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Metrolina American Pageant keeps Tradition Alive

The Metrolina Native American Association hosted its annual "Tradition Keepers of the 21st Century" princess pageant November 9, 2002 in the Cone University Center AfterHours. Co-sponsored by UNC Charlotte's Native American Student Organization, the pageant offered a rich venue of Native song, dance, poetry and storytelling.

The MNNA chartered in 1976, encompasses 18 tribes from all over the United States and Canada, and has held the princess pageant for the past twenty years. Holly Young, Miss Lumbee 2002, made a special cameo appearance and treated the crowd to her stunning voice by singing "Over the Rainbow."

The Mistress of Ceremonies was Nora Dial Stanley, the first Ms. Indian North Carolina, and a former Ms. Guilford Native Princess. Nora was also third runner up in the Ms. Indian USA pageant. Nora is on the board of Directors for the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs representing Guilford Native American Association.

The contestants entered the stage representing our country with their Native American Shawls being that of the American flag. They came out by the song "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood.

Remembering the September 11th victims, the ones who have crossed over to the other side, and our loved ones who are sick, Chelsea Lynn Bryant and Henrietta Raven Stanley did the Native American sign language to "Where You Are" by Gosh Corban.

The category of this year's pageant included ages five through twenty-one, consisting of Little Miss, Junior Miss, Metrolina and Senior Miss.

"This is not a beauty pageant," said Earlene Stacks, vice chair of the MNAA Board of Directors. "It's a princess pageant and helps us keep our culture alive. It's the kind of event all of the Native Tribes in North Carolina hold annually," said Stacks.

First, Disiree Chanthaboury, the six-year old winner of the Little Miss category, charmed the audience with a song brought smiles and applause to the entire room.

Amanda Oxendine, age 12, and the winner of this year's junior Miss category, performed a traditional swan dance-part of the tribe coming of age ceremony. "Everything is giving," said Oxendine. "I can represent my heritage, and I'm proud of it. Indian still exist and this helps everyone understand them better."

Next up, Christina Maynor, a junior at Myers Park High School and a winner of the Miss Metrolina category, recited a poem with the beat of an authentic Native American drum. Clad in traditional regalia, she brought forth a powerful voice from her ancestors.

To conclude the evening festivities, Ella Mae Taylor, winner of the Senior Miss category, demonstrated her Lumbee-styled basket weaving techniques, incorporating pine needles and antique wooden thread spools into a beautifully sculpted vessel.

Spirits soared when all contestants were awarded brilliant bouquets of roses along with a warm applause from the judges and audience. Other cultural surprises provided by these proud people included authentic Native American flute playing by Randall Bryant and traditional storytelling by Earlene Stacks.



Metrolina Pageant Winners: Shown above are the winners. From left to right: Senior Miss-Ms. Ella Mae Taylor; Miss Metrolina-Christina Maynor; Junior Miss-Amanda Oxendine; Little Miss-Desiree Chanthaboury. Shown with the winners is Miss Lumbee Holly Young.

SRMC entries win marketing and public relations awards

Southeastern Regional Medical Center has received three awards for its public relations and marketing efforts. The Carolinas Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing Society (CHPRMS) made the presentations to Ann McLean, director of marketing and Ann Stephens, director of public relations, at the society's fall conference on November 14 in Charleston, SC.

SRMC received a gold award for its TV advertising campaign and a silver award for its radio ad campaigns with the theme "Neighbors Caring for Neighbors." These ads featured patients and their families from communities throughout the county, who told—in their own words—of their experiences at the Medical Center and what the services and staff there meant to them and their loved ones.

SRMC also received a silver award for the audiovisual category for its video, "We're Touching Your Life," which featured the same patients telling their own stories in more detail. This video is shown to civic groups and new employees to communicate SRMC's mission by demonstrating how the Medical Center con-

tinues to meet the needs of patients and families in its service area.

"We are very pleased that our communications efforts have been recognized in this way," said Luckey Welsh, SRMC President and CEO. "It is important that we tell our story to the community and that we do it in the most effective way possible."

He also praised the work of Smith Advertising and Associates of Fayetteville and the Communications Group of Raleigh, both of whom helped develop and produce the award-winning audiovisual entries.

CHPRMS is a professional association with a membership of over 250 persons, serving health care institutions, HMOS, physician groups, and consulting firms throughout in North and South Carolina. The CHPRMS "Wallie" awards are given annually at the fall conference to recognize excellence in health care public relations and marketing.

Members compete in more than a dozen categories. Winners this year were chosen by a panel of health care professionals from Georgia.

Study course underway at Sandy Plains UMC

Pembroke-Sandy Plains United Methodist Church has begun a 12-week study of Rev. James W. Moore's book, "Yes Lord, I have Sinned but I have Several Excellent Excuses". The congregation invites everyone to attend the Wednesday night sessions.

The study will run into the first week of February 2003. The remaining dates, topics, and relevant Scripture are:

- November 27- "The sin of halfheartedness" (Matt: 5:38-45)
 - December 4- "The sin of spiritual arrogance" (Luke 10:25-27)
 - December 11- "The sins that are deceptive" (Luke 11:37-44)
 - December 18- "The sin of overreaction" (Matt: 13: 24-30)
 - January 8- "The sin of hostility" (Matt: 11: 12-15)
 - January 15- "The sin of presumptuousness" (Luke 14: 7-11)
 - January 22- "The sin of losing our spiritual balance" (Mark 5:1-20)
 - January 29- "Sin...and redemption" (Genesis 50:15-21)
 - February 5- "Sin...and grace" (Luke 15:6b,9b, 22-24)
- Sandy Plains UMC is located at 2468 Union Chapel Road, 2 1/2 miles north of Pembroke and one-third mile south of the intersection of Highway 72 and Union Chapel Road. Rev. David Malcolm is the Pastor. Call (910) 521-8600 or e-mail spumcncc@bellsouth.net for more information.

Rev. Bob Mangum to speak at Sandy Plains UMC

Pembroke-Rev. Robert Mangum will be guest speaker for the Sandy Plains UMC 5th Sunday Youth Service on December 29.

Rev. Mangum is currently the pastor at Hickory Grove UMC and Coordinator of the Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministries. His previous pastorates

include Sandy Plains UMC, Prospect UMC, and Pembroke First UMC. Rev. Mangum is also a former director of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Agency for Native American Ministries.

The worship service will begin at 10:55 a.m. Sandy Plains UMC is located at 2468 Union Chapel Road, 2 1/2 miles north of Pembroke and one fourth mile south of Highway 72-Union Chapel Road Intersection. Call (910) 521-8600 for more information.

"Indian Basketball" authors to speak at UNCP

Pembroke, NC-The UNCP Friends of the Library Group will present a program featuring UNCP alumni Tim Brayboy and Bruce Barton discussing their recently published book, "Playing Before An Overflow Crowd: The Story of Indian Basketball in Robeson, North Carolina, and Adjoining Counties: (Chapel Hill Press, 201 pages, \$19.95)

The event will take place in Room 34 of the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education complex on December 10 at 3 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for sale.

Admission is free of charge and refreshments will be served. For more information please call 521-6516 or 521-6655.

Studio One to entertain for Christmas

Ready for Christmas? Studio One Lab of the Public Schools of Robeson County has prepared the very best Christmas entertainment that Robeson has to offer you. The show, "Tis the season for Joy" offers something for everyone. Come experience a variety of music and dance from our rich multi cultural heritage...from Native American flutes and drums to singers and dancers rockin' around the Christmas tree. "Tis the Season for Joy" runs November 26, 29, and 30th at 8PM and Sunday, Dec. 1 at 3PM. Performances will be held at the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Tickets are \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Senior Citizens, and \$6 for students. Let us get your joyous holiday season off to the best start ever!



Chance, now 51 years old, is shown with his ex-wife and spokesperson JoAnn Willard.

Rally Planned for Coharie Prisoner to be held December 2 in Raleigh

A Rally is scheduled to take place in front of the Legislative Building in Raleigh, NC. The time is from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The rally is planned to support the release of Danny Chance whose death penalty was commuted to life. He has served 33 years in the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

At the age of 19, Native American Danny Chance was out with three white soldiers from Fort Bragg, NC, according to his ex-wife and spokesperson, JoAnn Willard. She says that in a drunken state of mind that night, a girl was raped and a man was killed.

Chance, a member of the Coharie Tribe, received the death sentence for the rape charge. This was commuted to life later on. One codefendant was acquitted while the other two white soldiers received 15 years for "Assault with intent to commit rape." According to Willard, "all four men were guilty when it came down to who was to pay the ultimate price, it was the dark-skinned Indian, the teenager and the only civilian (Chance)."

One codefendant has been out of prison since 1983 after serving 13 years. Another co defendant was released August 9, 2002. Willard said that Chance has been denied parole or any help from the Department of Corrections. She believes that 33 years in prison is long enough and has therefore instituted a petition drive in addition to the rally.

If you are interested in supporting parole for Danny Chance, you should write to the North Carolina Parole Commission, Juanita H. Baker, 2020 Yonkers Road, 4222-MS-C, Raleigh, NC 27699-4222. She may be called at 919-716-3010. She may be faxed at 919-716-3987.

Any additional questions relative to this case should be directed to JoAnn Willard at P.O. Box 274, Semora, NC 27343. She may be contacted also at 336-234-0259. Willard encourages Native Americans and others interested in justice for Chance to attend the rally. Petitions will be available at the rally and may also be obtained by calling or writing to Willard.

Sandy Plains United Methodist Church Bazaar

Pembroke- Sandy Plains United Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 4-9 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28. A variety of handmade Christmas wreaths, ornaments and other gifts will be for sale in the church fellowship hall. Proceeds will be used to support the church's youth ministries.

Sandy Plains UMC is located at 2468 Union Chapel Road, 2 and a half miles north of Pembroke and one-fourth mile south of the Highway 72-Union Chapel Road intersection. Call (910) 521-8600 for more information.

Pembroke City Fire Department holding fund raising event

The Pembroke City Fire Department is having a special fund drive for the next several weeks in cooperation with Community Support Services. Families will be contacted by phone and asked to make a pledge. Each family that pledges receives a beautiful 10X13 Canvas Mount Portrait, compliments of the Department. Proceeds are being used for new equipment.

For any additional information call 1-800-253-2638. They appreciate your past support and look forward to your help this year.

Magnolia High Plans Reunion

Magnolia High School Alumni Reunion is scheduled to July 3, 2003. A planning session is scheduled for December 3, 2002 at 7 p.m. at Fullers Restaurant in Lumberton. All former students of Magnolia High School are urged to attend the planning session. For more information, call Louis Locklear at 671-4121.

Pembroke Twilight Christmas Parade

Sponsored By:
Town Of Pembroke
Pembroke Chamber of Commerce
Pembroke Civic Club

Thursday, December 12, 2002

Line Up Time: 3:30 o'clock p.m.
Parade Time: 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Parade Line Up area-
The UNC-Pembroke Performing Arts Center
and at the Pembroke Elementary
Criteria: -Marching Units-Bands-Queens-Floats
-Special Attraction: Robeson County
Sudan Tomcats Funny Cars
-Main Attraction: Santa Claus

For further information contact Gregory Cummings at Pembroke town Hall-521-9758or Buddy Bell-521-0887

Edward Jones Offers Year-end Investing Program

Mary Jo Walker, the Edward Jones investment representative in Lumberton, will host a free program on Tuesday, December 10, at 1 p.m. for investors wondering whether they should buy, hold, or sell their investments.

During the program, Edward Jones experts will also discuss their thoughts on the economy and markets and offer insight on creating a stable stream of investment income.

"With 2003 just around the corner, now is the time to review young investments to make sure they are still appropriate to meet your long-term financial goals," said Ms. Walker. "This program will help investors to decide what they should do between now and the end of the year."

This live, interactive broadcast is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network. For more information about the Dec. 10 program or to reserve your seat, call Beth Williamson at 738-5053. If you are unable to attend at the above time, additional viewing opportunities are available. The Lumberton Edward Jones office is located at 4246 Fayetteville Road.

Maxton Christmas Parade Dec 14th

The Town of Pembroke is again making plans for an exciting and wonderful Christmas Parade for this upcoming holiday season. We certainly hope that you will include this date ad time on your calendar to come and take part in the parade. Participation in the parade is free. You may also purchase Booth space: food-\$30, food/crafts-\$35, crafts-\$25.

The Town office will be accepting call-in entries for the parade through December 12. When you call, make sure you have a telephone number where you can be reached and the name of a contact. Please call between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. We welcome cars, floats, bands, marching groups, trucks, etc. in the parade. Lineup will start at Townsend Middle School on December 14th around 8:15 a.m. You will be given a line up number at that time.

Again, come join us on Saturday, December 14, 2002 in Maxton, NC for our parade. The Town Office telephone number is at the top of the 844-5231. For further information, call the town office or Mrs. Delia Quaison at (910) 844-3431 during the day.

It is our goal to have a safe and enjoyable parade. For this reason, we are asking only adults to throw candy. Also, horses will not be allowed in the parade. We would like to thank you for your cooperation on these very important matters.

by Erwin Jacobs, Maxton

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