

The CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

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Evita Sanderson wins two additional titles

Evita Saybrianna Sanderson has done it again. She has won two more addition titles. Her first title is as America's Queen of Hearts Overall Majestic. She also won Personality Photogenic, Prettiest Eyes, Prettiest Smile, Prettiest Hair, Best Dress, and Sleepwear.

Her second title is as the Toddler Miss Precious Faces USA. She also won Photogenic, Talent, Best Dress, Most Beautiful, and Overall Personality.

Evita is the 3 1/2 year old daughter of Sabrina Sanderson & Michael Floyd. The granddaughter of Sylvia L. Sanderson and the late James Edward and Mary Francis Floyd. The great-granddaughter of the late Gus Howard and Eva Mae Locklear and the late Ira and Nancy Sanderson.

Memorial for gun shot victims in North Carolina Created

A North Carolina retired artillery officer and advocate for gun violence prevention, Lt. Colonel LaMotte Akin, has created a memorial for North Carolinians who have died in the last two years from gun-related injuries. On average, nineteen adults and one child are fatally shot in North Carolina every week. The memorial will be displayed at the upcoming state-wide rally of the North Carolina Million Mom March on May 5th on the grounds of the State Capitol in Raleigh.

The memorial includes the names of 65 gun fatalities from here in Robeson County. The memorial is for all persons killed by firearms including homicide, suicide and unintentional

After learning about the upcoming Million Mom March rally in Raleigh, Akin felt a memorial for victims of gun violence was needed to mourn the deceased and to raise awareness of the magnitude of gun trauma in this state. The memorial lists on four 3.5' x 6' panels the names and ages of the 2,121 men, women and children who died between January 1, 1999 and December 31, 2000 in North Carolina alone. The data for the memorial was obtained from the Office of the North Carolina Medical Examiner. Akin has seen the destructive-

ness of guns in Korea and Vietnam and has seen it continue in our society. Motivated by his personal experiences with firearm deaths, Akin directed all aspects of the project including design, production and raising funds from small businesses, including hardware stores, tire shops, restaurants, and medical professionals. The Wake County Chapter of the Junior League also contributed to his project.

The panels were first viewed by North Carolina lawmakers at the Legislative Building in Raleigh at the first of this month. Akin has received the support of the North Carolina Million Mom March which plans to update the memorial each year to underscore the need for sensible firearms legislation.

The memorial will be on public display from 1 to 5 PM on the grounds of the State Capitol in Raleigh in conjunction with the North Carolina Million Mom March. This rally will also include music, speakers, children's activities and resources for families and communities to protect themselves from gun injury.

For more information about the memorial or the NC Million Mom March please call (919) 419-1458 or visit www.ncmillionmomsmarch.org.

Parents and 8th Graders: Come Participate in Teen Pathways Study!

We would like to invite to all parents and 8th graders to participate in the Teen Pathways Study. With your help, we hope to increase our understanding about the development of teens in rural communities. So far the social, emotional, academic, and physical health concerns of rural teens - particularly American Indian, Black, and Hispanic youth - are poorly understood. It is important to increase scientific and social understanding about how teens make choices and how they view their futures before they enter high school. This study is about understanding those experiences and influences that help young people to achieve their goals and grow into a healthy adulthood.

On Saturday, April 28th, we will be holding two survey sessions at 10:00 am at Prospect United Methodist Church in Maxton (3929 Missouri Road) or 1:00 pm at First United Methodist Church in Pembroke (100 Breece Street).

You are invited to attend either one of the sessions, whichever is more convenient to you. Please bring your 8th grade son or daughter and be prepared to spend between one and two hours at the location. At each location and time, we will be available to answer any questions you have about our study. We will provide you and your teen each with a paper-and-pencil survey to complete. Your responses to our survey will remain confidential. Our hope is that you can complete your survey in a relaxed and helpful atmosphere. Refreshments will be provided.

We understand the busy schedules families have. As a thank you for your time and effort, all parents will receive \$10.00 by mail upon completion of the survey. Your son or daughter will be eligible to win fun door prizes and invited to attend a free skating party we are holding for all the teens that participate in the study that afternoon from 4:00-6:30 pm at the in-line skating rink in Pembroke.

If you or your teen cannot make it on Saturday, April 28th but would still like to participate call (804) 982-4973 or email us (teenpathways@virginia.edu), and we will send you the surveys in the mail.

McIntyre Announces \$1.5 Million for New Pembroke Town Hall

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre announced today that the Town of Pembroke has been officially awarded \$1,500,000 in federal funds for a new town hall.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "This is a home run for the Town of Pembroke and its residents! These federal funds will provide additional space and resources for Town officials and leaders as they serve the citizens of the area. This is an excellent example of the local/state/federal partnership working together to return our tax dollars and provide positive results to our community. Congratulations to Mayor Milton Hunt, Town Manager McDuffie Cummings, and the Pembroke Town Council for their hard work in this matter."

The new town hall will house administrative offices, water and sewer operations, and police safety offices. Funding was approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Division. \$750,000 will be provided in the form of a grant, while the remaining \$750,000 will be a 30-year low interest loan.

Congressman McIntyre is a member of the U.S. House Agriculture committee.

Pembroke Chamber of Commerce Update

The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce has begun the year with a busy schedule and several well attended meetings. Members are encouraged to attend the next regular meeting to be held April 26 at 12 noon at Sheff's Seafood.

Pembroke has seen a flurry of new business activities in recent months as new businesses opened and established businesses changed management. Local business welcomed the opening of Huddle House restaurant on West Third Street, Lowry's All Occasion gift shop on East Third Street, and Robeson Paint Center on Pine Street.

First Bank continued operations of the former First Union Bank on West Third Street. Locklear Brothers and Sons Wholesale Auto Parts purchased and continued operations of the former Pembroke NAPA Auto Parts on Union Chapel Road.

The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce has set a calendar of major events that it will support for the next twelve months. These events include:

- Robeson County Education Appreciation Day - May 30, 2001
- Lumbee Homecoming Festival - June 24 to 30, 2001
- Pembroke Day - September 5, 2001
- Lumbee Fall Powwow - October 26 to 28, 2001
- Pembroke Veterans Parade - November 12, 2001
- Pembroke Christmas Parade - December, 2001
- Annual Chamber Banquet and Awards Ceremony - January 20, 2002
- UNC-Pembroke Homecoming Festival - February, 2002

At the March meeting, the Chamber agreed to cosponsor efforts to raise funds to support Jamie Locklear, a Pembroke golfer who is representing the area in the PGA Hooters Tour. The Chamber will work with the Committee to Support Jamie Locklear on efforts to raise funds from local businesses. The Chamber agreed to cosponsor the Jamie Locklear Golf Tournament to be held May 4 at Riverside golf Course.

American Indian Health Summit Coming in May

The NC Commission of Indian Affairs announces the first "American Indian Health Summit-Keeping the Circle Healthy: Taking Charge of Health in Our Indian Communities." The first of its kind, the statewide summit is designed to be informative, enlightening, and inspiring for participants to heed the call to take charge of their own health and the health of our Indian communities.

As we vision restoration of health and wellness for all people, the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, along with ten cosponsors, invite you to enter our circle of health, for a healthy body, mind, and spirit. "Good health proceeds out of wisdom and patience and the steadfast commitment to work in the interest of minimizing health disparities and the risk of diseases in our communities" according to Executive Director Greg

Richardson. Playing a major role in speakers are Governor Mike Easley and NC Health and Human Services Carmen Hooker-Buell. Some of the summit speakers include the State Health Director, Dr. Bonny Bell, Dr. Robin Cummings, Dr. Jim Jones, Professor Cherry Beasley with UNC-P, and Dr. Clive Callender from Howard University" states Commissioner Brayboy.

The gathering is May 17-18 at the Holiday Inn 1-95 in Fayetteville, NC. Registration for this two-day conference is \$25. This includes three meals, a notebook packet, and exhibits. Please send check and registration to: NC Commission of Indian Affairs, 1317 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1317.

For questions, call Missy Brayboy at (919) 715-3315, Darlene Jacobs at (919) 733-5998 or Thea Monet at (919) 782-4620

Pembroke First Baptist Church April Birthdays

Joseph Bell, 4-12, Hope Hatcher, 4-12, Isaac Bell, 4-13, Latonia Graham, 4-25, Joel Locklear, 4-26, and William Crain 4-30.

Please remember Sister Diane and Brother Charles in Prayer for the loss of their dear son, Corbin Oxendine.

Studio One to present Alice's Adventures

Studio One Lab Series presents a brand new adaptation of Lewis Carroll's novel, entitled ALICE'S ADVENTURES, the premier of a young people's play created exclusively for the Studio Lab.

The play will be at the Lumberton Sr. High School Auditorium on: April 26, 27, & 28, at 8:00 pm and also April 28 & 29, at 3:00 pm.

Tickets for each performance are: \$6.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for students. Tickets will be on sale at the door each performance 45 minutes prior.

For more information contact Chris Locklear at (910) 521-3329

Upcoming Meetings of Lumbee Tribal Council

Tribal Council Meeting April 21 Tribal Office 10:00 A.M.

Committee Meetings:
Health and Human Services April 21 Tribal Office 9:30 A.M.
Public Relations April 30 Tribal Office 7:00 P.M.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE LUMBEE TRIBE

Fayetteville April 26
Cumberland Co. Assoc. for Indian People

Charlotte May 3*
Raleigh May 10*
Each meeting begins at 7:00 P.M.

These meetings are being conducted by the Constitution Committee of the Tribal council of the Lumbee Nation.

*Location has not been determined.

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Jamie Locklear

Golf Tournament to Support Jamie Locklear, Aspiring Local Golf Champion

The Jamie Locklear Golf Tournament will be held May 5 at Riverside Golf Course, near Pembroke. The Tournament is sponsored by the Committee to Support Jamie Locklear and the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. Committee leaders include Royce McNeill, Monroe Lowry, and representatives of area golf courses. McNeill said, "We are working to support a talented young golfer who is an excellent representative of the area. Jamie Locklear has competed in the qualifying rounds on the Hooters Tour of the National Golf Association since January."

Locklear recently played at Flagtree Golf Course near Fairmont and set a new course record. He scored a 68, which is 4 under par.

Area golfers are cordially invited and encouraged to register to compete in the tournament. Interested golfers should contact Riverside Golf Course at 521-8433. The Jamie Locklear Golf Tournament is also seeking sponsors from area businesses.

Locklear said he has played against world class golf champions and is working continuously to improve his game play. "I wish to thank the businesses and individuals in the Pembroke and Robeson County area who supported me in my efforts to compete," Locklear said.

For additional information contact Royce McNeill at 736-1015; Monroe Lowry at 521-4169; or Riverside Golf Course at 521-8433.

Haliwa-Saponi 36th Annual Pow Wow April 22-22

Hollister, N.C. - The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, Inc. of Hollister, N.C. will sponsor its 36th annual pow-wow on April 20-22, 2001 in Bethlehem (near Hollister). The tribe, in celebration of receiving state recognition from the State of North Carolina in April 1965, sponsors the Pow-wow annually. The pow-wow is also sponsored to showcase the tribe's culture and community. The event is open to the public.

The theme for this year's pow-wow is "Generations within the Circle." Mr. Arnold Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi flutist, will be Master of Ceremonies for this year's event.

Dancers from many tribes will visit the tribe to help pay honor to our dancers. Dancers are expected from the following tribes: Chickahominy, Piscataway, Navajo, Sioux, Blackfeet, Lumbee, Meherrin, Rappahannock, Coharie, Seminole, Tuscarora, Oneida, Commanche, Kiowa, Catawba, Nanticoke, Cheyenne, Mandan, Pequot, Mohawk, Maliset, Chippewa, Crow and Onondago to

name a few. These dancers will also compete for \$10,000 in prize money in the categories of jingle dress, fancy, traditional, and grass dance.

Over 25 trader vendors will sell some of the finest American Indian crafts found in America. Items to be sold include baskets, pottery, turquoise jewelry, beadwork, dreamcatchers, blankets, and moccasins.

Attendees will be able to purchase American Indian foods such as tacos and fry bread. Other items will be sold as well such as hot dogs, chicken, hamburgers, and barbecue.

Haliwa-Saponi craft persons will demonstrate basketry, carving, beadwork, pottery and regalia making.

Admission to the Pow-wow is \$4.00 (7-61) and \$3.00 (62-up). Children 0-6 are free. Gates open on Friday, April 20, at 5:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM and Sunday 11:00 AM.

For photo and television opportunities, call Joseph O. Richardson at (252) 586-4017.

PSRC offers a special Tea Party: Taking Tea With Alice

TAKING TEA WITH ALICE, PSRC (Public Schools of Robeson County) offers a special "garden tea party" in conjunction with Studio One's production of "Alice's Adventures", as a fund raising arts and crafts sale and tea party for all children and families.

Children of all ages are invited to put on their maddest hats and join all the crazy characters from Studio One's production of ALICE'S ADVENTURES for a special afternoon "garden tea party". There will be drawings, paintings, pottery, and all forms of arts and crafts for sale at the party, all made by art students of the Public Schools throughout the county. Proceeds from the art sale will go to help fund the Fine Arts programs throughout the schools. The garden tea party is free for everyone, and performers from ALICE'S ADVENTURES will be on hand to take pictures with all the children. TAKING TEA WITH ALICE will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 1:00-2:30 pm., prior to the afternoon showing of the play, at the JERRY GILES PARK in Lumberton across from the Fire Station on Hwy 211. Admission is free to the garden party, and arts & crafts will be for sale. For further information, please call Wendy, at the Arts Education office at (910) 671-6015, or Chris Locklear at (910) 521-3329.