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It's That Time Of Year

West Craven junior varsity players (dark jerseys) tackle a Washington running back in the Eagles' 20-0 win over the Pam Pack jayvees. The game signaled the beginning of the prep football season in the Tar Heel state. The jayvee squad will face Washington again, but this time the game will be a conference battle. The two

teams played each other last Thursday night in Vanceboro and the game was counted as a non-conference event. A thunderstorm forced a halt in the game, but when it resumed the Eagles exploded and took the win.

(Jim Green photo)

## Vanceboro Gets Check For \$4,581

### Intangibles Tax Bringing Money To Town Coffers

By MIKE VOSS  
Editor

The checks are in the mail. Craven County and its eight municipalities will receive \$838,854.61 from the state for intangibles tax collections and special allocations.

Craven County will receive \$680,313.42 for its share of the intangibles tax collected in fiscal year 1987-88 and special allocations. Vanceboro will receive \$4,581.78. Cove City will receive \$452.74. Dover will receive \$1,022.64 and Bridgeton will receive \$3,200.13.

New Bern will receive \$95,944.55. Havelock will receive \$40,753.98. River Bend will receive \$6,264.69 and Trent Woods will receive \$4,320.68.

The distribution checks were mailed, along with 468 other municipalities and 99 other counties, by the N.C. Depart-

ment of Revenue on Aug. 25. These checks covered both net collections of the intangibles tax and special allocations by the state, as authorized by the 1985 General Assembly, to reimburse local governments for revenue lost by the repeal of the intangibles tax on bank deposits and money on hand. The total amount of the distribution was \$104.4 million. Of this amount, \$76 million represented net intangibles tax collections while \$28.4 million represented the special allocations. The total distribution this year was \$4 million greater than last year, an increase of 3.9 percent.

The intangibles tax is a property tax levied against the value of intangible personal property. The classes of intangible property that were subject to taxation

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## Jordan Names Keys To Growth In Eastern N.C.

By MICHAEL ADAMS

Gubernatorial candidate Bob Jordan said last Thursday that environmental protection, economic growth and scholastic achievement are important to the development of eastern North Carolina.

Jordan, who currently serves as lieutenant governor, was in Belhaven on Thursday to speak on the status of the Pamlico River. In an interview before his speech, he responded to questions about the development in the East.

Jordan, a Democrat, will run against Republican Gov. Jim Martin in the November election.

Jordan said that protecting

natural resources is important to the survival of a region. In eastern North Carolina, protecting natural resources mainly means protecting waterways.

"We must first understand what's happened," Jordan said. Then, he said, any development that is considered "has to be done in some way that doesn't destroy the environment."

He said he favored more state money being spent on researching and studying the problems of pollution in the eastern counties and favored agricultural cost-share programs that help farmers install practices that

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## Candidate Names U.S. 17 A 'Priority'

By MICHAEL ADAMS

Gubernatorial candidate Bob Jordan told a group of business and political leaders from eastern North Carolina that improving U.S. 17 would be a priority for his administration.

The Democratic lieutenant governor made his remarks Tuesday at a meeting of the Highway 17 Transportation Association at the Holiday Inn in Washington.

Jordan told the group, which included association members from throughout the eastern part of the state as well as local government officials, that U.S. 17 "is important to our state's future and we must work to improve it."

"I am here today to say that if Bob Jordan is elected governor in 1988, four-laning highway 17 from South Carolina all the way to Virginia will be a very top

priority in my administration," he said.

He said that U.S. 17 is important for several reasons. He said it is the principal north-south highway east of Interstate 95, the access road to many places in the eastern part of the state and a link between military bases in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

He said he was familiar with traffic congestion problems on U.S. 17, which is currently a two-lane road for most of its length in the state. "I've been behind school buses on a Friday afternoon," he said.

Jordan said that eastern North Carolina is a growing area and the highway needs to grow with it.

"If the area through which

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Becton gets helped off field

## Flying Eagle Award Goes To Sophomore

By MIKE VOSS

Editor

The first Flying Eagle Award of the 1988 West Craven football season goes to sophomore running back Lee Becton.

The Eagles' back picked up 234 yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries in the 49-28 loss to North Pitt. Becton scored on touchdown jaunts of 65, 45 and 42 yards. He also caught two passes for seven

yards and caught a pass from sophomore quarterback Kevin Holzworth for a two-point conversion.

The Flying Eagle Award was started last year by the West Craven Highlights.

Becton was named to the USA Today's high school football honor roll.

Becton, one of several sophomores in Coach Clay Jor-

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## Eagles Lose 49-28; Becton Shows Stuff

By MIKE VOSS  
Editor

BETHEL — Power against speed. Power won.

North Pitt scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter Friday night to pull away from a 28-28 tie with West Craven and claim a 49-28 win in the season opener for both teams.

Running back Mike Blow scored on runs of one yard and 35 yards and quarterback Billy Hardison scampered in from four yards out in the final period to give the Panthers the 21-point cushion. A Panther interception and fumble recovery in the period shut the door on any Eagle comeback.

Eagle sophomore running back Lee Becton, starting his first varsity game, scored three touchdowns on jaunts of 65, 45, and 42 yards and picked up 234

yards in 17 rushes. Becton also snared a two-point conversion pass from fellow sophomore quarterback Kevin Holzworth, who connected on four of 10 passes and a 65-yard scoring strike to Kip Bryan.

Mike Daniels picked up 191 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries to pace a Panther running game that ground out 353 yards on 43 carries. Blow gained 78 yards.

Hardison's two completions were for touchdowns of 28 and 37 yards.

Eagle coach Clay Jordan said the "total collapse of the defense" was the factor in the Panthers' comeback in the final period.

"Turnovers killed us," he said. The Eagles fumbled the ball six

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## West Craven Jayvees Pounce On Pack, 20-0

By JIM GREEN  
Sports Writer

West Craven turned out the lights on Washington after lightning nearly did the same to both teams in the third quarter, and the Eagles went on to defeat the Pack 20-0 in the junior varsity football opener last Thursday night.

Though the two schools are both Class 3-A and play in the Coastal Conference, the game was considered a non-conference affair. The Eagles were able to schedule Washington because North Pitt, West Craven's scheduled opponent, was unable to field a jayvee team this season. The two squads will meet at Kugler Field Oct. 20 in the conference battle.

The key turn of events came with 6:10 remaining in the third quarter and the score deadlocked 0-0.

West Craven was on its first sustained drive, having moved from the Pack 41 to the 25 after holding Washington on fourth down.

Then, one official blew his whistle and called the coaches for both teams over to explain the situation. He said he was under instruction to postpone the game because of lightning.

After a 30-minute delay, the two teams returned to the field. West Craven, having left the field with mixed emotions because of the postponement, came out fired up. Short bursts by Wayne Jenkins, Willie Coward and Derek Adams moved the ball to the Pack 8-yard line. On the next play, Jenkins turned the right corner and appeared headed for the end zone when two Washington defenders grabbed him and

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## Unemployment Rates Down In Area Counties

Fewer people in Craven and Pamlico counties were out of work in July than in June, joining a statewide trend that saw unemployment decrease in 74 of 100 counties.

Craven County's jobless rate dropped from 3.5 percent in June to 3.1 percent in July, according to statistics released by the N.C. Employment Security Commission. There were 33,960 in the county's labor force in July, with 1,040 out of work. In June, the figures had been 32,680 and 1,130, respectively.

Pamlico County's unemployment dipped slightly from 2.7

percent in June to 1.8 percent in July. Based on an estimated work force of 5,000 in July, there were 90 people out of work, compared to a labor force of 4,840 from which 130 were jobless in June.

In Jones County, unemployment fell from 3.9 percent in June to 3.1 percent in July. Jones County's work force, estimated at 4,340 in June, had 170 people out of jobs. In July, the work force had been estimated at 4,470, with 140 people jobless.

In Lenoir County, unemploy-

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Pia Holmgren

## Swedish Student Ready To Begin Driving Class

By TERRI JAMIESON  
Staff Writer

Three days of travel and Pia Holmgren finally arrived to her final destination of Vanceboro.

Miss Holmgren is a 17-year-old Swedish exchange student who is living in Vanceboro for a year and will attend West Craven High School.

The five-foot, blue-eyed, dark-haired teen is from Lund, Sweden, which boasts a population of 85,000. She is the United States through an organization called Educational Foundation, or E.F. E.F. has certain requirements a

foreign student must meet before being allowed to participate in an exchange program. Three years of English and writing a story about her life were some of the requirements Miss Holmgren had to meet, as well as an in-depth interview. "Not all students are allowed to participate," explained Miss Holmgren.

Educational systems differ widely when comparing the United States to Sweden, said Miss Holmgren. The Swedish youth said that students attend school

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