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Pirates' Thach selected by Giants in MLB Draft

Former 2-time championship MVP hasn't signed yet with MLB team

From staff reports

The San Francisco Giants selected former Pirate standout Tanner Thach with the final pick of the 18th round, making him the 556th overall selection in last week's 2022 Major League Baseball Draft.

Pirates head coach Justin Roberson told The Daily Advance following the Giants' selection of Thach that the former Pirate had already turned down

offers that would have had him drafted in earlier rounds. Thach has not yet decided whether he will sign with the Giants or stick with his commitment to play baseball at UNC-Wilmington next spring.

Thach recently completed his senior season with the Perquimans High School baseball program, leading the Pirates to a second straight 1A NCHSAA state title. He was named the most valuable player in both state championship series.

Thach was also named the 2022 1A state player of the year by the North Carolina Baseball Coach-

es Association after hitting for a .478 batting average and slugging 12 home runs. He also compiled a 0.10 earned-run average, striking out 139 hitters on his way to a 13-0 record as a pitcher.

After Perquimans defeated Cherryville to win the state championship on June 4, Thach began playing with the Edenton Steamers, joining other college-aged players in the wooden-bat summer league.

As of last week, Thach was the team leader in home runs with six, runs batted in with 23, a .386 batting average and a .443 on-base percentage.



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Tanner Thach, shown after connecting for a hit during Perquimans High School's win over J.H. Rose in March, was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the 18th round of the Major League Baseball draft last week.

A little summer help



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Hertford interim Town Manager Janice Cole sits at a table in the conference room at Town Hall with summer student interns (l-r) Riley Jakob and Bryant Bogel. Jakob, 19, is a rising senior at East Carolina University. Bogel, 16, is a rising junior at Perquimans County High School.

Interns pitch in at Hertford Town Hall

Jakob rising senior at ECU, Bogel rising junior at PCHS

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The town of Hertford has benefited this summer from the work of two student interns.

Bryant Bogel, 16, is a rising junior at Perquimans County High School, and Riley Jakob, 19, is a rising senior at East Carolina Uni-

versity.

Bogel worked 20 hours this summer, finishing his internship on Monday. His work focused on filing and other general office activities.

Jakob will continue through Aug. 13. He has been working in Hertford two or three days a week since the middle of June.

In addition, he does some work online when he is not in Hertford. The total internship program is 330 hours.

Jakob explained that his internship, which is funded by the State Employees Credit Union and operated by ECU, focuses on 20 low-wealth towns.

He said he has spent a lot of time during his internship editing and updating the town's website.

"I made it more visually appealing," said Jakob, who is majoring in entrepreneurship.

Jakob also has created an Instagram account for the

town to use in promoting activities such as the Friday Night Stroll and Saturday Morning Live downtown flea market.

"It's a different demographic for the town," Jakob said of those who are reached through Instagram.

"A lot of his focus has been on marketing," added interim Town Manager Janice Cole of Jakob's work this summer.

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Intern program sets stage for student

Barclift working at Carolina Moon through new program

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

When Perquimans County High School junior Derek Barclift decided to take advantage of the Student Summer Intern Course, he

had his eye primarily on the \$200 stipend he was to receive through the program's federal grant funding.

Now he has his eye on the stage.

Barclift, who finished his junior year at PCHS last spring, was recruited to intern at the Carolina Moon Theater.

The timing was perfect because the volunteer theater company is preparing to hold auditions starting Friday for its production of "A Time to Remember" this fall and the



JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

Derek Barclift (center left) and Kaylee Anderson (center right) are shown after earning their first credentials from Perquimans County High Schools' new Student Summer Intern Course.

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Western NC firm building vessels for high-speed ferry

Boats crossing sound to seat 30, travel up to 28 knots

BY REGGIE PONDER
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Fabrication and assembly of the first boat for the Harbor Town high speed ferry project was expected to begin this week.

"We should be cutting metal by the middle of next week," Nick Williams of Smoky Mountain Jet Boats said Friday.

The N.C. General Assembly has set aside \$5 million to build boats that can provide high-speed ferry service on the Albemarle Sound, offering tourists access to the waterfront towns of Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Plymouth and Columbia.

Williams said Rob Schofield, a Florida-based architect with experience in naval and aerospace engineering, is currently finishing up the vessel's design. The plans will be submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center for its review.

Williams said the design that Schofield and Smoky Mountain Jet Boats are looking at for the Harbor Town boats is a foil-assisted catamaran.

"Catamarans are very stable and do very well in rough conditions," Williams said.

Rough conditions, for instance, like those that can arise on the Albemarle Sound.

"The Albemarle Sound

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JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

The Trillium Mobile Integrated Care Unit, operated by Port Health, is shown parked on Granby Street, adjacent to the Perquimans County Recreational Department Complex, in Hertford. The mobile clinic visits Hertford on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Port Health: Patients using mobile clinic

Clinic seeing 10-25 patients each Wednesday in Hertford

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

While many communities across the country saw increases in substance abuse during the pandemic, Perquimans County did not, says an official with a regional agency providing mental health and substance abuse services.

In fact, says Port Health Outpatient Supervisor Gary Stanley, the agency saw a decrease in substance abuse patients during COVID-19's peak.

"We all know that substance use did not disappear during that time," Stanley said. "However, for various reasons we saw a drop in

new substance use patients."

Even so, the mobile clinic Port Health operates in Perquimans in partnership with Trillium Health Resources, has provided a major boost to residents who need help with mental health care and substance abuse over the past year and a half.

"We started mid-COVID," said Stanley. "We don't have a point of reference on the unit's ultimate success; however, suffice it to say that it did not take long for patients and the local population to learn of our presence. We only have a 1.5-year mobile unit footprint in Perquimans so we continue to learn and evolve."

The mobile unit, co-branded with Port and Trillium's names and logos

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