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Miss Lumbee Shelly Strickland attends Ceremony in California

Shelly Strickland, Miss Lumbee 2000-01, has participated in many exciting events since the beginning of her reign last July. A highlight of those events was the opportunity to represent the Lumbee Tribe as an honored attendee at the First American in the Arts Ninth Annual Awards Presentation held in the Beverly Hilton, Beverly Hills, California. The host of the Awards Presentation was Irene Bedard. A popular young actress, she is rapidly becoming well known in film and television circles. She received a Golden Globe nomination for her lead role in TNT's Lakota Woman, and has also starred in feature films, Naturally Native and Smoke Signals. This past year she completed work in three independent films, Your Guardian, Tortilla Heaven and Greasewood Flat. Irene is soon to be seen playing a very nontraditional role in an upcoming episode of the television series, Outer Limits.

Shelly is shown here with Molly Culver (Choctaw/Chickasaw). Molly was awarded the Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a TV Series (Regular) V.I.P. (Fox Television). Molly's role is that of bodyguard Tasha Dexter and she actually performs the heroics that series-lead Pamela Anderson Lee's Character Vallery Irons takes credit for. Lillian Sparks, Miss Indian World 2000, took a moment to talk with Shelly and pose for a photo. Lillian is a member of the Rosebud Lakota Tribe and resides in Maryland. Shelly captured the attention of two other outstanding young Native American women: Miss Evonne Wilson, Miss Indian USA, and Victoria D. Quintero, Miss Indian Arizona and was able to get a photo taken with Miss Indian USA. Shelly enjoyed talking with these women and sharing information about her role as Miss Lumbee, and the Lumbee Tribe.

First Americans in the Arts is a not-for-profit trust organization comprised of Native American and Non-Native professionals in the entertainment industry. Shelly was given VIP seating as a guest of Mr. Ron Andrade, a member of the Board of Trustees.

As the first Miss Lumbee to attend the First Americans in the Arts Awards Presentation, Shelly was thrilled to be able to represent and be an ambassador for the Lumbee people at such a prestigious event. She used this opportunity to network with Native Americans from all across the country to introduce them to a strong people; the Lumbee People. Joyce Maynor accompanied Shelly to California. Both Shelly and Joyce had a great time!



Pembroke VFW Post 2843 Observe Memorial Day

Pembroke VFW Post 2843 held a Memorial Day observance at the Pembroke Town Park where a memorial has been erected. Shown left to right during the prayer are: Archie Oxendine, Chaplain; Lee Ancil Maynor; Joe Bullard who is offering the prayer; Harold Hunt and Monroe Lowry.

North Carolina Indian Culture Center Summer Programs

Native American Indian Day Camps are being offered this summer. The youth will receive comprehensive instruction in Native American Indian Traditional knowledge and values. These camps are designed to allow the youth to be in close proximity to Native American Indian elders and mentors. All classes are Native American Indian oriented and will include life-skills, arts and craft, recreation such as swimming, volleyball, horseshoes, baseball, basketball, etc. The curriculum will include classes on contemporary issues facing Native American Indians. The youth will participate in several traditional Indian ceremonies. The cost for this camp is \$250 per person. This camp will be for children of all ages. Physicals are required. This camp will be offered from July 16th - July 20.

Multi-culture Day Camps are being offered this summer at our facilities. This program is designed to expose youths to Native American Indian, Hispanic America, African American and European cultures by strong similarities of the traditional culture and survival of their ancestors (family unit, farm techniques, housing, etc.) Physicals are required. The cost will be \$250 per person. We are offering:

- 1 week camp for 5 days- Breakfast, lunch, snack included June 18- June 22, 8 am- 4 pm, 14 yrs.- 21 yrs. old
- 6 week camp for 1 day for 6 weeks- Breakfast, lunch, snack Starting June 6, 8 am- 4 pm, 14 yrs.- 21 yrs. old
- 12 week camp for 1/2 day for 12 weeks Starting June 7th, 7 yrs.- 13 yrs. old

Our 12 week camp will be offered from 8 am- 12 pm or 1 pm- 5 pm
Breakfast Lunch
Snack Snack
Call (910) 521-2433 to schedule an appointment for application.



Lillian Sparks, Miss Indian World 2000, took a moment to talk with Shelly, right, and pose for a photo.

Little Miss Lumbee Advertising for the Lumbee Ring



Watch out! Little Miss Lumbee Takonna Lyn Bullard made a commercial recently for Cyna's Jewelers to advertise the Lumbee Ring. The commercial will air on Channel 13. Watch out, there is no telling where you might see Little Miss Lumbee. She is shown with Ray Littleturtle and "Little" Tim, designer of the Lumbee Ring. For the best deals in Robeson County, check out Cyna's Jewelers. "They treat you as if you are the only customer in town," Little Miss Lumbee said.



Miss Lumbee, Shelly Strickland, left, Miss Evonne Wilson, Miss Indian USA, and Victoria D. Quintero, Miss Indian Arizona

Retired school teachers establish scholarship at UNCP

Pembroke, NC-Teachers never stop caring about education.

Just ask Maxine Amos, Shirley Stockton, Flora Ransom, Elizabeth Currie, Mary B. Carroll and Katrina Locklear.

Representing the Robeson County Retired School Personnel, this group of retired teachers recently presented an endowed scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

The scholarship will benefit a junior or senior who is studying to become a teacher. The beneficiary will receive an annual award of \$500.

"Hopefully, some deserving person will have the opportunity to join the profession," said Ms. Amos, association president.

Chancellor Allen C. Meadors thanked the group for giving back to their profession.

"It is true what they say about the dedication public school teachers have for their profession and the young people they teach," Chancellor Meadors said. "This is a great gift that will help a deserving student join this elite club."

"We are proud of our School of Education which is top ranked in the state of North Carolina," he said. "Because of this generous gift, it will get even better."

Present were: Ms. Amos, who taught at Pembroke Elementary and Carroll Middle School; Ms. Stockton at Red Springs High School and Lumberton Junior High; Ms. Ransom, Fairgrove School, Smith's School and East Robeson Elementary School; Ms. Currie at Red Springs High and Flora MacDonald College; Ms. Carroll at Purvis Elementary and Southside School; and Ms. Locklear at Carroll Middle.

Ms. Locklear is chair of the Scholarship Committee.

"We had an outstanding year enrolling new members, and there were funds available for a good cause," Ms. Locklear said. "As retired educators, we are still able to contribute to the education community."

Ms. Locklear is a 1963 UNCP graduate and Ms. Ransom is a 1961 graduate.

Lumbee Tribal Elders to hold 7th Annual Summer Gathering

Lumbee Tribal Elders Council presents their 7th Annual Summer Traditional Spiritual Gathering - June 15th, 16th, & 17th, at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center in Pembroke, North Carolina.

Sunrise, Noon & Sunset Sacred Fire Ceremony, Drug free- Pot Luck Meals and Barter Only each day.

Everyone Welcome- Reviving Yesterday to Create Tomorrow.

Lumbee River Legal Service to hold public meeting

River Legal Services will hold public meeting at their office located at 101 East 2nd Street in Pembroke on June 15, 2001 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The meeting is being held to gather input from the community regarding the different types of cases the office will accept in the upcoming year. Lumbee River Legal Services, which was established in 1978, provides free legal assistance to low income persons in Robeson and Scotland counties. The office does not accept any criminal cases. Currently Legal Services represents clients in matters such as family law, Social Security disability claims, public benefits, and unemployment cases.

All interested and concerned citizens of Robeson and Scotland counties are urged to attend.

Native American Church Service Scheduled

Triangle Native American United Methodist Church monthly service is scheduled for June 10 at the Methodist Home for Children located at 1041 Washington Street in Raleigh. Reverend Milford Oxendine, former pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church will deliver the message. Special Music will be provided by Friends in Christ and the Branchmen. Service begins at 4:30 PM. A meal will be served immediately following the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Rev. Sylvia Collins at (910) 671-9237 or Darlene Jacobs at (919) 779-5044.

The first national spelling bee was organized in Kentucky in 1925. The winning word was "gladiolus."



Still teaching-Robeson County Retired School Personnel pose with Vice Chancellor of Advancement Dr. Glen Burnette, left, and Chancellor Allen C. Meadors. From left: Mary B. Carroll, Shirley Stockton, Maxine Amos, Katrina Locklear, Elizabeth Currie and Flora Ransom.