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Student facing felony after hallway assault

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A Perquimans County High School sophomore faces a felony charge of assault by strangulation following an incident last week in a school hallway.

Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said Ryan Rash, 18, of the 700-block of Holiday Island Road, is charged with the felony after Rash allegedly assaulted a

female student under the age of 16 in the hallway between classes April 24.

"They had a few words between them and witnesses said he grabbed her around the neck and started choking her hard enough to leave red marks around her neck," said Tilley.

Tilley said the victim reported the incident to the school's administration who turned it over to the school's resource officer

who sought the warrant.

Authorities say Rash was released under a \$10,000 unsecured bond.

Brenda Lassiter, public information officer for the school system, said Rash was immediately suspended from school.

"After his suspension is over at the high school, he will be placed in an alternative setting for education, not at PCHS," she added. "No bus transportation

will be provided for him."

Lassiter reiterated that law enforcement will take the lead in the matter.

Last week's incident at PCHS was not the only time police were called to help with disruptive students. On Thursday, a fight among students on an extended-day school bus on Harvey Point Road caused local police to intervene as well.

Lassiter said no one injured

during the fight between two middle school students onboard the bus and disciplinary action was taken next day at school.

"Video from the bus was pulled and will be considered as evidence in the matter," she said.

The bus driver apparently called the school resource officer who in turn called for help from law enforcement. Students were escorted off the bus and transported to their homes.

SUPER SATURDAY



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Approximately 100 people participated in the 5K run/walk sponsored Saturday morning at the Perquimans County Recreation Center by members of the Junior Women's Club of Perquimans County. Ben Godfrey (No. 29), finished first. In addition to the 5K race on Saturday, Perquimans High students celebrated prom and the Albemarle Master Gardeners held their annual spring garden show. See slideshows of prom and garden show at DailyAdvance.com.

Daja Felton (right) heads for the prom entrance at Perquimans County High School, Saturday. The school's gym was transformed into a night to remember around the theme "Fairy Tale."



Local gardeners and other interested spectators attended the Albemarle Master Gardener Spring Garden Show on Saturday at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. A variety of activities kept the crowd busy including plant sales, bake sales, raffles, the children's garden, speakers, and "Ask a Master Gardener" booth.

PCHS wins state good sportsmanship award

Perquimans County High School is one of two high schools in the state scheduled to receive a major award during the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Annual meeting on May 3 at the Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus.

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High School is the winner of the 2012 Sportsmanship Award. Weddington High School is the sixth annual winner of the Exemplary School Award.

The awards are given as a cooperative venture among the NCHSAA, the North Carolina Coaches Association and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association. In addition to a trophy and a banner for display at the respective schools, each school receives a \$1000 cash award.

The sportsmanship honor is designed to recognize a school that has been ejected free, has a

Baseball ceremony to honor Hunter

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The memory of Jimmy Hunter, better known as "Catfish" Hunter to baseball enthusiasts around the world, will be honored May 7 by naming the high school baseball stadium after the local pitching icon who first threw strikes on Perquimans County dirt before eventually landing in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

The school board will unveil a special sign at 7 p.m. Monday at the baseball field behind the high school.

The Perquimans County Board of Education will unveil a special sign at 7 p.m. that evening at the Perqui-



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mans County Veterans Memorial Field located behind the Perquimans County High School gym. The ceremony will mark the naming of the baseball stadium as the Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter Park.

The ceremony takes place prior to the Perquimans County High School baseball team's last home game of the season against Edenton.

"When we began making plans for the proposed new sports complex across the street from the high

school, it was decided that the baseball field will stay where it is now," explained Brenda Lassiter, public information officer for the Perquimans County Schools. "It is the same field where Jimmy played on in high school and it will always be there for baseball. One of the first steps in creating a new sports complex is to rename the baseball stadium and play tribute to Hunter's life."

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