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WRIGHTSTOWN-Carole Felix was among the award-winning artists at the Burlington County Agriculture Festival Sunday at Smithville Park, Eastampton. William S. Haines Jr., freeholder director, presented her with an award certificate for her watercolor, "Porch Lights". The county purchased her painting for exhibit. The juried art show will be on display at Smithville Mansion until Oct. 27.

Halloween haunted

Who is Richard Prickett?

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PEMBERTON TWP.- Richard Prickett is the president of the township council. Maybe you don't recognize him under that title. But would you remember him as one of the dunkers at last month's Community Day? He, along with the mayor and another councilmember, Clarence Williams, graciously took part in the dunk tank to raise money for the Veteran's Memorial here in town. Prickett said "750 balls were thrown that day, approximately 10% of those balls hit the target, and \$250 was raised."

That is only a small part of Richard Prickett. On the

serious side, the township council is the legislative arm of the township. He, as well as the other councilmembers, are an elected body of five citizens performing such tasks such as reviewing resolutions and ordinances. The council also researches grants that would aid and assist Pemberton Township. Just recently the council reviewed and applied for a Green Acres grant that will add additional property in the township. The goal of this property will be a garden. Another grant that has been applied for is to aid low and middle income wage owners in fixing up their homes.

The train restoration is important to Prickett and

his council. A transportation grant was awarded four years ago to assist in this restoration. Prickett has contacted the architect and requested that the restoration move forward. The goals of this restoration is to restore the train station, reconstruct the platform around the station, upgrade the handicap facilities and parking lot, as well as complete the lighting with unique lamps that match the lamps originally used at the train station.

The job of president of this council is not a full-time job. He is a full time high school teacher in Lakewood. He ran for the office of president of the council because he believes in the town and

wanted to help the town. Prickett has lived here for 24 years and he said he is "of this community."

Prickett said one of the council's future plans is to apply for a Green Acre grant for Presidential Lakes to build a pavilion and office. With 2200 people living in Presidential Lakes, "the people need their own BMIA building."

For more information on the duties, goals and responsibilities of the township council, their meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month in the municipal building at 7 p.m. in room 10. You can access information about the council online at <http://www.pemberton-twp.com>.