

## West Eagle Job-Net Develops Apprenticeship Program

West Eagle Job-Net, a local Native American owned and operated staffing agency, recently announced that it is currently recruiting residents of Robeson County to participate in an Apprenticeship Program. The program is a joint venture of West Eagle's President, Harvey Godwin, Jr. and PBM Graphics, located in the Research Triangle Park. The focal point of the Apprenticeship Program, ac-

ording to Godwin, is to "equip the participants with a job skill that will provide a lifetime employment opportunity." West Eagle's partner in the endeavor, PBM Graphics, is a premier printing company that services accounts such as Ericsson, John Deere, Glaxo-Wellcome, and the Special Olympics. PBM's commitment to the program is displayed by an extensive

benefits package, including housing assistance.

The program, which is the first such undertaking for West Eagle, seeks to employ 10 residents of Robeson County with PBM that display creativity, mechanical ability, dependability, a strong work ethic and a willingness to be trained in the workplace through on the job training. The program participants will perform as Press or Bindery Machine Operators upon completion of the program.

West Eagle will sponsor a program seminar on Saturday, April 10, 1999, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm to provide further program information to all potential applicants. Jamestown Business Complex on NC 72 West will be the site of the seminar. Representatives from PBM Graphics will be on-site to answer questions from applicants and West Eagle staff members will assist applicants in completing the program application.

Through programs such as this which involve innovation and creativity, West Eagle continues to grow at a phenomenal pace. Currently, West Eagle operates eight offices within North Carolina, an achievement reached in four years of operation. Major contributors to its successes are West Eagle's continued support of programs that encourage economic and social development within the communities that it serves and a commitment to cultural diversity in the workplace.

For more information concerning the Apprenticeship Program, contact Bob Winfree or Harvey Godwin, Jr. by visiting West Eagle Job-Net, 4556 NC 72 West, or calling (910) 738-5005.

## Hoke County Indian Cultural Spring Pow Wow April 9-10

The Hoke County Indian Cultural Spring Pow Wow will be held April 9-10 at the Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center, 1390 John Road, Shannon, NC. Admission is free.

The Pow Wow will feature gospel singing with the Rev. Donnie Henderson, as MC and Rev. Wallace Locklear as well as a plate sale of chicken and BBQ on Friday. This is a drug free event.

The event is sponsored by Hoke County Schools Indian Education and the Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center as well as the Hoke County Native American Organization.

For information call: (910) 843-5466 or 875-4835.



Mr. Kenneth Oxendine and Ms. Reatha Locklear the Clan Mother and Clan Father of the Tuscarora Nation of the KAUTAUNHOH of Red Springs, North Carolina. Both assisted in the filming of the movie "Through Native Eyes."

## The Leaders of the Pack Tribal leaders assist in production of "Through Native Eyes"

Mr. Kenneth Oxendine is a professional welder with the Hoke County Board of Education and also operates his own small business. Ms. Reatha Locklear is an employee with Gulf Pride Corporation in Laurinburg. But in their spare time they are the Clan Mother and Clan Father of the Tuscarora Nation of the KAUTAUNHOH in Red Springs, North Carolina.

There are an estimated 200 or more members who look for guidance from these two special people. In the eyes of their members they are "considered priceless." "They are there if someone needs to listen to show they care," states Carnell Locklear a member of the group.

During the filming of the movie "Through Native Eyes" both were there on the movie set, sometimes until 3 in the morning. Ms. Reatha always made sure that everyone had enough to eat and did not go hungry. While Mr. Kenneth played in several scenes, he also built the fire to keep actors warm, hooked a generator to his truck to make sure there was light for the night scenes, and even used his own RV for the makeup and dressing area for the actors.

"When they pray something happens" states Jenelle Oxendine, the proud wife of Mr. Kenneth. "On several occasions their prayers brought us through many barriers," said Dilgetha Locklear, the sister of Ms. Reatha.

Looking back at the events that occurred Mr. Kenneth and Ms. Reatha sat back and reflected on the great

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accomplishment of their group. "The making of the movie meant so very much to me," said Ms. Reatha.

"It meant that the Tuscaroras got more recognition from the people than we have ever had in the whole 30 years in the movement of the Tuscarora people in this county," she continued. "And that meant more to us than anything we have been able to accomplish because our group has always been looked down on, especially in Robeson County. I feel like this is going to empower us to accomplish more things for our people, which means all Native Americans" she said.

"For years our history has been like folk lore and passed down through our people. Now it is going to be on film and it is a reality and no one can ever say that it did not happen. It was a lot of hard work and it took working together as a family to make this movie a reality. But we all enjoyed it. There was no one who got injured, no one complained about the cold and the rain. But I was proud and I am still rejoicing," said Mr. Kenneth, to which Ms. Reatha proudly nodded.

"While working in Hoke County, I have seen many people who are saying that they are coming to see this movie. I just hope that they show it more than one time," said Mr. Kenneth. "We plan to be on the front row," both of them stated proudly.

"Through Native Eyes will premiere on May 1, 1999 at 8 pm at the Givens Performing Arts Center at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke."

## Carolina Manor supports drug-free celebration for graduating seniors

Carolina Manor Treatment Center, associated with Southeastern Regional Medical Center, is again supporting Project Graduation, an all-night, drug and alcohol free party for graduating seniors in Robeson County. This year marks the tenth anniversary that Project Graduation has been held in Robeson County and the fifth year that SRMC has supported this event.

Larry Pittman, Director of Carolina Manor, presented a check for \$1,000 to be used for Project Graduation and said that he pleased that Carolina Manor and SRMC could again be part of this countywide event.

"After working as a volunteer on the very first Project Graduation back in 1989, I became committed to the concept. I am pleased to be a part of a sponsoring organization for this worthwhile project for the youth of our county," he said.

"About one thousand seniors are due to graduate this year," said Lavern Oxendine, president of Project Graduation '99. "We hope to have 90 percent of them attend this all-night event set for the last Friday night in May at UNC-Pembroke."

Opened in March 1985, Carolina Manor is a 26-bed residential treatment center for alcoholism and other drug addictions. Thousands of patients have completed the treatment program, which is based on the 12-step model. Many more people have taken advantage of the three day program to help family members of substance abusers.

Carolina Manor is located at 1100 Pine Run Drive. For more information, call (910) 738-1191.

## Camp Dixie begins Registration

Camp Dixie in Fayetteville is now accepting registrations for its 1999 summer camping season. Affordable one-week resident programs beginning in June are available for children in grades 2-6 and teens in grades 7-12. Registration forms can be obtained through the camp office at 910-865-5180.



Shown working in his office at West Eagle Job-Net is Mr. Harvey Godwin Jr., President.

## Miss Lumbee Applications now being accepted

The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) is currently accepting applications for the 1999 Miss Lumbee Pageant.

To qualify as a pageant contestant, the applicant must be a Lumbee female, between 17 1/2 and 26 years of age, a high school graduate and be single, never married or co-habited and assessable to Pembroke as a home base.

If you meet the criteria and are interested in competing as a contestant, please contact James Monroe Chavis at (910) 521-2462. You can pick up applications at the Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Office located on Union Chapel Road in Pembroke.

Applications must be completed and returned by May 13, 1999.

The Miss Lumbee Pageant, sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) is one of the main events of the Lumbee Homecoming.

This year the pageant will be held on the campus at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Givens Performing Arts Center, July 2, 1999 at 8:00 P.M. Admission will be \$9 per person. Tickets will be sold in advance because of the large attendance in the past. So watch the papers and get your tickets early in advance. For additional information call (910) 521-2462.

## Three finalists named for UNCP Chancellor's post

PEMBROKE, N.C. - The Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke approved Friday morning three finalist for the position of chancellor. The board unanimously approved the three candidates recommended by a 13-member search committee which has been working since November to replace Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine who will retire June 30. The announcement of a new chancellor by UNC President Molly Broad is expected on April 9 at the monthly meeting of the Board of Governors. President Broad received a short list on Friday according to Roger Oxendine chair of the board and the search committee. "President Broad is planning to make an announcement on April 1," Mr. Oxendine said. "We are somewhat ahead of schedule." All three candidates are seated chancellors or presi-

dents of universities," Mr. Oxendine said. "Any one of the three could come to this university and do a great job of leading us into the next millennium." That candidates are willing to work with the local community and the academic community, "he said. "I commend the search committee for doing a high quality job. They really worked hard." Mr. Oxendine said that he could not reveal the names of the finalist to protect the candidates and to comply with the wishes of President Broad. "We would not have been able to attract this high quality search if it had been done in the public," Mr. Oxendine said. The search began on Sept. 3, 1998 when Chancellor Oxendine announces his resignation. A search committee was formed on Oct. 8, 1989 with the goal of announcing a new chancellor in May

## Local students honored as Students of Excellence

Six juniors, one from each of the high schools in Robeson County, were recognized at the March 9th meeting of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County. The Student of Excellence Award is a Chamber of Commerce initiative to recognize students for their contributions to their schools and communities. Each area chamber is responsible for selecting a student based on applications submitted from the high school in their area. Each chamber honors the student with a plaque and other rewards for meritorious service and achievement. Amanda Jean Bullard, a junior at Purnell Swett High School, was recognized by Don Gersh representing the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. Bullard's goals are to study medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and to go into practice as a physician in order to save many lives. She sees success as "achieving one's goals and prospering from the experience." Bullard is active as Student Government Junior Ambassa-

dor, is a member of the National Honor Society, and is a Member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society at her school. She participated in Acteens at her church and volunteers for various projects in her community.

Also recognized by Don Gersh was Vonta Leach of South Robeson High School whose goal is to become a Certified Nursing Specialist concentrating in neonatal care. Leach believes that "We must keep our goals reasonable and, with hard work and dedication we can attain them." Leach is an active member of South Robeson's marching band color guard and is secretary of the beta Club. Leach sees peer pressure as a possible stumbling block in achieving one's goals, but he feels that good decision making guarantees the best of the academic and social world. All students of Excellence recipients are recognized at individual schools at their Chamber of Commerce meetings and, officially at the Board of Education presentations.

## Lumberton Sailor Serves in Silent Fleet

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii--Deep beneath the ocean's surface a sailor goes about his duties, almost unaware of the world outside--he has a job to get done. And like the other 130 sailors aboard the attack submarine, he plays a vital role in the Navy's silent fleet.

As early as the Revolutionary War, submarines were used to help the United States achieve its strategic goals, and modern submarines continue this proud tradition today. Sailors like Navy Master Chief Petty Officer John D. Tyner are at the heart of these silent vessels.

Tyner, the 37-year-old son of Warren and Mary Tyner of Lumberton, is the chief of the boat on the USS Olympia (SSN 717), which is homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Using technically advanced systems, the 6,900 ton Olympia can operate jointly with a battle group or independently to protect allied ships or destroy enemy vessels. To achieve its mission, the submarine is equipped with Harpoon and Tomahawk missiles, MK48 torpedoes, and can travel at speeds in excess of 30 knots.

In the performance of his duties, Tyner often spends many months away

from friends, family, and homeland. However, Tyner feels that promoting and defending democracy is worthwhile.

"The submarine offers the most flexibility for the Navy to perform its missions," said Tyner, a 1978 graduate of Magnolia High School.

Deploying in the interest of U.S. objectives, while rewarding for Tyner, is not an easy thing to do aboard a submarine.

On the Olympia Tyner and his 130 shipmates share tightly compacted spaces for weeks at a time while working long hours. Tyner manages to deal with the Spartan surrounding in his own way.

"Submarine duty is something you get used to doing. You don't really think about it much after a while," said Tyner, a 20-year Navy veteran.

The submariner's job, while often challenging, is not without reward. In the Navy, Tyner has the opportunity to pursue educational and career enhancing opportunities unlike any found in the civilian sector. He has developed a sense of self motivation that helps him in the Navy and will further carry him on in life.



Chief Petty Officer John D. Tyner

## Representative Votes to Increase Child Abuse Penalties

Raleigh - Rep. Ron Sutton of Pembroke voted to require prison time for people who commit serious child abuse.

Child abusers who caused serious, long-term injuries would face a minimum sentence of more than three years in prison under the bill. Current law has no mandatory jail time for a first offense of serious child abuse.

The House passed the measure in response to two headline-making child abuse cases. In a Richmond County case, a toddler was immersed in a tub of water so hot it nearly boiled. The 14-month old was scarred to the muscle. In Brunswick County, a couple was convicted of chemically blinding a toddler in one eye, burning his genitals and beating him severely enough to fracture every limb and his skull.

"This bill makes it clear that North Carolina has a zero tolerance for serious child abuse," Rep. Sutton said. "If you severely injure a child, you are going

to prison." The measure sets a minimum, mandatory term of 44 months for those convicted of serious child abuse. The maximum will be 261 months - almost 22 years.

The mandatory jail time would apply in cases where a child suffered extreme injury, such as a substantial risk of death or coma.

Supporters of the measure included the N.C. Conference of District Attorneys.

Before passing the bill, the House adopted an amendment making it clear that the tougher the penalty also applied to people who permit serious child abuse.

The bill, sponsored by RE. Wayne Goodwin of Richmond County, has previously been heard in the Judiciary III Committee, chaired by Rep. Sutton.