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Pictured above are Tiffany Nixon with her dad Ed and their grand champion steer. Tiffany steer won grand champion last week at the Albemarle Livestock Show and Sale held in

Elizabeth City on Tuesday and Wednesday. See more pictures from the show and sale on page 11.

## Perquimans County 4-Hers win top honor at Albemarle livestock show and sale

The forty-second annual Albemarle Livestock Show and Sale was held last week in Elizabeth City, and Perquimans County 4-Hers had a spectacular showing coming away with two of the three coveted prizes.

Tiffany Nixon, daughter of Ed and Barbara Nixon, had the grand champion steer, and Linda Layden, daughter of Charles and Mittie Layden had the grand champion pig, while Brian Rayburn, son of Walker and Marge Rayburn showed the reserve champion lamb.

The show got underway on Tuesday afternoon with the judging of the lambs and showmanship for youths showing lambs. In addition to the reserve champion lamb several youngsters from the county did well with their animals. Charlie Layden received second place in the light weight category, Kevin Roberts received first place in the medium weight category, and Brian Rayburn placed second in the heavy weight category. In fitting and showmanship of lambs Becky Rayburn received a third place in the senior division, while Christy Layden received third place in showmanship for the junior division.

In the swine department judging which was done on Wednesday morning of the show Perquimans County also did well. In addition to the grand champion pig Lynn Trueblood won reserve champion pig. In the junior division, ages six through twelve, Jeremy Ivey placed second in the light weight division, Lynn Trueblood placed first in the medium weight division, Michael Stallings placed second in the medium weight division, and Charlie Layden placed third in the heavy weight division. In the senior division of the hog showing, ages 13 through 19, Linda Layden placed first in the heavy weight division, Matt Williams placed second in the heavy division, and Dabney Woodard placed third in the heavy weight division. In the hog fitting and showmanship Jason Harrell took second place in the senior division, while his sister Leah took third place.

On Wednesday afternoon the tension mounted during the judging of the steers. Perquimans County stole the show winning the top three coveted awards. In addition to the grand champion steer won by Tiffany Nixon, Jeff Williams won reserve champion steer, and Leah Harrell won third place for her steer. In addition to the three top awards given Jason Harrell also took a third place in the heavy weight division.

In fitting and showmanship of the steers, Tiffany Nixon took a second place in the senior division, and Suann Lane took third place in the senior division. Perquimans County also won the top award for In addition to the other top awards in the steer division of the show Perquimans County also won the award for the best three steers from one county.

On Wednesday evening the children experienced some mixed feelings as they sold their animals at the livestock sale. The children did well this year with the sale of their animals. Tiffany Nixon, received \$6.00 per lb. for the grand champion steer, for a total of \$7,230.00 from R.O. Givens, Jeff Williams received \$1.00 per pound from Farm Fresh for the reserve champion steer for a total of \$1,270.00. In addition to the money Jeff received from Farm Fresh several business in the county donated an additional \$450.00 to raise the price of the steer. Leah Harrell received \$1.30

per pound for her third place steer for a total of \$1579.50 from Packard Marketing. In the sale of the swine Linda Layden received \$5.75 dollars per pound for the grand champion pig for a total of \$1380.00 from Farm Fresh, Lynn Trueblood received \$4.75 per pound for the reserved champion pig for a total of \$1045 from Miller's Livestock and Hollowell Oil Company, and Brian Rayburn received \$3.00 per pound for the reserve champion lamb for a total of \$375 from Winslow-Blanchard Motor Company.

The other children from the county who participated in the livestock show included: Beth Boynton, Charity, Angel, and David Cartwright, Lisa Curles, Heather and Jeremy Ivey, Neil Eure, William and Daniel Fowler, Christopher and Patrick Gregory, T.J. Langley, Amanda Nixon, Marsha and Logan Perry, Denise and Donna Perry, Kevin and Michael Roberts, Michael and Kimberly Stallings, Stephanie and Carson Stallings, Matt Williams, and Drew Woodard, and Stuart and Cindy Rayburn.

ers who will be on hand to pay special tribute to Jimmy for his baseball success, his community support, and his friendship. Other special guest who are on hand will also be making presentations. Following the program which will last approximately an hour, a good old fashioned barbecue dinner will be served. The dinner is free to all guests in town for Jimmy Hunter day. It will feature barqued pig and all the fixins'. No take-outs will be allowed. All the pigs and other essential items for the barbecue were donated by county businesses and area citizens.

The high-light of the day will begin at 8:00 p.m. with the start of the old timers baseball game. The game is an annual event sponsored by the Perquimans Athletic boosters club and will feature members of the 1964 championship baseball team against the Perquimans pirates of 1987. Members of the 1964 team include Freddie and Frances Combs as well as Jimmy who will be pitching during the big game on Saturday. Cost for tickets is \$2.00, and all proceeds go to the Perquimans High School Athletic Boosters Association who are sponsoring the event. Make plans now to be in Hertford this weekend, Saturday, May 9th, for Jim "Catfish" Hunter day, you won't want to miss all the excitement

Immediately following the parade at approximately 4 p.m. the official program will get underway. The program will feature special guests such as Mike Hershburger, Frances and Freddie Combs, Charles Woodard, and Bobbie Carter in addition to others

## County manager resigns

As of May 26, 1987, Perquimans County will be without a county manager.

At Monday's meeting of the county commissioners, County Manager, Randy Keaton submitted his resignation. Keaton stated in a letter to the board of commissioners that after much consideration and thought, he had decided to submit his resignation as county manager.

Keaton is resigning from his position to accept the position of county manager in Pasquotank County.

Keaton went on in his letter to the board stating that he had enjoyed his tenure in Perquimans County, and that it was very exciting for him to be the county's first manager. "It has been very exciting to be the first County Manager in Perquimans County, and I believe much has been accomplished during the past two and one-half years," said Keaton.

Keaton will work on a part-time basis for the county until June 1st when next year's budget is completed, and will also be available to work with the new county manager when he is hired.

All of the commissioners stated that they hate to see Randy leaving the county, but wish the best for him.

The county will begin advertising for a new county manager as soon as possible, and the board hopes to find someone to fill the position very quickly.

In other business conducted by the board on Monday, Mrs. Emma Burke, President of the Perquimans Extension Homemakers club, came before the board to invite them to the annual County Commissioners luncheon on June 1, 1987. The luncheon will be sponsored by the club, and will be held at the Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Office.

Stan Winslow, County Extension Director, also visited with the board on Monday. Mr. Winslow reviewed with board members the results of the Albemarle Area Livestock Show and Sale. Mr. Winslow also invited

members of the board to the awards banquet for the livestock show which is to be held tonight, Thursday, May 7th, at Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City.

The commissioners stated their support of the livestock programs in the county, and added that they were extremely pleased with the county's showing in this event.

The board also scheduled the first of several budget workshops they will be holding to prepare the 1987-1988 budget for the county. The first workshop was held Tuesday evening, May 5. The board will meet with the school board next week to review the 1987-1988 budget for the school system, and the new budget for the county should be completed by June 1st.

Representative Pete Thompson also visited with the board Monday on his way back to Raleigh. Rep. Thompson reported to the board on several bills which will be voted on during this session of the general assembly.

Thompson told the commissioners that the county land transfer tax is still on shaky ground. Thompson stated that several groups are opposing the bill including realtors, and the home builders industry. The bill should be voted on soon, and according to Thompson it could go either way at this point. Rep. Thompson also reported that the bill for the additional one cent sales tax will hopefully pass the house, but that there may be some opposition in the senate.

The commissioners thanked Rep. Thompson for stopping by to see them, and discussed with him their feeling on several upcoming bills.

Randy Keaton also informed board members on Monday that the new street sign maps are now available. The street sign maps are currently being sold at the courthouse. Cost for the maps is 50 cents per sheet.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Jim "Catfish" Hunter day set for Saturday

On Saturday Hertford and Perquimans County will honor one of their most famous native sons Jim "Catfish" Hunter.

Festivities have been planned to honor Hunter on the occasion of his induction into the baseball hall of fame, but also to acknowledge his many contributions to Perquimans County.

Jim "Catfish" Hunter day will begin on Saturday afternoon at approximately 3 p.m. with a parade. The theme for the parade will be "On the road to the hall of fame". The parade will organize at Harris Shopping Center on Grubb Street, and will travel through downtown Hertford to the high school. It will feature 45 vehicles according parade committee chairman, Charlie Skinner. Participants in the parade will include the Perquimans County High School marching pirates, the Union School Band, members of the Hunter Family, special guests, and of course Jimmy Hunter. The parade will be restricted to motorized vehicles only, and should last between 35 and 40 minutes.

Immediately following the parade at approximately 4 p.m. the official program will get underway. The program will feature special guests such as Mike Hershburger, Frances and Freddie Combs, Charles Woodard, and Bobbie Carter in addition to others

## Special Olympics seen as a big success

"Did we see you there? You missed a real fun day if you didn't come!"

The Perquimans County Special Olympics was held on last Thursday, April 30th at Hertford Grammar School. The all day Olympic Spring Games were enjoyed by Olympians, parents, volunteers, huggers, and spectators. Approximately fifty athletes participated from the four county schools. This year's local olympic site was a first. Teachers, students, cafeteria staff and principal Bill Tice worked cooperatively with their all day Thursday visitors. A special thanks is extended to them all.

The Spring Games began at 9:30 a.m. The Olympic March was led by banner bearers Jackie Ward and Jesse Etheridge from the high school. The Olympians, huggers and teachers marched out onto the field while the Perquimans Union 7th and 8th grade band played under the direction of David Ziemba. Mr. Pat Harrell, Superintendent of schools, welcomed everyone to the games. Mr. Henry Felton, assistant principal at the high school, was the special guest speaker. He also led the athletes and huggers in reciting the Olympic oath. Additional words of encouragement were given by Kathy Ansink, Coordinator. Lisa Vaughan, from PCHS, lit the Olympic torch and the Spring Games were declared open. Upon this declaration, the PCHS Art Club then released a parachute of colorful balloons.

There were several side attractions at this year's games. Alfred and Velma Cohen set up a snacking area of edibles. They freely distributed carbonated drinks, cookies and chips to everyone. The PCHS Art Club once again had a face painting table. Olympians got a chance to get their faces and/or arms painted different colors.

An attraction that Olympians and spectators alike enjoyed was the viewing of public service vehicles from the Rescue Squad and Sheriff Dept. Kaye Boyce, with the local Rescue Squad and James Logan, with the Sheriff Dept. gave everyone a close up look of the vehicles and answered questions posed to them by the athletes.

The special indoor activity after the games was as much fun as the games themselves. High school art teacher, Deborah Coates, along with huggers, teachers and her assistants, guided the Olympians in making special bookmarks. The bookmarks were both creative and colorful. Following this activity, Mr. Arnell Henry, performed some gospel magic. He proved to all the spectators that once again, the hand is quicker than the eye.

Now that the local Special Olympics is over; some of the athletes are preparing for the Regional Olympics to be held in Elizabeth City on May 9th. The community is encouraged to come to Northeastern High School Athletic Complex to cheer the athletes on. Several Perquimans County persons will play a major role at the Regionals. Pat Harrell will be the guest speaker for the 400 athletes representing eight counties. Anthony Downing, Parks and Recreation Director, will serve as an official at the games. Kathy Ansink, TMH teacher at PCHS, is this year's events coordinator.

The Regionals will be twice as much fun as the local. So, if you missed the locals, here's your chance to catch some of the fun you missed.

On behalf of all of the Perquimans County Athletes, a lot of thanks and hugs are extended to everyone who helped to make the local a success.



Pictured above are local students who participated in the county special olympics last Thursday. They are seen here as they carry the banner in during opening ceremonies.

## Senior center week scheduled in May by Gov. Martin

May has been declared senior citizens month and North Carolina will pay tribute to 108 senior centers in 79 counties the week of May 10-16. For over one million older North Carolinians, the senior center is often the main tie to their community. It is a place for comfort, friendship, assistance, and learning.

Senior Centers came in to being as society realized that increasing numbers of older adults were living out their last years in loneliness, boredom, rejection, and need. They were becoming separated and isolated from the very communities they helped build. Senior centers were conceived as a means by which society could recognize the contributions made by older people and an innovative way in which communities could fulfill this responsibility to give dignity and meaning to the later years.

The theme for "Senior Center Week" is "Senior Centers Are Well-

ness Centers." This is appropriate as senior centers promote the well-being of older persons, both emotionally and physically. Senior center programs and services include exercise, arts and crafts, information and referral, transportation, health screening, trips for cultural and recreational enjoyment, legal services, and workshops. Many centers also serve as meal sites.

Since the establishment of the first senior center in our state in 1976, the division has been committed to expanding the senior center network through state and local funding. In 1978, a portion of the older Americans Act provided a small amount of funds for senior center construction or renovation. The availability of these funds allowed the development of 10-15 senior centers.

Realizing that senior centers were meeting their responsibility to the community and to its citizens, the 1981 General Assembly appropriated

\$165,000 to aid counties in building senior centers. The maximum grant allowed was \$6,000. The most current boost toward expanding the senior center network came in 1984 when the General Assembly allocated \$500,000 toward senior center development. The division received 51 grant proposals, 22 grants were awarded for construction, renovation and equipment. In both 1985 and 1986 the General Assembly appropriated one million dollars for senior center funding. Each year approximately 40 centers received these funds.

The senior center meets its responsibility to the community by working with other agencies to provide opportunities for older adults.

It helps them to receive the services which make it possible to remain independent, and gives them the opportunity to be more involved in matters which affect their lives.

The senior center is one of the most effective tools for keeping older per-

sons in the community, supporting their independence, and providing them with a sense of purpose and well being.

In honor of senior citizens month the local senior center has planned several activities throughout the month of May. According to Patti White, Director of the Perquimans County Senior Center the center is planning a trip to Old Wells Theatre on May 20th, there will be an eye clinic sponsored by Albemarle Opticians on May 26th, and the annual senior center picnic will be held on May 27th at Missing Mill Park in Hertford. For more information on any of the events which are planned please contact Patti White at the Perquimans County Senior Center on Grubb, Street in Hertford.

Visit your senior center during Senior Center Week May 10-16 and throughout senior citizens month. The center has many activities going on all the time.