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s Tuscarora Tribe es \$50,000 Grant

The Hatteras Tuscarora Tribal Foundation has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Administration of Native Americans (ANA). The grant will be for fiscal year 1990. The

grant monies are to be used for continuation of work on the Hatteras Tuscarora Petition that was submitted to the BIA, Federal Acknowledgement Branch, in 1980.

Members who enrolled with the Hatteras Tuscarora Tribe in the 1970's are urged to renew their membership by informing the tribal office about changes in addresses and family additions. The tribal office is located in Maxton, N.C. on 231 McCaskill Avenue. The telephone number is (919)844-5857, or call (919)521-9535 for more informa-

Linda D. Oxendine **Memorial Golf Tourney** Scheduled March 24

A Linda D. Oxendine Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament is being held Saturday, March 24, at Riverside Golf Course near Pembroke.

All profits from the tournament will go to the Linda D. Oxendine Endowed Scholarship Fund at PSU in memory of the late secretary of the PSU Physical Science Department who died suddenly last spring.

The tourney will be a four-man team, captain's choice event. Teams will consist of A-B-C-D players selected by a "blind draw" March 23. The event is open to all men and

women amateurs. Entry fee is \$25 per individual or \$100 per team. This includes green fee and golf cart as well as refreshments and prizes. Sponsorship of foursomes by businesses or

Individuals is encouraged.

Teams will assmeble at 9 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. "shot-gun" start.

Prizes will go to the first through the thirf place teams with these same teams receiving trophies. Merchandise will also be given to those closest to the pin on all par-three holes as well as for the longest drives on No. 12 for A players, No. 2 for B players, No. 16 for C players, and No. 8 for D players.

Checks should be made payable to Pembroke State University and presented to any committee member or mailed to Dr. James B. Chavis, PSU, Pembroke, N.C. 28372. Deadline for entries is March 21.

Co-chairing the committee plan-ning this event are Paulette Dial and Ruby Smith. Other committee members besides them and Chavis are: Dr. Jose D'Arruda, Jimmy Goins, Lemark Harris, Randall Jones, Ar-Larry McNeill, Tommy Swett, Dr. Harold Teague, and Dr. Pete Wish.

Local Student Wins **Juried Art** Competition

Eric Monje, a sophomore at Douglas Byrd Senior High School of Fayetteville, won first place Thursday in Pembroke State University's ninth annual High School Juried Art Competition. It was part of PSU's annual "Art Affair."

A total of 320 entries were submitted for the competition with 55 accepted for the show. Monje, 16, is the son of Mrs.

Aletta Eubanks of Fayetteville. He won with a tempera painting entitled: "Tragedy in Beirut." His first place prize was a \$50 check, a ribbon and a certificate. Eric could not be present to accept the awards because of illness, but his teacher, Ms. Mona Brown, accepted for him. She said his work was part of a history painting project.

Second place winner was Arthur Davis of Fairmont High School with an entry entitled: "Ballad of Dorathy Parker." He won \$25, a ribbon and a

Third place winner was Jason McLamb of Fayetteville's Cape Fear High School with a work that was' designated "Untitled." He won \$15, a ribbon and a certificate.

Honorable mention were the following who won ribbons and certificates: Brandon Clark, Whiteville High School, "Untitled;" James Lennon, Hallsboro High School, "Semi & Trailor;" Jeremy Noble, Hallsboro High School, "Summer 1988-Fall 1989 Life;" and Michael Lowe, Fayetteville's Terry Sanford High Genol, "Grandpa."

Judging the art competition was Cici Stevens, visiting artist at Southeastern Community College at

Participating schools were: Cape Fear, Clarkton, Clinton, Douglas Byrd, Fairment, Flora MacDonald emy, Hallsboro, Lumberton, Pauls, Terry Sanford and Whiteville.

Meares of Lumberton to Sing in PSU **Gospel Music Festival**



The Meares of Lumberton, who will perform in PSU's first annual Gospel Music Festival Saturday, April 28, are [left to right] Thomas Meares, Wayne Britt and Charlie Nobles with Cathy Meares seated.

[Editor's note: This is the first in a series of article about musical groups who will participate in the first annual Gospel Music Festival sponsored by Pembroke State University on Saturday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at PSU's

Performing Arts Center.]
They call their group The Meares, and they are from

Having performed in all sections of the eastern United States, they will be among the entertainers at the first annual Gospel Music Festival sponsored by PSU on Saturday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at PSU's Performing Arts and I think it will develop into something real good."

This event was first announced in January, and a committee has been busy planning every phase of it. Parkton, Purnell Swett, Scotland, St. available at the PAC box office. Tickets will also be Dee's Hallmark Shop in Lumberton, and McNeill Jewelry distributed elsewhere.

The idea of such a Gospel Music Festival was that of PSU Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine in announcing it: "I want us to have a good, lively, enjoyable gospel sing. I would like for us to fill the house. I want us to make a joyful noise, do it successfully and do it every year."

Oxendine said gospel singing is "part of the culture of this region-a traditional and good art form." He emphasized that because PSU is a state-sponsored institution "this cannot be an old-fashioned revival. It cannot be a church service with preaching, testimonies and altar calls. Rather, this is a program of music."

Rev. Jerry Lowry, a member of the planning committee, said: "It will be a great opportunity for people to come and share their gifts."

The Meares plan to do just that. Managed by Thomas Meares, they include his wife, the former Cathy Britt, plus Wayne Britt and Charlie Nobles.

Thomas Meares, who also sings most of the lead with the group, says The Meares have sung in concerts in auditoriums across the country. "We performed at the Baptist World Mission Rally in South Carolina and the Methodist Camp Meeting in Delaware," he said. "We have also been on Channel 16 in Greenville, S.C., and on cablevision in Raleigh and Goldsboro."

Meares' wife, Cathy, plays the keyboards, does most of the arranging of the group songs and also sings.

The newest member of the group is Cathy's cousin, Wayne Britt, who plays rhythm and sings. Charlie Nobles plays bass and is ranked among the finest in gospel music today, said Meares.

In January, 1986, The Meares released their first single entitled "Riches Won't Hold Me." In October of that same year, they had another national release, "On The

Road for Jesus." In 1987 they released "Gullywasher. In July, 1988, their first charting song was "Sweet Victory." Their latest release is "Riding on the Wind."

Thomas Meares says the group is "ecstatic" about " performing in this first annual PSU Gospel Music Festival. "This is real exciting," he said. "This is a first,

Among the locations where tickets may be purchased to the Gospel Music Festival are: The Dancer at Cross in rayetteville, Quik Copy in Laurinburg in Lumberton and Red Springs.

POW Pirandas Advance

THE COACH'S CORNER

BY KEN JOHNSON

GREENVILLE, NC-- Tamer Lowry, Stephen Hunt, Tim Brooks and Devon Dial grabbed medals for PEmbroke Ocean Waves swimming at the Eastern Zone Carolinas Championship Qualifier on March 3 and 4 in the Minges Natatorium at East Carolina University.

Tamer Lowry simming in the girls 10 and under age group captured first place in the 100-yard breaststroke "A" (1:32.68) and placed fifth in the 50-yard breaststroke.

Hunt swimming in the boys' 10 and under age group set new "AA" times and captured first place in the 100-yard individual medley (1:18.00(and the 50 yard breaststroke (40.22); first place with an "A" time of 1:22.36 in the 100 yard butterfly. He earned new "AA" times placing second in the 50 yard free style (30.32) and 50 yard butterfly (34.41). He also took third place in the 50 yard breaststroke with an "A" time of 38.48 and third in the 100 yard free style.

FOURNAMENT

The draw is now down to 16.

Carolina pulled the upset of the

tournament by defeating No. 1

seed, Oklahoma 72-70, but

withou Kevin Madden's injury on

Monday their chances have plum-

meted. They play Arkansas

Thursday in Dallas. Arkansas is

tough as it showed with a win

over Dayton. Xavier in North

Carolina draw beat Georgetown.

They play Texas on Thursday. It

is a toss up as are more of the rest

of teh games. Duke plays UCLA

Brooks swimming in the 11 and 12 boys age group, set new "AA" times and placed second in the 100 free style (1:00.21) and placed third in the 50 yard breaststroke. He placed second in th e100 individual medley; placed third in the 50 yard free style; and placed eighth in the 50 yard but-

Dial swimming in the 13 and 14 boys age group placed seventh in the 200 backstroke.

POW team members attending the meet were Landa and Tim Brooks, Natula and Tamer Lowry, Dawm Lucas, Brandon Oxendine, Micah Oxendine, Devon Dial, Chris Locklear, Sarah Locklear, Matt Lowry, Andy Lowry and Steven Hunt.

Hunt and Brooks travelled to Spartanburg, SC on March 15, 16, 17, 18 for the Herald Journal Age Group Region "AA" Meet to compete with swimmers from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama.

Indians may remove PTL land from claim

ROCK HILL The Catawba Indian Nation may remove the Heritage USA property from its 10-year-old land claim lawsuit if the price is right, tribal leaders and attorneys say.

The tribe met for three hours Saturday and authorized their attorneys to negotiate with a private company interested in buying the 1,800-acre Heritage USA resort and theme park. one of the last vestiges of the empire created by fallen PTL leader Jim

Bakker is serving a 45-year term in a federal prison in Rochester, Minn., on charges of fraud and conspiracy.

Catawba Chief Gilbert Blue de-

clined to name the company or the amount of money offered to drop the

property, north of Fort Mill, from the tribe's 1980 lawsuit seeking the return of the Indians' 144,000-acre colonial reservation.

The (Rock Hill) Herald reported Sunday that an unidentified source said the Horsham Co., a London-based firm that specializes in buying, rejuvenating and selling troubled proper-ties, has offered about \$6 million to the tribe to drop the property from its

Horsham has reportedly offered \$40 million for Heritage USA, a figure considered by many PTL creditors as too low to be acceptable to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, according to an attorney involved in the case.

Blue said the tribe's attorneys have been negotiating with the unidentified company for about 11/2 months. It was one of several companies to approach the Catawbas about working out a deal for Heritage USA, he said.

If it can be negotiated, Blue said the deal could include upfront cash, additional funds over a period of time and possibly some land for the tribe. The tribe has said it will seek sev-

eral things in its settlement of the claim, including a cash settlement, federal recognition of the tribe, and an expanded reservation. The Cataw-

bas' lawsuit seeks to reclaim the land they say was illegally sold to South Carolina in the 1840s.

Last summer, a \$65 million pro-posal to sell Heritage USA to Canadian businessman Stephen Mernick fell through because Mernick said he was unable to secure title insurance on the property against the Catawbas'

But in December, the Catawbas agreed to drop a 453-acre tract from the claim for an unspecified amount of money to be held in escrow pending settlement of the tribe's lawsuit.

The deal was arranged by Crescent Resources Inc. to free up land in northern York County that was being considered as a possible site for an professional football stadium. Organizers of the NFL project, however, decided to build the stadium in Charlotte, and Crescent is now promoting the York County property for a busi-

Blue conceded that being neighborly was not the only motive for considering the release of the Heri-

tage property.

If the tribe receives a substantial cash settlement from the Heritage buyer, they can use that as leverage in ongoing negotiations to settle the en-tire lawsuit, he said.

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Auditions

Auditions for the 15th Anniversary Season of the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" will be held Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 1 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Adolph Dial Amphitheater located in Pembroke, NC. All roles are available. For more information, please call (919)521-3112.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

GLAUCOMA/BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC MARCH 25

The Lumberton Lions Club sponsors its annual Glaucoma/Blood Pressure Clinic Sunday, March 25. The screening will be held in Biggs

Park Mail in Lumberton. Examinations will be performed from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Robeson County Health Department is assisting with the screening. There is no charge for this screening service.

Woodhaven to Hold Bake Sale for Alzheimer's Association

I riends and family members of WoodHaven Nursing Care Center residents will hold a bake sale at the Center, 1150 Pine Run Drive, Lumberton, on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 10 a.m.

According to activities director kim Bivens, the sale will feature a variety of cakes, pies, brownies and cookies. All proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer - Disease and Related Disorders Associa-

For more information call

Lumbee River EMC Manager Cited for Service as President of State Group

The manager of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Red Springs, has been cited for his service for the past year as president of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation

Ronnie Hunt of Route 8, Lumberton, who has been manager of the Lumbee River EMC since 1983, was presented with a plaque saluting him for his work in the leadership post.

NCEMC is the power supply arm of North Carolina's statewide organization of EMCs. It is based in Raleigh along with its two sister corporations, a general trade association and a central purchasing and materials supply operation.

Hunt, a veteran of 12 years with Lumbee River I:MC, serves on the Boards of Directors of two of the corporations that are part of the state wide co-op organization.

He was honored at he 1990 Annual Meeting of the statewide organization in Raleigh. SAY YOU READ IT

IN THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

on Thursday, another toss up. They looked great against Richmond but that level will be hard to again attain. Clemson was the luckiest againt LaSalle being down by 17 at half time and still won. IT makes one wonder what LaSalle did to lose their momentum. To keep the momentum go-

THE NCAA BASKETBALL ing is one of the toughest challenges in coaching. Clemson plays Connecticut on Thursday. I hope the hopes of the ACC don't die on Thursday but this could happen. Geo. Tech will have their hands full with Michigan State on Friday in New Orleans. That game is a real toss up too, but hope for the best. Syracuse plays Minnesota on Friday in New Orleans, a toss up. Univ plays Ball State, a pleasant surprise. And Loyola-Marymont with a super momentum going with Gathers' death plays a tough Alabama team with its win over Arizona. A real toss up. It is a great NCAA Tournament and that is what the NCAA is supposed to do and not police a bunch of adults. The individual universities should have enough integrity for the Presidents to run their own show if they would only do