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## PCHS COMEDY—A HIT!



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Perquimans County High School drama students put on one of the department's best-ever performances Friday evening with the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the

Way to the Forum." The comedic timing was outstanding, as were the singing performances. The thespians were directed by Lynwood Winslow.

## Candidates share similar views on local issues

By GINGER LIVINGSTON  
The Daily Advance

Candidates on the national campaign trail hammer home the notion that they are the diametric opposite of their opponents. However, candidates participating in the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club candidates forum last Thursday shared similar views on curing the twin ills of low test scores in schools and economic development needs.

All the candidates for the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, District Judgeship and House District 86 elections discussed their agendas for the county's future during the 90-minute forum at the courthouse.

Only one local candidate, Gregory C. Barclift who is running for the register of deeds, did not appear. His opponent, Deborah S. Reed, said the register of deeds position requires extensive knowledge about the record keeping process and handling complex records.

The four county commissioner candidates, Shirley Yates, Archie Miller, L. Wayne Howell and Leo A. Higgins, agreed industrial recruitment and job development are important issues facing the county.

Yates said county officials should also explore health care issues for senior citizens and the elderly.

Miller said he wants to see the water system expansion and upgrade being sought by the commissioners finished.

Howell, a farmer, said the board of commissioners needs an agribusiness representative because farming and its support industries provide the bulk of Perquimans County tax dollars.

Higgins said the county needs to start recognizing people working in the public and private sectors to improve Perquimans County. He also wants the county to more stringently enforce its junked car ordinance.

Most of the five board of education candidates — Kathy Keefe, Wallace E. Nelson, Cathy Terranova, Thomas L. Riddick and Helen Shaw — expressed concern about replacing Central Elementary School. But problems of discipline and training students not bound for college to be job ready also topped their list of concerns.

Keefe said most high school students spend 10 years mov-

ing from one job to another before finding permanent employment.

Nelson said students should be encouraged to set high goals so they can tackle technological jobs.

Terranova said teaching the core subjects of English and math and encouraging goal setting would help students.

Riddick said schools need to involve parents and the private sector in educating children by having the two groups attend quarterly forums with school officials.

Shaw said enforcing discipline outside the classroom would help maintain discipline in schools and help students focus on learning.

While candidates for the boards of commissioners and education shared similar ideas, First Judicial Court Judge candidates Edgar Barnes and Ike McRee had no problems pointing out the differences between themselves.

Barnes said he is an experienced judge who wants juveniles coming before his court to own up to their mistakes and that the bench provides him with the opportunity to discuss that the "government should strongly encourage morality."

McRee said as the Pasquotank County Department of Social Services' attorney he sees firsthand the family problems facing troubled youth, especially children living in domestic violence situations.

"When they go to court they deserve better from the bench than a lecture on family values and how they should go back to their abusers," McRee said. Judges need to recognize people are losing faith in the court system.

"I understand you pay for these courts and you have a right to expect justice rendered in a timely, efficient manner," he said.

Bill Culpepper, an attorney and incumbent candidate for the District House 86 seat, touted his role in securing legislation to improve child support collections and to establish a sex offenders registration program. Culpepper said he hopes to secure spots on environmental and court reform committees if re-elected.

His opponents, Creswell's Bill Forbes and Manteo native Rocky Midgette, said their working man backgrounds would allow them to bring a fresh perspective to Raleigh.

## Winfall woman injured at Hertford club

By GINGER LIVINGSTON  
The Daily Advance

A Winfall woman was rushed to Duke University's hospital after being hit in the face with a beer bottle Sunday night.

Jeannine Mullen, 25, of P.O. Box 106, Winfall, suffered severe

cuts to her right eye and face after being hit with the bottle as she exited the Upright Social Club located near the corner of Edenton Road Street and Market Street. She was first taken to Chowan Hospital and then transported to Duke University for emergency surgery to her eye, said Sgt. Dale Vanscoy of the Hertford Police Department. She was listed in stable condition Monday afternoon. It is unclear what, if any, permanent damage was done to her eye.

Mullen apparently argued with an unnamed woman inside the club earlier in the evening. The exchange eventually led to a fight between the women. Then, Mullen was struck in the face as

she was leaving the club shortly after 11 p.m.

Patrol officers Lloyd Rhodes and Ron Jacobs were driving by the area and saw a large crowd gathering around Mullen and went to investigate and called the rescue squad, Vanscoy said. A Perquimans County deputy sheriff had to be called

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to assist in controlling the crowd of over 50 people who gathered to watch.

It is unclear who hit Mullen with the beer bottle. Officers were waiting for her condition to improve before interviewing her.

They are also interviewing people who were at the club because they could obtain little information that night, Vanscoy said.

"Most of the people there were pretty excited, talking about her and the officers had a concern about getting the rescue squad there and trying to get her treated and on her way to the hospital," Vanscoy said. "There's always so many people but nobody saw anything."



PHOTO BY BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN, THE DAILY ADVANCE

Andrea Chaney gets up close and personal with a snake at the first annual March for Parks held Saturday in Missing Mill Park. Although the turnout was low, coordinator Mona Murphy said it was successful.

## March for Parks is small

From staff reports

The crowd was small, but still coordinators of Hertford's first March for Parks Saturday were pleased with the results.

"It's gone well today," said Mona Murphy, a volunteer coordinating the daylong festival in conjunction with Earth Day.

About 100 people, many of them vendors at the festival, watched and participated in activities, including a morning walk around the town, a performance by the RiverWind Aerobic Team and music. A rescue demonstration by the U.S. Coast Guard was cancelled.

The festival was planned as a fund-raiser to benefit local

environmental efforts. Although the turnout was small, over \$300 was raised, all of which will stay in the county for environmental education and projects.

March for Parks is a nationwide festival to celebrate Earth Day and the environment.

Murphy said a proclamation honoring John Beers, the Hertford mayor who recently suffered a stroke, was read early Saturday.

Just recovering from a vacation to Florida and her first attempt at organizing a March for Parks, Murphy said it was too soon to tell if the event will become an annual one in Perquimans, but she's hoping that it will.

## Get in shape at Fit Bodz Gym

From staff reports

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce welcomed Fit Bodz Gym to the business community last Thursday when the Chamber sponsored a ribbon cutting celebrating the gym's grand opening.

Seeing the need for a local gym to help people get and stay in shape, Dianne Banks and Rick Pazzanese opened the gym upstairs over Dianne's Hairstyling. The gym has its own entrance.

Pazzanese, gym manager, has

15 years experience in fitness and body building. He helps patrons put together a safe, sensible, effective exercise and eating plan. The fitness instructor calls his plan the Big 3: weight training for strong muscles, cardiovascular fitness and a safe eating plan.

Gym hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Aerobics will be taught on Monday and Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Perquimans Middle School. Personal training is available.

Stop by the gym or call 426-1588 to get started on a healthy new you.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Business, government and community leaders gathered for the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting at Fit Bodz Gym on Market Street last Thursday.

## Outside

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 60s Low: 40s PARTLY CLOUDY	High: 70s Low: 50s CHANCE OF RAIN	High: 70s Low: 50s CHANCE OF RAIN