

Joie Chitwood Auto Thrill Show Part of Robeson County Fair



FLYING HOLLYWOOD HEAD-ON CRASH--Holly-

The Joie Chitwood Automobile Thrill Show will be one of the featured attractions at the Robeson County Fair in Lumberton on Wednesday, Sept. 29. The local event will be among 215 performances scheduled for the Chitwoods during the 1982 season, which runs from the middle of May through mid October. Tim and Joie Chitwood, Jr., son of legendary race car driver and

wood stuntmen perform this spectacular fiery crash as a

show founder, Joie Chitwood, Sr. each stars in, and manages his own unit.

For the past 38 years, the Chitwoods have delivered their brand of automobile entertainment to fairs and speedways across America. This year's schedule of one night stands will have the two traveling shows performing in approximately 35 states and parts of Canada. Twenty

regular feature of the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show.

thousand miles are logged by both the eastern and western units before returning to their Tampa, Florida base in October.

Both show units are equipped with 25 1982 Chevrolets. Total value for show cars, tractor trailers, car carriers, and travel trailers is \$250,000 per unit. The piece of apparatus that receives the greatest attention is the "Chit-

wood Space Rocket." This large cylindrical projectile is used in the feature of finale of every performance as Tim or Joie Chitwood, Jr. drive into the rocket and travel 65' through space before landing on a small receiving platform. In addition to the Chitwood brothers, each unit is manned by a crew of fifteen professional stunt drivers, announcers, clowns, advance agents, mechanics, track technicians, and merchandise vendors. Coming from varied backgrounds, after the four month tour, individuals return to office positions, mechanic shops, truck driving jobs, or Hollywood movie lots. In performing stunts for the movies and television, Tim and Joie Chitwood, Jr. often press their featured performers into service. Tim Chitwood was responsible for the spectacular crash scene in "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?" starring Richard Dreyfuss. Joie Chitwood, Jr. has performed much of the stunt work on NBC television's "CHiPs" the past three seasons.

The Joie Chitwood Thrill Show is one of the last traveling thrill show operations. From the dozens of shows that appeared in the 1940s and 1950's, no more than three or four remain today. Does the auto thrill show face extinction? Joie Chitwood, Sr. comments, "We have had strong support for 38 years. This support has come from fair and speedway managers, who have always

known the product we deliver, from national sponsors like Chevrolet, Champion Spark Plug Corporation, Cooper Tire Company, Sunoco and Kountry Aire Travel Trailers, and from our fans across the country. Without the bookings, the national sponsors, or the fans, you are in trouble. This is why the marginal operations have fallen by the wayside. We feel 1982 will be our best year ever, and we hope to be around another 38 years, at least." With the third generation involvement of 13 year old Joie Chitwood III, there is every likelihood that "the Greatest Show on Wheels" will be around another 38 years.

Show time for the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Tickets for the performance will be available at the gate entrance on showday.

Lumberton--The 36th Annual version of the Robeson County Fair will commence on Monday, Sept. 27 for a six-day run through Oct. 2 and will feature several new attractions for 1982.

The Lumberton Jaycees sponsored event will be highlighted by the appearance of the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show, a College Night with music by "The Entertainers" and a renewal of Midnight Madness with special prizes and entertainment like unlimited rides, a wet T-shirt contest and Mud Wrestling.

Co-chairmen Hubert Bullard and Morris Bullock said this year's fair has a time and event for every person and every family's taste. "Whether you come for the rides or to see the canned goods and quilts or for action and entertainment, we have something on the schedule," said Bullard.

Gates will open for the first time at 5 p.m. on Monday, the 27th. The first day is full of events featuring a Hog Show at 7 p.m., a corn shucking contest, hog calling and husband calling, the 4-H club poultry sale and a chain saw cutting contest.

Tuesday, Sept. 28 is the first Children's Day. The gates open as soon as school lets out and some 50,000 school age children are to receive free admission coupons which can be used before 6 p.m. There will be a drawing for three free bicycles at 6:30 p.m.

Other exciting events are planned all during the six day event. Throughout the fair, there will be farm implement exhibits, home and craft exhibits and exhibits for live stock, wildlife and forestry along with an art show and a flower show.

EXTENSION SCENE



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During the past summer the Extension Office has had numerous calls relating to centipede problems. Since centipede is the most predominant lawn grass grown in this area, the requests for information regarding this popular grass have been relatively heavy. Jeff Morton, our horticulture agent who has primary responsibilities for conducting educational programs in horticultural crops as well as landscaping, suggests that a number of factors may be involved in the problems that are associated with centipede decline.

Centipede is a name that is used to describe the most common problem that we observe in centipede grass. Recent research in North Carolina has shown that this problem can be caused by several different factors. One of those factors is nutritional. This includes low potassium levels in sandy soils, the use of too much nitrogen fertilizer and too low or too high a soil pH (5.5 pH is best). It is recommended that a timely soil test be taken where centipede is growing to have a guide for correcting nutritional problems.

Another serious problem in centipede decline is nematodes. Sting, and ring nematodes in particular, have been associated with decline in some cases. The sting nematode has been shown to cause very serious damage on centipede grass in sandy soils in this area. Centipede grass affected by this nematode will become thin and even die during the hot-dry weather. The sting nematode can be controlled with some nematicides and the centipede grass will recover; but the nematicides that will control the sting nematode are not labeled for use in home lawns. The role of the ring nematode which occurs frequently in

centipede grass lawns with centipede decline is still being studied and is not presently known. A good management program can be used to overcome the effect of the ring nematode but not the sting nematode on centipede grass. Another grass such as bermudagrass or bahiagrass may be an alternative to use in areas where centipede decline exists and high levels of sting nematodes have been found.

Another factor that causes centipede decline in some lawns is fairy rings. Fairy ring symptoms are large, circular, dead spots or green rings (3 to 20 feet in diameter) that enlarge for several years. Sometimes mushrooms may be present at the edge of the rings or throughout the circles. Fairy rings are often seen in centipede lawns near the base of large pine trees. Effective treatments are not known for fairy rings, but treating the soil in affected areas with methyl bromide or rototilling the soil and replanting healthy grass may eliminate fairy rings.

Ground pearls are another problem which are actually small scale insects that attack the roots of centipede grass and have been shown to cause some circular dead areas that resemble fairy rings. All of the centipede grass in areas affected by ground pearls is usually dead and the outer edge may continue to die in the summer. Ground pearls are identified by the presence of small pearl-like bodies that are about 1/8 inch or less in diameter. Sometimes during the summer a small pink crawler stage and associated "cottony material" will be present around the roots. A control is not known for the ground pearls, therefore, another grass such as bermudagrass or bahiagrass that may be less susceptible can be

planted in affected areas. A simple problem that creates lots of difficulty is improper mowing. This has been indicated as a factor in centipede decline in experimental plots where the centipede grass was mowed at two inches rather than one inch. More thatch accumulated at the higher mowing height and was probably a major factor.

Damage by cold weather has also been observed to be a factor since more centipede decline has usually occurred in summers following unusually cold winters. The use of herbicides has also been associated in some cases with decline.

Centipede is very sensitive to most herbicides and recommended herbicides should be used at lower rates than on other grasses. Also, herbicides that are in some turf fertilizers may cause serious damage.

Dollar spot is a disease that is often seen on centipede grass during the summer. It

The symptoms of this disease are light brown spots two to four inches in diameter. It does not appear to cause serious damage and can be overcome with the addition of small amounts of fertilizer and irrigation if the soil is dry. However, we have seen some problems with dollar spots where extensive watering of lawns has been the common practice. Centipede grass that is declining because of other factors may have more dollar spot than nearby healthy grass.

As one can readily realize, numerous problems may exist which cause centipede decline but a careful diagnosis and a proper response may help to save the day and maintain a beautiful centipede sod for years to come.

36th Annual Robeson County Agricultural and Industrial 1982 FAIR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — GATES OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

Hog Show, 7:00 p.m. — Corn Shucking Contest
Hog Calling Contest — Husband Calling Contest
Chain Saw Cutting Contest, 8:30 p.m. — 4-H Poultry Sale

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — GATES OPEN AT 3:00 P.M.

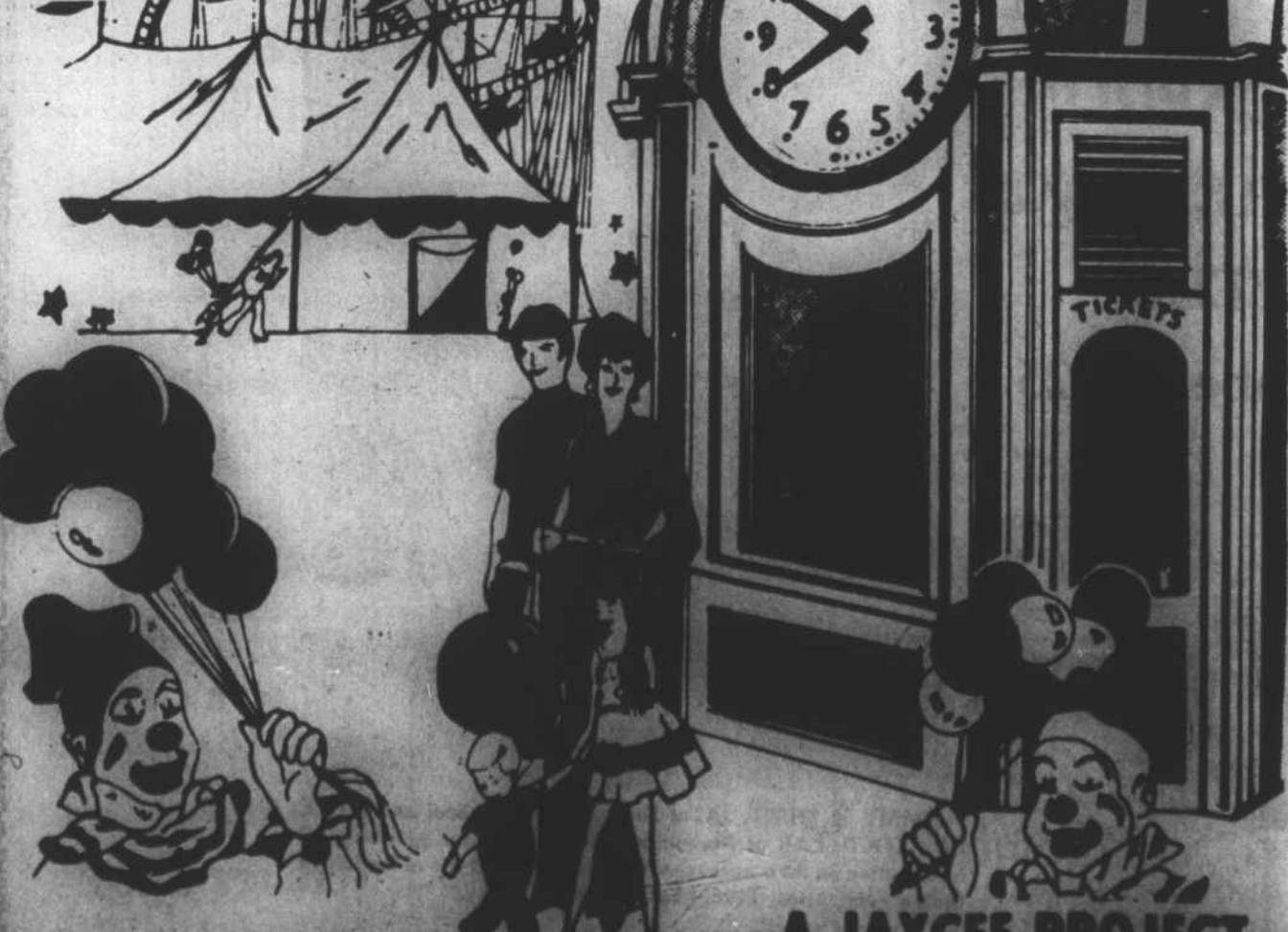
Pepsi Day — Discount Coupons, Bike Drawing at 6:30 p.m.
Children's Day — Children admitted free until 6:00 p.m.
Diaper Derby, 6:00 p.m. — Old Country Fair Night, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Battle of the Bands, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. — Fireworks 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 — GATES OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

Mentally and physically handicapped Children's Day
(Groups only 11:00 - 1:30 p.m.)
Gospel Sing, 6:30 p.m. (Sponsor — W.S.T.S. Radio)
Joie Chitwood Thrill Show, 8:00 p.m., \$1.00 admission
Tobacco Spitting Contest, 8:30 p.m. — Fireworks, 8:30 p.m.

6 Big Days!
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New Jaycee Fairgrounds
Highway N.C. 41 South
Lumberton, N.C.



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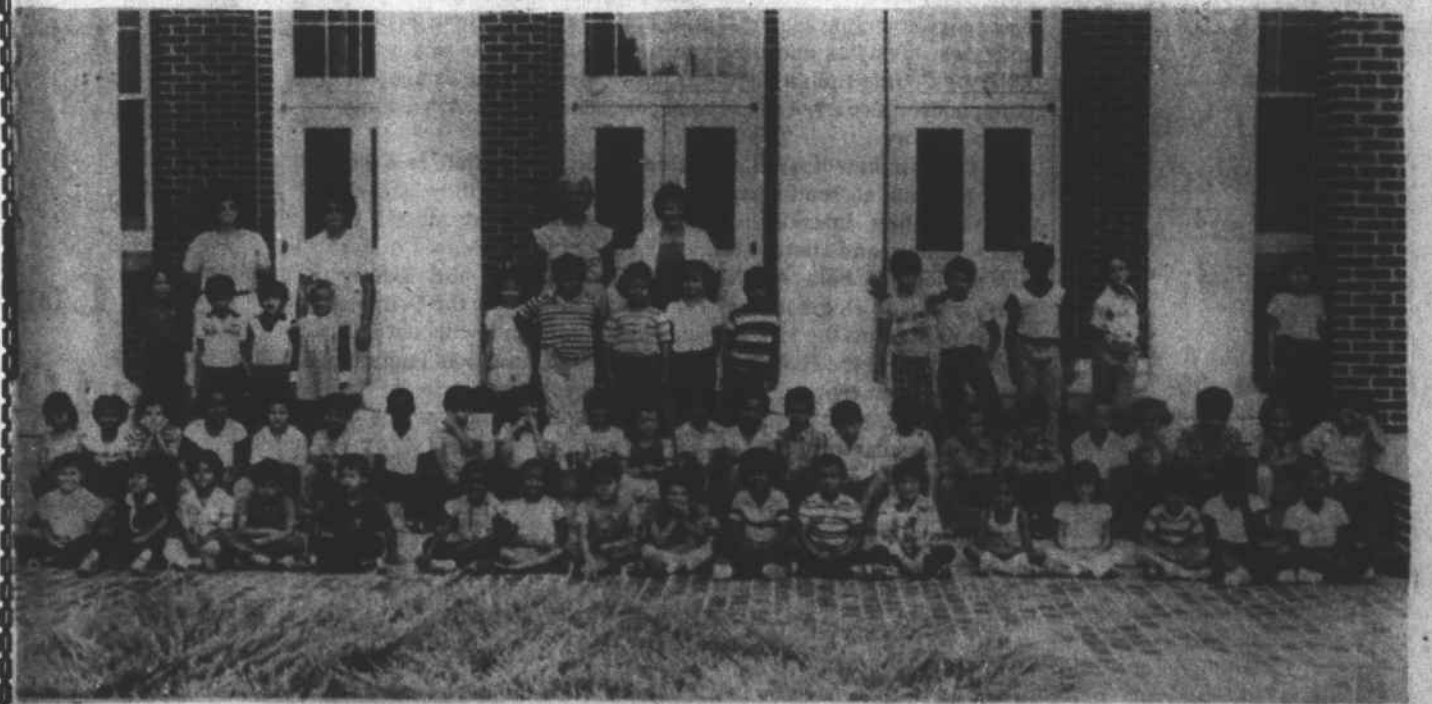
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ADMISSION TO FAIRGROUNDS

Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00

— FREE PARKING —

Union Elementary tours PSU as Part of Indian Heritage Week



The first grade of Ethel O. Lockear and the first and second grades of Lorraine Maynor of Union Elementary School visited Pembroke State University on Tuesday. They

were accompanied by their assistants Peggy Deese and Faye Morris.

The purpose of their visit was in recognition of Indian Heritage Week. They made a

tour of the Indian Museum and viewed the Artifacts of the Lumbee Indian and other tribes. The tour guides discussed the articles in the exhibit of the Past and

Present Day Lumbee Living. After the tour they viewed the slide presentation: *Passes To Be A Lumbee*.

[Photo by Elmer Hunt].

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