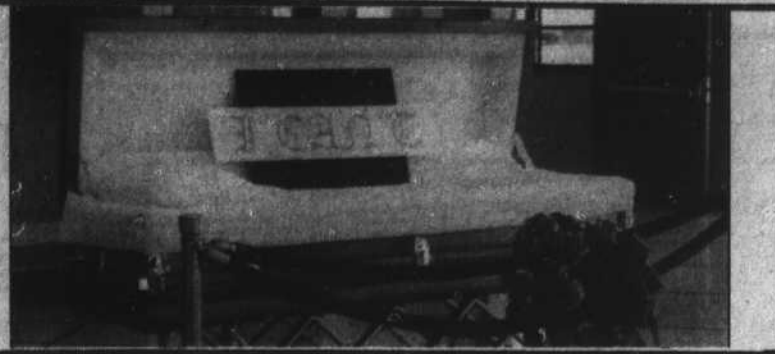


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Indian Summer Festival reaps harvest of fun

Local artists add flair to festival

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The work of local artists highlighted this year's Indian Summer Festival. From the Perquimans County Library's successful Artists Four art show and sale to the Perquimans Weekly's Turtle Mania art contest to the works that graced the downtown merchants' windows, the talent of local artists was displayed throughout the weekend.

The library has tagged Artists Four a huge success, and plans to sponsor the event each year. The show produced sales of over \$3,000, one-third of which will go to the library to purchase needed supplies and equipment. Librarian Shelley Fearn said after expenses, the library will realize a profit of around \$600.

The show featured Perquimans County artists Jimmy Hayes, Jesse P. Perry Jr. and Becky France, as well as Moyock's Dale Ball.

Fearn said the show's art was so good, in fact, that a gallery owner from the Tidewater area has made inquiries about featuring the artists in a show at a Norfolk gallery.

The Turtle Mania contest drew entries from budding artists and experienced artisans alike. Contest organizer Anzie Ziemba said she was extremely pleased with the creativity of the entries, and plans to offer the contest again next year. Winners included:

Ages 3 to 5 - (All submitted by Stepping Stones) Amy, first place; Taylor, second place; and Allison, Sydnes and Darik, third place.

Ages 6 to 10 - Stepping Stones Day Care turtles on a log, first place; Stepping Stones Day Care turtle cups, second place.

Ages 11-14 - Tommy Stokley's fishing turtle, first place.

Ages 15 to Adult - Laura Sullivan, gourd and watermelon turtle, first place; Donna Jordan, clay turtles on a log, and Jackie Hobbs, hand-carved turtle, second place; Becky Perry, stuffed turtle, third place.

On display downtown was a variety of work by Jackie Hobbs, Beulah Bowden, Gwen Hendrix, Laura Sullivan, Beulah Williams, Heather Umphlett, Tommy Stokley, Linda Morris, Kathy Grayson, Ed Roshe and Anzie Ziemba.

40 enter car show

The Parkville Ruritan's car show held at the Perquimans High School athletic field Saturday drew about 40 entries and around 100 lookers, according to Ruritan member Bert Hayes.

Hayes said the club's first show was a learning experience, and with a few changes, could

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Getting creamed



A popular new feature at the 12th annual Indian Summer Festival was the pie-in-the-face auction. Winfall Police Chief David Lane was creamed by his wife, Betty, at the park Saturday during the auction. (Photo by Susan Harris)

Festival queen is crowned

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
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It was reminiscent of the Miss America Pageant. While awaiting the judges' decision, seven very talented Perquimans County High School students held hands, nervously awaiting the name of the first Miss Indian Summer Festival.

The second runner-up was announced. The remaining six girls closed ranks. The first runner-up was named. The five still in line drew a collective breath and waited.

Lena Swet, a 16-year-old sophomore, was crowned the first Miss Indian Summer Festival. Tears streamed down her cheeks as the glittering tiara was placed on her head.

The mistress and master of ceremonies bid the audience good night, and congratulatory hugs commenced on the stage.

"I'm very pleased with the way things turned out," said Brenda Dail, schools coordinator of the pageant. "It was a lot of fun for the girls. We're looking forward to next year."

"I think it's wonderful that we had all this great talent right here in Perquimans County and this gave us the opportunity to share it with people," Dail added.

Dail said the judges, Ginger O'Neal, Sandra Cooper, John Beers, Estelle Felton and Brenda Hollowell, had a difficult time because of the quality of the contestants' talent and appearance.

"Those judges really had a difficult job with such talented contestants and we sincerely appreciate their contribution to the pageant's success," Dail said.

Contestants could earn up to 50 points broken down into four main categories: talent-20 points (ability, stage performance, dedication to talent, creativity and overall projection); poise-10 points (eye contact, smile, coordi-



Miss Indian Summer Festival contestants ham it up with master of ceremonies Doug Layden (center) while the judges make their final selections. The contestants were (left to right)

ination, posture); appearance-10 points (hair, make-up, style, appropriateness of dress, overall eye-catching features); and public speaking-10 points (good voice, voice tone and projection, enthusiasm, eye contact).

Nichole Keefe was named first runner-up and Suzanne Eiland earned second runner-up designation. Contestants also included D'Ani Bines, Timeka Eason, Jennifer Hauptman and Gwanetta Askew.

Like the glitzy Miss America pageant, the Miss Indian Summer Festival boasted introduction music by Lynwood Winslow; a mistress and master of ceremonies, Lu Ann Riddick and Douglas Layden; a contestants' production number, the *Electric Slide*; an explanation of the judging procedures; talent competition; appearance and poise competition; and a master of ceremonies song with the contes-

stants. By all accounts, the talent portion of the contest was outstanding. Singing, dancing, gymnastics and original poetry were presented during the competition.

Dail said several people who attended the pageant told her it was very good, and offered to donate time and prizes to next year's event.

Contestant run-down

*Lena Swet, a 16-year-old sophomore from Belvidere. Daughter of Robert and Carol Swet. Talent: singing *I Will Always Love You*.

*Nichole Keefe, a 14-year-old freshman from Hertford. Daughter of Scott and Kathy Keefe. Talent: gymnastics floor routine to *Love Theme From Flashdance*.

*Suzanne Eiland, a 17-year-old senior. Daughter of Lamar and Sue Eiland. Talent: dance routine to *It's My Thang*.

*Gwanetta Askew, a 15-year-old sophomore. Daughter of Margaret Moore. Talent: reciting a collage collectible of poetry from *The Inner Child*, written by Gwanetta.

*D'Ani Bines, a 16-year-old senior. Daughter of David and Willie Ann Bines. Talent: balance beam routine to *Aladdin's A Whole New World*.

*Timeka Eason, a 16-year-old sophomore. Daughter of Donald and Pamela Steppney. Talent: singing *Wind Beneath My Wings*.

*Jennifer Hauptman, a 16-year-old sophomore. Daughter of Thomas Hauptman. Talent: singing *I'll Never Get Over You Getting Over Me*. Back-up vocals provided by her twin sister, Maggie.

Festival is success

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

The 12th annual Indian Summer Festival reaped a harvest of fun for Perquimans County last Friday and Saturday.

The two-day event sported sidewalk sales, entertainment, crafts, art, food, contests, games and plenty of old-fashioned small-town fun.

Both Chamber executive director Mary Harrell and president Sherry Harrell said they were very pleased with the festival.

"I thought everything went really well," Mary Harrell said. "I thought we had more people than last year. The crowd stayed. I really and truly thought this year went really well."

Sherry Harrell echoed the sentiments.

"All in all, I'm pleased with the way things went. I heard some good comments. I was quite delighted that we had good weather and that it turned a little cooler for us."

Both chamber officials said they got positive feedback from festival-goers and vendors alike.

"The ones (vendors) I talked with had a good day," Mary Harrell said.

She added that this year's festival drew more vendors than the 1992 edition. Because of some adjustments in the placement of the booths, she said, it may have looked as if there were fewer crafters there. She said the new arrangement was tried to make it more convenient for shoppers to browse through all the booths.

Both agreed that the festival's strong point was its diversity.

"We had something for everyone," Mary Harrell said. "You have to offer something for all ages and tastes."

From cloggers to gospel singers to bands to clowns, a variety of entertainers graced the stages downtown and at the park during the festival, providing enjoyment for tots to senior citizens and everyone in between.

Popular new features included the pie-in-the-face auction, watermelon seed spitting contest, turtle bucks auction and Miss Indian Summer Festival pageant.

Athletic director Harrell Thach, county manager Paul Gregory, Winfall police chief David Lane, Farm Bureau agent Lewis Evans, schools superintendent Randall Henion and Perquimans Weekly editor Susan Harris took pies in the face. Bidders raised over \$130 for the chamber to help defray festival costs.

Dana Clair won the junior watermelon seed spitting division, while Tommy Harrell took the adult competition.

Merchants gave out turtle bucks with purchases made in their stores all week, culminating in a turtle bucks auction Friday afternoon. Shoppers gathered to bid on items donated by merchants. The last item, a box of fudge, sold for over \$800 turtle bucks as those with the terrapin money pooled resources to raise the bid.

Lena Swet, named the first Miss Indian Summer Festival during Thursday evening's pageant, appeared throughout the festival, sharing her musical talent.

Sherry Harrell said she has received many positive responses to this year's festival.

"The comments I've heard have been overwhelmingly positive," she said.