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News Briefs



Georgiana Jump Wins Natural Beauty Title

Georgiana Jump, ten year old daughter of Tammie Jump recently won the State Natural Beauty Title. On Saturday April 23rd Georgiana Jump was crowned State Natural Beauty Little Miss Queen in Roseboro, North Carolina. Georgiana also won the Photogenic Competition, Natural Pal and was first runner up in Sportswear and Portfolio. Georgiana was on of nine girls from across the state competing for the title. In the 8-11 year old age group. Georgiana also recently competed in a national pageant where she placed in the top 15 out of over 100 girls across the nation. Georgiana is a 4th grade Honor Roll student in Ms. Becky Barnes class at Fairgrove Middle School. Georgiana has two sisters Mia and Jenny. Georgiana would like to thank her many sponsors and give an extra special thanks to Mrs. Glinda McNeill Owner and Operator of The Golden Comb for doing such a great job on her hair and makeup.



Ortiz to appear at Pembroke

Celebrated author and poet Simon J. Ortiz will read from his works at the Pembroke Public Library on Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Ortiz is completing an artist-in-residence in Robeson County in conjunction with the NC Arts Council and the NC Consortium on Indian Education. The Project, Cultural Connections, enhances awareness of the oral traditions of native American people and the importance of preserving native stories through writing, music, art and other forms. Mr. Ortiz is a native of Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico. His works include Woven Stone, From Sandy Creek and The People Shall Continue. A new poetry collection is due out in Fall, 1994 and he has recently completed a new children's book, The Good Rainbow Road. Mr. Ortiz was honored at the 1980 White House Salute to American Poetry and Poets in Washington, DC., was recognized with a "Returning The Gift" Lifetime Achievement Award for Literature in 1993 and received a 1989 Humanities Award from the New Mexican Humanities Council for his contribution to literature. Some of Mr. Ortiz's works will be available for sale for signing.

Parkton to Hold Workshop

Parkton School will be the site of a parental involvement activity, "Reading is a family matter," on April 28, 1994, 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The workshop will be presented by Drs. Marion Gillis-Olson and Priscilla M. Leggett of Fayetteville State University. Reading activities for students in grades Pre-K through 3 and grades 4-8 will be presented. All parents, students, and teachers are invited to attend.

Self Defense Classes Offered

Lumberton Recreation Department and Young Olympians International will be offering children's self defense classes every Wednesday for boys and girls age 4-14. This fun course is designed for self defense purposes emphasizing child safety awareness. "Bullying Tactics" are not taught. Self Discipline rather than aggressiveness is promoted. A certified black belt will instruct various basic self defense/karate techniques and forms. No physical contact is allowed in beginner classes. Win ribbons, medals and trophies! Each class is 45 minutes. The course last for 12 weeks. Registration is Wednesday, May 4th, 5:30 pm; Ages 4-7 years old, 6:15 pm; ages 8-14 years old. All classes and registration held in the teen room at the Bill Sapp Center.

Public Hearings On Constitution Draws Community Support

At last week's hearings on the draft Lumbee constitution, approximately 2000 signatures were entered into the record in support of the draft constitution. Mrs. Dorothy Lowery, LRDA board member, filed 1400 signatures into the record at Purnell Swett on April 21 in support of the Lumbee draft constitution. Also speaking in support of the draft constitution were Dr. Joey Bell, Rev. Hubbard Lowery, and Dr. Adolph Dial. In his comments, Dr. Dial stated that "LRDA is not a tribal government." Dr. Dial went on to say that while LRDA had done a number of beneficial things for the Lumbee community, it had no authority as a tribal government over the Lumbee people. Dr. Dial stated that authority resided within the Lumbee people to make decisions as to how they chose to be governed and by whom.

Dr. Dial was the Chairman of the LRDA Board of Directors during the voting on the 1984 tribal referendum. According to this referendum, the LRDA Board of Directors were authorized to represent the Lumbee

members organized and elected a tribal council. Approximately 900 Lumbee people voted in the 1984 referendum. In the minutes of hearings conducted on the referendum in 1984, the LRDA record states that in seeking the referendum that it was not its intent to establish itself as the Lumbee tribal government.

However, recent advertisements of LRDA has promoted LRDA as being in charge of Lumbee people, despite the restriction in the referendum and LRDA's public statement to the tribe in 1984 with regard as to why the referendum was sought. LRDA is a nonprofit private corporation without members. This advertisement prompted LRDA Board member, Dorothy Lowery, to state in an open letter to tribal members, carried last week by the Carolina Indian Voice, that she did not support the LRDA advertisements.

At the South Robeson public hearing, LRDA staff member,

Several members commented

Technical advisers have commented that delegates will take a serious look at deleting the Indian Civil Rights Act and amending the document so as to permit members of the tribe to vote in the election of the constitution and the election of tribal official.

LRDA board member, Michael Locklear, commented that he would like to see term limitations extended so that elected tribal officials could serve 12 years. He stated that the constitution should state the reasons for which an official would be subject to recall.

At the Purnell Swett High School meeting, one member commented that any person with a history of a felony record should not be eligible for elected tribal office.

Public hearings on the document will end Thursday night, April 28. This hearing will be held at South Hoke Elementary School and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

To date, no member has expressed any opposition to tribal organization under a tribal constitution.

recognition through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 1989 the Interior ruled the Lumbee ineligible for recognition through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. If enacted, the Lumbee bill will extend full recognition to the Lumbee without any requirement for the Interior to review the Lumbee Petition for Federal Recognition, filed in 1987 by the LRDA Board of Directors. The bill also requires the Lumbee Tribe to organize under a tribal constitution.

The 1984 referendum stipulated that LRDA's Board of Director would cease to represent the tribe when tribal

elections

Several questions were raised with regard to the Indian Civil Rights Act which appears in the draft constitution. Under this Act, members of recognized tribe are afforded certain protections from their tribal government. However, many of the provisions in the Act apply only when the tribe has civil and criminal jurisdiction. Under the Lumbee Act, the State of NC retains jurisdiction over the Lumbee, prompting some members to question whether the Act was needed in the draft constitution.

the comments and requests any changes to the document. After this meeting, a final hearing will be conducted in Robeson County. From there, the delegation anticipates an election of the constitution during Lumbee Homecoming. If adopted, a second election will be held to elect the Lumbee Tribal Council and Tribal Chairman. Unless changed, the document calls for 21 tribal council members with an average electoral district of 2100 Lumbee people. The tribal chairman would be elected by a vote of all adult members.



Lela Brooks

Brooks Attends Museum of History

Miss Lela Brooks, a Lumbee Indian raised on a tobacco farm in Robeson County, demonstrated the art of crocheting with tobacco stems at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday at the opening of the South Carolina Museum of History. She was one of the participants of the 1994 Crocheting with Tobacco Stems Contest. Miss Brooks is the mother of Judge Dexter Brooks, and the grandmother of Mr. Brian Brooks newly appointed lawyer of the firm Locklear, Jacobs, Sutton and Hunt.

All Star Soccer Celebrates 20th Season

All-Star Soccer Camp, celebrating its 20th camp season, will again hold its resident/full day camp at High Point University, July 17-22. All-Star Soccer Camp is one of NC's oldest summer soccer camps.

The camp is directed by Ray Alley, 22-year career coach at High Point University and Guilford College, and offers instructional programs for boys and girls, ages 8-18.

The camp has special training programs for classic, challenge and recreational level players, including a senior circuit for high school players. Instruction is highly personalized. Also included are two outstanding goalkeeper programs, one offering an extensive goalkeeper training circuit for the entire week, and the other offering half a day in the goal and half of the day as a field player.

The camp operates on a 10-1 teaching ratio with the staff being comprised of experienced professional, college and high school head coaches and varsity assistants. Among the staff coaches are Gordon Bradley, men's varsity coach at George Mason University, and Larry Gross, women's varsity coach at NC State University. Bradley, recognized as one of America's top coaches, was coach of the N.Y. Cosmos of the NASL when both Pele and Franz Beckenbauer played for the Cosmos.

All-Star Camps also offers half-day programs in June, July and August in Greensboro for children 4-8 in the mornings and 8-12 in the afternoons.

Applications are being accepted now, and brochures are available by contacting: All-Star Camps, PO Box 19445, Greensboro, NC 27419, (910) 292-7015.



SRMC volunteers who gave 200-300 hours over past year (left to right): Elta Jones, Eva Shull, Helen Jones, Marvin Lowery, Spence Scott, Mary Carter, Etha Harris, Naomi Oxendine, James Locklear, Hazel Dixon, Reva Freeman and Dottie Strawcutter.

Awards Ceremony held at Indian Education Center

The Second Annual Title V Science and Engineering Fair was held March 14-18 at the Indian Education Center in Pembroke for students in grades 7-12. The following awards were presented: 7th grade-1st place winner was Jessica Locklear, Carroll Middle School, 2nd place was Amanda Pevia, Red Springs Middle, and 3rd place Chad Maynor, Fairmont Middle. The 8th grade winners were 1st place-Jason E. Locklear, Lumberton, Jr., 2nd place Jason Page, Fairmont Middle. The 9th grade winners were 1st place, Jason K. Locklear, Lumberton Jr., 2nd place Adrian Chavis, Red Springs High School and 3rd place, April Dawn Locklear, Red Springs High. 10th grade winners were 1st place-Jason Earle Cummings, Purnell Swett High, 2nd place Trish Locklear, Lumberton

Sr. High, and 3rd place Katara Scott, St. Pauls High. 12th grade winners were 1st place Tina Locklear, St. Pauls High, 2nd place Amy Chavis, Red Springs High and 3rd place Misty Lynn Locklear, Red Springs High School.

Honorable mention winners were: 9th grade, Brandy Strickland, Lumberton Jr. High, 10th grade, Janet Chagolla, Margie Lane Hammonds, Kevin McGirt and Tosha Carter from Red Springs High, Nicole Dial, South Robeson High, Anna Maria Hunt, Lumberton Sr. High, Chris Lee and Anita Carter, Fairmont High School. 12th grade Angela Hagans, Lumberton Sr. High, David Clayton Locklear, Purnell Swett High, Jonathan Locklear, Red Springs High, and Anthony James Strickland, South Robeson High School.

Liquid Pleasure to Perform

Friday, May 6 from Noon - 1:30 PM You won't want to miss Liquid Pleasure as they perform on the plaza in Downtown Lumberton. This premiere show and dance band have appeared with such artists as Paula Abdul, The Temptations, Whitney Houston, The Four Tops, Aretha Franklin and Jeffery Osborne! This six member band is entering its 20th year of performing. They come to us from Charlotte, NC and bring a song list that includes numbers from Bobby Brown to the Four Tops. Bring a bag lunch or purchase a lunch on the plaza and enjoy the show. Rain Location: Carolina Civic Center. Sponsored by Lumberton recreation department, Lumberton Downtown Association and the Carolina Civic Center. This project is supported by a grant from the grassroots art program of the NC Arts Council, a State Agency.

