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Bronze Star Awarded to World War II Veteran James Howard Oxendine



Shown left to right: General Akers of the 18th Airborne Corp., Fort Bragg, NC; World War II Veteran James Howard Oxendine; and Wendy Oxendine, granddaughter of James Howard Oxendine.

Sonny Oxendine and resides in Charlotte. Relatives included Oxendine's wife, son and granddaughter. Other guests included Ardell Jacobs of the Pembroke VFW and Greg Cummings, Director of Veterans Affairs for LRDA and a Pembroke Town Councilman.

Oxendine earned the Bronze Star at Luxembourg-Belgium December 16-30, 1944 during World War II.

The recommendation for the Award states: "During the period 16-30 Dec 1944, Staff Sgt. James H. Oxendine rendered outstanding meritorious service to Company B, 630 TD Bn by maintaining wire and radio communications between 3 Platoons, Company and Battalion Hqs under very difficult circumstances (Major German Attack). Through his efforts, the unit was able to maintain tactical communications in the period 16-19 Dec 1944 and he kept the main communications vehicle from being captured

The Bronze Star was awarded to World War II Veteran James Howard Oxendine April 25, 1995, 50 years after earning the Award. A ceremony was held at the Headquarters of the

18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, NC. Accompanying Mr. Oxendine to the event were several relatives and friends from Charlotte, NC and Pembroke. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs.

which enabled the Company Commander to have communications all during the Battle of the Bulge. He performed outstanding service maintaining company communications during extremely difficult times and situations. He reflected great Credit upon himself and the U.S. Army."

Paying Tribute to Native American Women

"Pathmakers:" Photographic Exhibition on Display at Robeson County Museum

by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear
The portraits of nine Robeson County women are included in a photographic exhibition which went on display May 15 at the Robeson County Museum in Lumberton.

American women in North Carolina. All 25 portraits were made by Mark Wagoner, a Greensboro-based photographer, who photographed the women on location in their respective communities.

The exhibition which is on tour in Southeastern United States includes portraits of Bonnie Ammons, Coharie, Fayetteville; Mollie Blankenship, Eastern Band of Cherokee; Lillie Mae Jones, Lumbee, Lumberton; Patricia Bullard Cavan, Lumbee, Charlotte; Linda Cooper-Hedgepeth, Haliwa-Saponi, Rocky Mount; Thelma Huggins, Lumbee, Greensboro; Gladys Hunt, Lumbee, Fayetteville; Jane Jacobs, Waccamaw-Siouan, Clinton; Eva Chavis Jones, Lumbee, Pembroke; Arlinda Locklear, Lumbee, Jefferson, Md.; Cheryl Ranison Locklear, Lumbee, Pembroke; Ruth Bullard Locklear, Lumbee, Maxton; Shirley Revels Locklear, Lumbee, Lumberton; Gloria Tara Morrison Lowery, Lumbee, Lumberton; Frances Stewart-Lowry, Person County Indians, Greensboro; Jessie Smith Maynor, Lumbee, Pembroke; Brenda Moore,

The exhibition entitled, "Pathmakers: North Carolina Native American Women of Distinction," is a photographic tribute to 25 Indian women either residing in or native to North Carolina who have made significant contributions in areas of education, community, church family, medicine, law and other fields. The exhibition includes the Lumbee, the Eastern Band of Cherokee, Coharie, Waccamaw-Siouan, Haliwa-Saponi and Person County Indians. The exhibition, developed by Guilford Native American Association, a non-profit Urban Indian Center founded in 1975, premiered last March at Guilford Native American Art Gallery in Greensboro. According to Jennifer Revels-Baxter, director of GNNAG, the exhibit is the first tribute of its scope and importance ever to be paid a group of Native

The exhibition, on loan to Robeson County Museum, is co-sponsored by the United Tribes of North Carolina, the N.C. Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts. "Pathmakers" will be on display at the museum through August 15. According to Helen Sharpe, local arts advocate, a reception honoring the women in the exhibition is planned for next month. The date of the reception will be announced later. The Robeson County Museum is located at 101 S Elm Street, Lumberton. For information on museum hours, call: 910/738-7979.

Waccamaw-Siouan, Bolton; Jane Chavis Oxendine, Lumbee, Pembroke; Ruth Locklear Revels, Lumbee, Greensboro; Patricia Brewington Richardson, Coharie, Hollister; Helen Maynor Schierbeck, Lumbee, Fairfax, Va.; Lula Jane Locklear Smith, Lumbee, Cary; Daphne Locklear Strickland, Lumbee, Jamestown; Rosa Revels Winfree, Lumbee, Charlotte; and Ruth Dial Woods, Lumbee, Pembroke.

Area students to attend programs in science & math at colleges & universities

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) has recently selected some three hundred American Indian students to attend various summer programs at colleges/universities throughout the United States. Thirty-three of these three hundred students are from the Public Schools of Robeson County.

tending the Young Scholar's Program at St. Norbert College in Wisconsin (June 17-July 2) include: Kenneth Bryant of Magnolia School; and Jordan Chavis and Jason Godaire, both of Pembroke Middle School.

Adrian Chavis of Red Springs High School; Mia Chavis of South Robeson High School; and James Freeman of Fairmont High School; and Shannon Nutting of Purnell Swett High School.

Thirteen area 7th grade students attending the Summer Science Program at St. Norbert College in Wisconsin (July 8-July 22) include: Jason Lowry of Littlefield Middle School; Jessica Lowery and Shannon Collins of Magnolia School; Stephanie Chavis, Yvonne Deese and Cory Locklear, Tashina Harris, Megan Scott, and Shelly Strickland, all of Pembroke Middle School; and Canthi Locklear, Roderick Wilkins, Tony Jacobs and Brice Jones, all of Red Springs Middle School.

Two area 8th grade students and four 9th grade students attending the Mathematics in Life Sciences Summer Program at the University of Iowa (June 18-July 8) include: Jessica Locklear (grade 8) and Jason Locklear (grade 9) of Lumberton Junior High School; Jeri Locklear (grade 9), Sarah Locklear (grade 9) and Daniel Sampson of Purnell Swett High School; and Steve Lowery (grade 8) of Pembroke Middle School.

Four area juniors attending the Mathematics Summer Program at Oklahoma State University include: Ann Hunt, Trish Locklear, Wendy Lowery and Belinda Thomas, all of Lumberton Senior High School.

Five area sophomores attending the Mathematics Summer Program at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York include: Robert Carter, III of Lumberton Senior High School;

Two area juniors will work as interns with the AISES Math/Science Upward Bound Program at the University of Colorado. They are Christina Lowry and Glenn Sampson, both of Purnell Swett High School.

For more information about AISES contact: AISES PreCollege Department, 1630 30th Street, Suite 301, Boulder, Colorado 80301. Phone (303) 939-0023. Or call Kevin Locklear at the Indian Education Resource Center. (910) 521-1881.

Three area 7th grade students at-



Local Pediatrician attends Conference

Dr. Joseph T. Bell, Lumbree, was a guest speaker for the American Indian Health Care Conference recently. The conference was held in Missoula, Montana and was co-sponsored by the University of Montana, the Indian Health Service and the Missoula Indian Center.

The theme of this year's conference was "Traditional Medicine and Modern Technology." Dr. Bell spoke on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in Indian Communities.

People's Forum to begin on Channel 7

A new television program, The People's Forum will air on Saturday night, June 3 from 7-8 p.m. on WOCN-Channel 7. The new program will be hosted by Rev. Clesler Locklear of Pembroke. The new program will address major issues and programs that effect the lives of Robeson County people. The guest on the first show will be Dr. Dalton Brooks, Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe. Dr. Brooks is a professor at Pembroke State University as well as serving as pastor of Dundarrach Baptist Church. He will be discussing the new tribal government to begin the new and exciting program.

The program will feature a guest speaker each week and will discuss various issues of interest and concern. The program will be sponsored by volunteer efforts and donations. The People's Forum will be broadcast live every Saturday night. We need more communication and the sharing of information in our county," said Rev. Locklear, the host. "The People's Forum is one creative way to answer this need." Interested persons may contact Rev. Locklear at Rt 10 Box 152, Lumberton, NC 28358.

April Whittemore Named Miss Indian North Carolina

April L. Whittemore, the 20-year-old daughter of Charles and Sandra Whittemore of Fayetteville, was crowned Miss Indian North Carolina at the United Tribes Unity Conference in Fayetteville March 16-18. Along with the title April received a scholarship for college. Presently she is a junior at Campbell University in Buies Creek. She is the granddaughter of Charity M. Chavis Hunt of Fairmont and the late Johnnie S. Hunt of Fairmont.

April will represent the United Tribes of North Carolina during her one year reign. She is available for speaking engagements as well as cultural demonstrations. For more information you can leave a message at 910-425-4262.

All is "Go" For Art Show at UCB

by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear

Lumberton-All is "Go" for an art show sponsored by the Robeson County Arts Council. The non-juried event is scheduled to open with a reception to the public on June 6, beginning at 7 p.m. at United Carolina Bank in downtown Lumberton. The three-week long art show featuring the work of local artists, aged 30 and older will be on display in the bank's lobby June 6 through June 28.

with color and grace of the Council-sponsored art show which featured works by Robeson County artists. The opening reception gave art lovers from across the county a chance to come together and spent a leisurely evening gazing at dozens of fine pieces of work.

preserve a community's culture, the Robeson County Arts Council works to enhance and strengthen the work of our county's artists and arts organizations," says RCAC president, Reed Wallace. "To accomplish its mission, the Council undertakes cooperative planning, research, fundraising, promotion, and public education programs," Wallace continues.

Entries will be received in the bank's lobby on Sunday, June 4, from 1-5 p.m. "The entries will be from people in the over-30 group," says Shirley Swett, event chairperson. "That's why we came up with a name like 'Seasoned Artists!'"

Since its inception in 1985, the Robeson County Arts Council has facilitated development of arts. The RCAC has represented Robeson County in state-sponsored arts advocate events in Raleigh, and has co-sponsored arts exhibits and receptions for the Silver Arts Division of Senior Games. The ten-year-old non-profit arts organization also produces a county wide cultural arts calendar and newsletter.

"It is through the generosity of the community that the Arts Council is able to continue to provide arts experiences for all area citizens," comments Pat McNeill, past RCAC president. "In addition, some financial assistance comes from a grass roots program grant from the North Carolina Arts Council."

Works in a variety of media including painting, drawing, watercolor, photography, pottery and sculpture will be shown. Mrs. Swett says entries are limited to three per artist.

Last month RCAC board members, after numerous planning sessions, completed development of, and adopted a Long Range Plan which will guide the organization through 1998.

Art lovers, get out your calendars now and circle June 6! The "Seasoned Artists' Art Show opens that night at 7 o'clock with a reception, free to the public. The event will provide an opportunity for visitors to meet the artists and view their fine work.

Last June the lobby of United Carolina in downtown Lumberton sparked

"Because the arts help define and



Cummings graduates from Leadership Institute

The Spring, 1995 Class of Fellows of the Institute of Political Leadership graduated Saturday afternoon, May 20, 1995 at the Crown Park Best Western Hotel in Research Triangle Park. It is the sixteenth class to graduate from the IOPL Leadership Program.

MBA program approved at PSU

by Don Gersh, University Relations
The Master of Business Administration (MBA) graduate program at Pembroke State University was approved by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors during its May meeting.

ment degree. Management is a process of organizing and directing resource, including people, finances, materials and information, to achieve business and organizational objectives and goals effectively.

The MBA program is housed in the Business Administration and Economics Department and will begin this fall semester. Applications are now being received in the Graduate Studies Office. Dr. Stephen J. Bukowy, a professor in the Department of Business Administration and Economics, is the Director of the MBA Program. Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine said, "I am elated with the approval of our MBA program by the Board of Governors. This new degree program allows us both to serve industry in the region more effectively and to become a greater force for attracting new industry."

To be a successful manager, one must develop skills in decision making, financial analysis and interpersonal relationships, and be able to understand how these skills are applied in a context of constraints and alternatives.

Dr. Thad L. Beyle, Chairman of the Board of the Institute, awarded diplomas to the 19 graduates of the Spring, 1995 class. Each Fellow was sponsored by a North Carolina association, corporation, foundation or individual. Among those graduates was Raymond Cummings, 36, who is the Director of Student Affairs at Pembroke State University. He lives in Pembroke and is a Democrat. He is the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives Fellow.

All courses in the MBA program will be held at night on the Pembroke State University campus. Dr. Bukowy joined the PSU faculty last year. He received his undergraduate degree from the Pennsylvania State University, an MBA from the College of William and Mary, and an MFR and his doctorate from the University of Georgia.

For information about the MBA program, contact the PSU Office of Graduate Studies at 910/521-6271 or write to the Director of Graduate Studies, One University Drive, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC 28372.

Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day Weekend