

Miss Lumbee First Runner Up To Miss Indian USA



The reigning Miss Lumbee Nahir Locklear, was selected as first runner-up last week in the Miss Indian USA Pageant. The pageant is an annual event and is sponsored by the National Indian Heritage Foundation, a Washington based organization that addresses issues and concerns relating to Native American People.

Co-hosts of the pageant were Princess Pale Moon, Chairman of the American Indian Heritage Foundation and Claude Akins, star of the hit show "Lobo" The 21 contestants were judged in areas of tribal knowledge, personal interview, traditional dress, contemporary dress, traditional talent and modern talent.

Nahir will receive a \$2,000 scholarship as first place winner. Chenoa Bah Stillwell was crowned Miss Indian USA.

Nahir is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel R. Locklear of Pembroke. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Vivian Locklear.

Nahir extends her gratitude to the community for their financial support and their encouragement.

Budget Study Group to Meet with Representatives

The Robeson County Budget Study Group will meet on Saturday at 9 a.m. at the O.P. Owens Agriculture Building. Members of the Robeson County Board of Education, Board of Commissioners and members of the Legislature for the district will meet with the group. Many

Native American Cultural Festival Set in Baltimore

The third Annual National Native Cultural Arts Festival, scheduled to coincide with Thanksgiving, will be held in Baltimore City's Festival Hall and the Marriott Hotel, November 19-25, 1990.

Sponsored and organized by the Baltimore American Indian Center, the Festival will offer special events for children, an art show, drum and dance contests, American Indian food, crafts and demonstrations.

Monday-Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week (November 19-21) will be open to the public but will target school children.

School children will be invited to: Sample American Indian food and drink, view demonstrations and exhibits of Native American arts and crafts, dancing and regalia (dance outfits).

Featured also for the school children will be demonstrations of American Indian beadwork, pottery, basketry, patchwork and wood carving, as well as story telling. Large models of American Indian villages and full size tipis will be on display. Educational packets will be available for teachers. Children will also be able to have their faces painted for a small fee.

Booths in the hall will sell food, drinks, and souvenirs as well as exhibit and sell American Indian art and craft items.

A Pow Wow will start on Friday, November 23. Events for each day (Friday-Saturday) will include a grand entry, special entertainment, dance contests, social dancing, drumming contests, and inter tribal contests. Native Americans from across the United States and Canada will be participating. The Aztec dancers will be in attendance. Over \$10,000 in prize money will be paid to drum and dance contestants.

On November 22-25, the Baltimore American Indian Center, in conjunction with the festival, will sponsor a juried art show at Baltimore's Marriott Hotel. Over \$8,500 in prize money will be paid to contestants. Admission to the Native Cultural Arts Festival will be \$4.00.

In addition to the admission fee, a voluntary donation of a can of food is requested to assist in the preparation of Christmas food baskets for the needy by the Baltimore American Indian Center.

Interested persons are urged to attend this important meeting. Richard Mathis serves as chairman of the group. Citizen input is encouraged.

PINEY GROVE HAPPENINGS

Piney Grove Elementary School recently held its annual Harvest Festival which was a great success. The winners for Prince and Princess were Adam Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bowen and Nicole McNeill, daughter of Ms. Edith McNeill. Ms. Miriam S. Mabe is their second grade teacher.

The king and queen were Heath Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melton Barnes and Nikki Chavis, daughter of Mr. Ricky Chavis and Ms. Janice Locklear. Miss Betty C. McNeill is their sixth grade teacher. These winners will represent the school in parades and related events. Shown above are the king and queen.

Principal Grady Locklear would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event a success. The funds will be used to help provide essential supplies for students.

New teachers are still in the making. Mrs. Connie Ivey is getting first hand experience as she does her student teaching at Piney Grove Elementary School in the fifth grade class of Mrs. Healen A. Carter. Mrs. Ivey says that her teaching experience is a pleasure and yet a challenge.

She says she has been made to feel very much a part of the school. She looks with great anticipation forward to a classroom of her own. She will graduate December 14 from Pembroke State University.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF TODAY'S YOUTH

by Atha B. Staton

The Robeson DSS Child Welfare Staff and the Juvenile Court Counselors have always worked together as a team when necessary in order to provide quality and indepth services to children. However, in the wake of increased social problems in families, the complexity of youth problems and the decrease in economic resources, the two agencies came together on October 29th for a mini workshop to discuss problems of today's youth to, to review the current role of each agency as mandated by the North Carolina General Statutes, to evaluate their services approach and at the same time, gain new knowledge, build new service directions and focus on how the two agencies can continue to offer quality services to kids and meet the challenge of today's problems.

Even though each agency works with youth in their own special way, they both have a common mooring in the use of the Juvenile Court. The Juvenile Court is protective in nature, judicial in function and social in determination.

It has the responsibility for protecting a child's right to physical, mental and moral development. Both agencies serve as an arm of the court in not only protecting the rights of children, but in making sound decisions in reference to their future. Because of the likeness in service function, it means that many times DSS staff, Juvenile Court Counselors and other human service agencies may be working with the same child.

At the October meeting, both agencies could readily identify with the stress, frustrations and fears that plague the families and children throughout the United States and the changing economic, social and educational forces that challenge their resolve. The workshop ended with a common understanding and commitment between the two agencies in reference to meeting the challenge of today's youth, better strategic planning and program coordination.

Coffee, cups, sugar and cream were donated by a local business.

REGULAR CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN PEMBROKE AND BOLIVIA

by Gene Warren

With a regular cultural exchange program between Pembroke and Bolivia being discussed, 30 pieces of art work from Cochabamba, Bolivia, in South America are now being exhibited through Dec. 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday in Pembroke State University's Native American Resource Center.

The exhibit is entitled "From the Heart of South America" and features the work of 12 contemporary artists of the Quechua and Aymara Indian Nations of Bolivia.

The pieces are in various media, including oil, watercolor, batik, pencil, lithography and acrylics. The exhibit is being shown at only three places in this state.

The exhibit came to PSU from Durham and will go next to Tryon, NC. It may also go to Washington, D.C. for the month of February. It will be in no other state.

It is all part of the Partners of the Americas national program, a non-profit organization seeking to encourage exchange between the U.S. and Latin America. The exhibit is also supported by a grant from the U.S. Information Agency under the auspices of the Fulbright Hayes Act of 1961 and by American Airlines.

"North Carolina is linked with Cochabamba in the central area of Bolivia, Utah is linked with La Paz, capital of Bolivia. Arkansas is linked with Santa Cruz in the eastern part of Bolivia," said Jessie Cannon, chairperson for arts and culture, N.C. Partners of the Americas.

"We sponsor exchanges in all different areas: sports, agriculture, health, everything you can think of to have exchanges. We pay for the travel of those participating in the program, which is those volunteering to come up here or go down there," she said.

"When this program was discussed between Bolivia and North Carolina, it was suggested that Pembroke would be an excellent place with which to establish an exchange or link," said Cannon.

"After all, most of the people in Bolivia are Indians. They have a real linkage up here at Pembroke, so that's when we began to talk about having an art exhibit at Pembroke."

From this, Cannon said, "I'd like to see someone who is a truly typical Indian artists from here go down there. We would pay their travel expenses. They would volunteer 10 days of their time and live with families in Bolivia."

It has been pointed out to Cannon that there are many fine Native American artists in the Pembroke area.

Cannon said the idea behind this exchange program is to exchange information. "Unfortunately," she said, "a lot of people on the outside everywhere think all Indians are reservation Indians. They have this stereotyped idea of Native Americans." Such an exchange program will help correct this misinterpretation, she said.

Cannon gave an example of the cultural exchange involving Seldon Durgon, a potter who has a studio at Cedar Creek Gallery 25 miles north of Raleigh near Creedmoor. "She went down (as a representative of North Carolina) to Bolivia and gave workshops for two weeks and helped them learn about some of the techniques of pottery here and, of course, she learned about their kinds of pottery techniques," she said.

"Another example is two of the musicians from there coming to N.C. and performing. People who had never had any interest in Bolivia were fascinated by their music because it is so different," noted Cannon.

From all of this came the information that the Bolivians were very interested in learning about North American Indians—and thus the possible start of a regular exchange or link with Pembroke, an area where some 40,000 Native Americans live.

Those interested in volunteering for such an exchange should contact: Jessie Cannon, chairperson for arts and culture, N.C. Partners of the Americas, 4004 Forestdale Dr., Durham, NC 27712, or telephone Ms. Cannon at her office in Raleigh at (919) 787-8066.



Jessie Cannon...Of the N.C. Partners of the Americas.



This painting entitled "Porton," a water color by Gerardo Zurita of Bolivia, is one of 30 art works from Bolivia now on exhibit through Dec. 14 at Pembroke State University's Native American Resource Center.

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Receives Certificate of Appreciation

Erma N. McWilliams has received a letter and certificate of appreciation from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Federal response in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo and the Loma Prieta Earthquake in California. Mrs. McWilliams coordinated and consolidated the expenses incurred by the agencies of the Public Health Service with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Defense. Mrs. McWilliams is the Chief, Financial Management

Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services. She is a graduate of Pembroke High School and the American University, School of Government and Public Administration. She has been with Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for the past 20 years and has received numerous awards over the years. She is the daughter of the late Edward N. Oxendine and the late Flora "Bell" Oxendine. She grew up in the Harpers Ferry area and now resides in Silver Spring, Md.

NCA Technical Meeting Planned

The monthly dinner and technical meeting of the Fayetteville Area Chapter of the National Association of Accountants will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on U.S. Hwy 15-401 in Laurinburg, NC. Mr. Pete Prosser, a CPA and assistant professor at St. Andrews Presbyterian College will speak

on "Fitting Liberal Arts Students into Professional Accounting Education."

Professional accountants, collegiate business students and guests are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Association. For reservations or information contact Georganna Simpson at 488-8511.

Plans Bazaar

Ashpole Center United Methodist Women of Rowland will sponsor a Bazaar, barbecue and chicken plate sale November 16-17 at Ashpole Center United Methodist Church. The plate sale will begin at 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Plates will be \$4 each. Craft display will open at 8 a.m. Ashpole Center United Methodist Church is located in front of South Robeson High School. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the building fund.

Revival at Ashpole

Ashpole Center United Methodist Church of Rowland will hold a revival November 18-20. The Rev. Jerry Lowry, pastor of First United Methodist Church will be the guest speaker. Special singing each night. Services will begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday night and 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday nights. The pastor, Rev. Bill James Locklear, invites the public to attend.