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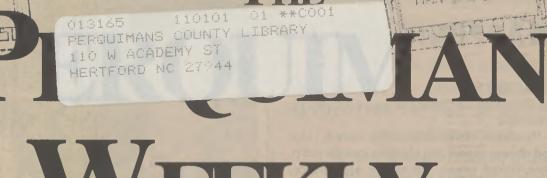
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Rec basketball winners

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named Best in Show

"Tree Tunnell" by Pat Burkcett captured Best in Show honors at the 6th Annual Members Art

Guests enjoyed refreshments and quality artwork Friday evening at the show's opening reception

at the county library.

Glenn Eure, owner of Glenn Eure's Ghost Fleet Gallery in Nags Head, judged the impressive

"There is a real variety here for such a small group," Eure said. "The watercolors are powerful. I'm intrigued by the intricate wooden boxes. It's obvious that many of the participants have formal training. There's a tremendous amount of energy evident is this show. I could easily have awarded more ribons.'

Other award winners were:

Drawing/Pastel Place: Sweet Gardenia by Janice Eure; Second Place: D e e p Breath by Margaret Honorable Duffield; Mention: Flowers by Helen Piontka.

Fiber Art Sunrise First Place: Surprise by Ena Lynn; Second Place: Yellow Pear Red Ant by Jimmye Hayes; Honorable Mention: Windmill by Charlotte Bunch

Painting First Place: Tree Tunnel by Pat Burkett; Second Place: Walk in by Audrey Woods Orlikowski; Honorable Garden Mention: House by Connie Stringer

Woodworking First Place: Pods Ken Avery; Second Place: S Bridge Turtle by Erik VandeBogart; Honorable Mention: Abstract Box by Ken Avery

Photography First Place: February Mirror by John Matthews; Second Place: Red Apple, Blue Sky by John Matthews; Honorable Mention: Waiting for by Eugene Residents Zeiner

Artistic Jewelry First Place: Silver in a Knot by Juanita Bailey; Second Place: Rick Rack Juanita Honorable Mention: Fish Tales by Juanita Bailey

Sculpture Carolina First Place: Wild Turkey by Erik VandeBogart; Second **Rock House** Place: by Connie Stringer; Honorable Mention: Victorian Flowers Swan

by Doris Reinheimer County Perquimans Commissioners' Award: Blossom by Janice Eure.

People's Choice Award: Deep Breath by Margaret

Duffield. Purchase Awards were provided by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Lane, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Boone, Captain Bob's, Centura Bank, Pharmacy, Woodard's Hertford Hardware, East Carolina Bank and Brian Center/Hertford.

The show is through mid-April.

Burkett Calm returns to PCHS

Bomb threat interrupts class Friday

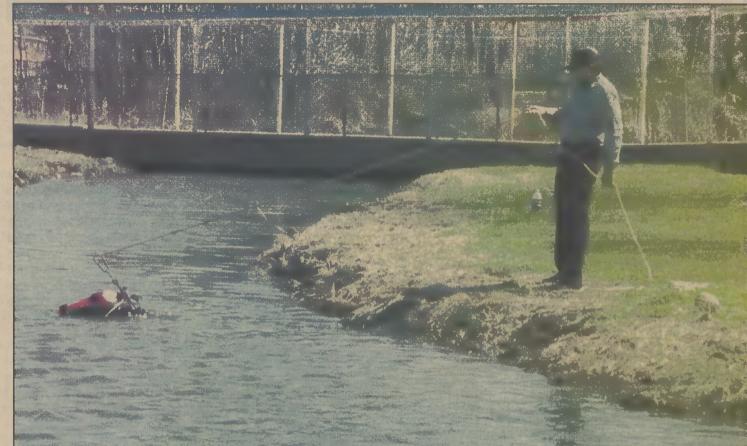
SUSAN R. HARRIS

Except for a couple of extra uniforms in the halls, it's been pretty normal this week at Perquimans County High School.

Uniformed officers continue to help school officials patrol the halls and grounds after the report of a gun on a school bus and a bomb threat within five school days put the school in what the school system terms a state of "high awareness."

The first incident occurred the morning of March 8, when several students reported seeing the barrel of a gun protruding below the pants leg of another student on a school School officials tracked down the student reported with the gun, and searched his person, locker, personal belongings, and the bus on which he rode to school, but found nothing. They determined that he left the school building between getting off the bus and the time he was found for questioning.

In the meantime, witnesses were questioned, and told stories so similar that Emanuel Coston, 16, was arrested by Hertford



Certified public safety diver and PCHS teacher Harrell Thach dives in the murky waters of Jenny's Gut last week, looking for the gun a student reportedly brought to school on March 8. No weapon was recovered.

charged with possessing a gun on educational property, a Class I felony. He faces up to 15 months in prison if convicted.

No weapon has been the Perquimans County Water Search and Dive Recovery Team searched Jenny's Gut, a large drainage ditch that off last Monday and officials have met with law

two separate occasions.

less than an hour when a student left a bomb threat on a computer screen. No found, even though a team bomb was found, nor has the student responsible for the incident been caught.

attending as usual since This past Friday, the the incidents, although school was evacuated for absenteeism has been somewhat higher.

PCHS principal Dwayne Stallings sent letters home to parents on the days of both incidents to let parents know exactly what Students were out of was happening at the school for scheduled days school. In addition, school

Police three days later and bisects school property, on Tuesday. Most have been enforcement officers, and the PCHS Safe Schools Committee met Tuesday to review emergency policy and any revisions that might be needed. That meeting was followed by a full staff meeting to discuss safety issues.

A public meeting to discuss the safe schools plan has been set for April 2 at 7 p.m. in the PCHS cafeteria.

\$40K to help juvenile justice program

SEAN JACKSON The Daily Advance

Area juvenile advocates want to create a uniform program of services for the growing number of youths entering and exiting the judicial system.

More than 60 local elected officials gathered last week in Hertford for the awarding of a \$40,000 Governor's crime commission planning grant to the Albemarle Commission. The 1-year grant will create a planning project called United First. Project planner Nancy Barrows said a steering committee will propose a plan within the next year to ensure that all at-risk youths and juve- services to juvenile ... from niles under court orders will receive equal services throughout the 1st Judicial District.

"There are gaps that exist in the 1st Judicial District," Barrow said Friday "What we hope to accomplish is to even the playing field ... no matter where (the youths) are in the 1st Judicial District. We want a juvenile in Chowan County to receive the same services as a juvenile in Currituck County."

Barrow said the project should mirror the Far West Model currently used in western North Carolina.

"What the plan does is provide a continuum of

the time they enter the system to the end of the court process," Barrow said. "Once it is planned and ready to go, I'll begin my job of looking for funding to put the project in motion."

said area Barrow Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils, probation services and various other youthrelated judicial agencies will link together for the project.

District Court Judge J. C. Cole has urged the steering committee to focus on the positive impact the plan can have on area youths who, for whatever reason, find themselves in trouble.

"Make a dream list of what we can do for children in this district — not ... what we can't do," Cole stated in a press release.

Barrow said Cole should receive credit for spearheading the project. "It's his vision that is

fueling this effort," she said.

State Sen. Basnight, D-Dare, also supported the project.

"I am a strong believer that by joining together in these kinds of regional, multi-agency partnerships, we can provide a range of services that would otherwise not be possible," Basnight stated in a press release.

School calendar approved

The school board okayed the 2001-2002 calendar Monday night.

Students will start classes on Aug. 9 and will be released on May 30, earlier than the usual June dismissal for summer holidays.

There will be holidays and/or teacher work days in every month except August. All two-day breaks are Monday-Tuesday Friday-Monday pairs. The calendar i n c l u d e s Thanksgiving, Christmas and spring breaks.

BASEBALL **BATTLES**

The Pirates baseball team is back in action, jumping out to a 4-1 record on the season with wins against Northeastern (twice), Camden and Edenton, and a late-inning loss to Currituck. Head coach Richard Thach sees lots of positives in this scrappy team, and hopes for a winning season in the perennially strong Northeastern Albemarle Conference. See page 7 for baseball highlights.



WEEKEND

THURSDAY **HIGH: 67** Low: 52 RAIN

> FRIDAY **HIGH: 68** Low: 47 RAIN

SATURDAY **HIGH: 63** Low: 42 PARTLY CLOUDY