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## News Briefs

### Applications Now Available for Little Miss Lumbee Pageant

Applications are now being accepted for the Little Miss Lumbee Pageant sponsored by LRDA. The age category is 5 to 7 years of age by June 28, 1993. The first fifteen applications accepted and child must have talent.

The pageant will be held on June 29, 1994 at 7 p.m. at the PSU Performing arts Center.

Applications may be obtained at the Day Care Office in Pembroke (across from PSU). Questions may be directed to Helen Hunt, Karen Deese, Zona Locklear at the office or call (910) 521-8555. Application deadline is April 30, 1994.

### Registration for Union Elementary School held

Kindergarten registration for Union Elementary School will be held on Thursday, April 21, 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the school gymnasium for children who will be five years old on or before October 16, 1994.

Shot records, certified birth certificates, social security cards, and tribal enrollment cards, if applicable, should be brought on this date. State law now requires that every kindergarten child have a physical before beginning school. Physical forms will be available on this date or in the school office if needed before April 21.

Registration forms for Pre-kindergarten will be available on this date. If you have any questions, please call the school at 521-4272.

### Repeat Performance of Easter Cantata at Mt. Airy

Mt. Airy Baptist Church will present a repeat performance of their Easter Cantata, Behold the Risen Savior, on Sunday evening, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. The repeat performance is being presented in response to the many requests to see the performance again. The public is invited to attend.

### Kindergarten Registration at Union Chapel

Kindergarten registration for Union Chapel Elementary School will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for children who will be five years old on or before October 16, 1994.

Shot records, certified birth certificates, social security cards, and Indian certification forms, if applicable, should be brought on this date. State law now requires that every kindergarten child have a physical before beginning school. Physical forms will be available on this date in the school office if needed before April 20.

Preschool registration forms for children who will be four years old on or before October 16, 1994 will also be available on this date. If you have any questions, please call the school at 521-4456.

## Local Artists to be Part of Grand Opening of new Museum of History

The new Museum of History in Raleigh will open to the public with a two-day festival on Saturday, April 23, and Sunday, April 24, that promises to be the broadest gathering ever staged of the state's historical, folk, literary and sports figures.

The "Festival of North Carolina Stories" will celebrate the people of our state with presentations and performances by over 200 North Carolina artisans, sports figures, musicians, historians, and writers. The event has been planned to complement the new museum's exhibits and remind visitors that history is a storytelling process.

The opening festivities will take place from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday, culminating in the building dedication ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Transportation as a theme runs throughout the weekend's festivities, which will begin on Saturday with the "Parade of Transportation." The parade will include 50 vehicles and marching groups symbolizing migration and settlement in North Carolina, tracing technological change and highlighting the role of travel and commerce in the state's development.

Lumbee Indians will begin the parade on foot, followed by a horse and mule-drawn vehicles including a logging wagon, tobacco truck, hearse, buggy, carriage, surrey and covered wagon made in Winston-Salem.

Vintage motor vehicles will include a 1958 motorcycle, 1974 Mack truck, 1941 weapons carrier, 1940 Thomas school bus, 1938 fire engine, 1935 Highway patrol roadster, 1926 Jesse Jones Sausage delivery truck, Model T's, Model A's, and a planet rover designed at N.C. State University for exploration on Mars. And race car driver Richard Petty, whose STP racing car is part of the Sports Hall of Fame exhibit, will make an appearance riding in the parade.

North Carolina infantry and cavalry units from three wars will march, and several high school marching bands will play music reflecting each transportation era, from file-and-drum tunes to Sousa marches. After circling the State Capitol on Union Square, the Museum of History parade will end at the Jones Street entrance to the museum where Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. will preside over the official ribbon-cutting event. Eighteen vehicles from the parade will be displayed around Union Square until 5 p.m.

The festival will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday. At 5 p.m. the Pow Wow Dance and Drum will begin. Ray Littleturtle will introduce a native American dance troupe from Pembroke-the Lumbee Cheraw Dancers, who will be accompanied by a drum ensemble called War Party. The two troupes will demonstrate several dances from pow wows, large social gatherings where singing and dancing competitions are always held.

Other artists from Robeson County will participate on Sunday, April 24.

Beginning at 3 p.m. "Stories of the Native American Experience in North Carolina"- Representatives from several North Carolina tribes will share stories passed down within their communities. Participants are Linda Oxendine, director of the Native American Studies Program at Pembroke State University; with writer Barbara Brayboy-Locklear from Pembroke; educator/storyteller Edna Chekelelee from the Snowbird community near Cherokee; and Adolph Dial, professor emeritus of Pembroke State University.

Also at 3:30 p.m. "Homemade and Factory Spun-Stories of Textile Artisans"- This presentation will feature various textile crafts from making rugs on looms to Hmong stitching, Effie Rhodes Bell of Hampstead, Helen Chapman of Grifton and Hazel Rhodes Reece of Jacksonville will demonstrate quilting. Lela Brooks of Pembroke will show and describe the craft of tobacco-twine crocheting, and Xee Yang of Newton will explain the process of Hmong Flower Cloth making. Ina Coward of Franklinville will demonstrate machine loom weaving and the Parnell Family of Lexington will show how they make rag rugs on a loom. Sally Peterson, curator of folklife at the N.C. Museum of History and Franklinville historian Mac Whatley will also share their knowledge of textile crafts.

For more information about the festival call 733-3894 or 715-0200 weekdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## Public Hearings Planned on Lumbee Tribal Constitution

Beginning April 18 through April 28, the constitutional Assembly of the Lumbee Tribe will be conducting 11 public hearings in Robeson, Scotland, Hoke and Cumberland Counties. The purpose of these hearings is to present the draft constitution and obtain comments from tribal membership. Within thirty days of the final public hearing, the assembly shall meet to consider amendments based upon public comments. Any changes made as a result of this meeting shall be presented in a final public hearing to be held thereafter in Robeson County.

There are 42 delegates who were appointed or elected by Indian churches to draft the constitution. The delegations has been meeting since July 1993 and, according to Rev. Earny Hammonds, chairman of the Constitution Assembly, "IN our work on the constitution, we were the servant of no one but the Lumbee people. We hope for a vigorous debate among all segments of the Lumbee community on its draft, since this is the best way to insure that we meet the needs and desires of the entire community. Because of the process we have established, for consideration of this draft constitution, we believe the result will be a tribal government created by he people and for the people. This constitution will bring our people together so that whenever trib eis recognized by the United States, we will be ready to move forward quickly." Rev. Hammonds encourages tribal members to participate actively in these public hearings. For further information on the draft constitution, or the public hearings, please contact Ruth B. Locklear at (910) 521-1647.

The schedule for public hearings: April 18: St. Pauls High School at 7 p.m. and South Robeson High School at 7 p.m.

April 19: Littlefield Elementary School at 7 p.m. and Rex Rennert at 7 p.m.

April 21: Purnell Swett High at 7 p.m.

April 25: Fairgrove School at 7 p.m. and Magnolia School at 7 p.m.

April 26: Oxendine School at 7 p.m. Scotland County High School at 7 p.m.

April 28: South Hoke Elementary School at 7 p.m.

## Aberdeen Looks for Participation

The Town of Aberdeen is looking for participants for their 30th annual July 4th Parade and celebration which is set for Monday, July 4th this year. The town needs parade entries, crafters, food vendors, volunteers and sponsors.

The downtown parade begins at 10 am with 10 commercial floats, clowns, marching bands, fire and rescue units, horses and many, many participants. The town would love to have you in their parade. The crafters show will begin at 11 am at Lake park with 30 or more crafters who have a wide variety of crafts such as dolls, wood works, leather crafts, pottery, hand made flags, basket making and other fine exhibits. If you have a craft, don't miss out!

Children's activities will include a pie eating contest, a water melon contest, balloon toss, a bubble gum blowing contest, video games, homerun derby and a junior hollerin' contest.

The town encourages anyone who wants to participate in any of these events, or wants to volunteer or sponsor anything with July 4th, to call Ken Metcalf with Aberdeen parks and recreation at (910) 944-5902. Special thanks goes out to BB&T of Aberdeen, Colonial Abrasive, and Kentucky Fried Chicken who have already become sponsors for this year's event.

## Crowned Young Miss Sanford



Wendy Ann Lowery, the 15-year-old daughter of Wendell and Gloria Lowery, was recently crowned Young Miss Sanford. Although Wendy is a native of Robeson County, in order to compete in the young Miss North Carolina Pageant, she had to live in the Young Miss North Carolina Pageant in July.

Wendy is a sophomore at Lumberton Senior High School. The Lowery family would like to sincerely thank all family, friends, and supporters at the pageant.

## A Summary of the Articles of the Lumbee Tribal Constitution

### PREAMBLE

The preamble states that the purpose of adopting a tribal constitution is to preserve the Lumbee way of life, promote the social and economic well-being of the Lumbee people, and secure justice and freedom for the Lumbee people.

### ARTICLE I. TERRITORY AND JURISDICTION

The purpose of this article is to establish the geographic area where Lumbees will receive federal Indian services (once the recognition bill is passed) and where Lumbee tribal laws will apply. This area is set out in the tribe's recognition bill as Robeson and adjoining counties in North Carolina. These counties include Robeson, Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland Counties in North Carolina. This same area is used in the constitution.

### ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

This article states the requirements for membership in the Lumbee Tribe. It uses the same membership criteria set out in the tribe's petition for federal recognition and under which those enrolled in the tribe received their membership cards. It restricts voting in the tribe to members who are eighteen or older and who have registered to vote. It also authorizes the tribal council to adopt tribal laws on things such as details on voter registration, adoption of members, etc.

### ARTICLE III. DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS

This article states the basic principle of the Lumbee constitution, that the power of self-government rests in the Lumbee people and the branches of Lumbee tribal government exercise only those powers delegated to them by the Lumbee people. It also states three specific powers that are reserved to the Lumbee people. These are: first, the power to recall any elected tribal official by following certain procedures; second, the power to pass any tribal law, called the power of referendum, by following certain procedures; and third, the power to

approve certain tribal laws adopted by the tribal council, called the power of referendum, by following certain procedures.

This article contains a bill of rights that restricts the tribal government from doing certain things. These provisions come from a federal statute known as the 1968 Indian Civil Rights Act and are very similar to those stated in the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution.

### ARTICLE IV. TRIBAL COUNCIL

This article creates a tribal council that is the legislative body of the Lumbee tribal government. The council consists of twenty-one members who are elected from local districts; the boundaries for these districts were drawn to reflect traditional community boundaries as much as possible. To qualify to serve as tribal council members, a person must be a member of the tribe who is at least twenty-one years old, with certain restrictions on criminal convictions, and residing within their district. Finally, a member cannot be seated as a tribal council member if that person is an elected official of any other government.

Every member of the tribal council must hold at least four meetings a year in the local district he/she represents to report to the community and hear the community's views and concerns.

### ARTICLE V. TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON

This is the only official elected by the entire tribe. The chairperson must see that all tribal laws are enforced, make an annual state of the tribe speech to the tribe, submit a proposed annual budget to the tribal council for its consideration, and hire a tribal administrator who will oversee the day to day business of government. The tribal chairperson does not sit on the tribal council; he/she has authority to veto any ordinance of the tribal council, subject to the council's authority to override the veto by a two-thirds vote. Finally, the

chairperson must call for a referendum among the Lumbee people on any tribal ordinance that imposes a tax or authorizes gambling in the Lumbee community.

To run as chairperson, a person must be a member of the tribe who is at least thirty-five, reside in Lumbee territory, with certain restrictions on criminal convictions. As with tribal council members, the chairperson cannot take office if he/she is an elected official of any other government.

### ARTICLE VI. JUDICIARY

This article establishes a Supreme Court of the Lumbee Constitution so that any tribal member can get an order enforcing the tribal constitution against the tribal government. The court consists of five judges; three must be law school graduates and two must be community people. The judges serve five year terms and cannot serve two terms in a row. Judges are nominated by the tribal chairperson and appointed by the tribal council.

### ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS BOARD

This article creates an independent board of five members to conduct all tribal elections. Members of the board are appointed in the same manner as judges to the Supreme Court of the Lumbee Constitution. Also like the judges, members of the board serve five year terms and cannot serve two terms in a row.

### ARTICLE VIII. DUTY OF LOYALTY

This article requires that all tribal officials take an oath of office. It also requires the first elected tribal council to enact a tribal law precluding conflicts of interest in the conduct of tribal business.

### ARTICLE IX. ADOPTION

This article describes the procedure to be used in submitting the proposed constitution to a vote by the Lumbee people.

### ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT

This article describes the procedure to be used in amending the tribal constitution.

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