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FLY-IN FOILED

Members of the local First Flight Flyers club in Edenton gathered at Lee's Airpark on Saturday to hold the area's first Ultralight Fly-In, however strong winds prevented the event going as planned. The fly-in is rescheduled for this Saturday, weather permitting. Club members expect to have between 10 and 20 ultralights and lunch plates will be available. Lee's Airpark is located twelve miles north of Edenton on Hwy. 32. The club members who attended last Saturday's event are looking forward to trying again. Pictured club members are (left to right) standing: Boyce Waterfield, Peter Nizborshi, James Morgan, Gary Swanner and Keith Harrell. Kneeling: Donald Fenner, Richard Bunch and David Sampson. (Photo by Debbie Collins)

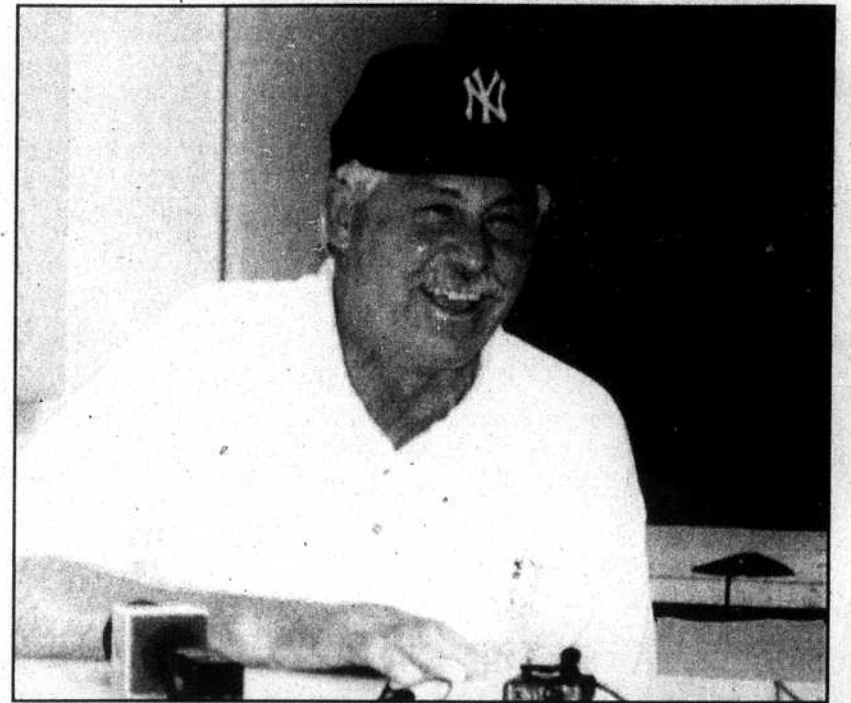
Friends, fans join in '99 Catfish Hunter tribute

BY LAURIE HUFFORD
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The annual Jim "Catfish" Hunter Day observance and the 19th annual Old Timers Game kicked off the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation on Saturday, May 8 at Perquimans County High School. Special guests and baseball greats included Sal Bando, Tommy John, Alvin Dark, Ron Davis, Mike Hershburger, Jim Pagliarona, Gaylord Perry (another Hall of Famer), and Jim Spencer.

It was Pagliarona who first expressed the sentiments echoed everywhere, "...Yes, I'm supporting the ALS Foundation; that's one issue. But it's really the character of the man — why I'm here, and all these other great ball players are here too. There's a lot of people who have great talent in sports and in the business world, but...what you see here, and what you see out in the crowd, is really a tribute to the person Jimmy is."

The date of May 8 for this event was no accident. Ex-



Jim "Catfish" Hunter

actly 31 years earlier, the Oakland A's Catfish Hunter, with Pagliarona catching, pitched a "perfect game" against Minnesota.

Anyone who knows anything about baseball is familiar with the name of Jim "Catfish"

Hunter. Besides his perfect game, Catfish won over 20 games four times in a row with the A's, and was 23-14 for the Yankees. He became the game's first free agent. Arm trouble caused Hunter to re-

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'FAM' Tour to be held here on May 19

In the shadow of National Tourism Week, Edenton has its share of historic treasures (classified as Tier 1 sites, or ones that are already in place, accepting visitors). There are, however, precious reserves yet untapped (Tiers 2 and 3); this is where the Chowan County Heritage Development Council, and the Resource Team Familiarization Tour (scheduled for May 19) come into play.

As part of a group including a 19-county area, the Chowan County Heritage Development Council is composed of representatives from diverse organizations and backgrounds

(e.g., Arts Council, Town Council, Downtown Merchants, Chowan County Extension, African/American Heritage, Yeopim Township), and is dedi-

important. We don't want to lose them," says Nancy Nicholls, Chowan County TDA/Chamber representative.

Last week, in Perquimans

pending on the outcome of the group's findings, Perquimans may be eligible to receive state and federal grants to further develop the county's historical, cultural, and natural resources.

May 19, it is Edenton's turn to host the FAM tour, with the interagency Representatives Resource Team from Raleigh.

Nicholls describes how the Chowan group first met in November 1998, under an initiative started through NC's Northeast Partnership.

"We're all working together

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'The preservation of what we have - our natural and cultural resources - are important. We don't want to lose them.'

Nancy Nicholls

Chowan County Tourism Development Authority

ated to the preservation of a way of life.

"Managed growth is very important. The preservation of what we have - our natural and cultural resources - are

County, a federal resource team visited with EPA agents and representatives from the Department of the Interior and Commerce, the Smithsonian Institution, and others. De-



Rep. Bill Culpepper of the NC House of Representatives

Celebrating hope and opportunity is theme

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The Democratic Women of Chowan County have been busy!

Rep. Bill Culpepper and Sec. of State Elaine Marshall attended the meeting of the Democratic Women of the Third Congressional District on Saturday, May 1. The meeting, "celebrating the hope and opportunity of the new millennium", was held at the Dram Tree, Edenton, and was attended by women from Chowan, Craven, Dare, and Onslow counties.

Chowan DW Mary Partin introduced Rep. Bill Culpepper, who noted that, "...It's particularly fitting that you would have a political meeting like this involving women here in Edenton because this was the birthplace...in our country of political activity of women (Penelope Barker)."

The competitiveness of upcoming races was discussed, and the importance of political involvement was stressed.

Sec. of State Elaine Marshall,

the guest speaker, talked briefly about the "race of my life" against Richard Petty, and how people's hard work helped her to win. The importance of having good people in office, and the advantages of having a majority, were also addressed.

"...Our Party is alive and well," Marshall said, "...Today, we are in America's longest continuous period of economic prosperity. Unemployment is at a statistical 0!"

Marshall is a good source to hear this from, since the NC Dept. of the Sec. of State works with the state's business, banking, and legal communities. More can be learned by accessing their web site: <http://www.secstate.state.nc.us>

In a general discussion that followed, concerns about absentee balloting surfaced, but possible solutions were also discussed. In the business session, it was decided that the same officers will serve again next year.

Mary Cude, NCDW State President, gave the next pre-

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SUMMER CAMPS TO BE HELD IN COUNTY

Albemarle Recreation Center is scheduling six weeks of Summer Day Camps at Bennett's Mill Pond and the ARC farm at Valhalla, June 14 through July 30. From 9 a.m. until noon each day, campers will learn how to canoe, how to identify birds and trees and how to communicate with horses. Campers will experiment with peanut products, conduct outdoor science activities, learn how to play folk tunes on a harmonica and how to cook, camp-style. Grades 4-8 are included and the cost is \$55 per weekly session. For more information, call the ARC office at 482-5769. Registrations are limited to 20 campers each week. (Photo courtesy of Bob Harrell)

Purple bows symbol of Relay support

Most of us know the significance of yellow ribbons, but what about purple bows? They show support for "Relay for Life" (week of May 17-23) and can be purchased for \$3 at

Byrum Craft Shop (Edenton), Dozier's Florist (Hertford), Country Flair (Hertford), or BJ's Unisex Beauty Shop (Hertford).

"...The mailman must have been confused...all the purple bows on the mailboxes!" smiles Frances Evans, long-time member (and a founder of) the Rocky Hock Ruitan's "Relay for Life" Team. ("Pink" is for girls, "blue" is for boys, but what is purple?)

The Relay, a national program begun in Washington State, raises money to fight cancer. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society (ACS), a leader in the fight against cancer since 1913. Cancer strikes 1/3 of all Americans.

"You or somebody you love

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Saturday, May 15
4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Center Hill Cross Road Fire Department
Anniversary Supper • Firehouse Chicken

\$5.00
Per Plate