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"Junior Miss Lumbee", Erica Nicole Dellinger Enjoys Traveling As An Ambassador For Her People, The Lumbee

Junior Miss Lumbee to Attend Gathering of the Nations

As Erica N. Dellinger prepares for her trip to "The Gathering of the Nations Powwow" in Albuquerque, New Mexico, she realizes this is a "once in a lifetime" opportunity! While in New Mexico, Erica will be participating in the Powwow and attend the "Miss Indian World" pageant.

Erica's trip to New Mexico is indeed the farthest trip she has taken serving as an ambassador for her people. However, each and every trip and appearance has been of equal importance. Whether it has been a parade, banquet, church gathering, pageant, or powwow, Erica knows she is not only representing herself and her family, she is representing more than 40,000 Lumbee people across the nation.

Erica has participated in numerous Powwows including Our Fall Lumbee Powwow, the Coharie Powwow, the Guilford County Powwow, the Brunswick County Powwow, the N.C. State Powwow, and the UNC-Pembroke Powwow. She participated in the Fairmont Farmer's Festival Parade, the Veteran's Day Parade in Pembroke, and the Christmas Parades in Lumberton and Maxton. Throughout Native American Heritage Month, Erica participated in Programs in many of the schools in the county; speaking, singing, and also demonstrating traditional dance.

She has performed at area churches, several banquets for Senior Citizens, the Indian Unity Conference, Pembroke Day, a UNC-Pembroke Basketball Game, and at the N.C. State University NASO Banquet.

Erica's schedule this year has been most hectic; balancing church activities, academics, sports, and the title of "Jr. Miss Lumbee". She remembers a statement someone said to her recently; "being a queen is easy". Little do they realize there are many responsibilities that come with the title! Had it not been for the cooperation and willingness to help from her teachers at Purnell Sweet High School and the principal, Mr. Wesley Revels, Erica knows this would have been an even greater task!

Erica would not trade all the wonderful experiences and the opportunities she has had meeting the many interesting people throughout the state and country for anything! Throughout her reign, Erica has been encouraged and supported by so many people. No matter where she has traveled, people have always responded with positive words and actions!

Erica would like to say a special "Thank You" to all who have indeed supported and helped her throughout this year!!



You can win this original hand made 3 feet doll Porcelain doll for \$1.00. Tickets are being sold on this doll for \$1.00. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Ricky and Teresa Brewington for the purpose of invitro fertilization as they use a medical procedure too conceive a child. Due to physical problems invitro is the only way the couple can conceive, after losing two other children. The fund raising effort is being sponsored by the members of Salem Missionary Baptist Church. Tickets may be obtained by calling 521-2826.



Photos from Democratic Rally

Photos by
Francine Chavis

Lt. Governor Dennis Wicker was on hand for the Robeson County Democratic rally on Thursday night, April 20, at the Robeson County Fairgrounds, Lumberton, Seated is Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt, Chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Party.

Free Health Checks In Rennert

Free health screenings will be held on Friday, May 19 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Rennert Fire Station, 9896 Rennert Rd. Checks for total cholesterol/HDL, blood pressure, and blood sugar will be offered to all adults, 18 years and older. Only one fingerstick is required. Results are available in five minutes. These free screens are sponsored by The Robeson County Partnership for Community Health. Call 671-5595 for more information.

Class Reunion Planned for the Fairmont Indian High Class of 1939

Fairmont Indian High School class of 1939 is planning a reunion May 26, 2000 at the Carolina Steak House in Lumberton at 5 p.m. For further information contact Howard Oxendine at 739-7751.

Metrolina's 9th Annual Cultural Festival/Pow-Wow

The Pow-Wow/Cultural Festival opens Friday May 5th with our Princess Pageant at Latta Rec. Center 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Admission is \$1.00 per person and \$5.00 per family. May 6th events will begin at 12:00pm to 8:00pm and May 7th events will begin at 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Traders will be open to the public at 10:00am on both the 6th and 7th. Admission is free all donations are welcome at the information booth, donations go straight to Metrolina Native American Association so we may continue to bring these types of events to the community.

Thank you in advance for your support in the effort to inform the public of our event.

Serving 10 counties in the Metrolina Area, Metrolina Native American Association proudly presents our 9th ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN POWWOW/CULTURAL FESTIVAL CO-SPONSORED BY THE ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL CHARLOTTE/MECKLENBURG. May 5-7, 2000 at Latta Park 510 East Park Avenue Charlotte, NC 28203.

Over twenty Artists and Traders will attend along with 75-100 Dancers, Drummers and Singers from all over the US and Canada. We will have performances from Randall Bryant, Lumbee Flutists and stories by Chief William Chavis, Lumbee storyteller.

Proclamation Declares Municipal Clerks Week April 30 through May 6, 2000

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, Municipal Clerks serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of Town of Pembroke, do recognize the week of April 30 through May 6, 2000, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation, to our Municipal Clerk, JoAnn Strickland, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated this day 25th of April 2000.

Milton R. Hunt

Mayor

Attest: JoAnn Strickland



Attorney General Mike Easley was in Robeson County Thursday at the Democratic Rally seeking votes in his bid for Governor. Mayor Milton Hunt is shown right; Dennis Wicker is shown left.



Shown left to right are voters, candidates and elected officials: John D. Allen; Glenn Maynor, High Sheriff of Robeson County; Connee Brayboy' Carnell Locklear; Madie Rae Locklear, member EMC Board of Directors; Congressman Mike McIntyre; and Dr. Felecia Turner.



Shown left to right: John Albert Locklear; District Attorney Johnson Britt; Richard Moore, candidate for Treasurer; Rep. Ron Sutton; and Ralph Campbell, incumbent candidate for State Auditor.