

Feature



Above the Perquimans County High School Chorus performs during the extravaganza.



Pictured above Troy Elliott works making wood items at the recent extravaganza.

Highlights of the third annual very special Arts Extravaganza

According to organizers, visitors, and participants the third annual Very Special Arts Extravaganza was just that, very special.

For two days, last Thursday and Friday, Union School's gym and the Union School grounds came alive with students' art, exhibits and demonstrations as over 400 spectators visited the extravaganza.

The Arts Extravaganza has many reasons for occurring according to Mrs. Deborah Coates, and Ms. Joan Mansfield, the co-chairman for this year's extravaganza.

First the extravaganza provides a way to let people know what the students in our county schools can do. It lets them show off the artwork that they have been doing throughout the year, and the extravaganza lets our school system show how arts are used as a valuable educational resource in the school system's curriculum.

The Arts Extravaganza program also allows students to see arts from the local community, and allows them to see the part that arts play in the Perquimans County community.

Throughout last Thursday and Friday the gym at Union School was filled with displays which contained students' artwork from all four of the county schools, displays of local artwork and craft items done by local artists and other members of the community, as well as the sounds of music and other performing arts.

The works displayed encompassed many different forms of art media, and included everything from dried flower arrangements done in baby food jars to a video tape produced on a recent trip to the Soviet Union.

In addition to the student's artwork which was on display, several art students from the high school and Union School were on hand Thursday and Friday to give art demonstrations. Paper, pottery, corn shuck dolls, wood items, portraits, pine needle art, and other things were made throughout the two days, and students were given the opportunity to watch other students painting on t-shirts, arms and faces, as well as seeing gymnastics, square dancing, modern dance performances, and much much more.

On Friday the Perquimans County High School FFA group held their barbequed chicken supper from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.. Over 600 tickets were sold for the supper, and members of the FFA alumni including Pete Riddick, Billy Williams, Ed Nixon, Glen Twine, Jimmy Hunter, Joe Tunnell, Phil Winslow, Walker Rayburn, and Tim Phistic as well as parents of FFA members worked to make the dinner a success.

According to Harrell Thach, advisor for the FFA, over 800 chickens were cooked, and the group was very pleased with the turnout and the community's support.

On Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. the Perquimans County High School chorus, and the womens' chorus, under the direction of Mr. Lyn Winslow performed for visitors to the extravaganza.

The festival was brought to a close on Friday evening with the sounds of the Perquimans County High School Jazz Band. The jazz band as well as the 6th, 7th, 8th, and high school band performed on the Union School lawn at from 8:00 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m..

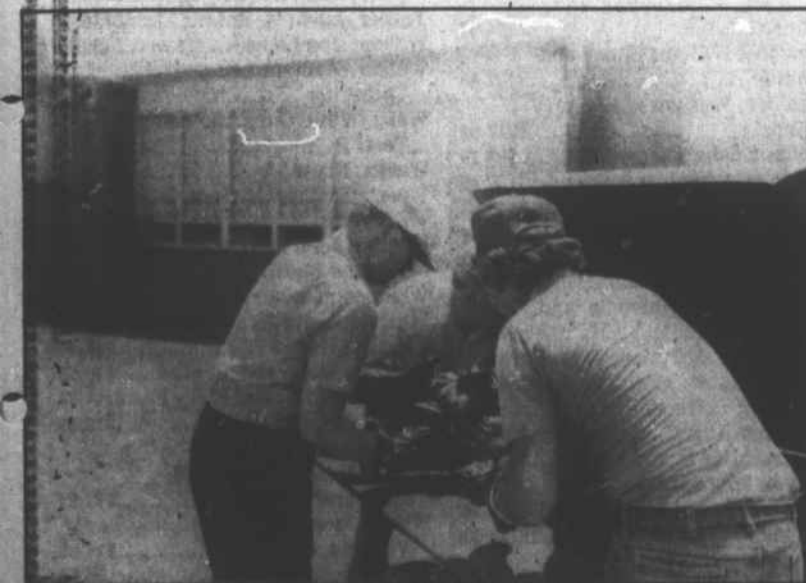
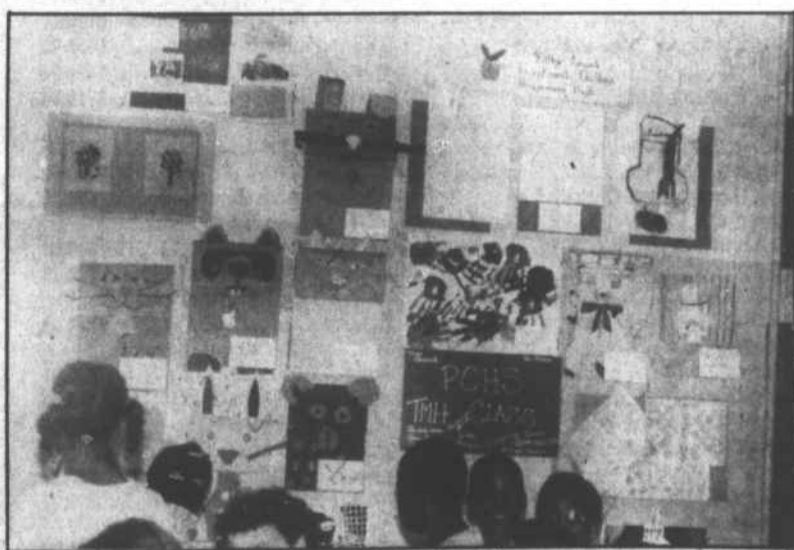
Next year school officials are planning to hold the fourth annual very special Arts Extravaganza at the high school.

Pictured above are members of Mr. Wright's gym classes who performed at the extravaganza. The students in the pyramid are: Ernest Griffin, Clarence Burke, Carol Ann Lewis, Makeur White, Michael Chapman, Reuben Thomas, Percy Foreman, and Anthony Turner.



Karen Ashley gives a pottery demonstration during the extravaganza. This was just one of many demonstration done during the extravaganza.

Pictured above is some of the art work from the TMH and EMH classes at the high school which was on display.



Above members of the FFA Alumni work during the BBQ Chicken Supper held during the extravaganza on Friday afternoon. The club sold over 600 tickets to the event.



Above David Ziemba, Band Director, directs the high school concert band during their concert at the Arts Extravaganza.

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