane and Fredrick Bradberry. Paternal great grandparents are the late Willie C. and Jennie Oxendine of Robeson County.



Mr. Lumbee to be chosen

MR. LUMBEE CONTEST On Wednesday, July 2, 2003 a new Mr. Lumbee will be chosen at the LRDA, Inc. sponsored Mr. Lumbee Pageant to be held at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of UNC-Pembroke at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be \$12.00.

There are 9 contestants vying for the title of Mr. Lumbee 2003-2004. The current reigning Mr. Lumbee is Patrick Strickland, the son of J.P. & Gearldine Strickland.

The new Mr. Lumbee will receive various prizes and will be available for countywide community appearances. For more information about the Lumbee Homecoming 2003, the Mr. Lumbee Contest, or LRDA, Inc., please call (910) 521-8602 or visit us online at www.lumbee.org

Teen Miss and Miss Lumbee Pageants June 28th

On Saturday, June 28, a new Teen Miss Lumbee and Miss Lumbee will be crowned at the LRDA, Inc., sponsored Teen & Miss Lumbee Pageant to be held at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of UNC-Pembroke at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be \$12.00.

There are 9 contestants vying for the title of Miss Lumbee 2003-2004. The current reigning Teen Miss Lumbee is Deidra Locklear, the daughter of Denzel and Joan Locklear of Harper's Ferry community.

There are 7 contestants competing for the title of Miss Lumbee 2003-2004. The current reigning Miss Lumbee is Hollie Young, the daughter of Lonnie and Joan Young of Lumberton, NC.

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Free Health Screen Scheduled

A free health screen will be held at the Rennett Fire Station on Friday, June 27th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Screenings for cholesterol/HDL, blood pressure, and blood sugar will be offered. Sponsors include the Robeson County Partnership for Community Health, Robeson County Health Department and the Healing Lodge.

In recognition of National HIV Testing Day, which is also June 27th, event organizers will provide free and confidential syphilis and HIV tests. Anyone who has ever had unprotected sex or shared needles should consider getting an HIV test.

For more information, call the Healing Lodge at 522-0900 or the Health Department at 671-3200.

Little and Miss Lumbee Pageant June 27th

On Friday, June 27, a new Little Miss Lumbee and Junior Miss Lumbee will be crowned at the LRDA, Inc., sponsored Little & Junior Miss Lumbee Pageant to be held at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of UNC-Pembroke at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be \$12.00.

There are 5 contestants vying for the title of Little Miss Lumbee 2003-2004. The current reigning Little Miss Lumbee is Taylor Smith, the daughter of Charles and Pam Smith of Lumberton, NC.

There are 11 contestants competing for the title of Junior Miss Lumbee 2003-2004. The current reigning Junior Miss Lumbee is Kristen Emanuel, the daughter of Bobby and Donna Emanuel of Rennett.

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Olde Mill Motors named Business of the Year

Angier, NC-The Angier Chamber of Commerce held its 47th annual banquet March 18 at Harnett Central High School in Angier. With a theme of "The Key to Success is Our Members," the event honored the chamber's past year's accomplishments and recognized local businesses. Olde Mill Motors was given the award for Business of the Year by the chamber.

Chamber president-elect Brian Hatcher explained to attendees that nominations for the Business of the Year were extended to Angier businesses that had shown staying power. To be recognized, a business must have prospered in the community for over four years and demonstrated involvement in community projects, organizations and public service, Hatcher said.

The business opened its doors in July 1994 and was chosen for the award for several reasons, according to Hatcher.

Olde Mill Motors was the first business to sponsor the Angier Public Library in getting Internet access in 1997.

Since joining the Angier Chamber of Commerce in 1998, Olde Mill Motors had been a sponsor of the Annual Crepe Myrtle Golf Tournament; a silver sponsor of the Annual Crepe Myrtle Celebration; a participant in the Annual Christmas Parade; and, a host of the Chamber Business After Hours, Hatcher said.

The company had also sponsored Angier Parks and Recreation Department youth baseball and basketball teams.

Olde Mill Motors management encouraged employees to volunteer in the community. Horace Locklear and Millicent Locklear have served on the Angier Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and various other Chamber project committees throughout the year, Hatcher said.

Hatcher also noted the Business' diversity. Its staff composed of male and female, four races, and two languages, stood out among the nominees for the award.

Olde Mill Motor's Sales Manager Jay Locklear and Accounts Manager Millicent Locklear, accepted the award on behalf of the company.



Lesla Maynor

Pembroke Middle School Receives Grant

Lesla Maynor, Media Coordinator from Pembroke Middle was recently awarded the 3M "Salute to Schools" grant in the amount of \$15,000.

The Salute to Schools program provides detection systems from 3M to help middle and high school library media centers reduce the loss of valuable library materials. Each year 100 middle and high schools in the United States are chosen to receive this grant.

3M's Salute to Schools is sponsored by 3M in partnership with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association. The program reflects 3M's support for education and technology and AASL's dedication to library programs that support the teaching and learning environment.

The members of the 2003 AASL selection committee were Christine Balsano, Downers Grove, Ill; Veanna Baxter, New Holland, PA; Jean Tuzinski, Millerstown, PA; Toni Negro, Gaithersburg, MD; and Mary Lou Zuege, Menomonee Falls, WI.

The following high schools in North Carolina also received the grant: Farmville High, Farmville; John M. Morehead High, Eden; and Richmond Senior High, Rockingham. Dr. Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend is the Principal at Pembroke Middle School.

More at Four Standing Proud

by Wendy Moore-Graham

"Proudly we stand," were the twenty-four graduates of the More At Four Program at the Little Dukes and Daisies Learning Center of St. Pauls, NC.

Onlookers of family, faculty, staff and administrators were amazed at the performance given by the four year old students who recited their ABC's, counted to twenty, performed a nursery rhyme, recited the days of the week and ended with the Pledge of Allegiance. The entertainment component of the program was begun by one of the graduates, Deonte McNeil, who captivated the audience with a song, ending with a song by Kristen Emanuel, Junior Miss Lumbee, at the marching of the graduates.

Owners, Michael and Lynne Sanderson was proud to have as guest speaker, Dr. Carolyn T. Cobb, N.C. Director of the More At Four Program.

Dr. Cobb commended Governor Easley for his diligent support to get the More At Four Program funded. The More At Four Program was proposed by Governor Mike Easley as a means of enabling more than 1,500 four year olds to begin enrolling in quality pre-kindergarten classes. The \$6.5 million program funded by the North Carolina General Assembly is a community based, voluntary pre-kindergarten initiative designed to prepare at-risk four-year olds in North Carolina for success upon entering school. The More At Four classrooms offer a research-based, education-focused curriculum with qualified teachers and no more than a 9 to 1 student to teacher ratio.

Dr. Cobb addressed graduates and the audience about her pleasure in witnessing the success of the More At Four Program at the Little Dukes and Daisies Learning Center. She followed by sitting with the children to read the story of "Jonah Starts School," and asking questions like, "What did you learn in school?" and "What do you plan to do this summer?" The little hands of anxious four year olds quickly raised in hopes of answering Dr. Cobb's questions. Dr. Cobb also encouraged parents to become involved in their children's education by attending parent, teacher conferences, attending PTSA meetings and visiting the child's classroom. Dr. Cobb also suggested that parents ask questions about what the child learned at school, display the child's work and also limit the amount of TV the child may watch. "The education of your child is a joint effort," stated Dr. Cobb. "It is obvious that the teachers have been working with these students."

Graduates were presented diplomas, awards and a hand made keepsake ceramic graduation bear. Each bear had the child's name, year and Daycare name painted on it. The Little Dukes and Daisies Learning Center is directed by Mrs. Shirley McNeill and the More At Four teachers are: Mrs. Luisa Martinez, Miss Cindy Britt, Miss Millicent Ford and Mrs. Michelle Garner. Owners Lynn and Michael Sanderson were commended by Dr. Cobb as having one of the best programs that she has ever attended.

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Dr. Cobb addressed graduates



Carolyn Cobb