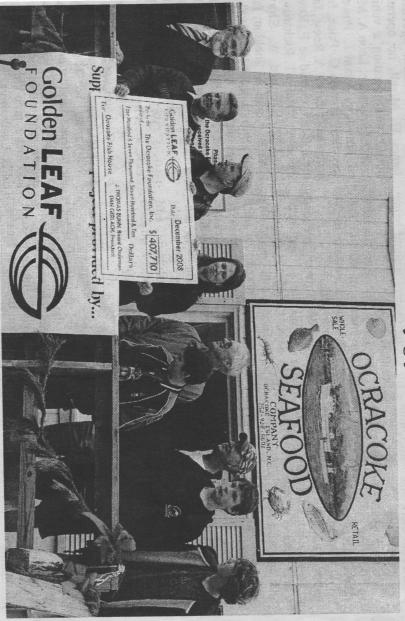
## HYDE COUNTY news

A monitary gift



C.J. Wynn and William O'Neal. both locals who work at the fish house. (Linda Rippe photo) at the December 19 ceremony are (from left): Joseph K. Schwarzer, director North Carolina Brandon O'Neal, who works at the fish house; Hardy Plyler, manager Ocracoke Seafood; and Robin Payne, president Ocracoke Foundation; Hyde County commissioner Gene Ballance: Maritime Museums; state Rep. Tim Spear; Dan Gerlach, president Golden LEAF Foundation; OCRACOKE FOUNDATION received \$407,710 from the Golden LEAF Foundation. Pictured

## Hyde projects awarded Gold Leaf grants

the Ocracoke Fish House project. Golden LEAF Foundation received \$407,710 from the for County. four additional awards for Hyde Golden LEAF also announced

Ocracoke Foundation Inc. has

The funds mark the last in a series of grants totaling \$2 mil-

Rep. Tim Spear at the check pretry in North Carolina," said state fishermen and the fishing indus-"This is a great day for our

our fishing industry by providing funding that will create jobs and sentation ceremony, December 19 in Ocracoke. "I applaud the their efforts to save this fish men are to be commended for watermen. The Ocracoke Waterhelp protect the livelihood of our recognizing the importance of Golden LEAF Foundation for nouse and for keeping the fish-

stated a Golden LEAF press tional employees year round, the fish house will require addi-Once renovation is completed.

enue for the county. men and enhancing sales tax revpotential of increasing income tional capacity will have the for over 30 commercial fisherrelease. The increase in opera-

Ocracoke Island, as well as our vital commercial fishing indusoperation of the Ocracoke Fish project will help preserve the said Robin Payne, president of munity assistance initiative," House, the last fish house on grateful to Golden LEAF for the Ocracoke Foundation. "This funding our project in its com-"The Ocracoke Foundation is

geted communities with projects economic transition or commuthat will help stimulate ecolance in overcoming barriers to nomic activity or provide assisassistance initiative assists tar-The Golden LEAF community

nity progress.
Other projects for organizations in Hyde County funded through the initiative are:

and equipment costs related to with \$555,000 for construction the new Engelhard Medical Cen-Engelhard Medical Center

> complete the design and engi-neering necessary to expand the ment to the Mattamuskeet Lodge and emergency repairs to the and \$265,800 to support the wastewater lagoon in Engelhard; wastewater collection and treat-- Hyde County government with two awards: \$417,000 to

expand. could serve to help the Wanextension of water and sewer chese Seafood Industrial Park waterfront business park that services to a proposed working

community center to be used for ration with \$70,000 to complete community and small business ncubator functions. the up-fit of a kitchen in the - Davis High Venture Corpo-

will spur economic growth."
Officers and directors of the communities," said Dan Gerabout the community assistance that these projects will have a in a press release. "Our hope is the unique needs and concerns of lasting effect on the county and lach, president of Golden LEAF initiative process, as it addresses "Golden LEAF is excited

Ocracoke Foundation are Robin and Scott Bradley. Dave Frum, Susie Scott O'Neal tary, and directors David Tolson, treasurer, Al Scarborough, secrevice president, Ellen Gaskill, Payne, president, Rudy Austin,

Watermen's Association. president Ocracoke Working Hyde commissioner Gene Ballance and James Barrie-Gaskill, Advisory board members are

non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The Ocracoke Foundation is a