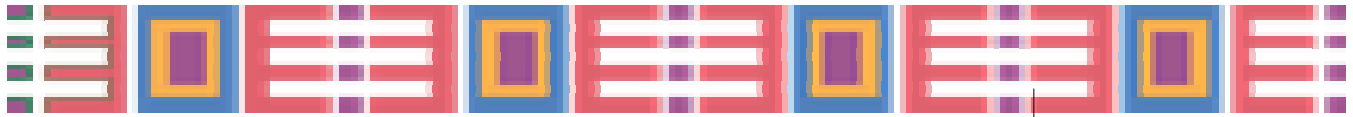




The Waccamaw Village News

Waccamaw Indian People

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On February 17, 2005, we became South Carolina's first State Recognized Tribe!! Congratulations to everyone!!!

Newspaper Article

On Sunday, February 13th, 2005, the Sun News did a big spread on us. We even made the front page! While the stories were being written and the pictures taken, Chief Hatcher would always ask the photographer to "please make my belly look smaller". And true to his word, he did; he drew a Suk which hid most of his belly. Everyone looked good in the pictures, but the best of all was the one of Chief Hatcher, belly and all.

According to the reporter, this is the first in a set of series that he plans to do about the Waccamaw Indian People.



At the end of the Waccamaw Indian People's tribal council meeting Feb. 5 in Conway, tribal members form a circle.

JOAQUIN SIOPACK/The Sun News

I intend to include copies of most of the articles written before and after our recognition in April's newsletter so members will have a memento to put in their scrapbook.

We even made the Post and Courier, Florence Morning News and The State newspapers.

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Meeting: The next meeting will be March 4th, at 6:30pm at the Waccamaw Pentecostal Church on Hwy 90.



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5 Words #13

Acquire	Kici yamna	kee- chee yahm-nah		
Adopt	Wal iyaci	wahl ee- yah- chee		
Hate	Oyusi ke	o-you- shee kah		
niece	Tuzaya	Due-zah- yah	or	too-zah- yah
nephew	Tonskaya	don-skah-yah	or	Tohn-ska-yah

Some dialects pronounce T as D and some don't. When we get a real teacher we will find out. Until then make it easy on yourself

Meeting dates and time

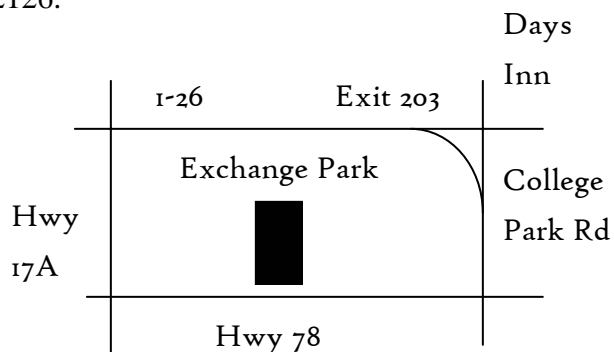
There was lots of discussions on changing the meeting time and date. It was suggested to having the open meetings on a Saturday or having a quarterly meeting with a cook out for the public. Both were shot down. Starting this month, there will no longer be scheduled closed meetings, just one meeting. Meeting will now be the 1st Friday of the month starting at 6:30 pm.

Newsletter

I'm seriously considering changing the newsletter from monthly to quarterly. For the past few months, there really hasn't been much news to share, but I know later on down the road, there will be more things happening as we get closer to getting the grounds ready for the Pau Wau. By changing to quarterly, every tribal member will know what is going on tribal wise. Once it goes to quarterly, there will be no subscription cost unless members want to donate money specifically to help with the supplies. Of course, I wanted to ask the subscribers their opinion before actually doing this. You can email me at susan@waccamaw-indians.com, call me at 843 347-3940 or mail me at the tribal office address which is located on the back of the newsletter. Any and all suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Edisto Indian Cultural Festival

The Edisto Pau Wau will be March 25th and 26th 2005 in Ladson, South Carolina at Exchange Park on Hwy 78. Doors open at noon with the grand entry on the 25th at 7 pm and 1 pm on the 26th. For additional information you can call (843) 871-2126.



March Meeting

We will be having a small celebration after the meeting this month. State recognition has been a long time coming and thanks to the efforts of a lot of people, especially Chief Hatcher, we are the first Indian tribe in the state to be recognized. So, come on out to the meeting to celebrate with us. If you want to get involved, now is a good time to start!



Members Corner

As a member of the tribe, I find it disheartening to see how few people have been attending the meetings and getting involved with the tribe. I am really hoping maybe its because we don't have a "place of our own" to have meetings and get together. Hopefully, once we get our office out on the land, I look forward to seeing a lot of new faces in the audience and at other functions we'll soon be having. Remember, this is your tribe too. We have so much to be grateful for. Come on out and support the tribe.

Susan Hayes

Advisory Committee

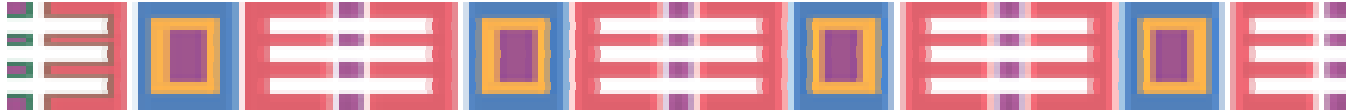
In order to participate on the Native American Indian Advisory Committee, an entity must meet and comply with minimum requirements of having obtained State Recognition as either a Tribe or a Group. The purpose of this committee is to preserve the true aboriginal culture of the Americas in the State of South Carolina and to advance the Native American Indian culture by: (1) advising the Commission regarding Native American Indian Affairs, (2) identifying the needs and concerns of the Native American Indian people of South Carolina by bringing such needs and concerns to the attention of the Commission, (3) making recommendations to the Commission to address the needs and concerns of Native American Indian people, and (4) inviting individuals recognized as specialists in Native American Indian Affairs and representatives of the state and federal agencies to present information to members of the Advisory committee. Chief Hatcher will be sitting on this committee.

State Recognition Committee

Chief Hatcher has delegated this position to Tap E Ya Ben Thompson. He, along with someone from the Eastern Cherokee Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of South Carolina will be filling these seats. These individuals shall serve for two-year terms starting 1 July and ending June 30 of each two-year term. Others on the committee include, Ms Davis, Executive Director of the Commission for Minority Affairs, Dr Jonathan Leader, State Archaeologist, and one representative from a South Carolina Native American Indian entity or a notable Native American Leader or scholar from across the United States. They will be reviewing the petitions for those applying for the 1 Sept 2005 cut-off date.

Boy Scout Presentation

Pack Leader Bruce Mount of North Myrtle Beach Pack 800 called and asked if someone could attend their Blue & Gold Banquet this past Saturday afternoon to give a thirty minute presentation about the Waccamaw's and show some artifacts. Myself and Helen Proud Eagle attended the banquet and we had a great time. We also had Joaquin Siopack from the Sun News taking pictures for his continuing articles about the Waccamaws.



Land Update

We now have in place on the land, a mobile home for our Caretaker, Donnie Hatcher, to stay in. Member Tim Rainbolt and some of his fellow firemen were there on Friday, and burned the two big piles of wood at the far end of the land. It is starting to look good out there. Hopefully the weather will start to clear up and we can get out there and really get things moving along. November will be here before we know it.



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