



West Craven Highlights

Mrs. Thomas Given March's Volunteer Title

Recognized For Her Efforts On Behalf Of School System

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Linda Thomas is the first to admit that her volunteer work in the Vanceboro area of the New Bern-Craven County school system began with an interest in her children and their education.

She has been selected the Volunteer of the Month for March by the West Craven Highlights for her efforts.

Mrs. Thomas, wife of former Sen. Joe Thomas, began her volunteer work in the school system before there was an organized volunteer program. Mrs. Thomas said her volunteer work in the school system has spanned at least 12 or 13 years in a variety of capacities.

"I enjoy people, especially young people," Mrs. Thomas said. She further explained that she considers her volunteer work in the school system as an investment in the future of the children and the county.

Mrs. Thomas is currently serving as the volunteer coordinator for West Craven High School. Mrs. Thomas said that she enjoys the school atmosphere and that she has a real appreciation for those people who commit themselves for careers in education. Mrs. Thomas said a career in education isn't a very easy job.

Mrs. Thomas added that she has been privileged to work with some of the best people in Craven County through the volunteer program.



Linda Thomas

Mrs. Thomas said Janet Furman, volunteer coordinator for the New Bern-Craven County school system, "has been a real inspiration." Mrs. Thomas also said that Thalia Broadway has been a loyal supporter of the volunteer program and that she has been a constant helper. Mrs. Thomas said Ms. Broadway "was a person with the program that deserves to be recognized."

Mrs. Thomas is the mother of four children. Scott and Allen both attend East Carolina University. Joel Brynn and Emma Jo-Lin attend Craven County Schools. Joel attends West Craven High School as a freshman and Emma is in the sixth grade.



First Sign

One of the first signs that spring is approaching are daffodils that like to show off their bright yellow blooms. Forget the groundhog and his prediction of either six more weeks of winter or not, trust the

daffodils. When they begin peeking through the soil and blossoming spring cannot be far behind. Perhaps the yellow blooms foretell the warming rays of the sun coming soon. (Terri Jamieson photo)



Mrs. McLawhorn



Ms. Long

Area Teachers Are Educators Of Month

A teacher at West Craven Middle School and a teacher at Jasper Elementary School have been selected "Educators of the Month" in the New Bern-Craven County school system. The honors were announced by the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce and the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education.

Susan Long, a physical education teacher and athletic director at West Craven Middle School, and Rebecca McLawhorn, a first- and second-grade teacher at Jasper Elementary, were named along with Kathy Saunders, a third-grade teacher at Bangert Elementary School.

Ms. Long attended Chowan College and Atlantic Christian

College where she received a bachelor of science degree. She received her master's of arts in education degree from East Carolina University.

In addition to Ms. Long's work with the coaching staff and regular classroom teachers, West Craven Middle School projects are a focus for her. A special activity for her was the development and implementation of the individual intramural program as a portion of the homebase program. She also organizes and promotes many activities such as field day, dances and various fund-raising projects. She built a miniature golf course utilized by the physical education department.

She gives a great deal of energy to community projects. She has participated in the Jump Rope for Heart, the Easter Seal softball tournament, the March of Dimes and Toys for Tots.

She lives in New Bern and enjoys golf, softball and water skiing.

Mrs. McLawhorn received her bachelor of science degree in early childhood education from East Carolina University and has taught at Jasper Elementary School for the past 26 years. Mrs. McLawhorn strongly believes in the uniqueness of each child in her classroom. She believes it is her responsibility to help each child develop his or her full potential and to develop a posi-

tive self-image. Working together with parents, school and community has a positive effect on each child and is important to Mrs. McLawhorn.

She is a grade chairman, member of NCAE, NEA, PTO and the International Reading Association. She is the president of the Chapter Presidents' Council of the State in Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators and a member of the Democratic Women.

Mrs. McLawhorn lives in the Spring Garden community, attends Salem United Methodist Church where she teaches Sun-

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Eagles Drop Opener To Explosive Rams, 8-1

SNOW HILL — Greene Central exploded for six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and cruised to an 8-1 win over West Craven in the season opener for both squads.

The Rams, defending Class AA champions, got a three-run blast over the left-field fence by Tommy Eason and a two-run double by Jeff Tyson to push across six runs in the inning.

The Rams got to the Eagle pitchers for 15 runs, six in the sixth inning. West Craven had four hits. Each team committed two errors.

The Eagles drew first blood on

the defending state champs in the first inning, taking a 1-0 lead when Adrian Cameron scored on a throwing error by the Ram catcher. Cameron singled and made second when the center-fielder hesitated on the throw to second. With one out, Cameron took off for third and the throw to third went out into left field as he jaunted home. Darren Bizzell reached first on an error by the third baseman but was left stranded when pitcher John Dizon struck out.

Dizon worked out out of a jam

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Thespians Rehearsing A Marvelous Mystery

Who did it?

To find out, plan on attending the production of Tea and Arsenic at West Craven High School March 25 or 26.

Rehearsals for the play written by Craig Sodaro are under way. The murders mystery is presented in three acts. Students in the school's Drama Club are producing the play. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each and may be purchased in advance from Drama Club members or at the door on the nights of the performances.

The murder mystery takes place at a New England boarding house owned and operated by Mrs. Fern and Mrs. Crump, played respectively by Tina Jones and Kristen Bass. A mysterious

Mr. Morgan, portrayed by Charlie Stroud, is poisoned while drinking dandelion wine. An inept Inspector Muckley, portrayed by John Stilley, is immediately placed on the case by a powerful Police Superintendent Jones, played by Roger Russell.

Tammy Smith and Tracy George play two college students who decide to do a bit of sleuthing for themselves. Ashley Anderson plays the part of their first suspect, who becomes a victim of their zealotry. A phantom appears and searches for some stolen, counterfeit plates. With a great amount of double-dealing and double-crossing, the gang is trapped and the murderer

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End Of Winter Vacation Nears

North Carolina is about as far south as the Tundra Swan gets to avoid the trials of winter. To these largest of waterfowl, Currituck Sound, Pea Island, Lake Mattamuskeet and Pungo Lake are the

resorts of choice for winter sun and fun. As northern Canada begins to thaw and bloom, these Pungo Refuge visitors will head back home with their mates to do what birds do in the spring.