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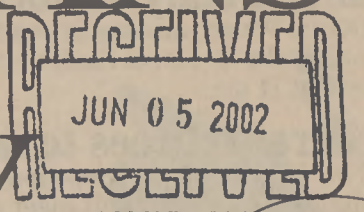
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Hertford man dies at ADJ

No cause yet determined for inmate's death at district jail

SUSAN R. HARRIS

A Perquimans County man died in custody at Albemarle District Jail Saturday morning. The cause of death was still unknown Monday morning, pending an autopsy, according to Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley.

Phillip Neal Copeland, 37, of 905 Wynn Fork Road, Hertford, died less than 5 hours after being booked at the jail.

Tilley said Copeland's arrest came Friday night after his wife, Robin Copeland, 36, also of 905 Wynn Fork Road, called in a domestic report. A deputy responded to the call around 10 p.m. He was told via radio that there was someone at the residence that would not leave. Back-up was also dispatched to the scene.

When the deputy arrived, someone later determined to be Phillip Copeland jumped out of a car at the residence and

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Relay starts Friday

Cancer fund raiser set in Edenton

SUSAN R. HARRIS

When these folks walk around in circles, they're very productive.

Twenty-eight teams of walkers and fund raisers will hit the track at John A. Holmes High School Athletic Complex Friday when the annual Chowan-Perquimans American Cancer Society Relay for Life gets underway. Hundreds of miles will be walked by hundreds of participants before the 20-hour event concludes with a closing ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Relay for Life is the premiere fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. Across the country, neighbors, friends and families work in teams to raise money for cancer research and patient support.

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Fire call sparks death inquiry

Gunshot victim found at fire scene

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Hertford firefighters got a surprise last Thursday night when they responded to a house fire and found a dead body on the steps of the blazing home.

Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy said the body of Alfred Abner, 24, of 320

Dobbs Street was found slumped on the back steps of his dwelling by firefighters. The Perquimans County Rescue Squad and Hertford Police Department were then dispatched to the scene, where rescue personnel determined that Abner had no vital signs.

The initial call went through the Communications Department at 11:49 p.m. The caller said that the house was engulfed in flames.

Vanscoy said the crew of the first fire truck on the scene immediately began attacking the fire that was blazing strong in the front of the house. The second crew arrived and began its assessment of the scene. It was members of the second crew who found the body.

Hertford police officers began to process the scene immediately upon their arrival. Abner appeared to have been shot in the head. The SBI was then called in to assist with both the death and the fire investi-

gation.

While emergency and law officials were on the scene, Vanscoy said a call was received from Albemarle Hospital. Hospital personnel said that they were treating a white female in her early 20s who was possibly involved in the fire in Hertford. The woman, Tina Marie Carter, 22, of South Mills, had been severely beaten.

From information received during the preliminary investigation,

Vanscoy said it appears that Abner and Carter, who was allegedly his girlfriend, exchanged words in the street in front of the Dobbs Street house. The verbal fight evidently turned physical, with Abner slapping and punching Carter, according to witnesses. Friends and relatives came to Carter's aid, pulling Abner away from her. They then took her to Albemarle Hospital for treatment.

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MOVIN' ON



About 1700 family members and friends gathered to celebrate with the 97 members of the PCHS graduating class of 2002 Friday evening at Memorial Field.

97 PCHS seniors move on

8th graders now freshmen

BRADY S. CALHOUN
The Daily Advance

Four years of hard work paid off for 97 Perquimans County High School graduating seniors Friday night.

Before a crowd estimated at 1,700, the seniors accepted their high school diplomas from Principal Dwayne Stallings on Memorial Field.

The ceremony took place a day after eighth graders were promoted to take the seniors' places in the halls of Perquimans High School next year.

Noting that PCHS' Class of 2002 had garnered



The eighth grade grand honor roll was composed of (left to right, front row) Brittany McCleary, Chelsea Howard, Sara Dail, LaReina Jordan, Kelly Baker, Mariza James, Brittany Davenport, Lakeeya Brent, Rachel Newbern, Erin Whitehurst, (back row) Cory Wolfe, Matthew Morgan, Brandon Byers, Courtney Hunter, Ashley Wilkins, Monata Johnson, Siera Mallory, Derrick Burke, Cody Lamb, Frank Terranova, Emily Hoffman, Jared Harrell, Aaron Bass, Jennifer Trueblood, and Dannie Gray. Brandon Godfrey is not pictured.

\$548,000 in scholarships and awards, Stallings praised the seniors for their hard work and leadership.

Salutatorian Weston

Eugene Curles said his senior year had been 180 days of hard work — but it was also a time that had yielded lasting memories.

"My parents told me that

high school would be the best days of my life, but I didn't believe them," Curles said. "Looking back

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County puts off zoning decision

Board split over okaying ordinance

SUSAN R. HARRIS

They've been talking about it for years and holding workshops about it for months, but the Perquimans County Commissioners were split over approving the proposed zoning ordinance Monday in regular session.

Commissioners Charles Ward and Mack Nixon both said they did not think county residents were aware that the county had formulated a zoning ordinance, even though a public hearing was advertised in The Perquimans Weekly and held earlier this spring. Chairman Ben Hobbs was fully supportive of approving the ordinance Monday, as were Evelyn Stubbs and Wallace Nelson.

Ward first made a motion to table action, which Nixon seconded, but that measure was voted down 4-2.

Nelson made the next motion to pass the zoning ordinance with the stipulation that it be effective 30 days from the date a new planner is hired.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 90
LOW: 65
SCATTERED T'STORMS

FRIDAY
HIGH: 78
LOW: 15
SHOWERS

SATURDAY
HIGH: 86
LOW: 61
PARTLY CLOUDY