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Oxendine Announces For Re-Election To LREMC Board

having to pass those rates on to the members.

In addition, Oxendine says LREMC has not had to borrow money for operation in the past three years. He credits that to more efficient management. There are fewer employees now which means lower overhead which helps to keep electricity rates down.

Another service Oxendine has helped bring to LREMC is for senior citizens. They can pay their bills any time of the month without a late charge.

Oxendine says over the years he has been as responsive to consumer requests and demands as possible. He says many times people do not come to him with complaints. He wishes they would. He says he is ready to assist in whatever way he can.

Oxendine says he hopes voters will consider experience when they make their decision on October 6. He says new candidates for the board make many promises, most of which they will be unable to keep. He has learned through experience on the board to be there and hold the interests of the members in his district foremost and speak up for them in every issue.

Oxendine serves District 3 which includes the townships of Back Swamp, Britts, Smyrna, Wisharts and Raft Swamp.



The Torch Run from Lumberton to Red Springs was coordinated through the Lumberton and Pembroke Chambers of Commerce. Greg Cummings, president of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, served as chair person for the Torch Run through Pembroke.

Jeff Cushing, a 1975 graduate of PSU, and the track and cross country coach at Lumberton High School, organized the Lumberton runners. Between towns each runner carried the torch one mile, then relayed the torch to the next runner on the list. In June the Olympic Festival Torch was carried by jet from Colorado to Wilmington. It was carried in zig-zag fashion across N.C. and reached the Triangle Area in time for opening ceremonies of the U.S. Olympic Festival '87. The Olympic Festival develops future Olympic stars.

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Television Show Looks For Talent From Pembroke

Discovery, a televised talent search program, will begin auditions for this area to select talent for the televised special broadcast to be aired on WLFL-TV, channel 22. The Discovery talent producers will be in Raleigh on August 23, 1987 to begin the task of selecting performing artists who will be videotaped for the show. Twelve finalists will be selected for the show within two age divisions. Six will be selected in the Junior Division (ages 14 and under) and six will be selected in the Senior Division (ages 15 and over). The Grand Talent Winner in each age division will be announced on the show and they will be awarded \$1,000 each.

Talent presentations may include a wide variety such as singing, dancing, acting, magic, lip-synching, comedy, or any variety of talent that has entertainment value and exhibits the participant's ability and skill. Discovery Talent Search is a performing arts development program designed to encourage talent development through participation and reward of excellence. Market winners will participate in the National Finals for a \$5,000 national award.

Everyone has an equal opportunity to participate in the program regardless of age and is invited to call for an audition appointment at 1-800-227-6319 or write to Discovery, P.O. Box 124, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821. The audition is free and open to the public; however, prospective talent must schedule an audition by telephone.

drawing sponsored by the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. Greg Cummings is President of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. [Bill Hunt photo]



BRADFORD OXENDINE

Bradford Oxendine, a 12-year veteran board member of Lumber River Electric Membership Corporation announces his candidacy for re-election to that board. Oxendine cites many accomplishments as his reasons for asking voters to re-elect him on October 6.

Oxendine says he served LREMC during some of its most significant growth. When he started in 1975, the corporation had around 17,000 members. It has over 25,000 now. And best of all, he says, the LREMC has been able to absorb several rate increases made by its electricity supplier, CP&L, without



Mr. Curt Locklear of Pembroke Hardware is shown presenting bike to Christie Buckelew. Christie was the winner of the July 9th



Jack Pitt of Pitt's Furniture in Pembroke is shown left. He is presenting a microwave

oven to Mr. Bowman Freeman. Mr. Freeman was the winner of the July Fourth

Drawing sponsored by the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. [Bill Hunt photo]

Hardee's of Pembroke Contributes to International Summer Special Olympics

Raleigh-The local Hardee's of Robeson County are proud to be contributors to this year's International Summer Special Olympics Games so that Wayne Swett and Fernie Bullard of Pembroke, can participate. These athletes are already in competition.

Special Olympics is a world wide program of athletic competition and physical training created in 1968. Each year, one million athletes demonstrate their strength of character and athletic abilities in 20,000 communities around the world. The competition culminates every four years at the International Special Olympics Games.

Hardee's Food Systems Inc is a Platinum sponsor and will

be contributing more than \$500,000 cash and support to the 1987 ISSOG being held in South Bend, Indiana, July 31-August 8. Hardee's is the largest corporate sponsor of the event.

Most of the support will come from purchasing 32-gounce commemorative plastic MOOSE cups for every moose cup purchased. Hardee's will make a donation to the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics Games.

Hardee's is one of the largest restaurant chains in the world, operating about 2,800 restaurants throughout the U.S. and in 12 foreign countries. The chain is headquartered in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Volunteers Help Robesonians Improve Home Safety

Ethel Jones called her three children into the living room as Volunteers Ann Marie and David Rice explained about making a fire escape plan. Two years before, fire had destroyed her trailer. She and the kids had been lucky to escape with their lives. Ms. Jones didn't want to depend on luck again. She and her children--and the two neighbor kids--listened attentively as Ann Marie told them how you have to crawl low to escape the poisonous, deadly smoke.

Ms. Jones was receiving a Safehome Check-a new service being offered by the Health Department, with the help of community volunteers. Besides receiving instructions about fire safety, Ms. Jones let David install a fire extinguisher, smoke detector, and safety latches on the kitchen cabinet where she stores cleaning supplies. Ms. Jones and the volunteers together rearranged her cosmetics up high on a bathroom shelf and tested her hot water, finding that it was 120 degrees--already in the safe range.

Because of the generosity of Ann Marie and David and twenty other volunteers from the community, over three hundred families have received safety assessments and counseling at the Health Department since April, and over two hundred have been offered Safehome Checks. Those involved in the CHIP Project (Childhood Injury Prevention) are hoping to reduce the rate of disabling injuries and deaths that occur to the children of Robeson County each year because of drownings, house fires, poisonings, and car crashes. 1985 statistics showed that more than half of all deaths to children from age one to twenty resulted from accidental injuries, not disease.

Participants in the CHIP project gathered recently at the home of Rev. and Mrs. John A. Robinson, Jr. in Pembroke to celebrate the progress they have made in the first three months of the program's operation and to honor the volunteers who made the safety project possible. Those receiving awards were: Gladys Bullock, Mary Cole, Maria Deal, Saluda Gaddy, Dorothy Nichols, Janet Nichols, and Roxie Waters from Fairmont; Ann Marie Rice, David Rice, Melody Rogers, and Joanne Wiberg from Lumberton; Ingrid Powell and Mary Powell from Marietta; Susan Deese, Louise Locklear and Henry Smith from Pembroke; Debra and Glenn Beasley from Maxton; Rachel Weller from Red Springs; and Benjamin and Carrie Currence from Rowland.

For more information about home safety or how you might help with the Child Injury Prevention Project, call Melody Torrey at 738-7231 at the Health Department.

Working with the Health Department and the volunteers is the Coalition on Minority Health, a new organization created to promote improved safety of children in Robeson County. According to Cherry Beasley, Chairperson of the Coalition's Steering Committee, the group is hoping to enlist the help of churches and other community groups in the next year so that the Safehome Checks can be offered more widely throughout the county.

Darrell Strickland To Receive Johnston Scholarship to UNC

Chapel Hill-Forty-eight recent North Carolina high school graduates have been awarded James M. Johnston Scholarships to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall.

The Johnston program is among the largest in North Carolina in amount of money and number of students enrolled. It provides \$700,000 annually for UNC students.

The scholarships were established with funds provided by the late James M. Johnston, a Washington, D.C. investment banker who was born and bred on a farm north of Chapel Hill.

The program, now in its 18th year, allows the state's brightest students to study in Chapel Hill, said Eleanor S. Morris, UNC director of stu-

dent aid and program director. The awards are based on academic excellence and need. The scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000 annually, depending on financial need. More than 2,000 students have received Johnston scholarships, with about 300 scholars enrolled during the coming academic year.

Darrell Horace Strickland, son of Horace and Geanie Strickland of Rt. 1, Maxton, and a graduate of West Robeson High School, was the only student from Robeson County to receive the prestigious Johnston Scholarship to UNC Chapel Hill.

Darrell is also a graduate of PSU's Upward Bound Program and a member of the National Honor Society.

Financial Aid Available For Graduate Studies In Public Health

The University of California, Berkeley, has announced the opportunity of financial aid to qualifying American Indian students in the graduate field of Public Health.

According to program director, Dr. Rick St. Germaine, "Today, more than ever, a solid foundation of financial assistance is vital to American Indians in graduate studies."

The University of California, Berkeley has one of the more dependable financial support programs of any graduate university, utilizing a Graduate Minority Program fellowship and other financial aids to encourage ethnic minority student enrollment, both in-state and out-of-state.

Most of the 188 Indian and Alaska Native students who have obtained MPH degrees from Berkeley have had assistance from the Graduate Minority Program to help them through, according to St. Germaine.

"Special grants are also available to Indian students working toward the Masters in Social Welfare degree at Berkeley, as well as, many other professional areas," stated St. Germaine.

The American Indian Gra-

duate Program at Berkeley provides specialized counseling, advisement, housing, and social support to Indian students on campus. The program has led to the graduation of American Indian and Alaska Native students with MPH degree from seventy-one tribes and twenty five states, noted the program director.

Requirements for graduate school are: a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university; an acceptable grade-point average received as an undergraduate; Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken. Applications should be submitted by the deadline date of February 5, 1988 for admission, and January 5, 1988 for consideration of fellowships and/or Graduate Minority Scholarship funding.

Information regarding the different graduate programs and financial assistance can be obtained by telephoning the American Indian Graduate Program, (415)642-3228 (collect) or writing to: American Indian Graduate Program, 140 Earl Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Robeson Residents Attend
Scouting Seminar

Mrs. Joan Lowry, Mrs. Maureen Regan, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Teets represented the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council and the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts at the 30th American Indian Boy Scouting/ Girl Scouting Seminar at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee July 19-23, 1987.

Dr. Lindy Martin of Birmingham, Alabama, formerly of Pembroke and a former scout of the late Walter Pinchbeck, was keynote speaker for the seminar.

The late Walter Pinchbeck was saluted for his contribution to Indian scouting and for two buildings being named for him posthumously. In 1971 the same conference named him the "Outstanding Indian Scout Leader in the United States."

Among the many workshops held was one on "Choices" for the youth in attendance. This workshop was led by Mary Alice Teets.

Betty Mangum of Raleigh worked closely with Cinda Rierson of Girl Scouts and Conrad Fruehan of Boy Scouts in planning the seminar.

Aerobics Classes Planned
Aerobics classes for men and women will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Odum Home gym beginning August 11. Registration fee for a five week session is \$10. Rebecca Lowry is the certified instructor. Classes are sponsored by the Robeson County Recreation Department.

Maxton Fall Softball League
The Robeson County Recreation and Park Commission will hold a meeting for fall softball in Maxton on Wednesday, August 12, 1987 at 7 p.m. at the Rob Henderson Park. All teams who wish to enter must have a representative present.

If you have any questions concerning this league, please contact Rudy Paul at 671-3097.

Fairmont Fall Softball League
The Robeson County Recreation and Park Commission will hold a meeting for fall softball in Fairmont on Monday, August 10, 1987 at 7 p.m. at the Calvin Haggins softball field. All teams who wish to enter must have a representative present.

If you have any questions concerning this league, contact Rudy Paul at 671-3090.

Charlotte IEA Receives Grant

The Indian Education Program of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte, North Carolina has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc. The grant funds will be used to implement a leadership education and development program for American Indian youth in grades 7-11. Participants in the program will be challenged to undertake activities that require self-discipline, effort, initiative and leadership in three areas: Voluntary public services, personal development and physical fitness. In addition, emphasis will be on the importance of positive role models for these youth. A special opportunity will be afforded for participants to participate in state and national American Indian youth conferences and activities.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the youngest son of the founder of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. The Foundation, as the beneficiary of the income from the Zachary Smith Reynolds Trust and the W.N. Reynolds Trust, has now made grants totaling more than \$132 million to recipients in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. In recent years the Foundation has focused its attention on improving the criminal justice system in North Carolina, on strengthening public elementary and secondary education, on preserving the environment and on issues that impact on minorities and women. This is the first program that the Foundation has funded in leadership for American Indian youth. The program activities should be completed by June, 1988.

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