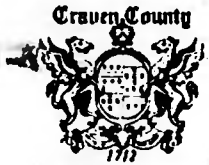


Eagles Take On Havelock Friday For Championship



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Jobless Statistics Improve

Fewer people were out of work locally in September than in August, following a statewide trend, according to the N.C. Employment Security Commission.

Unemployment figures dropped slightly in Craven, Pamlico and Pitt counties during the month. Craven County showed a 3.8 percent jobless rate for September, based on a work force estimated at 32,060. There were 30,840 people with jobs and 1,220 unemployed.

In August, there had been 1,450 people out of jobs from a labor force of 32,280, a jobless rate of 4.5 percent.

Pamlico County's unemployment rate dropped from 2.9 percent in August to 2.5 percent in September. There were 120 people out of work in Pamlico, based on a September work force of 4,760.

The previous month, there had been 140 of Pamlico's 4,780 workers out of jobs.

In Pitt County, there were 1,580 people out of jobs, based on a work force of 53,950, giving Pitt a jobless rate in September of 2.9 percent.

In August, the county had shown a 3.4 percent rate, with 1,850 of Pitt's 53,900 workers out of jobs.

Statewide, 91 of 100 counties showed a moderate decrease in unemployment between the two months. The statewide rate was 3.5 percent, down from 4.2 percent in August. There were 3,303,100 workers in the state in

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The candidates for seats on the Dover and Bridgeton town boards faced no opposition. The mayor of Bridgeton faced no opposition. Three candidates vied for the mayor's post in Dover. Candidates for the town board in Vanceboro and Cove City faced opposition. The mayors in those towns faced no opposition. The vote totals are not official but were provided by elections personnel.

Dover Gets Mrs. Creel For Mayor

By MIKE VOSS

Editor

Over 75 percent of the voters in Cove City turned out Tuesday night to elect a Board of Aldermen with a few new faces. And voters in Dover chose a woman to take over the mayor's post.

Returns reported are unofficial. Certification of results will follow a canvass of the ballots.

Cove City

In Cove City, 246 of the 303 registered voters went to the polls to select five aldermen and a mayor. Carlton Crouell, the lone black on the new board, apparently outpolled nine other candidates by picking up 138 votes. Incumbents Wayne King, Eugene Massey and W.A. Avery apparently retained their seats. Joining Crouell on the board is former alderman Charlton Mitchell. King, Mas-

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Voting Almost Triples In Vanceboro Election

Some candidates were making last-minute efforts to recruit voters and it apparently paid off as a strong voter turnout was recorded in Vanceboro.

Seven candidates competed for the five seats on the town board. Town Clerk Carol Ipock said 182 voters cast their ballots, up dramatically over the 66 voters who voted two years ago.

The increase this year was almost triple the turnout of the 1985 vote.

Mrs. Ipock said she feels the increase in voters was because of the increased competition for the board seats and due to more campaigning. She reported spurts of voting activity and no problems with parking.

— Terri Jamieson

Coach Discovers Other Side Of The Whistle Challenging

Laura Lancaster is on the other side of the whistle these days.

Ms. Lancaster, daughter of Gray and Loyce Lancaster of Vanceboro, coaches girls volleyball, basketball and softball at Pamlico County High School. That means she blows the whistle, but there were times when she heard the whistle. The times she played sports in high school.

Ms. Lancaster has just started practice session for the Lady Hurricanes.

Just how much strength do the Lady Hurricanes have? Well, that's hard to tell, said Ms. Lancaster, since practice has just started. The Pamlico High girls' team might end up a full-fledged force 5 hurricane or might end up as a passing breeze. There are still a lot of unknowns, said Ms.

Lancaster. The Lady Hurricanes so far take after their namesake and are unpredictable.

Ms. Lancaster has high hopes for the team. Several big changes are expected this year, she said. Improved quickness and speed are expected this season, said Ms. Lancaster. Toss in some expected height and the Hurricanes could cause other teams to post storm warnings this season.

With about eight or 10 girls with height coming up from the junior high level, the Lady Hurricanes should see their overall size increase. Ms. Lancaster will have one 6-1 player, two 5-11 players and four girls in the 5-8 to 5-9 range. The Lady Hurricanes have to polish fundamental skills, said Ms. Lancaster. The new additions to the Lady Hurri-

canes will also face the task of learning Ms. Lancaster's style of coaching.

While the final cut has not been made, Ms. Lancaster said she looks for several qualifications in selecting team members. Attitude is the first qualification on her list. Ms. Lancaster said a player that scores points but has a bad attitude only causes a lot of problems the team could do without. She also looks at the amount of effort players make and a player's ability to follow directions. Players who meet her qualifications have a good shot at making the team, she said.

Ms. Lancaster said the players up from the junior high level are young, but eager and willing to

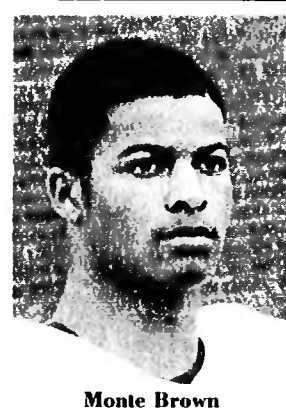
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Brown Receives Award

Monte Brown may have silenced a few critics last Friday night.

Brown silenced those critics by shattering the defense of East Carteret with a 49-yard strike to give the Eagles a first down and bring them out of a hole on a third-and-16 situation. Jerry Campbell was on the receiving end of the pass that kept the Eagles in the game and eventually led to the win.

Brown completed just 5 of 14 passes for 106 yards, but the West Craven signal caller con-



Monte Brown

trolled the offense and used the running talents of Derek Booker and Anthony Becton to pick up two touchdowns on

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Not Easy To Beat The Band

The giant killers did it again. West Craven High School's band was once again the smallest band in its class at a recent competition, but the band marched away with five trophies. West Craven was one of 37 bands competing at the Eastern North Carolina Band Festival held in Roanoke Rapids.

The band was given an "excellent" rating in the overall category, took first place in rifle line competition, took second place in the majorette line and drum major competitions and earned a third-place finish in flag line competition.

"We're really excited that we

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West Craven Clinches Berth In Grid Playoffs, Plays Rams For Crown

By JIM GREEN

Sports Writer

Havelock's football team worked its way into the No. 1 spot in the Class AAA rankings early in the season and have stayed there the past six weeks. The Rams have won five straight Coastal Conference games and have a 9-0 overall record.

But if West Craven beats the Rams in Vanceboro Friday, Ram coach Wilbur Sasser said his team would finish in second place to the Eagles.

"Technically, us and them would be co-champions," Sasser said, "but I know and my kids know we would be second. And we don't want to be second."

For the last three years, the Coastal's championship has been decided by the Havelock-West Craven game, and this year will be no different. The winner will receive the No. 1 berth in the playoffs, while the losing team will go as the No. 2 seed.

But that's not the only Coastal game with playoff implications. West Craven's win over East Carteret coupled with D.H. Conley's

victory over Washington last Friday set up a matchup between the Mariners and Vikings Friday in Hollywood. But while both Havelock and West Craven are going to the playoffs regardless of the outcome of their game, the loser of the East Carteret-Conley game will have to sit at home and wonder about next year's chances.

In the other Coastal game Friday, West Carteret travels to Snow Hill to take on North Lenoir in a game between 1-8 teams.

Havelock has pretty much had its own way with opponents this season, rolling up 273 points while allowing just 81. West Craven has scored 165 points and the Eagle defense has allowed 91 points, second-best in the conference. Both Sasser and Eagle coach Clay Jordan said they expected a defensive game.

"We're going to try and make it as good a game as we can," Jordan said, "but it's going to take our best effort of the season just

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Flight Into Ancient Times

Sometimes birds expose to us just how ancient they are. This great blue heron flees into the swamps up Runyon Creek with its scrap of fish bone and flesh. For a moment the primeval qualities

of the bird are shown against the blur of tangled vegetation. Time travel may come in bits and at unexpected times. (Photo by Ric Carter)