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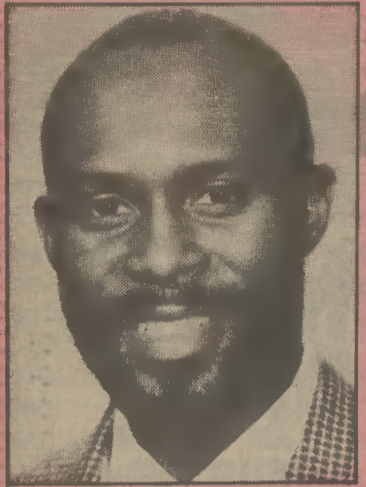
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April's theme:

Value and enjoy our environment
focusing on

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Conserve resources

Incorporate these Healthy HABITS into your daily life and help make our community a better place to live!

For All of Us Care information, contact Dr. Randall L. Henion, Perquimans County Schools 426-5741

Hertford man to be charged in shooting

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
Editor

A Hertford man will be charged in connection with a shooting at his residence on April 15.

A warrant has been issued

charging Christopher Eugene Hardy, 27, of Route 2 Box 120, Swamp Road, Hertford, with assault with a deadly weapon, according to Perquimans County Chief Sheriff's Deputy Dean Cartwright.

Cartwright said Kenneth

Ashburn, 25, of 315 N. 4th Street, Suffolk, Va. was allegedly shot in the side at Hardy's Swamp Road residence just before 11 p.m. Tuesday. Hardy will be charged with firing the shot.

Ashburn was taken by

ambulance to Chowan Hospital where he was treated, kept overnight and released, Cartwright said.

Although details of the events of the evening are sketchy, Cartwright said the incident "appears to have

resulted out of a domestic dispute."

Deputy Ersal Overton was the first to arrive on the scene Tuesday evening. Cartwright said Overton found Ashburn wounded on the Swamp Road property.

SPECIAL ATHLETES



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Some special local athletes enjoyed a fun, if windy and cool, day of running, jumping and other contests when Perquimans County Special Olympics held local games Friday.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Visitors at Bibliopath Bookstore in downtown Hertford will get a surprise if they venture beyond the back wall of books at the store. The back of the shop has been turned into a mini-mall featuring a variety of gifts and other items.

Bibliopath expands

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
Editor

Behind the bookcases at Bibliopath Book Store are several surprises.

Six small shops line the walls behind the shelves in what store manager Kathreen Nelson said is the new Bibliopath Mini-Mall. Yellow arrows on the floor guide shoppers to the mall area.

One of the most interesting features of the mall is the entry display. On the wall are a variety of photographs of buildings and people in Hertford from days gone by.

The small businesses in the mall presently include Ballahack Cards and Crafts, Absolute Mirrors by Barbie, P&S Variety Shop by Pat and Stanley, Jerry (Dr. Z) Zachary Music & Etc. Shop, From the White House, and a consignment shop.

Ballahack Cards and Crafts carries items from shirts to hote cards to bookmarks bearing the names of the county, its communities and points of

interest. In addition to their store, Ballahack owners Louise Dail and Sheila Harrell oversee the other shops in the mall when their owners are not on the premises.

At Absolute Mirrors, Barbara Zachary creates unique decorative mirrors and floral arrangements.

P&S Variety carries an assortment of small items for everyday use or gifts.

Records, tapes and religious license plates are a few of the finds at the music shop.

Mary White offers a variety of homespun crafts at From The White House.

The consignment shop is operated by Bibliopath manager Kathreen Nelson. Anyone may bring gently used items for sale on a consignment basis.

The mini-mall is open the same hours as the book store, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5p.m.

Nelson said more spaces are available for rent in the mall. For information, call her at 426-8186.

SADD Clubs win state contest

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
Editor

Perquimans County Schools Students Against Driving Drunk Clubs will soon become the first groups in the nation to have an anti-alcohol commercial professionally produced.

"This spot, this commercial represents the first effort in the United States with a spot related directly to alcohol abuse," John Crowell with the Partnership for a Drug Free North Carolina told SADD Club members from both schools last Wednesday. "...You are the first in the country to get a spot produced concerning alcohol use. It is extremely exciting. You have got an incredible gift."

Pressure and money from the alcohol industry have kept alcohol-related commercials from being produced in the past, Crowell said.

Crowell was in Hertford to congratulate local students on their first-place finish in the inaugural SADD Media Contest, through which their commercial was first produced locally. The video will soon be professionally produced and submitted for national judging.

The video opens with a mother playing "This Little Piggy" with a baby's toes. The child's growing feet are seen getting on a school bus, dancing, playing ball, purchasing beer in a store and entering a car. The next scene shows a set of feet and the bottom of a graduation gown. Next to the graduate sits an empty pair of shoes. In the final scene is a pair of feet with a toe tag tied

on. Throughout the video, the mother's soft voice continues the little piggy theme coinciding with the actions of the child's feet. The last thing the mother says is, "This little piggy didn't come home," as the empty shoes and feet with the toe tag appear. Then she begins to cry.

"The video idea 'This Little Piggy' communicated clear and logical consequences for teenagers who drink alcohol. It presented the issue in an effective and impressive format," wrote Selbert M. Wood Jr. of the Partnership in a letter to the school system.

Of the video, Crowell said, "You've left a gift for all of us to be proud of. Thank you for what you've given. It means a lot."

In addition to awards presented to SADD Clubs at both Perquimans Middle and Perquimans High schools, Crowell recognized Erin France and Phillip Brent for their submission in the print ad category. France came up with the idea of using the Budweiser frogs with a new message, "Be-Wis-Er." Brent committed the idea to paper.

Crowell told the students that the cost of alcohol-related issues in North Carolina is \$5.5 billion per year.

"You hold the key to be able to take a stand in your school, in your community that you want to be a spokesperson... that speaks through your actions not your words," he told the students. "Alcohol use in the state of North Carolina is killing our brightest and

best and that is unacceptable to me."

Crowell encouraged the students to take stock of their actions.

"At the end of the day are you going to be proud of what you've done?" he asked.

Students directly involved with the video production were Brent, France, Candace Bonner, Greg Dail, Gena Harrell, Ashley Hurdle, Derek Hurdle, Shellie Hurdle, Carlos James, Crayton Matthews, Melody Peede, Michelle Rogers, Megan Stallings, Megan Winslow and Tykinsten Wood. SADD Club sponsors are Andrea Boone, Elonza Joyner, Carolyn Rogers and Jeanie Umphlett.

PCHS SADD Club co-president Melody Peede made closing remarks before the students, SADD sponsors and administrators gathered for Wednesday's presentation viewed the winning video.

"I strongly encourage everyone to get involved with SADD and help save a life," Peede said after referring to the tragedy her family suffered at the hands of a drunk driver.

Locally, the SADD Clubs have sponsored candlelight vigils, numerous speakers both during school hours and in the evenings, promotions to discourage drunk driving, and many other events and activities. Membership is open to all students at both the middle and high schools.

Last week the high school club kicked off its Prom Promise campaign to encourage students to remain alcohol- and drug-free on prom night, April 26.

Outside

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