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Hertford man charged with murder

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A Hertford man has been charged with first degree murder in connection with a fatal shooting in Edenton. Jermaine Porter, 18, is accused of gunning down 35-year-old Albert Young in the 200 block of East

Albemarle Street shortly after noon Friday, Edenton Police Chief Greg Bonner said.

"There had been a confrontation between the two men in Hertford a while back," Bonner said.

The earlier argument apparently prompted Porter to drive to Edenton

and shoot Young, Bonner said.

Officers were called to the scene at 12:45 p.m., and Young was found on a wheelchair ramp leading to a nearby house, Bonner said. Young apparently had been shot twice but had been able to run about 70 feet to the ramp before col-

lapsing.

Young was taken to Chowan Hospital, but he died of his wounds shortly after arriving, Bonner said.

At the crime scene, witnesses to the shooting saw Porter drive away in a 1999 Mercury Mystique and were able to get the tag number.

Area law enforcement agencies were immediately notified to be on the lookout for the car, and Perquimans sheriff's deputies, who were familiar with Porter, recognized the description, Bonner said.

Porter was arrested at Wynn Fork Court apart-

ments in Hertford and charged with one count of first degree murder. He is being held without bail in Chowan County Jail.

The Edenton Police Department, Chowan Sheriff's Department and State Bureau of Investigation were involved with the investigation.

Billy Stallings Principal of Year

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Teachers at Central School tell stories of children hugging his long legs or getting off the bus and giving him a high-five.

Principal Billy Stallings is obviously popular with his young charges, and his performance leading the school earned him Perquimans County Schools Principal of the Year honors.

Stallings, a graduate of Perquimans, began his career in education here before a brief stint in Monroe and a 17-year tenure in Currituck County. The former health and physical education teacher enjoyed success as a basketball and baseball coach in Currituck and was an assistant principal before returning to Perquimans in August 2000 to lead Central School. Central School houses pre-kindergarten through second grade students.

"Perquimans County Schools was very fortunate to recruit Billy Stallings back to his hometown," said Schools Personnel Director Brenda Dail. "Mr. Stallings returned to Perquimans County Schools as principal of Perquimans Central School in August 2000. He is a hands-on principal and an effective instructional leader. His leadership style is an asset to Perquimans County Schools and our entire administrative team."

The Central School staff celebrated success recently when third graders took a math pretest and 89 percent were proficient in math. This, according to administrators, is just one example of Stallings' efforts to provide quality education for his students.

"Mr. Billy Stallings merits the respect and admiration of students, teachers, co-workers and parents," said Superintendent Kenneth Wells.

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Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour Saturday night!

SILVER TEA



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS

The Perquimans County Library celebrated its 65th anniversary Monday evening with a Silver Tea. The event was reminiscent of activities hosted to help raise funds to open the library. Ladies in period hats and dapper gentlemen sipped tea from china cups and poured from a silver tea service and enjoyed a delect-

able spread of refreshments prepared by the Friends of the Library, hosts for the evening. Guests were entertained with a delightful keyboard and recorder duet. The library will host a Jack Tales program Saturday morning and Family Reading Night on Tuesday at 6:30 with a Hallowell theme.



SPCA needs help protecting animals

SUSAN R. HARRIS

"We need members. We need people."

SPCA of Perquimans County President Andrea Boone said the group, just formed in January, stays busy fostering unwanted animals, assisting with rabies clinics, volunteering at the animal shelter and raising funds to support humane treatment for animals and community education.

So far, the group has fostered about 20 dogs and cats which have been adopted. But the numbers are overwhelming.

Mary Bass, Supervisor of the animal shelter now

operated jointly by Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties, said the shelter houses about 20-25 dogs weekly along with at least 20 cats. Some weeks, 40 cats are taken to the shelter. Sadly, an average of 10 dogs and 20 cats are euthanized each week. There are just not enough homes for the animals.

This over-abundance of animals is a problem with a solution, according to many involved in protecting animals. Having animals spayed or neutered could have a dramatic affect on the number of animals taken to the shelter, either because they are no

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Sleepy and Bashful are two of three pups abandoned on Ocean Highway by the N.C. Department of Transportation Office. Rescued by SPCA members, the puppies need loving homes.

Holiday parade planned

The holidays are just around the corner, and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce is planning the annual Christmas parade in historic Hertford.

This year themed The Joys of Christmas, the parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. Line-up is at Perquimans County High School.

Floats will be judged in several categories, with prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$15, respectively, going to the top finishers in each division. The Perquimans Weekly Best in Parade Award will also be awarded with a \$100 prize.

In addition to the parade, there will be arts, crafts and food booths available on the courthouse green.

Those interested in participating in the parade or renting a space on the courthouse lawn should contact the chamber office at 426-5657. The deadline is Nov. 15.

Trick or treat downtown

The Historic Hertford Business Association will host trick-or-treating in downtown Hertford on Thursday, Oct. 31, 3-5:30 p.m.

The library will sponsor a Ghost & Goblins Family Reading Night on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. There will be stories, game, crafts, refreshments and a ghostly appearance.

For another Halloween alternative, see church news on page 5.

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THURSDAY
High: 64
Low: 57
SHOWERS

FRIDAY
High: 72
Low: 58
RAIN

SATURDAY
High: 67
Low: 49
PARTLY CLOUDY