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## Prayer service held

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Hundreds of people from all walks of Perquimans County life joined in prayer Sunday at Memorial Field.

County Commissioners Chairman Charles Ward called a group together last Monday to organize a service of prayer and remembrance in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

During the service, community and government leaders prayed for all segments of the community as the nation continues to deal with the tragedy.

The Hertford Fifes and Drums presented the colors, and U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Cynthia B. Moore sang the national anthem.

Offering prayers were Rev. Johnson London, firefighter Jonathan Nixon, Sheriff Eric Tilley, Rev. Gene Boyce, PCHS student Glenn Wiggins, Winfall Mayor Fred Yates and Gen. George Stringer. Hertford Mayor Sid Eley, Ward and Rev. Walter Leigh were also on the program.

A choir composed of students and staff from the high school sang. Larry Privott ended the program

by playing "Taps" on the trumpet.

A contingent of Hertford volunteer firefighters attended as a group in uniform to honor their fellow rescue workers in New York.

During the attacks, four commercial passenger airplanes were hijacked, two of which were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon, and one crashed in Pennsylvania. Hundreds of people are dead and over 6,400 are listed as missing from the World Trade Center.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Members of the Hertford Fife and Drum Corps presented the colors during Sunday's countywide service of prayer and remembrance held on Memorial Field at Perquimans County High School.

## ALS FUND RAISERS

### Money raised for Hunter charity

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Fog blanketed Perquimans Saturday morning, and so did an outpouring of support for the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation.

Hundreds of people raised money to benefit research and patient support through the Foundation.

According to Tommy Harrell, a Foundation board member, about 240 people left the high school, walked through town and went back to the high school through the cemetery where Hunter is buried for the second annual ALS Walk. As walkers passed Hunter's grave, each placed a flower there in his honor.

Among the walkers were Hunter's wife, Helen, his children and grandchildren, and several siblings, nieces and nephews.

Harrell said organizers expect to know the total funds raised by midweek.

Over in Winfall, Saturday's games were delayed due to the fog that blanketed the county athletic fields.



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS

Hundreds of people walked through Saturday morning's fog to raise money for the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation.

The third annual ALS Men's Softball Tournament organized by Hunter's niece, Joan Hunter Rountree, kept both fields full of players Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Fifteen teams and hundreds of spectators spent the weekend in Winfall, watching, playing, participating in the home-run derby, purchasing ALS sportswear and enjoying concessions.

Rountree could not be reached Tuesday for final numbers on funds raised and winners.

Hunter died from complications of ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, on Sept. 9, 1999. He had supported the establishment of the Foundation set up in his honor in early 1999.

For information, log on to [www.catfishhunter-als.org](http://www.catfishhunter-als.org).



Blair Meads of Elizabeth City rears back and puts it over the fence during the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundarion Men's Softball Tournament in Winfall this weekend.

## Helmet law for cyclists effective Oct. 1

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Helmets are not just for motorcyclists any more.

Monday, a new law goes into effect in North Carolina that requires all children under 16 to wear helmets when riding bicycles. Proponents of the law say the measure has the potential to prevent injuries and save lives.

Dr. Bob Harris, Chief Medical Officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, said statistics show that more than 800 bicycle riders are killed in the U.S. every year, almost all of them in collisions with cars. About 75 percent of those fatalities result from head injuries, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Thousands more suffer serious brain injuries, resulting in permanent behavioral changes, learning disabilities, concentration difficulties, headaches and balance problems.

The National Safe Kids Campaign reports that head injury is the leading cause of death due to bicycle crashes in children, and is the most important factor leading to permanent disability among children.

Statistics show that at present, only about 15-25 percent of child bicyclists

wear helmets, according to Harris. Wearing a helmet can prevent about 85 percent of cyclists' head injuries, he added.

Provisions of the new law include:

- Any parent or guardian who fails to require a child under 16 to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle will be fined \$10.

- All bicycle passengers who weigh less than 40 pounds or are less than 40 inches tall must be seated in separate restraining seats.

- No person who is unable to maintain an erect, seated position shall be a passenger in a bicycle restraining seat.

- All bicycle passengers must be seated on saddle seats.

Bike helmets range from about \$10-\$20. They are available in most large chain stores, bicycle shops, sporting goods stores and toy stores.

Guidelines for purchasing helmets provided by Harris include:

- Choose a bright-colored helmet so drivers in cars can see it.

- Make sure the helmet is ventilated, since the foam holds heat in.

- Check the fit in the store. Place the helmet on the child's head and adjust

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Republican Congressman Walter B. Jones Jr. (left) was in Hertford Saturday, speaking at the annual Republican Party Beans 'N Jeans political rally.

## Jones is guest at Republican rally

The U. S. Congress is united in supporting President Bush in declaring war on terrorism, Republican Congressman Walter B. Jones Jr. told folks in Hertford Saturday night.

The congressman was on hand for the second annual Perquimans County Republican Party Beans 'N Jeans event. About 75 local residents attended the rally at the American Legion Post 126.

Jones said he was holding a press conference at the time the commercial airliner struck the

Pentagon. He talked about events and activities in the nation's capital immediately after the attack.

The impact on federal elected officials of the terrorist attacks on this country has been unbelievable, Jones said. He said the full attention of both houses of congress is directed toward dealing with the U.S. response to the attacks. Other items on the congressional agenda will have to wait, he added.

Jones discussed how proud he has been of President Bush, the rescue workers and the American

people as a whole as they have dealt with this tragedy.

Other guests at the event included N.C. Supreme Court Justice Robert Edmunds, former N.C. Senate candidate Ron Toppin and former N.C. Insurance Commissioner candidate Mike Causey.

The event concluded with the introduction of some of the key players in the newly energized Camden County Republican Party — Sandy Duckwell, former sheriff Joe Jones and former deputy Lee McPherson.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
High: 71  
Low: 51  
SUNNY

FRIDAY  
High: 68  
Low: 49  
MOSTLY SUNNY

SATURDAY  
High: 69  
Low: 53  
PARTLY CLOUDY