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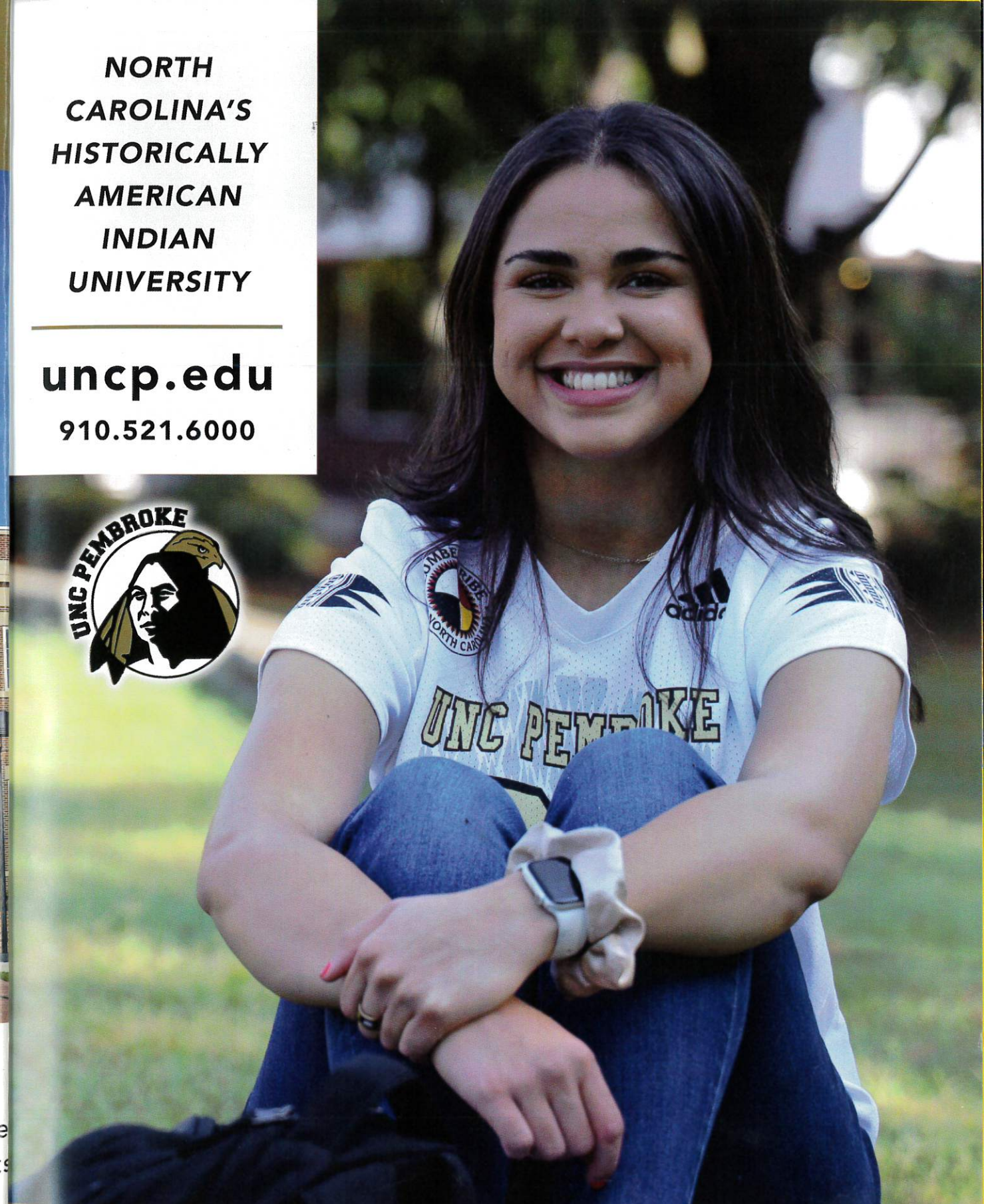
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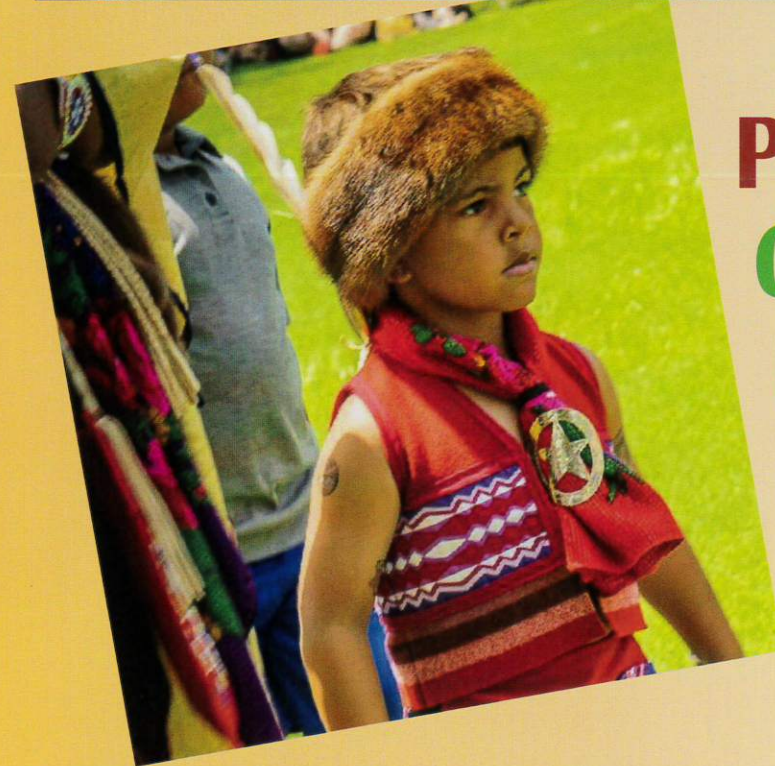
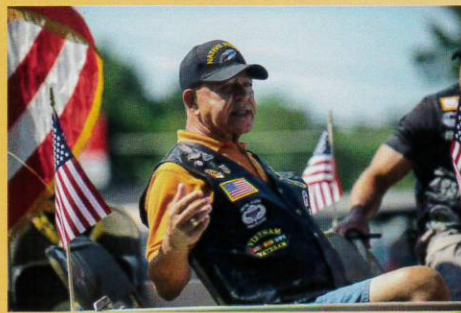
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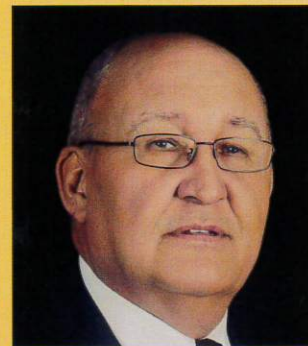
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***Business After Hours** – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – UNCP Arts Center, Pembroke
(Sponsored by Pembroke Chamber or PACC Business After Hours and UNCP Givens Performing Arts Center)

SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2022

Golf Tournament (Pinecrest Country Club) – Tee Off 9:00 am
Lumbee Games – Wrestling – 9:00 am – UNCP Auxiliary Gym

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

Farewell Tea – 3:00 pm – Berea Baptist Church (invitation only)
Outdoor Gospel Sing – 6:00 pm Free to Public – Mt Airy Ball Park Outdoor Stage, 438 Alvin Road (off Hwy 72 West) Pembroke (if inclement weather event will be held at M. Airy Baptist Church).

MONDAY JUNE 27, 2022

Lumbee Outdoor Market Setup – 9:00 am at 636 Prospect Road, Pembroke
Lumbee Games – Swimming – 6:00 pm – UNCP Aquatics Facility

TUESDAY JUNE 28, 2022

Lumbee Outdoor Market – Tuesday – Saturday – 9:00 am. Until – Food, Arts, or Crafts – 636 Prospect Road, Pembroke
Elder's Luncheon – 12:00 noon – Southeastern Agricultural Center
Little and Junior Lumbee Pageant – 6:30 pm – UNCP-GPAC

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29, 2022

Lumbee Outdoor Market – Thursday – Saturday – 9:00 am. Until – Food, Arts, or Crafts – 636 Prospect Road, Pembroke

THURSDAY JUNE 30, 2022

Lumbee Outdoor Market – Thursday – Saturday – 9:00 am. Until – Food, Arts, or Crafts – 636 Prospect Road, Pembroke
Historic Building/Library Dedication Reception – 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm – 450 Prospect Road, Pembroke (Sponsored by Burnt Mountain Association)
Lumbee Games – Tennis – 5:00 pm – UNCP Tennis Court
Address of the Tribe – 6:00 pm – Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center (Sponsored by Lumbee Tribe of NC)
Mer Jam Outdoor Concert – 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Milton R. Hunt Memorial Park – (Sponsored by Town of Pembroke)

FRIDAY JULY 1, 2022

Lumbee Outdoor Market – Tuesday – Saturday – 9:00 am. Until – Food, Arts, or Crafts – 636 Prospect Road, Pembroke
Lumbee Games – Basketball – 9:00 am – UNCP Auxiliary Gym
Miss Lumbee Pageant – 6:30 pm – UNCP-GPAC

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2022

Lumbee Outdoor Market – Thursday – Saturday – 9:00 am. Until – Food, Arts, or Crafts – 636 Prospect Road
Run/Walk – SE Fitness Center Pembroke – Run/Walk starts 6:30 am (Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Pembroke)
Veteran Parachute Team Sky Show – 9:45 am – Landing site: Milton R. Hunt Park
Parade – Downtown Pembroke – 10:00 am
53rd Pow-Wow – 12:00 Noon (UNCP Quad) (Sponsored by American Indian Science and Engineering Society, UNCP)
Motorcycle/Bike Show – 1:30 – 6:00 pm – New Business Building Park – Parking area
Classic Car Show – 11:00 am – UNCP Annex building parking area
Hole Tournament Games Begin – 3:00 pm – UNCP in front of GPAC
Outdoor Gospel Concert – 5:30 – 8:00 pm – LRDA Office Complex
Outdoor Concert – 8:30 – 10:30 – LRDA Office Complex
Lumbee Fireworks Sky Show – 9:30 pm – Prospect Road

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For many years Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. has proudly sponsored the Lumbee Homecoming festivities. Again this year the LRDA Board of Directors welcome you and hope that you will enjoy the activities. The events celebrate our heritage, our pride, and our Lumbee culture.

Horace Hunt
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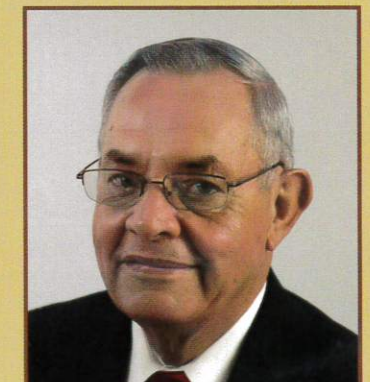
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Bobby Dean Locklear

Bobby Dean Locklear has been a noteworthy leader in the affairs of the Lumbee people. He has served on the Board of Directors for Lumbee Regional Development Association for 34 years and has been committed to providing services that assist disadvantaged Indian people in Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties. Mr. Locklear has also been instrumental in Robeson County government. He served as a member for 16 years on the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, as well as Commissioner Chairman for four years. He has served on the Robeson County Board of Health, Robeson County Board of Social Services, the Lumber River Council of Governments, and a member of the Pembroke Jaycees.

In addition to his active roles in the community, Mr. Locklear has been a proud advocate for local public education. He earned his bachelor's from Pembroke State University, now the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and a Masters in Guidance and Counseling from Western Carolina University.

Mr. Locklear spent most of his thirty-four-year tenure in the Robeson County school system as a guidance counselor, where he advised on state advisory councils for education, Indian education, and vocational education. He was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2016 for his exemplary service and commitment to the state.

At the ripe age of 85, he still lives with his wife Theresa Revels Locklear of 59 years. He has four children, eight grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. He is a member of Pembroke First Baptist Church. His favorite hobbies include attending auctions and gathering together with his family to eat a good meal that he calls "a party."

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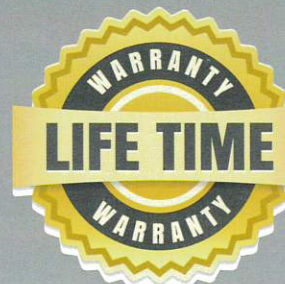
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Scotland Memorial Health System in Laurinburg and UNC Health Southeastern in Lumberton are teaming up to promote better health for the residents of Pembroke and the surrounding communities.

The two health systems co-sponsored the Lumbee Tribe's Dance of the Spring Moon PowWow in May and will be co-sponsors for the LRDA Lumbee Homecoming in July.

"We recognize that we are both here for the public good and, in many instances, competition isn't necessary," said **UNC Health Southeastern President/ CEO Chris Ellington.**

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When possible, the two neighboring health systems will collaborate and support their missions to serve jointly as they share many of the same industry issues and can speak with a greater voice together. Recruitment of specialty physicians is one area where teaming up can be beneficial to bring more specialized care to the region.

"Having two hospitals within the same region can be a challenge for some, but our goal is to partner to ensure that the health and well-being of our patients is our top priority," said **Greg Wood, President/CEO of Scotland Health.** "One great example of our partnership is with breast surgeon, Dr. Hannah Worix who serves patients at both Scotland Health and Southeastern.

By partnering, we have been able to bring Dr. Worix in together, something neither of us could do alone. We look forward to working with Southeastern more in the future."

"We equally care for the region without regard to race, religion, or ethnicity," added Ellington.



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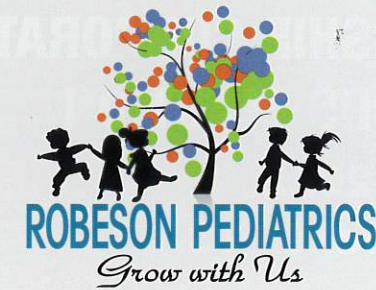
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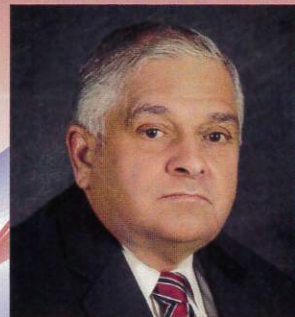
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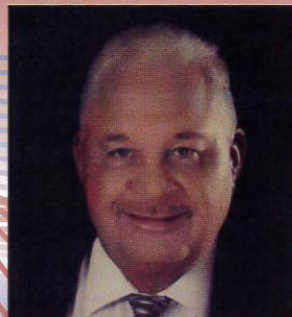
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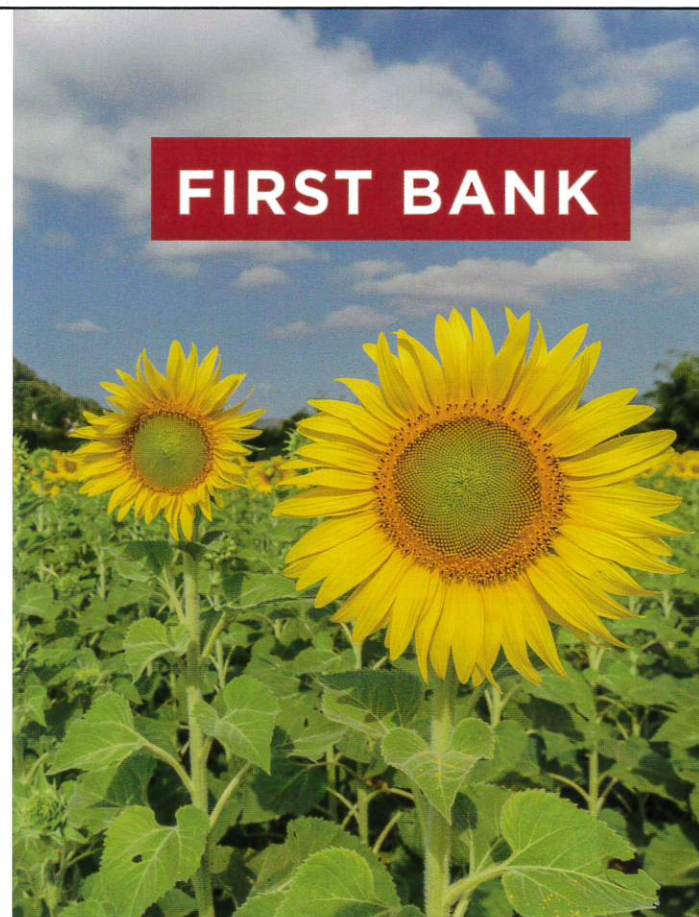
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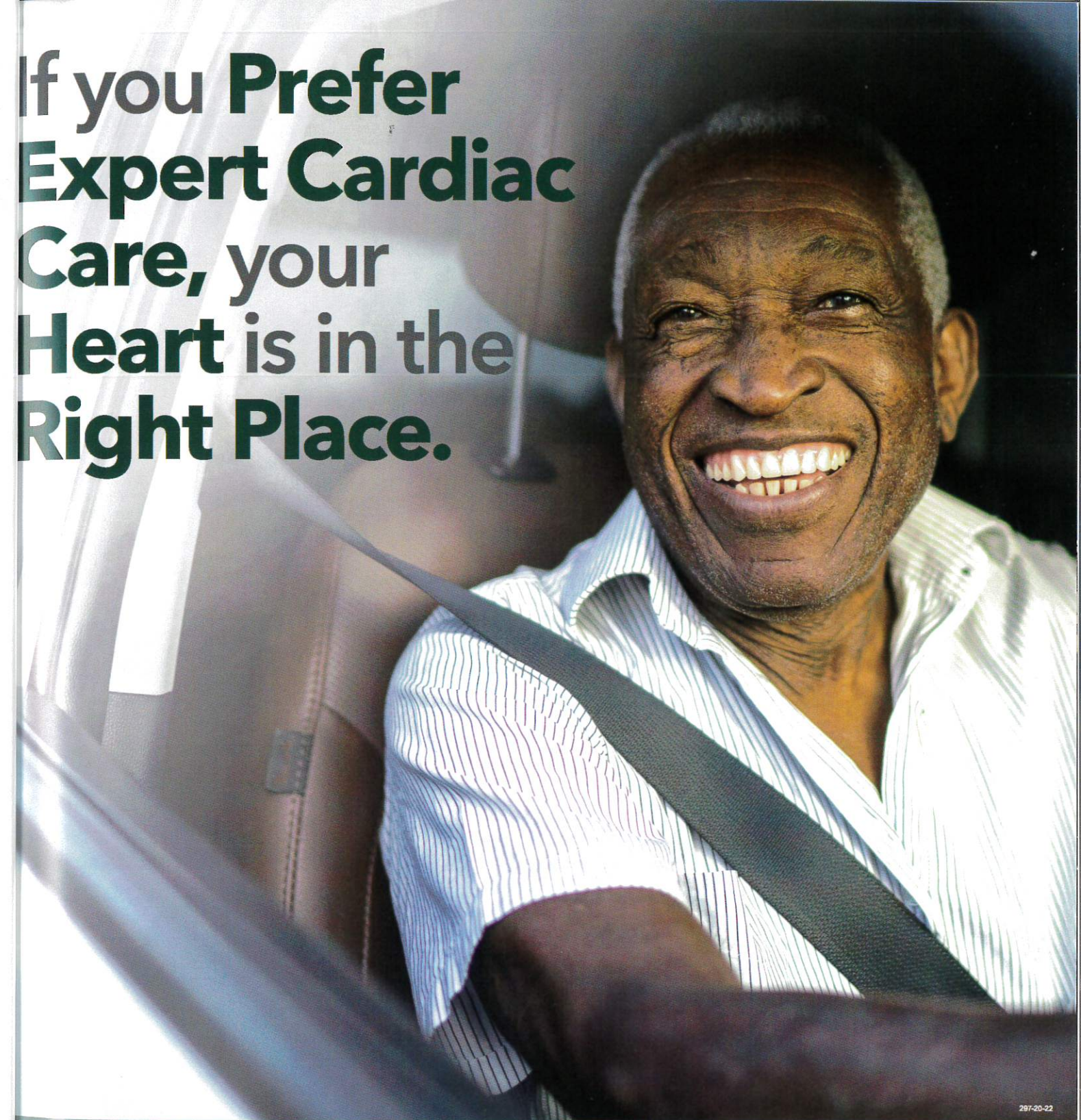
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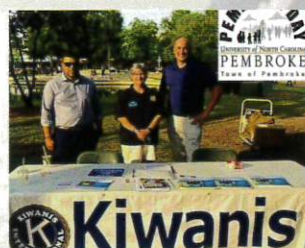


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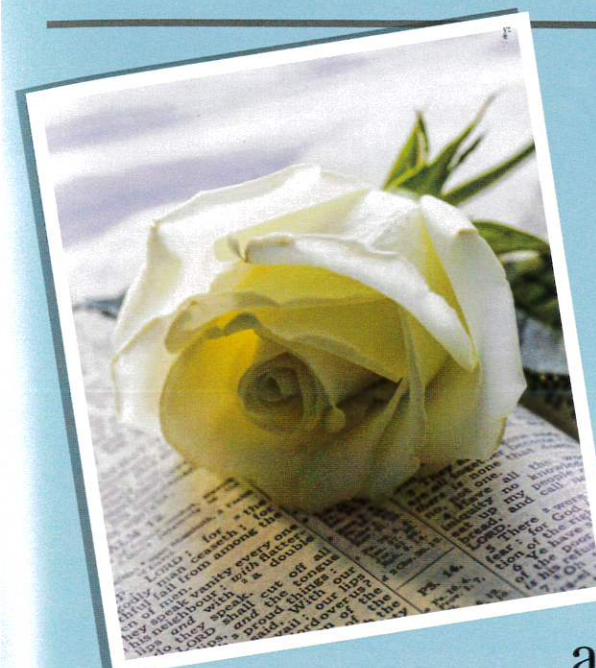
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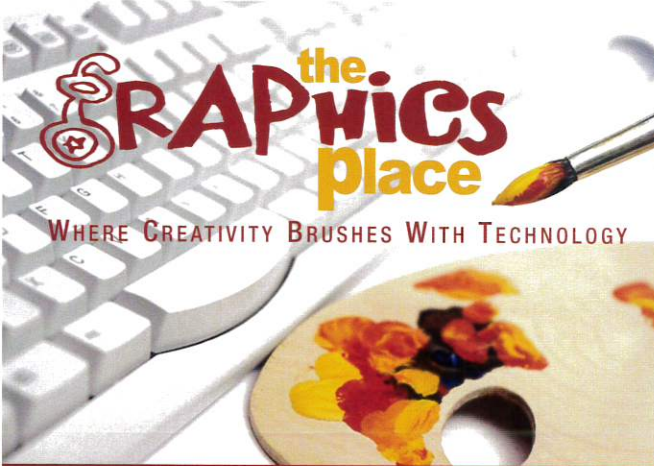


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Agency: Robeson County Health Department

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DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Agency: Lumber River United Way

(910) 739-4249

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library helps young children develop pre-literacy skills by mailing free books once a month. All preschool children (birth through five) that live in Robeson County are eligible. A parent or legal guardian must submit an official registration form to the United Way of Robeson County, 2512-A Fayetteville Rd. Lumberton, NC 28358. Registration forms may also be submitted online on the United Way of Robeson County website: www.unitedwayrobeson.org.

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY STAR TRACKS

Agency: Robeson County Partnership for Children, Inc.

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Childcare facilities are made aware of the components of quality care to enhance their facility using the Environment Rating Scales. Assessments of licensed facilities allow for quality enhancement materials. Technical assistance and maintenance is also provided.

This activity provides an on-site resource center to all child care providers and caretakers of children ages birth through five years old.

NC PRE-K TRANSPORTATION

Agency: Robeson County Partnership for Children, Inc.

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Financial assistance is provided to child care facilities to transport eligible NC Pre-K children to and from approved NC Pre-K sites. This activity ensures that children are able to attend a high quality learning environment to promote their overall development.

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Agency: Robeson County Health Department

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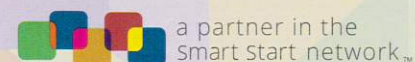
Registered nurses visit eligible women in their homes during their first pregnancy and throughout the first two years of their children's lives. The program is a statewide initiative following a national model that seeks to improve pregnancy outcomes and child health through primary prevention. Additionally, the program seeks to improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family through personal development goals.

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Agency: Robeson Community College

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Professional Development provides services for licensed child care facilities in Robeson County. Services include technical assistance in the form of intensive one-on-one coaching provided to selected early childhood educators working in infant, toddler and pre-k classrooms. The activity is implemented using My Teaching Partner Coaching (MTP) and focuses on improving teacher-child interactions as measured by the CLASS tool. MTP, monetary awards are offered to eligible participants. Academic advising is offered to students enrolled in Early Childhood courses as requested.

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Agency: Riverbend Services, Inc.

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Training and consultation is offered to child care providers on applying promotion, prevention, and intervention when working with children who experience developmental and/or behavioral health symptoms. The Pyramid Model and Cognitive Behavioral techniques are used to incorporate positive, problem-focused, and goal-directed interventions. Child care staff are trained on using specific techniques that promote a healthy environment for children to grow emotionally and developmentally.

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Agency: Robeson County Partnership for Children, Inc.

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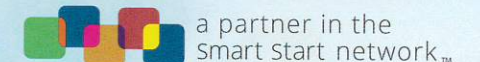
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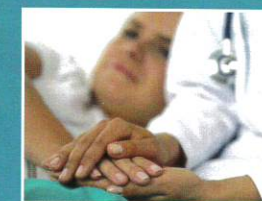


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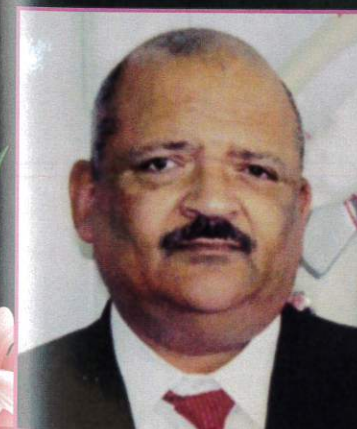
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Welcome	James Hardin, Chief Executive Officer, LRDA

Opening Number

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies	Brenda Hunt Storms
Introduction of Judges and Auditors	Mistress of Ceremonies
Special Entertainment	Riley Madison Dial, Little Miss Lumbee 2019-2022

Little Miss and Junior Miss Best Dress Competition and On-Stage Question

Special Entertainment	Kynnady Elizabeth Locklear, Junior Miss Lumbee 2019-2022
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Little Miss Talent Competition

Junior Miss Talent Competition

Introduction of Teen/Miss Lumbee Contestants

Little Miss and Junior Miss Regalia

Farewell Walk.....	Little Miss Lumbee, Riley Madison Dial, 2019-2022
Farewell Walk.....	Junior Miss Lumbee, Kynnady Elizabeth Locklear, 2019-2022

Presentation of Awards

Little Miss Lumbee

Miss Congeniality • On Stage Question • Regalia Award • Talent Award • Best Dress Award
• 2nd Runner-Up • 1st Runner-Up

Crowning of Little Miss Lumbee 2022-2023

Junior Miss Lumbee

Miss Congeniality • On Stage Question • Regalia Award • Talent Award • Best Dress Award
3rd Runner-Up • 2nd Runner-Up • 1st Runner-Up

Crowning of Junior Miss Lumbee 2022-2023

Little Miss and Junior Miss Lumbee Pageant Committees

Director Crystal J. Strong		Co-Director Helen M. Scott
Choreographer Lyndsey Locklear	Judges Books Tosha Bullard	Pageant Committee Lanita Hunt, Jolan Locklear, Shareka Wilkins Gerard Scott, Alexis Canady and Kendria Hunt

Little Miss and Junior Miss Winners Crowns

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2022 Teen Miss Fairmont Farmers Festival – Alexis Rosa Lowry

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LITTLE MISS CONTESTANTS



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Jakayleigh Miracle Lambert

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Contestant 2

Chloe Bailey McKinna Cummings

Parent: Titania Cummings

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Contestant 3

Moriah Faith Jones

Parents: David and Morgan Jones

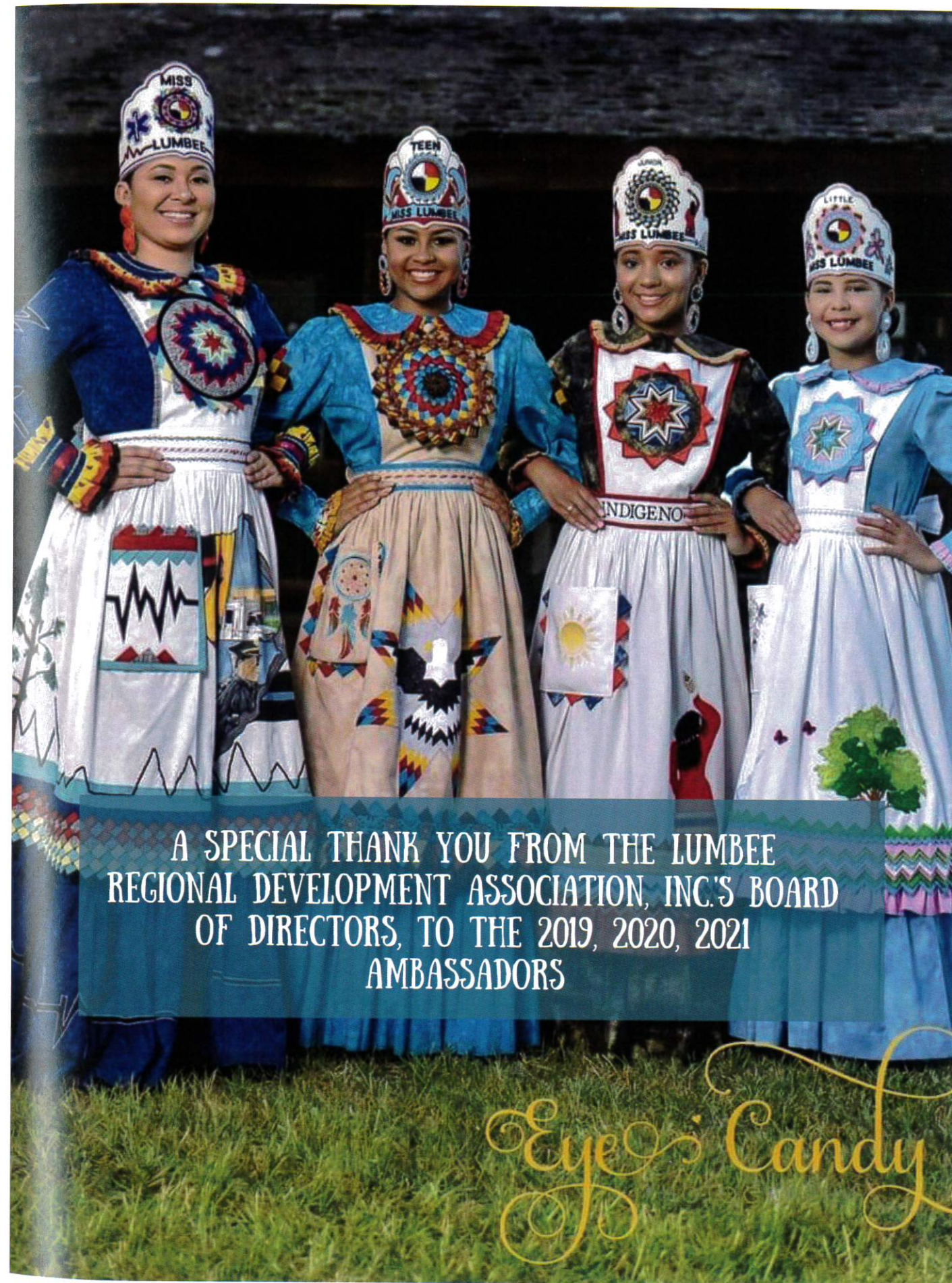
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Kieran Gabriella Chavis

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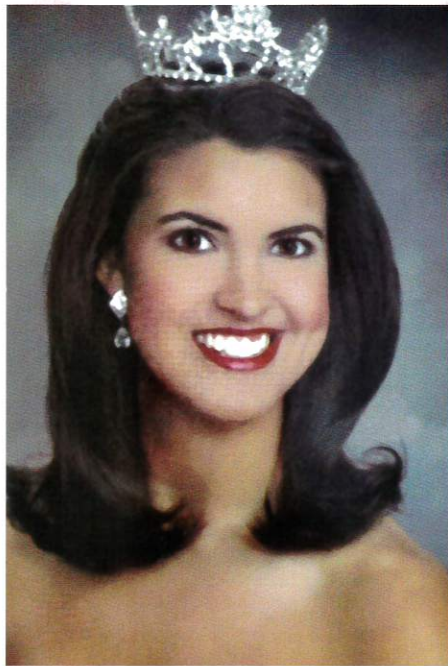
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FEATURE:

Where Are They Now?

Miss Lumbee 2005 – Erica Dellinger Atkinson

Written by: Aleah Tilson



Seventeen years ago, on the night when Erica Dellinger was crowned Miss Lumbee, a historic event had taken place.

Largely because it was not Erica's first (or even second, or third) rodeo as a Lumbee Ambassador. Quite the opposite, since she had just become the very first to achieve all four titles—Little Miss Lumbee in 1991, Junior Miss Lumbee in 1999, Teen Miss Lumbee in 2001, and finally, Miss Lumbee in 2005.

A few days ago, I had the honor to sit down and have a lovely conversation with Erica. In it, we talked about her four years as a Lumbee Ambassador – what the “honor and humbling experience” meant to her then, and what it means to her now.

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Erica's journey with Lumbee Ambassadorship began when she was six years old.

A Robeson County native, she hails from a family of UNCP alumni. Her mother, Rhonda Godwin Dellinger, who grew up in the Moss Neck Community of Pembroke, studied education there and went on to teach at Pembroke Elementary for 35 years. Her father, Tony Dellinger, originally from Garner, North Carolina, studied business and played basketball at UNCP. Erica's younger sister, Elicia Dellinger, received a biology degree from UNCP in 2012, and now works in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Though she doesn't remember the experience herself, her mother recalls the funny memory in which she brought Erica in for the preliminary screening for Little Miss Lumbee. It was 1990, and Erica's first-ever pageant.

Upon facing that panel of unfamiliar faces, as Erica told me, she stopped in her tracks at the door, too nervous. She looked up resolutely at her mother, and said, “I'm not gonna do it.”

So she didn't do Little Miss Lumbee that year, but between that summer and the next, Erica gathered up a little courage, and she came back for the next year's pageant. And she won it.

In the next fifteen years that followed, Erica made winning a habit, until she had all four titles claimed. When I asked her if winning all four was a personal goal of hers at the time, she laughed and shook her head. “No, it was more of something that just happened.” In that decision, she said that she simply had fun as Little Miss Lumbee, and wanted to do it again. Later on, she also said that her admiration for Becky Goins (who was Erica's Miss Lumbee back in 1991) encouraged her to keep coming back to compete. “I had Becky as my role model and mentor. I thought, this is Miss Lumbee. It was something I wanted to work towards and achieve.”

In that way, Erica said that she saw the Junior and Teen titles as great experiences that could act as stepping stones towards Miss Lumbee. She says that

Teen Miss Lumbee, in fact, really “fell into place,” since the pageant was created in 2000, shortly after her time as Junior Miss Lumbee. Wanting even more opportunities like her years as Little and Junior Miss Lumbee, she laughed, “Well, there's Teen Miss, so I'll compete in Teen Miss.”

Each title, she said, provided her more opportunities to learn about herself and her culture. And when the time came, she was more than prepared to undertake the full duties and responsibilities of being Miss Lumbee.

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Since Erica spent four years as an ambassador—a considerable portion of her life growing up—I was curious about what impact it had on her life as a young person.

She responded in a very contemplative example. These sorts of leadership roles, she wisely put it, were a constant reminder of the influence that Lumbee Ambassadorship carried. On one hand, she said, “one of the biggest things I learned early on was that people are always watching you—judging you, in some instances. I wanted to carry myself in a respectful manner to elders, in a way that younger people could look up to. I understood that I was a role model.”

Though she remembers the pressure that came with holding, Erica remained astutely aware that her position also came with great privileges. For one, it allowed her to be both a recipient and an educator of cultural knowledge.

In those four years, Erica spent much time traveling, meeting leaders from other tribes, and presenting at native heritage programs in schools. This position of intertribal leadership served as a constant reminder that she was a representative of her tribe. Oftentimes, she recalled, many of her presentations were the first time that people would hear or learn about the Lumbee people. “If you're from Robeson County,” she told me, “You know what being Lumbee is for the most part. But being an ambassador is one way we can put the Lumbee people out there in a positive light. A way to showcase our heritage, our talents, and our versatility—we are doctors, lawyers, a creative people.”

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Erica's years as an Ambassador were full of very special memories, whether it was traveling across North Carolina and beyond, of sweating bullets in regional summer powwows, or of making even deeper, long-lasting connections back home.

In our conversation, she recalled one funny memory, in which a child at one of her school visits asked her if she was “a queen who lived in a castle.” It was an innocent (and a pretty cute) misconception, but Erica also viewed it as an important learning moment, where she could explain the cultural elements behind her regalia and her title as a tribal Ambassador.

Erica said that moments like those are some of the most important parts of being a Lumbee Ambassador—those in which she felt like she could educate outsiders about the Lumbee, and to help reverse negative stereotypes about Robeson County area. “Out there, and in the media, our identity as a native is often questioned,” she said, “and the ambassadorship is a way to put our story out there, to educate people and show them who we really are.”

Another topic of precious memories that Erica shared with me focused on how she was able to engage with different native communities. One such memory was the few times that she was able to attend the Gathering of Nations powwow

in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she would meet and talk with members of different tribes. She painted a beautiful scene of Gathering of Nations, where she would stand at the center of the pit and look up at thousands of beautiful native dancers. “Another important memory of intertribal connection was a visit to the Cherokee School System, coordinated by Mr. Arvis Boughman, where she was able to teach children about Lumbee heritage, and to exchange gifts with Cherokee students. Despite political rifts and boundaries, Erica felt that the moment was truly rewarding, to have been able to bridge the gap to some extent.

Erica also shared with me how her time as an Ambassador provided her with a lifelong friendship. In 2006, at the Lumbee Spring Powwow, she was introduced to Millicent Clark, who gifted her one of her own eagle feathers. “Prior to that,” she said, “Millicent and I had never met. I had watched her from afar at the powwow arena and admired her gracefulness as she danced Southern traditional, but I didn't know much about her.”

On the second day of the powwow, Erica was taken by surprise when Millicent approached her. “She told me how she had been watching me and how I carried myself throughout my reign as Miss Lumbee. She said the night before she just didn't shake this feeling and she said she even talked to her dad about it but that she knew she had to gift me the eagle feather, which was one of her own!” It takes a lot to make her cry, Erica said, but the moment brought her to tears: “To receive an eagle feather is the highest honor in Native culture. To say I was honored and blessed would truly be an understatement. I was in awe. From that moment on, we have had a special bond.”

Now, years later, Erica and Millicent remain very close friends—a sisterhood that started with her time as Miss Lumbee and has stood the test of time. About a year ago, Erica told me, “She is my sister and someone that I continue to look up to. She has been involved in so many aspects of my life, as well as my children's lives. I don't think our paths may not have crossed but I'm so thankful for the blessing they did!”

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In 2007, two years after Miss Lumbee, Erica graduated from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with a double major in chemistry and biology, and a minor in American Indian studies. She continued her studies at Campbell University, where she graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2013. Erica now works at UNC Southeastern Health in Lumberton, North Carolina, where she has been since 2014, and where she completed additional clinical pharmacy certifications in 2016.

I asked Erica if her experiences as Miss Lumbee provided her any skills for these achievements. She happily listed several.

Firstly, she said, “The biggest thing is public speaking. In my job, and when I was a resident, I had tons of presentations. Even now, I have meetings and public talks with leadership, and times when I have to communicate and educate others, whether it be pharmacy or nursing students on whatever we're trying to accomplish.”

Secondly, leadership was another critical skill that Erica felt that she developed as an Ambassador. “For example, when you're Miss Lumbee, you're the one that the other Ambassadors are looking up to—to ask advice, or just to guide you throughout that year.” That experience, she said, helped her shape into a more confident leader. “In my pharmacy career, I've served in organizations and on various committees. It was certainly something positive that came from [my year as an ambassador].”

Lastly, Erica says that being Miss Lumbee awarded her another prized skill—adaptability. “Being an Ambassador taught me how to adapt to change, and how to be more flexible in general.” This has been a useful skill in her career as a pharmacist, she told me, since “Especially when working in a hospital, you know, you never know what's going to happen. You may think that you're gonna get off at 4:30,” she laughed, “but something can always happen.”

Like working at the hospital, Erica found that ambassadorship to be a very dynamic, often unpredictable experience, but that learning how to handle that

unpredictability became a cherished practical skill. “Some situations as an ambassador throughout the years taught me that everything is not going to go how you plan. It's just how you handle it—how you adjust to it, how you make the best of it that you can—that really matters.”

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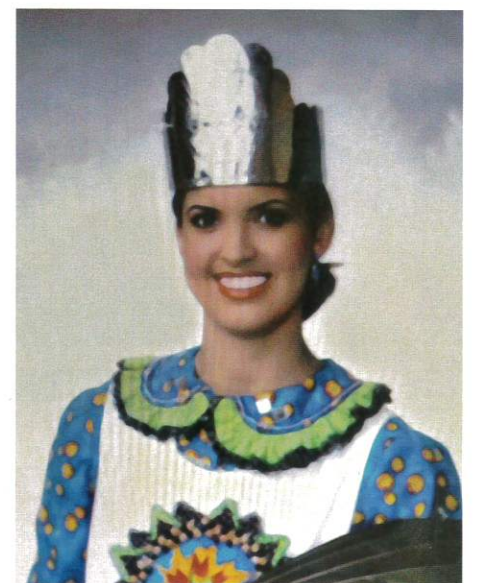
Now, Erica lives in Aberdeen, North Carolina with her husband, Adam Atkinson. They married in 2014, and now have two gorgeous children—a four-year-old daughter, Elin Harper, and a nine-month-old son Kaden Reed, who both have birthdays coming up soon, in August.

As Lumbee Homecoming approaches again, I asked Erica what it's like to be recognized by people as the first to hold all four Lumbee titles. She humbly approached the question, saying, “It was really an honor to be able to represent the Lumbee people that many times, and to have that achievement. I think it's really great now to watch other girls work towards and achieve that goal too.” And, speaking about Lumbee Ambassadorship nowadays, Erica said that, as a former Miss Lumbee, she enjoys being able to watch the pageants continue to grow. “It's a great avenue for these young women to put themselves out there, to vocalize issues that they're passionate about, and to showcase their talents, whether it be singing or dancing or something completely different.”

Erica said that she understands competing for the Lumbee titles can be a very daunting experience. Still, she encourages young Lumbee women to take the chance, because the chance at Ambassadorship is well worth it: “Sometimes people get too focused on the pageant itself, and forget what the experience really means or what it really looks like. There's so much you can get from it—the scholarship, the friendships you make, the sisterhood, developing all these life skills that will take you so far in life.”

While speaking to Erica, it was made clear that she thought her Ambassadorship was a beautiful and humbling opportunity. It taught her infinite lessons about her culture, and about herself, too.

As our conversation came to a close, I asked her if she had any parting words of wisdom for present and future ambassadors. “I know a lot of people would probably say this,” she laughed, “but soak in each and every moment. It's your experience to make the most out of it. You learn so much about the Lumbee people, and you grow so much as a person. You'll learn things that will transition with you into your career, whatever that may be, and really, skills and memories that you'll cherish for life.”



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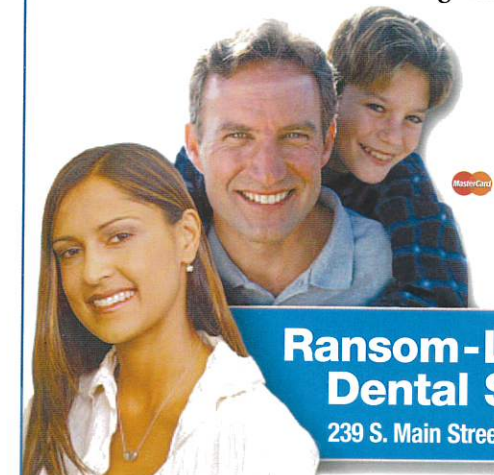
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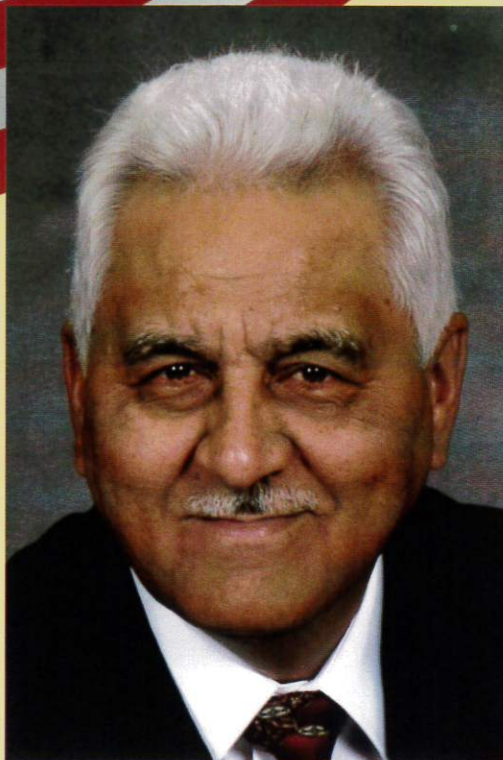
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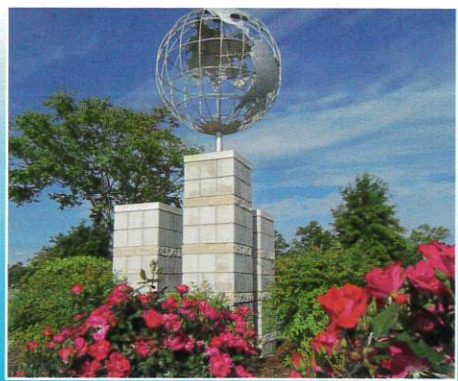
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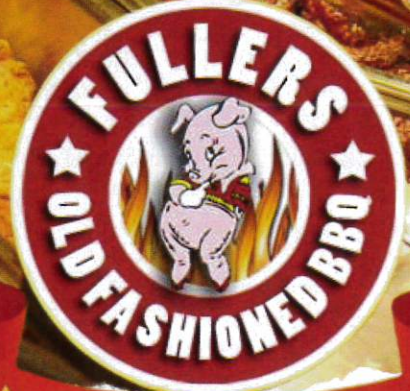
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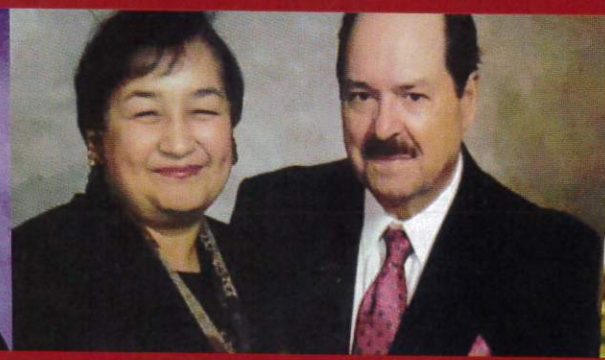





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Little Miss Lumbee

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I will never forget the night I was crowned Little Miss Lumbee. Hearing my name called was one of the proudest moments of my life. Having the opportunity to represent my beautiful people and teach others about our heritage and traditions was a dream come true. I never looked at my crown as a prize. Instead, I looked at it as an opportunity to educate, serve, learn, and make my Lumbee people proud. There have been many people along the way who have shown love and support as I lived out my dream and I love you all so much.

First, I want to thank God for blessing me with such an amazing opportunity. Without him, none of this would be possible.

Mama and daddy, thank you for always being my biggest cheerleaders and encouraging me to never give up on my dreams. You always make sure I know how special I am and that I can do anything I set my mind to. Mama, I will always cherish all the talks, laughs, and encouraging words you shared with during our car rides to my appearances. Daddy, you made me feel like a princess as you held my hand and twirled me around the dance floor at the coronation ball. How lucky am I to have the two of you as my parents. I love you both so much.

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James, thank you for making sure I had a place to practice when I was preparing to compete for Little Miss Lumbee. I appreciate you and all the running around you did to collect sponsors for me. I love you.

To my amazing grandparents, thank you for supporting me throughout my reign. You are always reminding me how much you love me and how proud I make you. Your never-ending words of encouragement and all your hugs make this little princess feel special. I love you all so much.

Aunt Heather and Tamiah, thank you for taking me to appearances when mama was not able to leave work

early. Aunt Tonya, thank you for the financial support during my reign. I love you all.

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Taylor Brooke, my Tay, my saving grace, I could go on and on about why I love you. You always make me laugh and I know if I want to take silly pictures or make silly videos, you are always down. I have enjoyed our crazy car rides and all the fun we had at appearances. I will never forget when you spent the night with me, cuddled me in your arms, and read me a bedtime story. I felt safe and loved as I fell asleep in your arms. I love you forever and always.

Kyla, my Tik Tok partner. I am forever grateful for the fun times we shared and all the Tik Toks we made. I think everyone got tired of hearing us sing Tik Tok songs, but we didn't care, we would sing them anyway. We had so much fun at appearances and even though it has come to an end, our bond will forever remain. Don't ever forget I love you more than you know.

Kynnady, where do I begin? You have truly been the best big sister. I have enjoyed every sleepover, car ride, and appearance with you by my side. You always found a way to make me happy whenever I was feeling sad. Thank you for always being there for me. No matter what silly idea I had, you were down for it and never questioned me. We will always share a bond that cannot be broken. You will forever be my Kyn and I will forever be your Ry Bug. I love you so much.

Mrs. Kayla, Mrs. Patricia, and Ms. Adrenna, the three of you are such amazing and strong women. Thank you for sharing your beautiful daughters with me and for always treating me like your own.

Mrs. Natascha, our amazing coordinator. You handled all the appearance requests, schedule conflicts, schedule changes, and everything in between like a pro. I don't know how you did it all, but I am thankful for you.

Mrs. Crystal, you know how to put together a flawless pageant. The time and dedication you put into planning and coordinating the Little and Junior Miss Pageant is

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To my Elrod Baptist Church family, I am blessed with the best church family anyone could ever ask for. Thank you for all the love, prayers, and support throughout my reign.

To my teachers at Pembroke Elementary School and Prospect School, thank you for always being so understanding when I missed school for appearances and for working with me to make up missed assignments.

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Mrs. Ivette and Mrs. Ruth, thank you for making my beautiful regalia's and for all the alterations throughout my reign.

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Mr. Hardin, LRDA staff, and LRDA Board of Directors, thank you for the support, encouragement, and love shown during my reign.

Tribal Chairman Lowery, former Tribal Chairman Godwin, and the Lumbee Tribe of NC, thank you for the support and for always including us in your events.

Chancellor Cummings, thank you for being so supportive of the Ambassadors and including us in events. We are blessed to have a university that continues the traditions of our people and keeps our heritage alive.

To my beautiful Lumbee people, what an honor it has been to represent people of such strength, beauty, pride, and resilience. I hope I have made you proud.

To the remainder of my family, friends, and supporters, thank you all so much for the support and love shown during my reign.

To the next Little Miss Lumbee, you are in for the experience of a lifetime. Don't take one single day for granted and always remember your title is not about the crown. It's about being a role model, even when you think nobody is watching. It's about representing a tribe of proud people who continue to fight for our place in society. It's about educating others but taking the time to listen and learn as well. Enjoy your time as Little Miss Lumbee because time flies when you're having fun. This truly has been the best time of my life.

Riley Madison Dial

For the last time, I am honored to say, I am your

2019-2022 Little Miss Lumbee

Riley Madison Dial

Junior Miss Lumbee

Farewell

"The Lord bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace..."

In July 2018, I competed for the title of Junior Miss Lumbee. As a former Little Miss Lumbee my goal is to capture all 4 titles. I came up short of the crown that year. After the pageant, I took time to reflect and began to prepare for the 2019 pageant. During my prep my mom often reminded me of the scripture *Esther 4:14*, "Perhaps you were born for such a time as this." On July 2nd, 2019 I was bestowed the title of Junior Miss Lumbee. Little did I know what my reign would entail...

I must begin by giving thanks to my Lord and Savior for blessing me with this opportunity. I truly see the evidence of his goodness all over my life each and every day. It has been his goodness and grace that has kept us safe during this pandemic.

Mama and Daddy, thank you for always believing in me. Thank you for your encouragement, unconditional love and your prayers. You always make sure your "Brown Eyed Girl" is happy. Thank you will simply never be enough... You two truly are my biggest supporters. I love you both.

Caige and Candon, thank you for understanding that Mama had to miss time with the two of you to take me to appearances. Although, you two drive me crazy at times, I love you both and I am proud to be your big sister!

To my grandparents, thank you for always supporting me and encouraging me. Thank you, Papa Craig for chauffeuring me in parades even if it was at the last minute.

To Mr. James Hardin, LRDA Board of Directors and LRDA Staff, thank you for your never-ending support over the last three years. Thank you for always putting our safety first amidst this pandemic. I pray abundant blessings over each and every one of you.

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Mrs. Natascha Tilson, thank you for always making sure we were always prepared and our calendar was up to date. You have dedicated so much time to this court. We appreciate you more than you know! To the schedule conflicts, calls and many requests, you have handled it like the professional you are. You are the best!!

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Chancellor Cummings, First Lady and The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, thank you for including the Lumbee Ambassadors in many events. The Lumbee

culture is felt throughout the university campus.

Mrs. Keli Harris Locklear, there are no words to express my gratitude for you. Your hands have been working magic with my hair for a long time. Thank you for always being there no matter what, even if mama called you "the day of". You have a heart of gold. I love you so much! To my Nu Bella family, thank you for never hesitating to step in and help me look my best. I truly appreciate all of you!! You guys rock!!

Alexis Reana Jones, you always made me look fabulous each and every time I sat in your chair. My make-up was always "on point" with you! Thank you!

Ms. Rebekah Revels Lowry, you are amazing! Thank you for all the lessons, encouraging words and most of all your prayers. I love you!

Noah Pevia, thank you for always being my very own "Chauffer". I enjoyed all of our talks and laughs.

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To my former Prospect Wildcat family... you all showed me so much support and for that I am grateful. I'll forever hold my wildcat family close in my heart.

Lumberton Senior High School Teachers and Administration team, thank you for supporting me over the past year! I am grateful to be a part of Pirate Nation.

Mrs. Millicent Clark, thank you for the cultural lessons. Your knowledge and leadership is beyond amazing. You are truly one that I look up to!

Ms. Ivette and Ms. Ruth, thank you for my beautiful regalia's! It was an honor to wear them. They were perfect!!

Alexis Locklear (Miss Lumbee 2013-2014), thank you for instilling in me the true qualities of a Lumbee Ambassador. My year with you set the foundation and taught me more than you will ever know. I love you and will forever be your "Little Miss".

Ms. Patricia, Ms. Adrenna and "Steph" (Mama #2), thank you all for all the love, encouraging words, and support you have given me. Thank you for fixing my crown, helping me get dressed, and making sure my lip gloss was perfect. I love each and every one of you and thankful I have you in my life.



To all of my family, friends and supporters, thank you all for everything. I have been so blessed throughout this reign. I'm grateful that our paths met and somewhere along the way my life was changed because of each of you.

The last three years have been like no other courts reign, I'm so glad that God blessed me with my three sisters to share this journey with. We truly have made history!

Taylor, where do I begin? We have shared so many memories and I am thankful God chose you to be my "Miss". You have allowed me to tag along on many car rides and "control the music". Thank you, Tay for loving me and being a great big sister. I love you so much and I know this is definitely not where it ends.

Kyla, "My Teen", you always kept us laughing. I could always count on you for a funny joke! I always enjoyed our time together. Thank you for your friendship and sisterhood. Although our reign has come to an end, I know our friendship will last forever. I love you!

Riley "Bug", I am so grateful to have shared this journey with you. The perfect "Little" for me! From sleepovers, car rides, long phone call conversations, photos sessions, tik-toks, and golf cart cruising, we have made so many memories. I have enjoyed watching you grow over the past few years. I am so proud of you and the person you are. I love you and will always be your "Big Sis". Forever, I'll be there for you!

To the next Junior Miss Lumbee, enjoy every moment! Embrace every appearance, every moment in the Powwow circle, every performance and every chance with your sisters. Embrace it all! Be proud of who you are as a young Indigenous Lumbee Ambassador. Keep your head held high and always walk with beauty, grace and pride and remember you are never alone! Let God guide you on this path. I speak blessings of abundance over you and your new journey.

It has been an honor representing the largest tribe east of the Mississippi River, my People, the Lumbee people. I will always carry our memories close in my heart, for it is you that I have been proud to represent. For the last time, I am your

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Teen Miss Lumbee

Farewell

The night I was crowned Teen Miss Lumbee, I would have never thought that the world would completely change. COVID-19 took us down a journey that we never expected. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to represent my Lumbee people through one of the most historic times of our lives and to have been able to promote my platform, Be A H.E.R.O. I am indebted to the many people who helped me prepare for the pageant and supported me throughout my reign.

My sincerest gratitude to all my sponsors as I would not be here without you. A very special shout out to my cousin and former Miss Lumbee, Jackie Jacobs, and to Fuller's BBQ for the support you have shown me. Thank you to Mrs. Amy for choreographing my beautiful dance routine and to Mrs. Tonja for helping me style it and put it all together. Miss Tonja, it meant so much to have you holding us together the week of the Homecoming. Mama Vikki, I appreciate you ensuring my wardrobe was perfect and making me look fabulous the entire night of the pageant. You always help me get through the big moments. Dana, thank you for making sure I am fully prepared, for being a friend and role model and for helping me with my interview. Your wisdom helped me get where I am today. Ms. Chris, thank you allowing me the honor of wearing a regalia beautifully made by you. Mr. James Malcolm, your pinecones – AMAZING. Thanks for sharing your talents with me. Ms. Ivette, thank you for making sure that my clothes fit me perfectly and for making my beautiful new apron. Papa Mike, I was the luckiest girl to have you escort me the night of the pageant. I love you!

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Ma-d and Pop-Pop, thank you for always being a support system for me. I love you both. Mrs. India and dad, thank you for always being there for me and helping me out whenever I needed it. I love you. To Grandma Mary and Papa Boot, I appreciate that you have supported me from the beginning of this

journey. I hope that I continue to make you proud. I love you both.

Mr. Kent, Mrs. Nahir, and Kenda, thank you for taking me in and making me feel like family. I will never forget all the help before appearances. I love y'all. Kajun, thank you for being the best boyfriend a girl could ask for. Coming from a pageant family you already knew what you were getting yourself into. I may be a little high maintenance, but you knew how to calm me down and made sure to remind me I was beautiful before each appearance. I love you.

Mrs. Ranessa, thank you for being mama's right-hand person. We always knew that we could come to you with any questions or wardrobe needs and you would be right there. You are like a second mom, and I could not be more grateful for you.

Mommy, there are not enough words to thank you for everything that you have done for me. You have made so many sacrifices just so that I can be where I am today. You always put my needs before your own and made sure I have everything perfect so that my dreams can be fulfilled. I am very blessed to have a mom like you who will stand beside me throughout any journey. Thank you for making sure my wardrobe was perfect and the countless hours spent making sure I had the best routine and for writing a one-of-a-kind speech for me to perform the night that I won. I will never forget all you have done for me, and I hope that you know I love you.

To my Lord and Savior, none of this would have been possible without you. Thank you for keeping me healthy and safe during this unprecedented time. To whoever is lucky enough to go on the journey after me, make sure you soak up every minute of it. Take every picture, go to every event, and take absolutely nothing for granted. If these years have taught us anything it's that we can have something one minute and it can be gone the next. Take a deep breath, soak everything in and enjoy your reign. You will never get another opportunity like this in a lifetime.

To my Lumbee people, it has been my honor to represent you. I love you. For the last time, I am your longest reigning

Kyla L. Jarrett

Teen Miss Lumbee 2019 and 2020
Kyla Leigh-Ann Jarrett

Miss Lumbee

Farewell

"Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" Mark 11:24.

My prayers began when I was just a child, but in January of 2019 my prayers became more specific, and God knew exactly what my little heart desired. I started competing in the Lumbee pageants at the precious age of 9 and every time I competed, I always ended up disappointed. That was God telling me that it simply wasn't my time to shine yet. But I'm here to tell you that God showed up and showed out. I heard the voice of God right before the curtains opened for the crowning ceremony. He said to me, "this is yours." On July 5th 2019, I became the 2019 Miss Lumbee.

The events started rolling in and my responsibilities as "queen bee" took place. I was blessed with three sweet girls to take on my year with Kyla, Kynnady, and Riley. We were having the time of our lives and loving every minute, but little did we know that God had different plans for the rest of our reign.

March 2020, covid hit hard. We were almost at the end of our reign, and we still had many plans in place and numerous events we planned on attending. We just knew all those things were never going to happen for us. BUT GOD! LRDA decided that it would be best for everyone if we just waited until the next year to have the pageant. God said not one but three years as Miss Lumbee. All the years of being disappointed was all worth it. When 2021 came around, I became the longest reigning Miss Lumbee. Covid was still around and LRDA decided to wait until 2022 to have the pageants. My girls and I had the opportunity to serve 2½ years as Lumbee ambassadors. What a mighty God we serve.

Thank you, Mr. Hardin, LRDA Board of Directors and the staff of LRDA for the support, encouraging words and never-ending love. What a great group of people. Without an amazing support system, I would never be where I am today. Behind this girl is an extraordinary dream team.

Mama and Daddy, where do I even begin? You guys have supported my dreams and ambitions for as long as I can remember. Whatever Tay wanted to do, whether it was pageants, dance, or sports, you made sure I was able to do it. My biggest fans. I could not make it through life without you both.

Mason, my favorite brother! You are the one I can count on to be completely honest with me. If my hair, makeup, or wardrobe doesn't look right, you are the one who will tell me. I can see your face now when I ask you if something looks right and it doesn't. You tickle me. You were my first best friend and I couldn't be more thankful for you buddy. I love you so much.

Chloe, aka Toot, my mini me. My tag along, my personal hype girl. With my many events I had to attend, you were always there telling me how pretty I am and taking my pictures. Helping me pick outfits out and telling me I could do anything because you believed in me. Toot, you are really my mini bestie. I love you bunches.

Brittany – my very own fashionista, but most importantly

one of the ones I've always looked up to. Your faith in God helped me with my faith and you've kept me grounded when I needed it the most. You are my second Trish! I'm so glad I have you in my life. You have always been in my corner and I'm sure you will be until the good Lord calls us home. You also gave me a gift that just made my life perfect Maddox. My bubba, I can't imagine my life without you. I love you both so much.

Mrs. Kristie – a Godly woman, a true servant of God. One person I can always call and you're there to talk to me about whatever, whenever. You have been in my life for many years and I never knew I would need you as much as I did until the past few years when things got rough and prayed for me. Your words of encouragement and prayers have gotten me through the years and I love you more than you'll ever know.

My other prayer warriors – you know who you are who also have kept me covered with prayers and words of encouragement on days when they didn't even know I needed them most. Thank you for your faithfulness to God and to me. I love you immensely.

Aunt Ronnie my crazy aunt lol! Everybody has that one aunt that will stick up for you in a heartbeat and tell someone how it is real quick. Well this is her. But on a serious note, she has been there making sure I'm at events because she knows how hard I've worked to get to where I am. Without her, life wouldn't be the same. Thank you for all you do for me. I love you.

Last, but not least, Mrs. Natascha – man oh man. You have been here for me since day one to hear me complain, answer my questions and just be someone I could look up to. I really don't know if I would've been able to handle everything without you talking me through the hard times. Thank you for being so patient with me. I love you more than you'll ever know.

To my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins thank you for the love and support throughout the years. You all are my dream team and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love you all with all that's in me.

Ms. Rena Jacobs and Mrs. Elisa Lancaster – you guys are the BOMB! You both have provided me with two beautiful regalias and exceeded my expectations. Ms. Rena, I would go by and we would talk for the longest time just catching up. You are really such a sweet lady and I'm so thankful for you. You will get that wedding invitation whenever that time comes!

Sam and Sheena Bailey (Eye Candy) let me just start by saying my portraits are AMAZING! You guys are awesome and your work is fabulous. Sam, with your photography skills and Sheena with the pep talks during photoshoots, you guys really made me feel like a queen. I could never thank you enough.

Michelle Mathis (Ella & Co) & Richard Mathis – you guys are gracious with loving and warm spirits. Thank you for letting me model in some of your attire and feel beautiful when the camera was on me.

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continuous love, support and prayers. You all have encouraged me along the way. I love you all.

To all my sponsors, family and friends – if I didn't mention you, just know that I appreciate everything you have done for me. I love you immensely.

My girls, where do I begin with you 3 clowns?

Kyla – my wild child, my oats eater. I've known you for about 6 years now, but the 2½ years with you have been extraordinary. We have become the best of friends and I've grown to love you even more. My reign would not have been the same if you weren't apart of it. From watching you make tiktoks and eat dry oats, there has never been a boring moment with me. You made all of our event so memorable. You're going to do great things in life and I can't wait to see where you go. I love you hot stuff.

Kynnady – my calm one. Kyn, I've known you since you were teeny tiny and over the years, I've watched you grow into a beautiful young lady. Our car rides and jam sessions are something that sticks out to me. "Tay, listen to this." Another thing about you, if I didn't have lip gloss, I could always count on you to have some. My go-to girl. Continue to do great things sweet girl. I love you.

Riley – the baby, the loving one. If I'm having a bad day, I could count on you to make me happy. You have such a big heart, and it is evident. You are always happy to see me, always welcoming me with open arms and the biggest smile. You are really the sweetest soul. I can count on you to always text me and check up on me. I love you.

My queen mamas – thank you for stepping in when my mama wasn't able to be there and thank you for giving me the sweetest girls I could ask for to make my years amazing. I love you Ms. AJ, Ms. Kayla and Ms. Steph.

To the next Miss Lumbee just know you will have major responsibilities like no other. You will have three girls looking up to you and many other kids looking up to you. Keep your head held high, set your goals and dream big. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and God has truly blessed me. So, take in every moment – take lots of pictures – and be the best Miss Lumbee ever. Wear the crown with pride and carry yourself with dignity. This has really been the best 2½ years of my life and a time I will treasure for the rest of my life. For the last time, I am your

2019, 2020 and 2021 Miss Lumbee
Taylor Brooke Locklear.

Taylor Brooke Locklear



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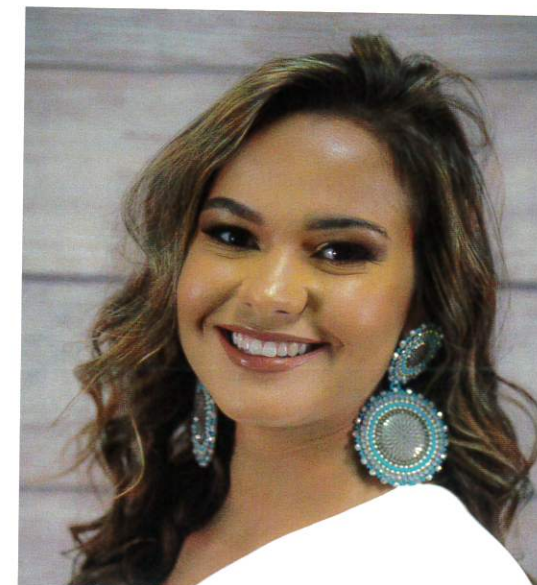
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Opening Number

Introduction of Mistress and Master of Ceremonies

Angelica Chavis-McIntyre and Phillip "Mouka" Bullard

Introduction of Judges and Auditors Mistress and Master of Ceremonies

Introduction of Former Miss Lumbees

Special Entertainment Little Miss Lumbee 2022

Teen Miss and Miss Lumbee Talent Competition

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Special Entertainment Rob Cole

Teen Miss and Miss Lumbee Evening Gown Competition and On-Stage Question

Special Entertainment Miss Lumbee 2019-2020-2021, Taylor Brooke Locklear

Special Entertainment Rob Cole

Teen and Miss Lumbee Regalia and Cultural Presentation Competition

Special Recognition Former Teen Miss Lumbee Kyla Leigh-Ann Jarrett, 2019 and 2020

Miss Lumbee Farewell Taylor Brooke Locklear, 2019-2020-2021

Teen Miss Lumbee 2022 Awards Presentation

Miss Congeniality • 2nd Runner-Up • 1st Runner-Up

Crowning of Teen Miss Lumbee 2022

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Director	Assistant Director	Choreographer	Stage Design
Natascha Wagoner Tilson	Darlene Cummings	Kendrix Singletary	Brittany Hunt Oxendine

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Natascha Wagoner Tilson, Darlene Cummings, Kaitlyn McMillan and Heather Hunt

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Miss Lumbee Crown

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Teen and Miss Lumbee Trophies

Pottery: Gray Wolf Trading – Mr. Bobby Brayboy

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 Caring Touch Home & Behavioral Health Care

Teen and Miss Lumbee Flower Bouquets for Winners and Runners-up

Locklear Interiors (Gail Locklear, Miss Lumbee 1973) and Locklear Cabinets (Harold Locklear)

Teen and Miss Lumbee Sashes

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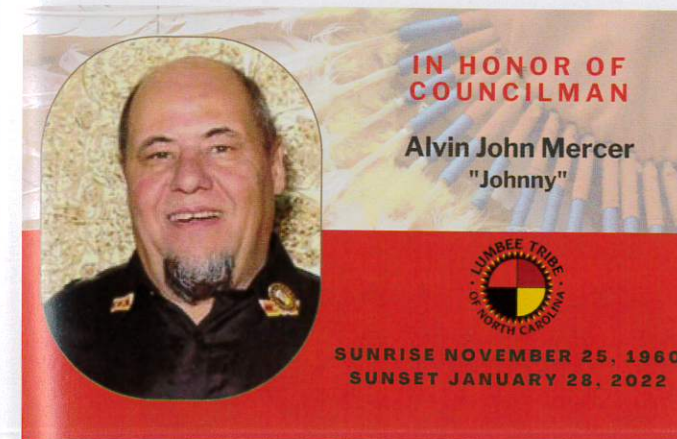
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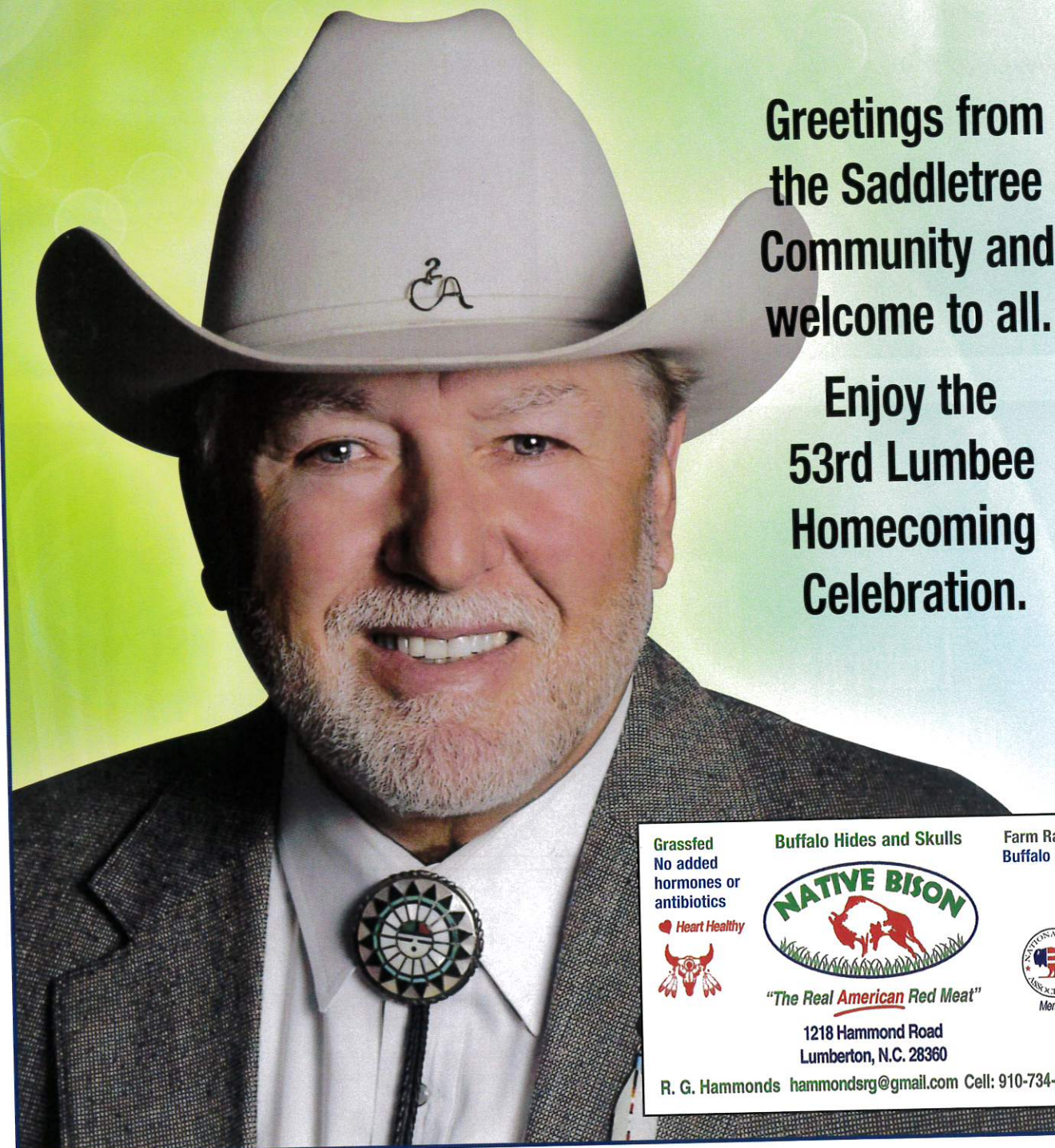


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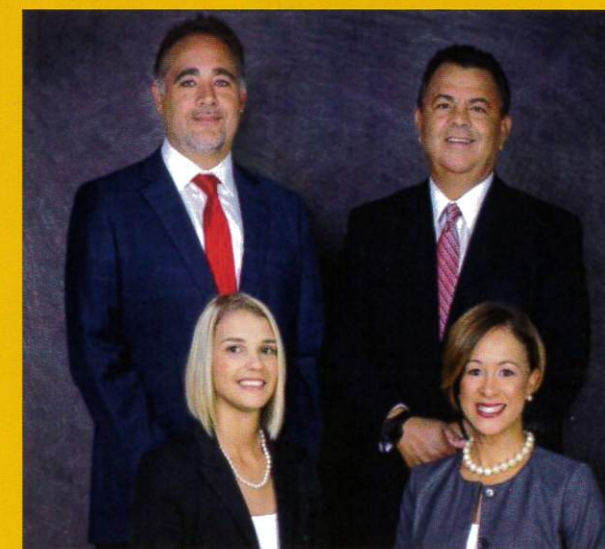
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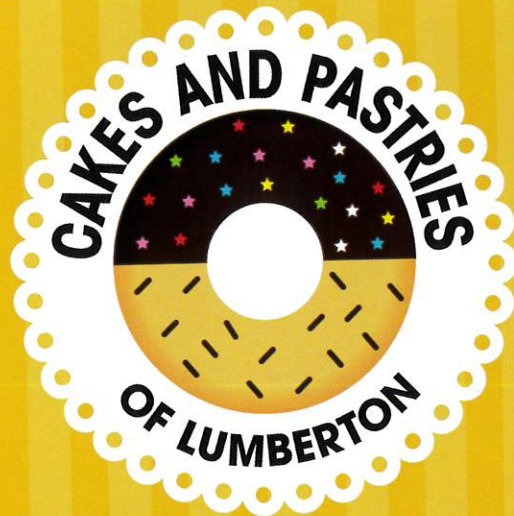


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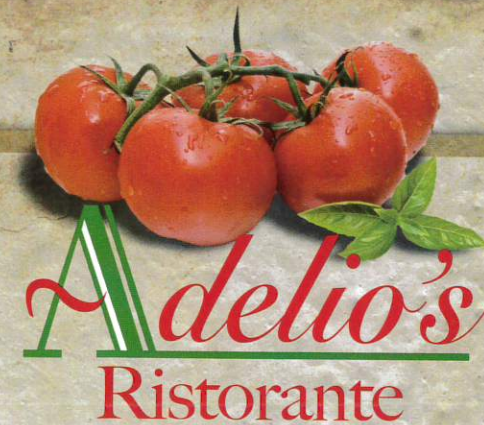
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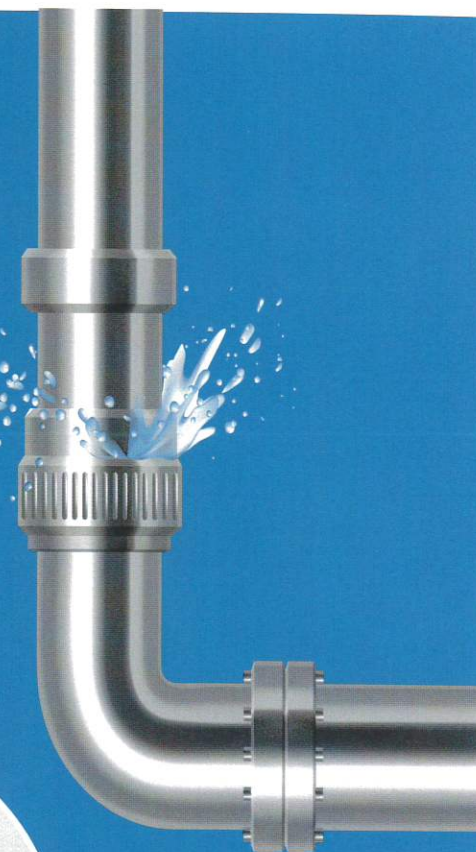
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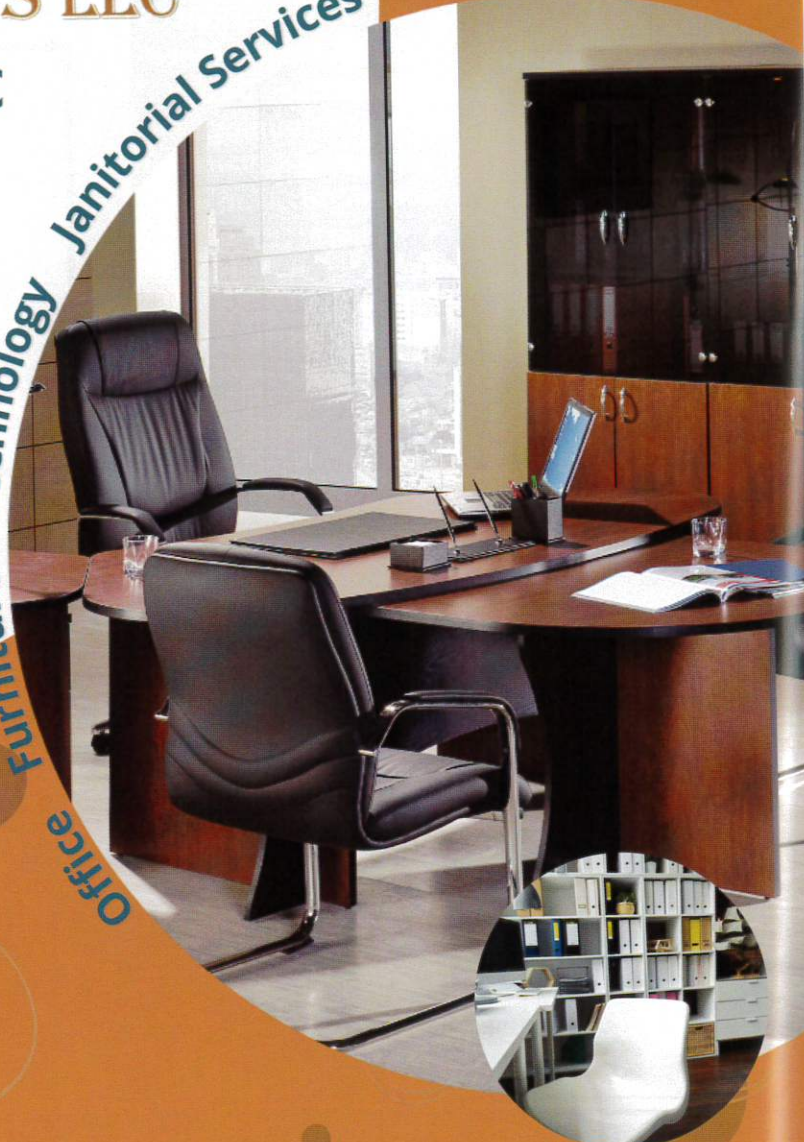
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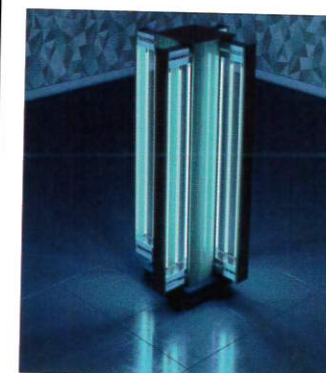
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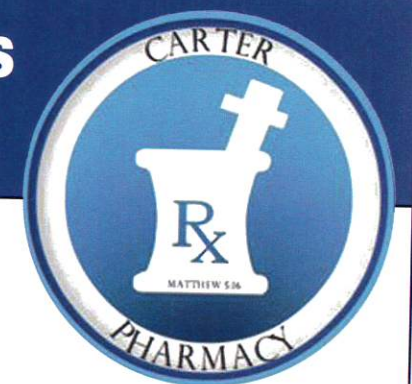
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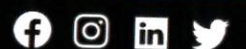
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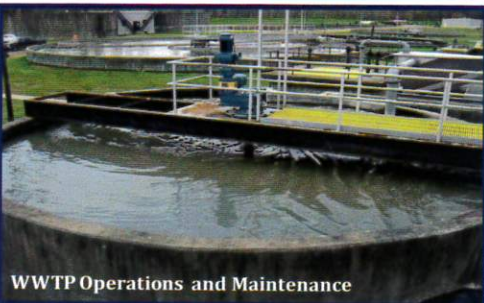
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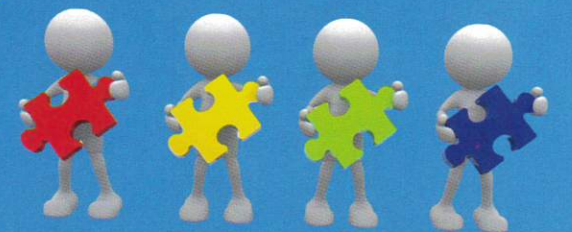
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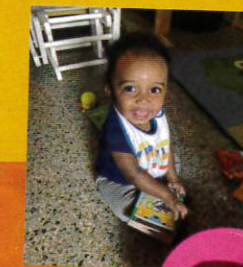
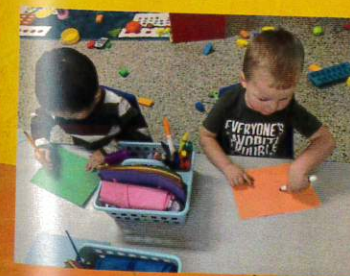


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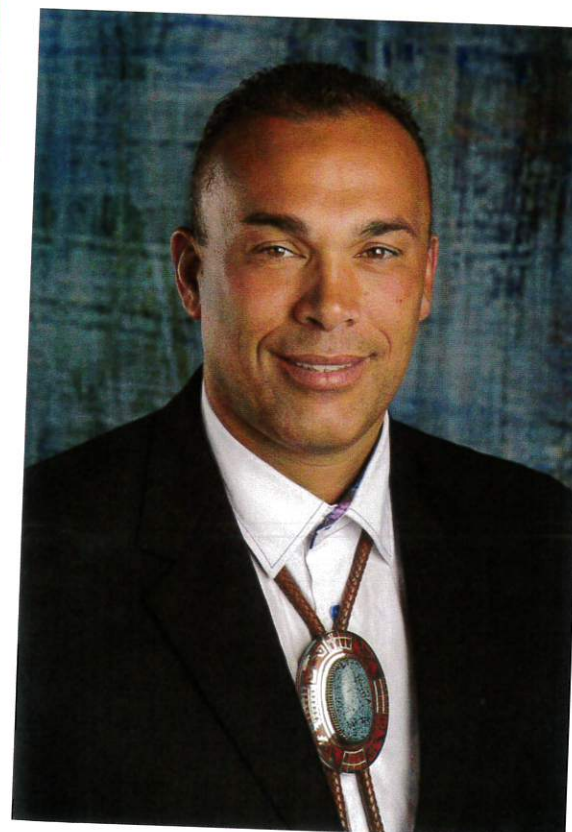
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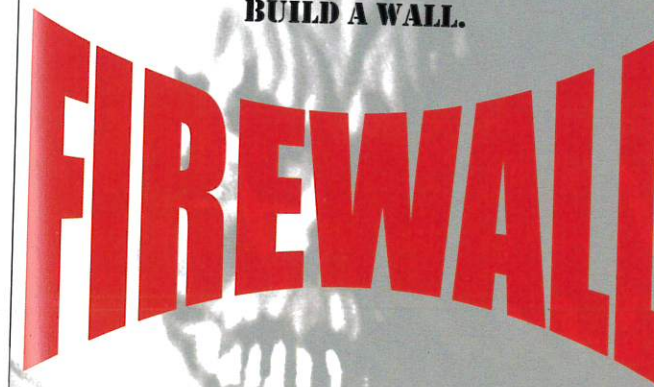
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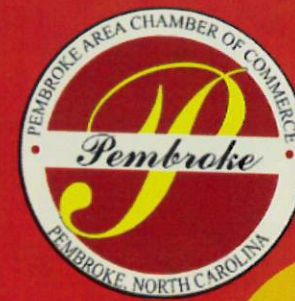
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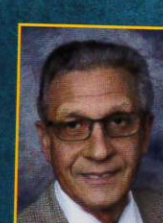
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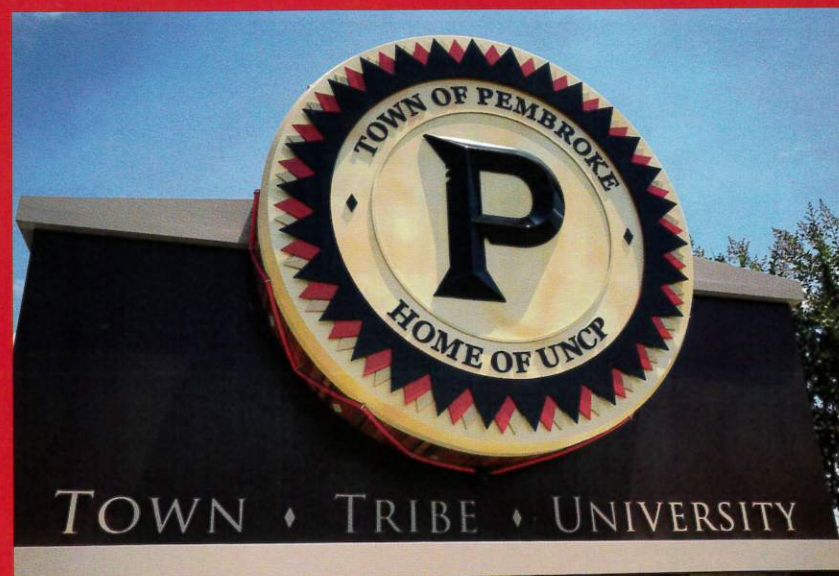
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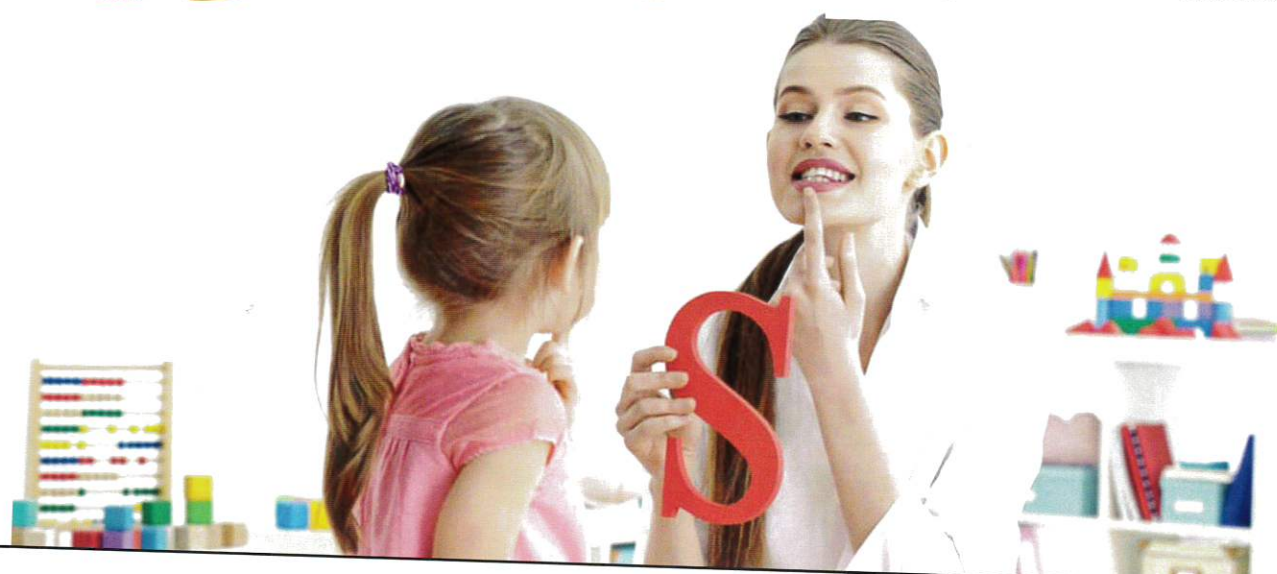


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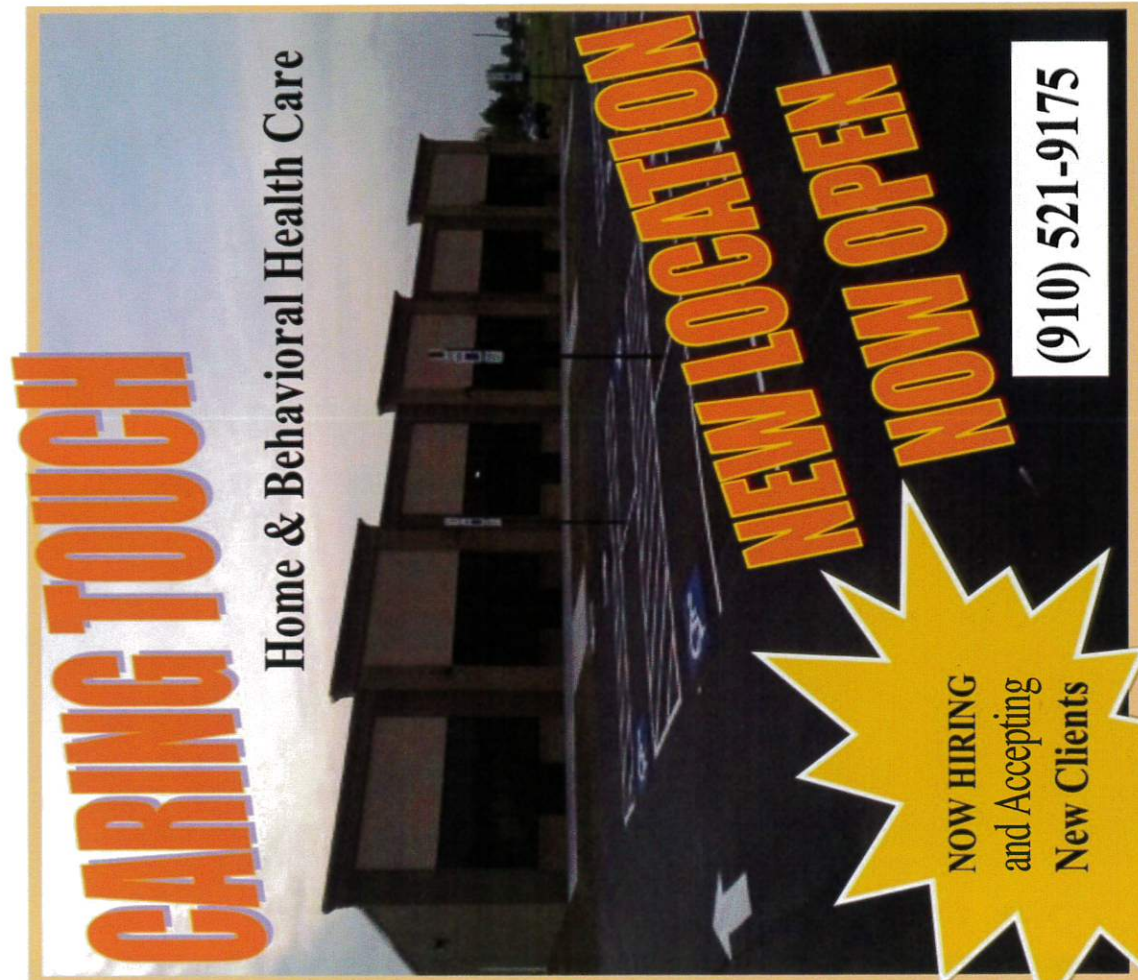
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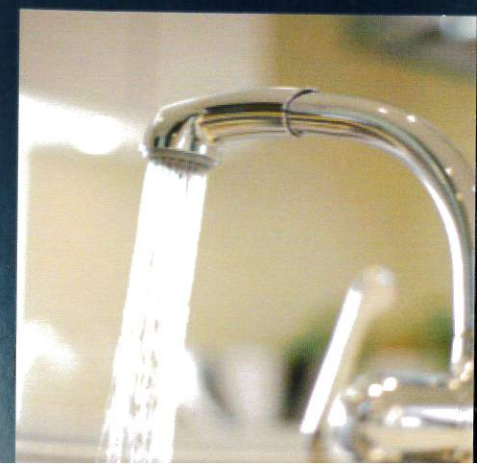
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