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## Perquimans' Thach elects to play college ball first

PQ standout declines Giants' offer, will attend UNC-W

BY DAVID GOUGH  
The Daily Advance

Late afternoon Tuesday, July 19, Tanner Thach received a phone call he was not expecting.

On the other end was San Francisco Giants scout D.J. Jauss. The purpose of the call was to inform Thach that he was the 556th pick of the 2022 Major League Baseball Draft, but the last

pick of the 18th round was far from a guarantee to sign with the team.

The Perquimans graduate had already declined an offer from the San Diego Padres that would have made him the 180th pick in the sixth round the day before, and the 330th selection in the 11th round earlier that Tuesday.

Thach knew the Giants selecting him was in the realm of possibility, though not a given, after talking to Jauss the day before the official selection. But the

UNC-Wilmington commit, who was on the college's campus taking summer classes when he took the scout's call, still didn't see that moment coming.

"I was very surprised," Thach said this week. "I had no idea that it was happening. (I) just got back to my apartment from lifting weights and (Jauss) called me. He told me he drafted me and that he'd support whatever decision I chose, but he felt like I could one day play in the major leagues. He was very excit-

ed; I was very excited but also very surprised at the same time."

After nearly two weeks of waiting on a final signing bonus offer from the Giants — Thach declined to disclose the amount he was offered — the two-time most valuable player of the state championship series made his final decision earlier this week.

"I am going to go to college," Thach told The Daily Advance.

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Tanner Thach, shown here hitting a home run against Camden in April as a member of the Perquimans County High School baseball team, has elected to stick with his UNC-Wilmington commitment after being selected in the 2022 Major League Baseball Draft by the San Francisco Giants in July.

## US Senate hopeful stumps



JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

U.S. Senate candidate Cheri Beasley chats with Church Street Antiques owner Beverly Brickhouse during the Democratic hopeful's campaign stop in Hertford, Wednesday, Aug. 3. Beasley also visited Currituck, Camden, Chowan and Bertie counties during the campaign swing.

## Beasley: NC voters oppose ending Roe

Beasley visits Camden, Hertford, Edenton, Windsor

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Kansas voters created a political earthquake last week when they overwhelmingly defeated an anti-abortion constitutional amendment that would have removed protections

for abortion rights in the state.

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Cheri Beasley said Wednesday, Aug. 3, she is hearing similar rumblings across North Carolina in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in June to overturn its Roe v. Wade ruling guaranteeing women the right to have an abortion.

Beasley, who supports a women's right to an abortion, is facing off against

Republican U.S. Rep Ted Budd in the November general election for an open U.S. Senate seat. Last week, she made campaign stops in Currituck, Camden, Hertford, Edenton and Windsor.

Unlike Kansas, North Carolina has no such ballot proposal in November. However, Beasley told around 50 supporters at the Camden Community Park that she believes the state's voters overwhelming

disagree with the Supreme Court's decision.

Beasley, a former chief justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, noted that for almost 50 years Roe was clear that the constitution gave women the right to make their own reproductive decisions. A majority of the Supreme Court has now taken that right away, and voters aren't happy, she said.

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## Cangemi is new Chamber director

Helping draw more visitors off 17 one of director's goals

From staff reports

The new director of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce says one of the ways to help local businesses grow is to get more visitors to stop in the county on their way somewhere else.

Diane Cangemi, a Hertford resident who took over the reins at the Perquimans Chamber on Aug. 1, said she hopes to help draw more visitors in her new role.

"I want to bring a broad public awareness to our



CANGEMI

beautiful county and small-town businesses by encouraging people visiting the Outer Banks and Edenton to visit our county and all it has to offer in history and charm," Cangemi said in a Chamber press release.

Cangemi said attracting travelers from U.S. Highway 17 who "do not know we exist except as a highway to some other destination" will boost tourism

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## Hertford awarded \$90K to fight flooding

Work to focus on Jennie's Gut, Lakers Creek, biz district

From staff reports

The town of Hertford's efforts to become more resilient in the wake of flood waters has gotten a \$90,000 boost from Golden LEAF.

The nonprofit foundation recently announced that it's awarding the town a grant through its Flood Mitigation Program.

According to a press release from Golden LEAF, the funding will enable Hertford "to collect field data, perform modeling of existing watersheds, map the location and condi-

tion of stormwater assets, and develop and prioritize concept plans to address flooded streets that occur during heavy rain events that prevent access to public and private property and create high inflows at the wastewater treatment facility due to inflow and infiltration."

Interim Town Manager Janice M. Cole said the work will focus on three "sub-watershed" areas in town: the sub-watershed that drains into Jennie's Gut, Lakers Creek on the southern end of town, and an area near the central business district that drains into the Perquimans

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## PAL posts banner promoting Lewis' artwork donation

Exhibit features 16 oil paintings artist donated to PAL

BY JOHN FOLEY  
Correspondent

Visitors to the Perquimans Arts League's Gallery will notice something new on the front window of

the arts group's building on Church Street.

A large banner promoting the works of local artist Katherine L. Lewis now hangs there. The white banner with blue accents features Lewis' name, the phrase "unending ... pursuit of spirit," and an image of Lewis working on a painting.

"I wanted the gallery to resemble MOMA," said PAL President Vaneeda Bennett said as she recently unrolled the banner, referring to the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

The new banner promotes an exhibit of 16 oil paintings Lewis recently donated to PAL. The 16 are part of the 60 Lewis donated to PAL that will be auctioned off as a fundraiser

for the arts group on Feb. 4.

Bennett said she was ecstatic about Lewis' donation and could not believe the artist's generosity.

"Katherine donated the paintings from a collection of work she has done over the years," said Bennett.

Lewis is the recipient of numerous awards, and her work hangs in corporations and private homes throughout the world. Her paintings have also been presented in galleries in Carmel, California; Bay Head and Manasquan, New Jersey; Hilton Head, South Carolina; Portsmouth, Virginia and most



JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

Perquimans Arts League President Vaneeda Bennett stands in front of some of the 16 works by Katherine L. Lewis that the artist recently donated to PAL. Lewis donated 60 works but only 16 are currently on display.

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