

Local youth participate in Heifer Show

After weeks of training and work, a good washing and brushing, and a lot of patience, the participants and their heifers were ready for the judges and the Third Annual Northeast North Carolina Heifer Show.

Twenty-nine participants, ten from Perquimans County, showed 37 heifers in this past Saturday's show at the Albemarle 4-H Livestock Building in Elizabeth City.

The show was divided into two parts. First the Junior and Senior Showmanship Competition was held, followed by the seven class Heifer Show.

Larry Seal of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture was the judge for showmanship and the heifer show competition.

Several of the Perquimans County participants tried their hand at the Junior Showmanship award, however, none received the coveted trophies of Grand Champion Showman and Reserve Showman.

Jason Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harrell of Hertford, Nickie Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nixon of Hertford, and Cheryl and C. F. Stallings, children of Mr. and Mrs. Claxton Stallings of Belvidere,

competed against four others in the Senior Showmanship category.

After observing the participants for over ten minutes, the judge awarded the Grand Champion Showman Trophy to Cheryl Stallings.

In his comments about his choices of Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Showman, won by Tracy Twiford of Elizabeth City, Seal said "the two girls seem to have more control over their heifers, which shows that they may have worked a little harder with their animals. I give a little more credit to Cheryl, however, because she was much quicker at setting up her heifer, so I give her first place."

Twiford was the only participant in Class One, and was awarded first place for her Simmental Cross Heifer.

Class Two was dominated by Perquimans County youth. They accounted for three of the four contestants.

Donna Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Elliott of Route 2, Hertford, placed first with her Simmental Heifer. She was followed in second by Lori Lichtenwalner, and in third by her sister, Lynn Elliott who also showed a Simmental Heifer.

Nickie Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nixon of Route 1, Hertford, showed a Simmental Heifer owned by Billy Elliott and Willow Creek Farm, and came in fourth place.

C. F. Stallings was the only Perquimans County participant in Class Three and came in fourth place with his Angus Cross Heifer.

An Angus Cross Heifer, shown by Stewart Rayburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Rayburn of Route 1, Hertford, was alone in the competition of Class Four. Rayburn was awarded First place for his heifer and competed again in the Best Over All competition at the end of the Class competition.

Rebecca Rayburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Rayburn of Route 1, Hertford, showed a Limousin Cross Heifer in Class Five.

Also showing from Perquimans County were Nickie Nixon with his Angus-Simmental Cross Heifer, Sue Ann Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lane of Belvidere, showing an Angus-Simmental Cross owned by Ed Nixon of Hertford, and Cheryl Stallings, who showed a Simmental Cross Heifer.

Leah Harrell was again the only Perquimans County Participant in

Class Six. Harrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harrell of Route 1, Hertford, and showed a Simmental Heifer owned by Willow Creek Farm. She competed against nine other participants in this, her first time at the Heifer Show.

Seven participants finished up the last class, Class Seven. Among those was Jason Harrell who showed a Simmental Heifer owned by Willow Creek Farm. This was also Jason's first time at competing in the Heifer Show.

Following the Class Competition, the seven first place winners and their heifers were called back into the ring for the Best Over All in the Show competition.

Donna Elliott and Stewart Rayburn both led their heifers again into the ring, but Grand Champion Heifer went to Harold Smith of Jones County and Reserve Champion Heifer went to Tracy Twiford of Elizabeth City.

In his closing comments, the judge stated that the heifers shown were good examples of what cattlemen were looking for in their breeding stock and he wished those good luck who plan to enter their heifers in the State Fair at Raleigh this weekend.



Cheryl Stallings of Belvidere is shown here receiving her first place, Grand Champion Showman trophy. Stallings also came in third in the Class Five competition with her Simmental Cross Heifer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claxton Stallings of

Belvidere. She and her brother C.F. Stallings, fourth place winner in the Class Three competition, will carry their Heifers to the N.C. State Fair where they will compete against youth from all over the state. (Photo by Pat Mansfield)



Stewart Rayburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Rayburn of Hertford, won first place in Class IV with his Angus Cross Heifer. Rayburn is shown here competing in the over all Best Heifer Class. This was the first time Rayburn had competed in the Heifer show. (Photo by Pat Mansfield)



First place in Class Two was won by Donna Elliott who showed a Simmental Heifer owned by Willow Creek Farm. Elliot is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Elliott of Hertford. Her sister, Lynn Elliott came in third place in this class with her Simmental Heifer. (Photo by Pat Mansfield)



Sue Ann Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lane of Belvidere, leads her Angus-Simmental around the show ring while competing in Class Five. Four of the eight participants in the class were from Perquimans County. The other three were Nickie Nixon, Rebecca Rayburn and Cheryl Stallings. (Photo by Pat Mansfield)



Leah Harrell waits as the judge makes his decision for Class Six. Harrell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harrell of Hertford, along with her brother Jason, showed Simmental Heifers owned by Billy Elliott, Willow Creek Farm, of Hertford. This was the first time Leah or Jason had competed in the Heifer Show. (Photo by Pat Mansfield)

I.I.I. issues leaflet on kerosene safety

If you use a kerosene heater, use it safely. That's the message the Insurance Information Institute wants to get across in its new Kerosene Heater Safety leaflet.

The return of cooler weather means that about 10 million portable keosene heaters will be back in operation before long.

The Institute notes that this firing up is taking place as the nation prepares to observe Fire Prevention Week October 9-15.

The federal Consumer Product Safety Commission staff has recommended important product changes for kerosene heaters. But most current models lack these added safety features and the Institute's leaflet seeks to help consumers avoid a number of serious hazards.

The Institute's leaflet tells how to use a kerosene heater safely, how to pick a model, deal with hazards, handle fuel and conduct summer-fall maintenance. Copies are free by calling toll-free 800-221-4954.

The Kerosene Heater Safety leaflet notes that burns could be caused by direct contact with a heater or by ignition of combustible clothing. Children and pets should be kept at a safe distance from operating heaters.

Fires could be caused by operating the heater too close to furniture, draperies or other combustibles, by knocking over a lighted heater or by igniting the fuel when filling the tank.

Explosions could be caused by using the wrong kind of fuel, such as gasoline, or by operating the heater in an area where there are combustible fumes.

The Kerosene heater Safety leaflet also discusses the risk of asphyxiation and indoor air pollution.

Oxygen could be reduced to a dangerous level if kerosene heaters are operated in a small room or inadequately ventilated area.

This could lead to incomplete combustion of fuel and produce carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless gas, which in sufficient concentrations, or if breathed over a period of time, can kill without warning.

Kerosene heaters also can emit such pollutants as carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide. Breathing these substances can create a risk.

What's the best way to minimize the pollution and asphyxiation dangers?

The leaflets says it's important to have adequate ventilation to other rooms and a source of fresh, outside air such as a window or door open at least one inch whenever a kerosene heater is used.

The leaflet adds that keosene heaters could be especially hazardous in bedrooms and should NEVER be used while a family is sleeping.

Kerosene haters are still illegal in some areas and consumers are urged to check with their local fire department or fire marshal's office for any restrictions before making a purchase.

Consumers shopping for a kerosene heater should look for a recognized seal of approval such as the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label.

FmHA announces emergency rates for farmers in designated counties

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said President Reagan has instructed him to reduce Emergency Loan rates by three percent, from eight to five percent, for all farmers operating in counties designated eligible in the Natural Disaster Emergency Loan Program for the 1983 crop season.

The five percent rate will apply to the first \$100,000 borrowed. The balance will be subject to the eight percent rate. This reduction applies

to all eligible farmers who are unable to obtain credit elsewhere.

The current rate of 13.75 percent applies to those able to obtain credit elsewhere.

"After reviewing the input I received from governors of the affected states earlier this month, it became apparent that additional action was necessary to assist agriculture in these areas," Block said.

"Reducing these interest rates will provide an extra boost to these farmers, especially those who are not already benefiting from Federal Crop Insurance or from participation in the payment-in-kind program."

Steps have already been taken to speed up the delivery of Emergency Loan checks to eligible farmers, Block said. These steps, including new equipment, extra office help and improved practices, should cut by more than one-half the time between

loan approval and check delivery.

"Farmers realize there is certain risk in the business of agriculture," Block said. "They are willing to face those risks or they wouldn't be in the business."

"But natural disasters such as we have seen this summer require additional assistance. We are making every effort, within reasonable limits, to ease the burdens as farmers recover from this severe drought."



The Band Of Pirates under the field direction of Eric Skinner and Alice White salute the judges during band

competition. The Perquimans band won the Band of the Day award for the second week in a row at the Festival of Bands

held at Chowan College in Murfreesboro. (Photo by Ken Castelleo)

Perquimans Band of Pirates win in field competition

By KEN CASTELLOE
BOOM DYNAMITE!! This phrase most accurately describes the "Band of Pirates" from Perquimans High School. Under the direction of David Ziemba, this group dressed in black and gold, explodes with music during the halftime of the high school football games. But it doesn't end there, these kids represent Perquimans High School and Perquimans County at area band competitions.

Recently, the "Band of Pirates" have competed in two very prestigious competitions.

During the Peanut Festival in Edenton, the band came back with individual honors from their division and also the award for the all-around Band of the Day. This award is presented to the band that gives the best performance of the day.

On October 8, the "Band of Pirates" under the field direction of Eric Skinner and Alice White,

competed in the Festival of Marching Bands held on the campus of Chowan College. The band competed against the following area AA marching units: Richlands High School, John A. Holmes High School, Apex High, Williamston High School, and Tarboro High School.

After viewing some very impressive shows the judges made their decisions that appeared to be an upset for Perquimans. The Pirates won the third best drum line and second best majorettes awards. Then, with anticipation in the air, the judges announced "Band of the Day" award, in which the "Band of Pirates" were once again the winners.

Not only did they win a trophy but also a cash award of \$500 was presented on behalf of the Belk Tyler stores of Eastern North Carolina. This was truly a great honor for our "Band of Pirates" to win for two consecutive weeks. At halftime of the

Chowan-Ferrum football game that afternoon the band took the field to perform their award winning performance.

The Perquimans band will be in competition again very soon but for right now they should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Booster Club schedules pig picking

The Perquimans Pirates Athletic Boosters Club is sponsoring a pig picking on Friday, October 21, from 4-7 p.m. at the Perquimans County High School cafeteria.

Plates are \$3.00 each and my be picked up or eaten at the school. Tickets may be purchased from any Boosters Club member.