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Rebekah Revels Crowned Miss North Carolina



"She worked hard which was evident in her swimsuit competition, interview and talent," she said. "She was an undisputed '10' in swimsuit! Rebekah will do well at Miss America and she will have a lot of supporters from Robeson County. As a graduate of UNCP, we are very proud of Rebekah and her achievement as Miss North Carolina!" It was the 65th Miss North Carolina pageant, and Miss Revels bested 33 other contestants including the current Miss UNCP titleholder Katherine Greer, a rising sophomore from Fuqua Vanina, NC. Here are some of the reactions from around campus. "We are very excited and thrilled for her," said Darlene Cummings, who coordinates the Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant. "She is a very talented young lady. She performed at our pageant last year as Miss Fayetteville." "Miss Revels was a scholarship recipient at UNCP and very deserving of it," said Carol Hunt of Student Services. "She displays what Lumbee means to all of us as a group of people. Go girl! We're very proud of you." "Please know that Rebekah is a wonderful person," said sociology Professor Frederick Stephens. "I had the experience of working with her during preparations for the Miss UNCP Pageant. She never met a stranger. After talking with her briefly, you have the feeling that you are friends. She will not only represent North Carolina with wonder, she will represent the university community as well. Rebekah is a humble, strong, competitive young lady." "Rebekah is a beautiful person inside and out and the judges obviously saw that in her," said Jessica Reed, Miss UNCP 2001. "I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the pageant and follow her that week and was so happy with her performance. Rebekah and I have either been competing or working together with pageants for the last few years and I am glad I have gotten to know her and all the beauty and grace

she holds. I know she will do well in Atlantic City, and I plan to be there rooting her on 110 percent. Miss America or not, she still has represented the Lumbee tribe, Robeson County and this university in a positive way." "Congratulations Rebekah," said Jackie Clark, vice chancellor for Enrollment Management. "You have made the UNCP family and the Lumbee Tribe very proud." "Miss Revels was a Teaching Fellow at UNCP and we are sooo proud of her," said Dr. Irene Aiken, a professor and director of UNCP's Teaching Fellows program. "As I recently told someone who works with pageants, Rebekah is the perfect Miss North Carolina and Miss America. I am not at all surprised she won, and I am very proud to have been associated with her life." "Rebekah was one of my students when I volunteered at St. Pauls Middle School," said Blake Tyner, at the Art Department. "She did a wonderful project on the Indians of Robeson County." "As Miss UNCP, she represented the university in a first class manner and I am sure she will do the same for our state," said Abdul Ghaffar, director of Student Activities. "We are very proud of her." "I have known Rebekah for years. She is a great person and incredible role model for her people," said Kay Oxendine of Business Services and host of the Public Radio Program "Native Voices." "She always has a smile on her lips and a good word to say. She is very deserving of this title and definitely has a great opportunity in the Miss America pageant. She has made so many people proud just by being her. Her new titles are just bonuses!" "She is a beautiful girl and comes from a fine family," said Susan Cummings of Sampson-Livermore Library. "She will represent the good Old North State Well."

State of the Tribe Address July 3

Tribal Chairman Milton R. Hunt will deliver the first annual State of the Tribe Address on July 3 at 7:00 p.m. the address will be given at the Tribal Office located at 707 Union Chapel Road in Pembroke. All members of the Lumbee Tribe are encouraged to attend for this historic event. The Lumbee Constitution requires the State of the Tribe Address be given the first week in July with a proposed budget for the upcoming year. Following the address will also be a tribal community meeting to discuss the proposed Lumbee Bill for federal recognition. This meeting will be hosted by the Tribal Attorney Arlinda Locklear of Washington, D.C.



Finn Promoted to Sergeant Major E-9

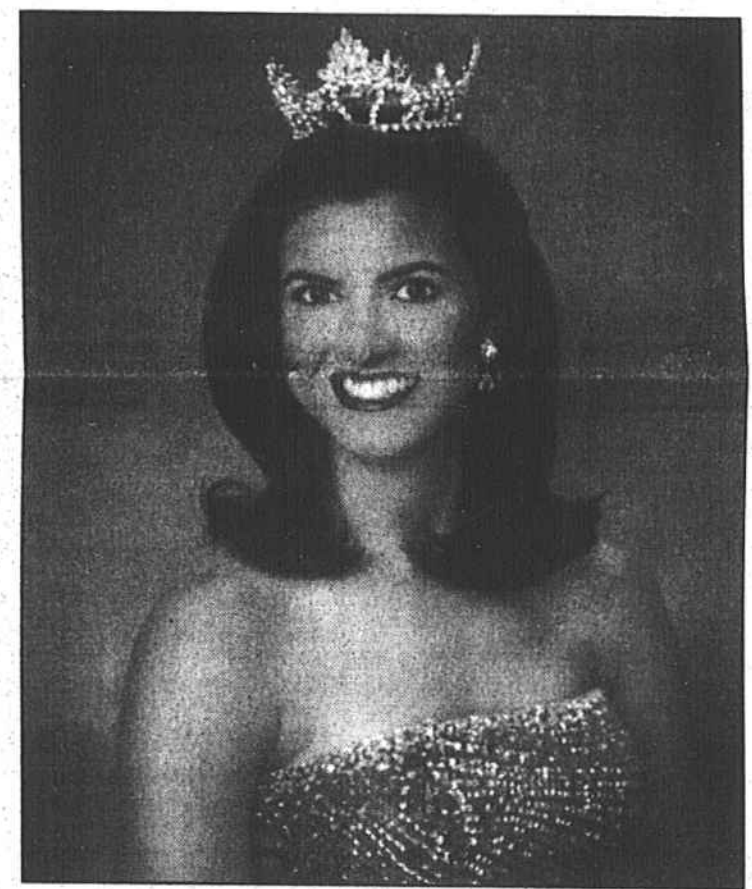
Jerry R. Finn daughter of the late Osie B. Finn and Ethel Finin of Lumberton, also the granddaughter of the late Jessie & Cattie Mae Cummings was promoted to Sergeant Major E-9 on 22nd of May 2002. She is currently stationed at Ft. Drum N.Y. enroute to Korea, at Camp Humphries, 23rd Area Support Group. Sergeant Major Finin has served in the U.S. Army since August 28th, 1981. She would like to extend the invitation to all young people to serve their country proudly.

Lumbee Sports Camp July 3

The Lumbee Tribal Council and the N.C. Indian Cultural Center will sponsor a sports camp on July 3 at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. The cost is \$2 and includes pool charge. Other activities will include lacrosse, basketball and softball. "Family Day" will be July 4 at the NC Indian Cultural Center with activities starting at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. A charge of \$3 will cover all activities and include pool charges. For additional information call Alex Baker at 521-7861 ext. 214.

Attention: Seniors and Physically Challenged

Senior citizens and physically challenged persons now can continue to live at home and remain independent will help from the "Seniors in Motion" program of North Carolina. This program provides mobility equipment usually at no cost to the patient. The equipment available in this program includes: Motorized and manual wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility equipment. This program features free in-home evaluations and equipment fittings. Also, all paperwork is completed by the "Seniors in Motion" staff working directly with the patients' physician. Equipment is delivered to the patient by a rehab representative with safety and operation instructions given. Call 800-594-1225 for a "mobility needs" consultation and free in-home evaluation. There is Help!!!!



Farewell from Teen Miss Lumbee Eric Nicole Dellinger

Erica Nicole Dellinger, Teen Miss Lumbee, released the following farewell article as she relinquishes her crown on Saturday, June 29th. "It is with honor and deep emotion that I write my final article as I come to the close of my reign as your Teen Miss Lumbee. It is by the will of God that I have had the opportunity to be your "Little Miss Lumbee 2001-2002. Each year has been filled with many wonderful experiences and memories, and each year has allowed me to be your ambassador, sharing and educating others about Lumbee history and culture. Winning the title of "Teen Miss Lumbee" means more than just winning a crown; with it comes the responsibility of serving as a positive role model for all Lumbee youth and the opportunity to represent all Lumbee people. I feel I have accomplished both in my travels throughout the state and nation in appearances, performances, pow wows, visitations to elders, speaking engagements, and community projects. As Teen Miss Lumbee I have always tried to live by this rule: The experience is not what life gives you, but better yet, what you make of it! I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to LRDA, my sponsors, friends, and especially my family for their support and help throughout this year. A special thank you to the schools, churches, and organizations that have invited me to entertain and speak. To the next Teen Miss Lumbee, may your year be a wonderful experience you will always remember!"

Tribal District 2 Community Meeting

Tribal District 2, Back Swamp, Britts and Smyrna communities, will have a meeting on Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. The community meeting will be at Riverside Independent Baptist Church on Hwy. 74. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss tribal issues that affect District 2 and to receive feedback upon action taken by the Tribal Council.

Director of Missions to Speak at Sandy Plains Sunday

The Rev. Mike Cummings will be the guest preacher for the Sandy Plains United Methodist Church "Youth Sunday" worship service scheduled for 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 30. Rev. Cummings is the Director of Missions for the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association and a past president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He is also a former pastor of Mt. Airy Baptist Church near Pembroke and of New Bethel Baptist Church near Clinton. Sandy Plains UMC is located at 2408 Union Chapel Road, 2 1/2 miles north of Pembroke.

Rebekah Revels, 23, has won the crown of Miss North Carolina. Miss Revels, a 2001 UNCP graduate, is from St. Pauls and teaches at Lumberton High School. She was Miss UNCP 1998 and is the former Junior Miss Lumbee, Miss Lumbee, Miss St. Pauls and currently Miss Fayetteville. She is the second Lumbee to win the state title and the second in the past three years. She is the third UNCP graduate to win the Miss North Carolina title. Francie Adler '83 and Lorna McNeil '02 accomplished the feat before here. "I am both extremely proud and happy for Rebekah," said Chancellor Allen C. Meadors. "She embodies the characteristics we cherish in our graduates- commitment, intelligence, poise, dedication and ambition. She will be a tremendous representative for Fayetteville, UNCP, the Lumbee Tribe, and the State of North Carolina." Miss Revels will hold the title for one year and represent North Carolina in the Miss America Pageant in September in Atlantic City, NJ. She wins a \$12,000 scholarship. "This is overwhelming and probably the most emotional experience I have ever had," she told reporters following the contest. Miss Revels is classically trained in voice. She performs opera, dances and plays the saxophone. Her community service project is Alzheimer's disease awareness. Miss Revels won preliminary competitions for swimsuit and talent, said Dr. Diane Jones, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Dr. Jones attended every night of the competition. "Rebekah had the grace, beauty and stage presence that spelled winner," Dr. Jones said. "She was radiant, enthusiastic and a crowd pleaser from the very first night of competition."



Evita Sanderson gets perfect attendance and two more wins

Evita Saybrianna Sanderson has done it again. Evita had a perfect attendance in her dance class this year which ended with her recital on May 11, 2002. Her dance instructor is Karen Gibson-Jenkins. Evita has also won 2 more titles. Her first win was on May 26, 2002 as the USA Eastern Miss 0-4 Overall Grand Majestic. She also won Photogenic, sportswear, Sleepwear, Overall Sleepwear, and Overall Hostess. Evita's second win was on June 1, 2002 as the N.C. Hawaiian Tropic Little Miss State. She also won Photogenic, Poster, Portfolio, Best Smile, and Tropical Wear. Evita is the 4 year old daughter of Sabrina Sanderson & Micheal Floyd. The granddaughter of Sylvia L. Sanderson & the late James Edward & Mary Frances Floyd. The great granddaughter of the late Gus Howard & Eva Mae Locklear & the late Ira & Nancy Sanderson.