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Evita Sanderson has won two additional majestic titles

Evita Saybrianna Sanderson has done it again. She has won two majestic titles. The first one is N.C. Sweetheart State 0-5 majestic. She also won sleep wear, portfolio, talent, swim wear, sportswear, and photogenic. She won a round crown, 4 foot trophy, satin wrap monogrammed banner, velvet floor length robe, a teddy bear, a bouquet of flowers, photo album, a goody bag, two gift certificates, and a savings bond. The second title is Diamond U.S.A. 0-3 majestic. She also won prettiest hair, best fashion, prettiest eyes, and most beautiful. She won a national size tiara, a monogrammed banner, 3 silk banners, 3 medallions, a gourmet bag, a savings bond, gift certificates, and a 6 foot trophy. Evita is the 3 1/2 year old daughter of Sabrina Sanderson and Michael Floyd. She is the granddaughter of Sylvia L. Sanderson and the late James Edward and Mary Francis Floyd. She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Gus Howard and Eva Mae Locklear and the late Ira and Nancy Sanderson.



Locals attend Inaugural Ball for Easley

There were approximately 40 people from Robeson County that attended the Inaugural Ball for Governor Mike Easley.

Lorna McNeill, Miss North Carolina, sang "The National Anthem" after posting of the Colors. Then she sang "The Power of a Dream". Later in the evening, Lorna joined the EMBERS on stage for a selection.



Ronald Hammonds of Lumberton caught up with Lorna for a photo.

Huddle House opens in Pembroke

(DECATUR, GA) - Huddle House, Inc. and Preferred Holdings, Inc., are celebrating the grand opening of the newest Huddle House restaurant in Pembroke, North Carolina. The new restaurant features many of your favorite menu items including hearty "Big House Platters," which are described as "Big Meals for Big Appetites." Like every Huddle House, the newest restaurant in Pembroke will be serving any meal on the menu, any time, 24 hours a day.

"The opening in Pembroke adds to our momentum of expansion," says Philip M. Greifeld, President and CEO of Huddle House, Inc. "The success of Huddle House and our stores proves customers really appreciate getting quality meals and quality service."

The restaurant, located at 725 West Third Street in Pembroke, displays the colorful new "family friendly" Huddle House interior. "The new look has been designed for the convenience of busy families and the

traveling public," says Greifeld. "It is one of the key components included in our aggressive strategy to develop more freestanding restaurants as well as co-branded sites with 24-hour fuel centers, convenience stores and travel plazas." Overwhelming work and family schedules have created the demand for tasty meals, cooked to order and served fast at family prices. Huddle House meets consumer demands with a menu that includes choice steaks, butterfly shrimp, chicken, BBQ, and patty melts, plus a delicious breakfast menu featuring everything from country ham to pork chops.

"We're delighted to have an opportunity to work with Preferred Holdings, Inc., adding their staff to the Huddle House family," says Cory Durden, Director of Franchise Development. "We are proud to become a part of the Pembroke community, knowing Preferred Holdings, Inc., will deliver the Huddle House level of excellence found in our other 360 restaurants."



Teen Miss Lumbee Jamee Atkins Hunt

First Teen Miss Lumbee addresses community

Dear Lumbee Elders And Citizens Of The Surrounding Areas: It's been almost eight months since I was crowned as the first ever "Teen Miss Lumbee", and what an eight months it has been! I have been given the privilege to attend many special events and activities. Throughout the month of October, I went to 15 schools throughout the surrounding counties. Here I explained Native American traditions and customs. Native dancing was presented to school children of all ages. It was amazing to see the respect that came over audiences as we listened to the voice of the drum. I used two very special songs, "Part of Your World" and "The Power of a Dream", to show that you can truly be anything you want to be.

During the holiday I got to represent the Lumbee Tribe in Christmas parades. I visited a local rest home where I gave out small care kits. I also attended churches and sang "Heaven's Child" and witness for my Lord and Savior.

In January I was able to attend and witness the Inauguration of the newly elected tribal officials, here I learned from Lumbee Elders and Lumbee Government Officials, much more about our great rich heritage. I believe that the dream of Federal Recognition can become a reality as we move into the future with unity. I look forward to the Spring Powwows and to attending the Native American Indian Unity Conference in Fayetteville during the month of March. It will be a short time now before giving up my title to another lucky young lady, but for me this is only the beginning of discovering my roots and who I am. The desire to continue to serve my tribal family has been strongly embedded. I am committed to making a difference. Thanks to each and every one of you for your smiles and support. It is great being your Teen Miss Lumbee.

God Bless,
Jamee Atkins Hunt

\$1,000 available for Grand Prize in poetry contest

Great news for poets. The Texas Poetry Alliance is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their annual spiritual poetry contest open to the public. There is no entry fee and everyone is invited to submit a poem. "Our goal is to encourage new talent," says Poetry Director Larrie Green. "In a world where poetry is the Cinderella of the Arts, we are helping poets to find their glass slipper. Spiritual poems, which may be written on any subject and using any style, tend to inspire the reader, thus our desire for entries of a spiritual nature." To enter, send one poem, 20 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 3412-A Moonlight Ave, El Paso, Texas 79904. Or enter on-line at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is April 10. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. The editors reserve the right to publish the winning poems.

Folk Arts Festival at St. Pauls to be held March 24

Entertainment, food, arts and crafts, a 5K race, a patriotic opening ceremony dedicated to WWII vets, informative displays, kids' activities, and folk artists at work are all part of the first North Carolina Folk Arts Festival scheduled for St. Pauls on Saturday, March 24. The day long event, set for a closed off, three block area in the downtown between the Methodist Church lot and the War Memorial Park, will be ablaze with color, saturated by aromas of freshly cooked food, and a line with the sounds of history.

It is a family event featuring participation from the diverse populations of the area, including Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic and Scottish-Irish Americans. Colorful costumes, dancers including a belly dance troupe, sizzling ethnic foods, tra-

ditional folk music, a Black Gospel Concert, as well as rock, pop and Christian musical groups, will be among the attractions. Chief among these attractions will be the storytellers of the area's past and the artists and artisans who will be working that day as they strive to keep such traditional crafts as quilting, pottery making, medicine making, candle making, basket making and jewelry making vibrant and part of local cultural history. The North Carolina Folk Arts Festival will be an amazing assemblage of racial, ethnic and age groups from across the greater St. Pauls community. Please make plans to be in downtown St. Pauls on Saturday, March 24. For more information, please call Paul Terry at 865-4179, Beverly Huggins at 865-4026, Stephanie Bake at 865-5156, Libby Ferguson at 865-2676, Kyla Burbank at 865-1124.

Alice in Wonderland to be presented by Studio One Lab

The Studio One Lab Series of PSRC announces auditions for its last show of the season, a new adaptation of Lewis Carroll's ALICE IN WONDERLAND. All the fantastic characters of Carroll's books return in this high energy farce created expressly for the Studio One Lab. There are over 20 speaking roles available and auditions are open to all interested, ages 9 through adult. No prior stage experience is needed and the Studio welcomes new talent. Auditions will be held on March 24th at 2:00 P.M. and again March 26th at 7:00 P.M. at the auditorium of the Robeson County Public Library. Readings will be taken from the script, or a prepared monologue may be used. Character or comic monologues are requested.

For further information, please contact the Arts Education Office of PSRC at 671-6015.

Youth Management Day begins March 17

RALEIGH, N.C.--More than 10,000 young people in 14 states will be "promoted" to management positions for the day as participants in Winn-Dixie's 12th annual Youth Management Day, Saturday, March 17.

Select young adults ages 16-21 will have the opportunity to learn valuable management skills through the on-the-job experience. Youth managers are chosen to participate in the event based on their leadership potential, dependability and enthusiasm for their work. Responsibilities will include merchandising, supervising associates, assuring price accuracy, handling customer inquiries and more. Current store managers and department heads will serve in observational roles. "Youth Management Day is an opportunity for us to recognize the contributions our young associates make to our company every day,"

said Matt Solana, division president, Winn-Dixie Raleigh. "These associates are our future leaders and this event is just one way Winn-Dixie helps prepare these promising young people for success."

The program is designed to teach young people basic skills that will help them succeed in whatever career path they choose. Many former youth managers have used their experiences to develop careers with Winn-Dixie, and many currently hold management positions after having participated in Youth Management Day. Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. is one of the nation's largest supermarket retailers with more than 1,100 stores in 14 states and the Bahamas. Winn-Dixie Raleigh operates 129 stores in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. For more information about Winn-Dixie, visit the official Web site at www.winndixie.com.

NCHC Awards \$8,500 to UNC Pembroke and the Lumbee River Fund

At its February Council meeting, the North Carolina Humanities Council (NCHC) awarded \$8,500 to UNC-Pembroke and the Lumbee River Fund to support a collaborative oral history and photography project documenting the history of the Lumbee Indians. The Lumbee River Fund, in partnership with UNC-Pembroke, was established to collect, preserve, and study Lumbee history and culture. As part of this project, the two organizations will sponsor training sessions for local residents of Robeson County to do their own preservation of photographs and documents and to conduct oral history interviews. Photographic exhibitions will simultaneously be held at multiple venues in the community. In addition, the sponsors will host two symposia in which scholars and residents share the

interviews, research and findings of the project.

NCHC awarded a total of \$61,566 in community-initiated grants to cultural and educational organizations statewide who have designed their own public humanities programs.

The NCHC is a nonprofit foundation and the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its primary mission is to work with NC communities to broaden the meaning of ongoing educational forums for all North Carolinians which address questions of identity, community and citizenship.

The next large grant deadline is due on September 1st. For more information, please contact Jennifer Edwards or Harlan Gradin at (336)334-5325, or visit our website at www.nchumanities.org.