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## Locklear Earns Royalty Trip to California

**PEMBROKE, N.C.** - Miss Alexis Vivian Locklear, daughter of Marla Locklear of the Prospect-Pembroke Community and Phil Locklear of Pensacola, Fla., captured the title of National American Miss Pre-Teen North Carolina on Aug. 7, 2004.

The pageant was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Charlotte, N.C. Locklear competed against 76 girls from across North Carolina in the 10-12 age division. As a "no make-up pageant," competition included formal wear, personal introduction, interview and community involvement. Trent Locklear escorted Alexis during her formal wear competition.

Locklear advances to the national competition to be held in Anaheim, Cal., during Thanksgiving week. By winning the state title, she earned \$1,000 cash award, crown, banner, travel expenses paid to compete in the nationals, two VIP passes to Disneyland and a Hollywood tour while in Anaheim.

Locklear also won the best casual wear (optional) contest and was awarded \$250 cash and a trophy. The theme of her outfit was "Pretty in Pink" and "Jammin' in Jeans." She also competed in the optional talent contest and was first runner up with her rendition of "Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now." She received a trophy and was invited to perform at the pageant finale.

Following the competition, Alexis said, "I am very excited and honored to represent the great State of North Carolina at the national pageant. My hard work paid off and I am now Hollywood bound."

The National American Miss Pageant is dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. The pageant is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation with emphasis 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. Visit the National American Miss website at [www.namiss.com](http://www.namiss.com) for more information.

## Family Practice Physician joins Pembroke Family Practice Center

Linwood W. Watson, MD, a family medicine physician, has joined the staff of Pembroke Family Practice Center and is now accepting appointments. Dr. Watson recently completed a family practice residency at Lynchburg Family Practice an affiliate of the University of Virginia/Central Health. He earned his medical degree at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University in Greenville, where he was inducted into the AOA medical honor society and was the recipient of a four-year Sammy Brody Medical Scholarship due to his commitment to primary care in eastern North Carolina. He also serves as the co-president of the Association of Native American Medical Students. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical Laboratory Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill prior to his medical training. As the son of a farmer and an elementary school teacher, Dr. Watson's goal is to provide quality and compassionate care to rural Robeson County and the surrounding area.

### No Stranger to Native American Culture

Originally from Wilson, North Carolina, Dr. Watson is a member of the Haliwa-Saponi tribe and no stranger to the health care needs of the large Native American population in the Pembroke area. "I have a strong interest in Native American health issues as well as that of all Eastern North Carolina," commented Dr. Watson. "With many friends in this area I am excited to be working here, and to be a part of the great team of professionals at Pembroke Family Practice Center."

Dr. Watson's interest in preventive medicine is reinforced through his writing of two monthly newsletters that address the health issues of Native Americans. Since 2000, he has written for the Voice of the Saponi a tribal newsletter for the Haliwa-Saponi tribe in Hollister, North Carolina, and also writes articles for the Lumbee tribe on its website, [www.lumbee.org](http://www.lumbee.org). "I write a lot about preventive issues because I feel that patient education goes a long way in the battle against chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and coronary artery disease," he stated. "I realize medical practice and patient education are challenging but doing both is good medical practice."

Dr. Watson is the founding member of a powwow drum group, Southern Sun, and travels to powwows around southeastern United States to perform. He also enjoys gardening, fresh water fishing, swimming, car detailing, and tennis.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Watson at Pembroke Family Practice Center, call 910-521-4462.

## Reception held for District Court Judge Greg Bell



**A Meet The Candidates Social held August 10, 2004 for the Hon. Greg Bell at Adelio's in Lumberton, N.C. Over 250 supporters and friends attended the event. Judge Bell will be on the November 2, 2004 ballot for District Court Judge. Judge Bell, a graduate of UNC Law School, was appointed to the District Court Bench in June, 2002 by Governor Mike Easley. Shown in the photo is Judge Bell, right with his brother, Dr. Joey Bell of Pembroke Pediatrics.**

## USDA reminds producers to nominate candidates for County Committees nationwide

**Lumberton, N.C.** - Giles B. Floyd, Robeson/Scotland County Executive Director today reminded producers to nominate candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee before the Sept. 3, 2004 deadline.

"We want to make sure that FSA county committees represent a cross-section of farmers, ranchers and agricultural producers in their communities," said Floyd. "The county committees are a direct link between the Department and the agricultural community in which they serve, and all eligible producers are strongly encouraged to participate in this process."

County committees oversee local FSA operations and make critical decisions on how many FSA programs are administered in their communities. Nationwide there are over 8,000 committee members serving over 2,400 county offices. Approximately one-third of these seats are up for election each year.

FSA is committed to diversity on county committees and encourages the nomination of minority, female and other under-represented and underserved producers. The nomination of producers who are representative of the community and the agricultural production in their county is critical.

Farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers of legal voting age who are eligible to participate in FSA programs can vote and be nominated for a county committee. Nominations and elections are open to all eligible candidates and voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status or disability. Potential nominees are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to confirm eligibility. Producers and bona fide representatives may nominate themselves to serve on the committee.

Nominations for candidates began July 15, 2004 and will continue through Sept. 3, 2004. Nomination forms (FSA-669A) are available at FSA county offices or online at [forms.sc.egov.usda.gov](http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov) and must be returned to FSA county offices by Sept. 3, 2004 due date.

Nominees will be notified that they have been nominated. Eligible voters will receive ballots in the mail in mid-November. Ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to FSA county offices by Dec. 6, 2004. On Jan. 1, 2005, elected committee members and alternates will assume their positions.

More detailed information on the county committee system and eligibility is available at FSA county offices or on FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/elec03.htm>

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## The Big Catch of the Day!

**Preston David Locklear, the twelve year old son of David and Zonya Locklear of Maxton, proudly displays the Catch of the Day, a five pound bass. He and his father, David, enjoyed Saturday fishing at a local private pond. Preston's favorite hobbies are hunting and fishing.**

## Southeastern Veterinary Hospital PA receives accreditation

**LUMBERTON, NC** - Southeastern Veterinary Hospital PA has again received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association. The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management. About 17 percent of all small animal veterinary facilities in the U.S. are accredited hospital members of the association. In order to maintain accredited status, Southeastern Veterinary Hospital PA must continue to be evaluated regularly by the association's trained consultants.

The American Animal Hospital Association is an international organization of more than 32,000 veterinary care providers who treat companion animals. Established in 1993, the association is well known among veterinarians for its high standards for hospital and pet health care. For pet care information or a referral to an AAHA hospital, pet owners can visit the AAHA web site at [www.healthypet.com](http://www.healthypet.com). Southeastern Veterinary Hospital has been a hospital member of the association since 2000.

Dr. Curt Locklear, Jr., DVM, is owner of Southeastern Veterinary Hospital PA.

## Scholarship gospel sing is September 11

**PEMBROKE, N.C.** - The first annual Mitch Tyler Endowed Scholarship Fund Gospel Sing will be at the Givens Performing Arts Center Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, with a pre-show at 6 p.m. and the main show at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

All proceeds will go to support the Mitch Tyler Endowed Scholarship Fund at UNCP Pembroke.

A native of the Red Springs area, Tyler was superintendent of Hoke County Schools when he died on March 2, 2002. He also worked for UNCP School of Education and for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Following his death, family members established an endowment scholarship.

### Featured groups:

- 8 The Hoskins Family <http://www.thehoskinsfamily.com>
- \* The Oxendines <http://www.theoxendines.com>
- \* The Locklear's <http://www.thelocklears.com>
- \* Total Surrender <http://www.totalsurrenderministries.com>
- \* Anointed (no website available)

For tickets or other information, please contact Darlene Tyler Cummings at (910) 521-6299.

## Jack Lowery returns to UNCP for speaking engagement



**PEMBROKE, N.C.** - B.F. "Jack" Lowery, one of UNCP Pembroke's most distinguished alumni, will return to campus for a speaking engagement at 4 p.m., Thursday, September 16 at Moore Hall auditorium.

A 1958 UNCP graduate, Lowery is a successful corporate, criminal defense and personal injury attorney with Lowery & Lowery Attorneys at Law in Lebanon, Tenn. His topic will be business success, and Lowery is uniquely

able to speak on the subject of business success.

He is an original investor in Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc., one of America's most successful restaurant chains headquartered in Lebanon. Lowery was Cracker Barrel's general counsel for 26 years and continues to serve on the Executive Committee of its Board of Directors.

Lowery is also a founding partner in LoJac, Inc., a highly successful highway construction, safety equipment manufacturer and asphalt and concrete production company. The company specializes in interstate highway, airport and bridge rehabilitation. UNCP's School of Business is host for the event.

"It is privilege to have one of the University's most distinguished alumni, Jack Lowery, come to campus and share his experience with our campus community," said Dean Eric Dent of the School

of Business. "I have heard him tell of his business experiences and the wisdom he has acquired, and his willingness to share with us is something from which our students will benefit greatly."

After graduating from UNCP, Lowery attended the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. He was admitted to the Tennessee Bar Association in 1962.

Lowery also served as a mayor, city judge and city attorney for Lebanon, Tenn. He also served one term in the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing Wilson and Trousdale counties. The son of the late Zeb Lowery, a long-time member and chair of UNCP's Board of Trustees, Jack Lowery is the brother of the late Dennis Lowery, who found a successful chemical sales company in Charlotte, N.C.

There are two additional brothers, Bill and Zeb Jr. Son, Jack Lowery Jr., is a partner in the Lowery & Lowery law firm.