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Rain shortens Indian Summer Festival



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The Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates didn't let the rain stop them from putting on a crowd-pleasing performance at the 15th annual Indian Summer Festival Saturday at Missing Mill Park. The band received thunderous applause.

Chamber pleased with annual gala despite bad weather

It wasn't the kind of day the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce had hoped for, but all-in-all, Chamber officials were pleased with the 15th annual Indian Summer Festival.

Rain and wind forced the Chamber to end the festival at 5 p.m., before the perennial favorite street dance and a concert by international artist Ron Moore.

However, there were those folks who settled in under the large tent and enjoyed the



Joy Untold presented a magic show at the Kids Pavilion on the tennis courts.

day's entertainment, food and crafts despite the weather.

"Everybody hung in there for as long as they could," said Chamber Director Sandra Smith. "All in all, it went really well."

Smith said co-chairmen Paige Eure and Tony Lane did a wonderful job of organizing the festival, and she was impressed with the teamwork by all Chamber members and volunteers.

For Smith, Festival is an "adventure"

Sandra Smith labeled her first Indian Summer Festival "an adventure."

The Tyner resident joined the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce as Executive Director on Aug. 21, just a month before festival day. It was the 15th Indian Summer Festival organized by the Chamber, but the first for Smith.

Smith said she was impressed with the cooperation she has seen over the last month among Chamber members.

"Everybody just really pulls together," Smith said.

She said she is looking forward to continuing to meet more people in the community, and to doing her part to help the Chamber grow and be successful.

Smith has already begun work on her second "adventure," the annual Perquimans County Christmas parade. The Chamber voted to sponsor the parade this year with organizational help from the Die Hards, the group of former Jaycees who planned last year's parade. The parade committee met last week to begin work on the Dec. 2 event.

Chamber president A.O. Roberts said he thinks the Chamber made a good choice in hiring Smith for the position.

The position became available upon the retirement of former director Mary Harrell, who Roberts said worked tirelessly for many years. Roberts said he enjoyed his long association with Harrell, and appreciates her efforts on behalf of the Chamber and business community.

ROYALTY/HOMECOMING COURT



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Homecoming queen Pam Mallory and king James Hurdle were crowned by P.C.H.S. assistant principal Dwayne Stallings during halftime festivities of the Perquimans-Weldon football game Friday night. Both students are seniors. The school's Student Council sponsors homecoming each year. Theme days, a bonfire and pep rally led up to the evening's festivities.

The rain let up just long enough for the Perquimans High School homecoming court to be crowned Friday evening. On the court were (above, left to right) Shalonda Leary, Mr. Class of 1999 Travis Hurdle, Theresa Land, Mr. Class of 1998 Tavarus Ferebee, Tyline Overton, Prince Andrae Vaughan, Queen Pam Mallory, King James Hurdle, Nina Litterst, Brandon Stokely, Princess Shikara Elliott, Brian White, Miss Class of 1998 Jennifer Rountree, Toby Crandall, Miss Class of 1999 DeeDee Sheard and Erik Whidbee. Each class made nominations, then voted on two male and two females as semi-finalists. The entire student body chose the winners.

Regional library celebrates birthday

With a quick look back and a long look forward, the Pettigrew Regional Library System is celebrating its 40th year of providing library services to the residents of Chowan, Tyrrell and Washington counties. Perquimans County signed on with the system in 1976.

In the mid-1950s, the state library and individual counties began to realize that if smaller, rural counties pooled money and shared costs, more of their resources would be available for books and library services. The idea of county libraries in this area joining together into a regional system was hatched in the summer of 1955, and by September of 1955, the Board of Commissioners of Chowan, Tyrrell and Washington counties approved membership.

Commitment to the joint operation of a library system was a big step for county leaders, according to Martie Smith of the regional library, because it involved the exchange of money. From its inception, the contract between the counties and the regional library stipulated that all state aid funds and local appropriations would be administered from a regional account. The book collections were to be owned in common, and would be rotated among the libraries and bookmobiles.

Through trust and cooperation, all of the matters of finance and authority were worked out, and the three counties formed the Pettigrew Region. Later, Perquimans County saw how well the concept was working and decided to join.

In its first full year of opera-

tion, Pettigrew had 38,715 books, many of which were uncataloged. Now, the system has over 112,000 books, plus audiobooks, videos, subscriptions to 125 magazine and newspaper titles, and a couple of computerized magazine indexes with the full-text of numerous other magazine articles.

Although traditional bookmobile service was discontinued two years ago, homebound individuals in all four counties have books and audiobooks delivered to their houses by Melinda Galtress.

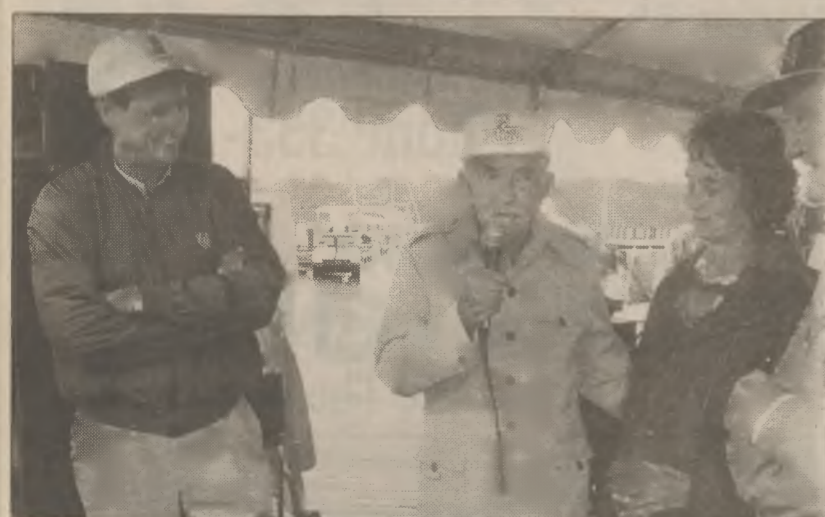
The offices of the regional library are housed in Washington County Library in Plymouth. Space is now running short, and Smith hopes to see separate quarters for the regional offices one day.

Although they sometimes feel invisible, the regional staff provides behind-the-scenes services. Vonnie Furlough handles finances; Faith Noell, Debbie Haggerty and Dorothy Nemecek handle orders and cataloging; and Susan Stillman is the computer expert.

Stillman's services will be extremely important over the next few months as the region automates. Thanks to a federal grant and funds procured through local library boards, the regional library will computerize its card catalogs.

Smith said the regional concept has been successful because of the cooperation and dedication of the regional and local staffs, and the county governments and library boards involved.

A display will be in the Perquimans County Library Oct. 2-13 commemorating the regional library's 40 years.



Developers Woody Perry (left to right) and Pete Bosher were joined by Kitty Bosher and Jim Johnson at the grand opening of The Marina at Albemarle Plantation Saturday.

The Marina opens

Albemarle Plantation officially opened its marina Saturday, signaling the completion of yet another phase of the planned community.

Only 15 minutes from the Intracoastal Waterway, The Marina is a full-service facility providing 212 slips. Amenities include free water and electricity, fuel, cable TV, a pumping station and optional telephone hook-ups.

Also available to Marina guests are golf packages to

play Sound GolfLinks and dining at Pavo's Restaurant at the Albemarle Plantation Clubhouse.

Guests at Saturday's grand opening enjoyed barbecue and entertainment and seemed not to mind the rain too much.

Sales topped \$6 million in 1994 at the 1,600-acre golf and boating community on the Albemarle Sound, and General Manager Wilson Greene said he expects 1995 to be another banner year.

Outside

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
High: 70s	Low: 50s	High: 70s	Low: 50s	High: 70s	Low: 50s
MOSTLY SUNNY		MOSTLY SUNNY		MOSTLY SUNNY	