



Furman Oxendine

## Oxendine honored for his work with Camp Care

A Robeson County native has been honored with a corporate volunteer award for his work with Hospice of Robeson. Furman M. Oxendine, a 24-year employee of Progress Energy who is originally from the south Robeson area, recently received one of his company's volunteer awards for his work with Camp Care, a bereavement camp held annually for children ages 8-16. The camp is sponsored by Hospice of Robeson, which provides services for terminally ill patients and is affiliated with Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Oxendine was nominated for the award by Miriam Edwards, director of Southeastern Home Care Services and Hospice of Robeson. She described him as a person with "A heart of gold" who possesses "a strong work ethic and continuing commitment to give back to the community he grew up in." Oxendine serves as a cabin counselor and directs activities, such as canoeing, the challenge course and softball at the camp, held each May at Camp Monroe in Laurel Hill, N.C. At Camp Care 2003 held May 16-18, a total of 32 children attended from all parts of the county; 53 volunteers helped with the camp's activities. Oxendine donated materials and 125 hours of his time to make birdhouses for each of the campers to paint. Oxendine, who now lives in Dunn, N.C., was among six finalists who received a cash award from Progress Energy. Also the company made a donation of \$ 2, 500 to the charity of his choice, Hospice of Robeson. Camp Care 2004 will be held on the weekend of May 14. Contact Rev. Dean Carter, SRMC chaplain, for volunteer opportunities by calling 671-5031.

## McIntyre Announces \$40,000 for Pembroke Rescue Squad

Washington, D.C.-U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that the Pembroke Rescue Squad will receive \$40,000 in federal funds to purchase an emergency vehicle. Congressman McIntyre stated, "Congratulations to the Pembroke Rescue Squad for their efforts in securing these funds. This is another example of our tax dollars coming home to make a difference!" The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development has approved a \$30,000 grant and \$10,000 loan for Pembroke Rescue to purchase a used EMS vehicle. Congressman McIntyre is a member of the House Agriculture Committee.

## Sandy Plains UM Men to sponsor gospel sing August 24th

**Pembroke**-The Sandy Plains United Methodist Men will sponsor a gospel singing on Sunday, August 24, 2003 at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Scheduled to perform are **The Oxendines, The Jacobs Family, The Locklears, and The Living Stones.** Everyone is cordially invited to attend. A love offering will be collected and the United Methodist Men will use proceeds in their Christian ministry efforts in the community. Sandy Plains United Methodist Church is located at 2468 Union Chapel Road, 1.7 miles north of Pembroke.

## Grant Certification Seminar to be held

The National Educational Foundation, National Grant Writers Association, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, National Association of Social Workers, National Education Association, and thirty-three public and private non-profit agencies are sponsoring a grant writing seminar for the general public to

November 17-21, 2003 from 8:30 AM-4:00PM at the Columbia Conference Center on 169 Laurelhurst Avenue in Columbia, SC.

The public, including educators, government workers, criminal justice employees, health care professionals, private non-profit staff, community volunteers, and anyone connected with organizations that need funding, is invited to participate. Pre-registration is strongly suggested.

For more detailed information and flyers, or to register for this or six other workshops nationwide, call Barbara or Kourtney at 803-750-9759, fax to 803-750-9366, visit our grants and training division website at [www.grantexperts.com](http://www.grantexperts.com), or write to our national training center: Grant Seminars, PO Box 1755, Irmo, SC 29063-1755.

attend. This seminar includes fun workshops that help prepare novice and advanced grant writers on how to identify and write grants to foundations, corporations, and the government. There will be over \$450,000,000,000 available in grants in 2003 from over 60,000 sources nationally. The cost of the seminar is \$659 which includes refreshments, lunch, and a 400+page curriculum. The seminar will be held on

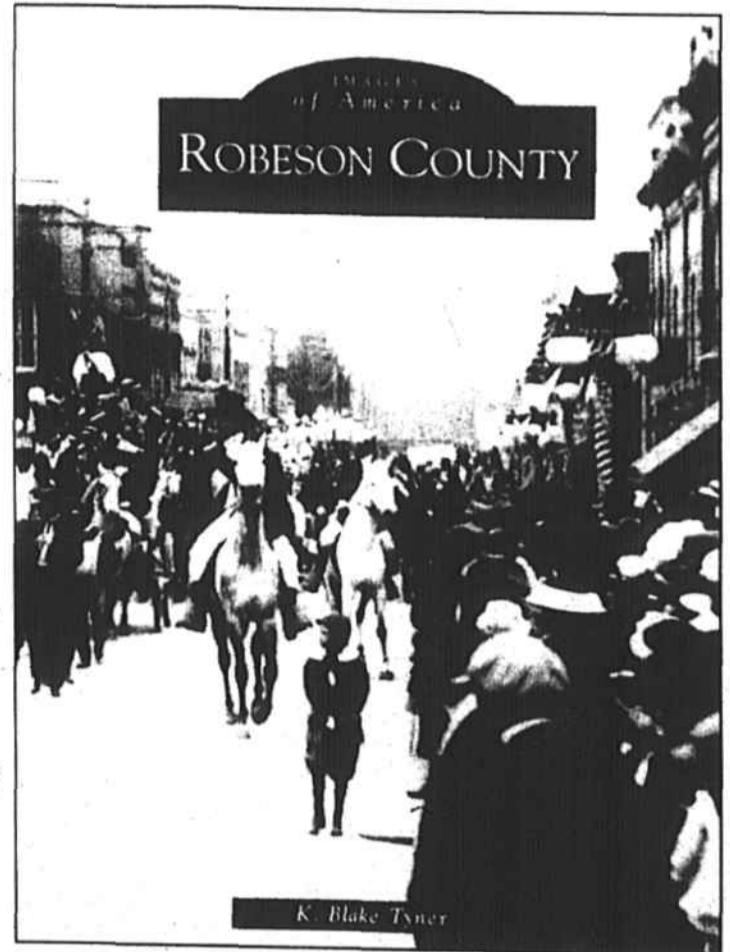
## Local student finalist in the National American Miss NC Jr. Teen Pageant

**Miss Adrienne M. Locklear**, age 15, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss North Carolina Jr. Teen Pageant to be held August 3, at the beautiful Hilton Charlotte and Towers on 222 E. 3rd Street.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1000 cash award, the official crown and banner, bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disney Land in California. Pageants are held in each state for girls age four to eighteen, in five age groups. The National American Miss pageants are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leaders." The pageant program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise, presentation, and offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family, and friends."

Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Miss Locklear's activities include volleyball and running. She also enjoys playing the piano, singing, and entertaining children. Miss Locklear's sponsors include Service Thread of Laurinburg, Barb's Styling Salon of Shannon, Carrie O. Locklear, Grandparents: Rev. Curtis and Louise Oxendine and Hubert and Judy Locklear, Myra G. Woodard, Kay S. Locklear, Tyron and Terri Jacobs, Laura Clark, Lewis and Vickey Woodard, Ann Stanton, Denise Stanton. For information contact parents: Hubert M. and Judy O. Locklear (910) 844-5940



K. Blake Tyner

## Local historian's book on Robeson County released

**Pembroke, N.C.**-UNC Pembroke student Blake Tyner has published his first book for national release.

"Robeson County" is a pictorial history of the county published by Arcadia Publishing House's "Images of America" series. Containing more than 200 photographs dating back to the early 19th century, the book's list price is \$19.99.

Tyner, whose own collection of historic photos forms the core of the book, surprised even himself with the quality of the images he assembled.

"I am very satisfied with this project," he said. "In Robeson County, the county is well represented by community, race, religion, education, government, social life and economy." Robeson is the largest and arguably the most colorful county in North Carolina, further burdening Tyner's research.

"I have about 300 hours of labor and 600 miles of travel in this book," he said. "I was pleased with what I was able to find in private collections in local museums and at the State Archives." Many of the photos have sparked further interest as research projects for Tyner.

"One group of pictures I was pleased to obtain from Historic Robeson was the Ferguson collection," he said. "Her name was actually Lillian Ferguson, and she was a professional photographer based in Lumberton from 1900-1920. She is very interesting, and I would like to know more about her life."

"I am also very indebted to Steven Edgerton of Raleigh for providing pictures of Presbyterian Junior College, a minstrel show at the Red Springs Opera House (now the B.C. Moore Department Store) and a photo of two Red Shirts."

The last photo helped solve a long-time debate about whether the Reconstruction-era political movement, known as the Red Shirts, existed in Robeson County.

"Another great collection was C.E. Morrison's, which is housed in the Rowland area, whose pictures depict the every day life of agriculture students."

"Robeson County" also contains three outstanding photos of Rosenwald schools in Maxton, St. Pauls and Lumber Bridge. These were schools for African Americans children built with funds from the Sears and Roebuck founder Julius Rosenwald.

There is also a 1934 reunion photo of students from Floral College in Maxton, which was the first college in North Carolina to grant degrees to women.

"There are lots of stories worth telling in more detail," Tyner said. "Everybody and every community played a role in Robeson County history."

The book is the product of a lifetime of collecting photographs, manuscripts and other items of historical interest.

"I have always been around history," the St. Pauls native said. "The main purpose of this book, other than the preservation and

dissemination of these images, is to seek out documents, photos, maps, and other ephemera relating to the county history while it still exists."

"Every 20 years represents a change in generation, and potentially a great loss of knowledge of history and its artifacts," he said. "If new generations of Robesonians are interested in their history and the study of their proud heritage, then the purpose of this book is fulfilled. Our future is truly rooted in our past, and preservation of this foundation is a sacred trust that we must uphold."

With this book just coming off the presses, Tyner is looking forward to the future.

"My advisor, (history Professor) Stephen Berry, was well pleased with this book, but this is just the beginning," he said.

Tyner plans a pictorial history of UNCP for his honors thesis at the university and a second volume on Robeson County.

"I will continue my quest to tell the entire story of Robeson County," he said. "Many people are reluctant to contribute photos because they did not believe their pictures were important enough. We lose too much history that way."

Tyner is an administrative assistant in UNC Pembroke's Art Department and working on his undergraduate degree in history at the university.

Currently, Tyner is the director of the Maxton Historical Society and curator of the Robeson County Museum in Lumberton. He is also the author of several

other works, including "Goin' for a Soldier," which won the North Carolina Society of Historians' Willie Parker Peace Award in 2000.

He lives with his wife Bess in the oldest home in Maxton, Sycamore Grove Hall, where they are raising their son McKay. Tyner is working to establish a larger Robeson County Historical Commission.

All proceeds from the sale of "Robeson County" will be contributed to the new Historical Commission.

Copies of the book may be purchased at online booksellers, the UNCP Bookstore or from Tyner at (910) 844-2377 or [blake@btyner.com](mailto:blake@btyner.com). More information about the book can be found at [www.robesoncountyhistory.com](http://www.robesoncountyhistory.com).

## In The Armed Forces

Kyland B. Freeman

Kyland B. Freeman has entered the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colo.

At prep school, cadet candidates are qualified for appointment to the Air Force Academy. The curriculum helps students develop a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence that enables them to function in the academy's demanding environment, and motivates them to attend the academy, graduate and be career Air Force Officers.

The 11-month school program integrates academic preparation, military training, and athletic conditioning, which includes a primary curriculum of academic preparation with intensive instruction in mathematics, English, and the basic sciences.

To qualify for an appointment to the academy, students must complete the preparatory school program in academics and military training, pass a fitness test, exhibit strong ethical character, be recommended by the Air Force Academy board.

Freeman is the son of Larry and Pat Freeman of Turkey Branch Road, Fairmont, N.C.

## Free Health Checks

Free health screenings will be held Friday, August 15 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Biggs

Park Mall, Lumberton and Friday, August 22 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Robeson County Housing Authority's Morgan Britt Apartments located at 100 Oxendine Circle, Lumberton. Checks for total cholesterol/HDL, blood pressure and blood glucose will be offered to all adults 18 years and older. Only one fingerstick is required. Results are available in five minutes.

## Pembroke residents recognized by Elkay for Employee Excellence

**PEMBROKE** residents, David Locklear, Aaron Lowry and Rudolph Sampson Jr. were recently honored by Oak Brook based Elkay Manufacturing Company with an Employee Excellence Award.

More than 100 Elkay employees received Gold, Silver and Bronze awards in six categories as part of the company's recent 2002 Achieving Competitive Excellence (a.c.e.) annual division recognition program.

The a.c.e. Awards Program was developed to recognize teams of Elkay employees and business partners for quantifiable improvements in four main areas: Product Development, Program Development, Process Development and Kaizen Process Improvement. In addition, the "President's Award of Special Recognition" honored significant contributions by individuals throughout 2002, and the Elkay "Plant of the Year" award acknowledged several facilities

for best practices in the areas of People, Safety, Quality, Delivery and Cost.

"Outstanding companies are the result of outstanding employees," said Jim Scott, president of the Elkay Division. "Elkay has an outstanding staff and we hope to nurture and to honor these exceptional contributions on a grand scale. From an operations and production efficiency perspective, our workers have helped Elkay embrace world-class best practices, which undoubtedly have become our most competitive advantage."

The company's first annual division recognition drew 77 nominations, which cited contributions and programs that were substantially completed during the 2002 calendar year.

"Elkay employees help us achieve competitive excellence every day," noted John Heilstedt,

executive vice president, sales and marketing. "What is especially significant about these

awards is that nominations are submitted by peers, who recognize an individual's dedication and contributions."

For more than 80 years, Elkay Manufacturing Company has been an innovative manufacturer of stainless steel sinks, water coolers, drinking fountains, water filtration products and faucets for residential and commercial use. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois, Elkay is also the parent company of E.B. Tecnica Mexicana, Elkay Canada, as well as Yorktowne Cabinets, Medallion Cabinetry and MasterCraft Cabinets.

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