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One volunteer makes contribution at a school

## Volunteers Add Class To Schools In County

By TERRI JAMIESON  
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In a time when educators face problems from the classroom to the boardroom, there is one area that schools in western Craven County don't have much worry over. There are plenty of volunteers — something the county's educators are thankful for.

Several of those volunteers have agreed to be profiled — not seeking publicity, but hoping their stories will attract or motivate others to become volunteers.

Thalia Broadway has been back in school for 13 years. But as a volunteer and not as a student.

Mrs. Broadway has been a volunteer at West Craven High School for two years, spending

the other 11 years volunteering at other area schools. She is a past volunteer coordinator at West Craven Middle School.

Linda Thomas, volunteer coordinator at West Craven High School, said that Mrs. Broadway has the ability to serve in multiple capacities as a volunteer. She said that Mrs. Broadway has worked with the Spanish class, library and as a media consultant. Mrs. Thomas said Mrs. Broadway's artistic talents are an asset for the school, noting that many teachers have used Mrs. Broadway as a resource.

Mrs. Broadway is active in the community and is actively involved in her church, Vanceboro Christian. She is married and has two sons. Mrs. Thomas said that

Mrs. Broadway is a "tried and true multi-talented person and she really enjoys giving of herself."

Mrs. Broadway said, "We like to see a child improve in something. I feel the teachers need help and you know you're appreciated."

Mrs. Broadway works in the library on bulletin boards and also serves as a volunteer at Farm Life Elementary School with a second-grade class.

Farm Life Elementary volunteer Mary Freeman has been recognized for her dependability and flexibility as a school volunteer, said Betsy Gaskins, volunteer coordinator at the school.

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## Eagles Stop Hawks With Defense, Take Second League Win

By MIKE VOSS  
Editor

West Craven's defense held North Lenoir four times on fourth down situations and the Eagles emerged with a 28-13 Coastal Conference triumph Friday night in LaGrange.

North Lenoir, trailing 28-13, threatened to score in the final five minutes when it mounted a sustained drive, only to be stopped by an offside penalty and the Eagle defense on fourth-and-eight.

The Hawks had a third-and-three situation turn into a third-and-eight when they were hit with the offside penalty. A pass by quarterback Tyrone Bryant to Tim Smith was incomplete. On fourth-and-eight, Jeff Sutton was stopped short of the first down when the Eagles dropped him for a four-yard loss on a reverse.

The Hawks threatened again on their next possession, getting to the Eagle 28. Another offside penalty put them at the 33 and on four-and-15 the Eagles held North Lenoir to two yards as time expired.

"They piled up yards against us tonight. We prepared a little better than what we showed," said West Craven coach Clay Jordan, who saw his Eagles improve to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

"We shot'em down in the third quarter. That ruined them," said Eagle defensive coordinator Tony Caprara. "We were able to hold them on fourth downs. I

can't say enough about the defense. They played hard when they had to. I want to single out ... I want to single out the whole defense."

Jordan said the defense holding the Hawks on two fourth-down plays was the key to the game.

Offensively, Jordan said the key was a better second-half performance. "We were poor on offense in the first half. We didn't execute and we missed Adrian Cameron (the Eagles' second-leading rusher, who is out for about two weeks with an ankle injury.)"

"I think we're getting better. We straightened some things out at halftime," said Jordan. He also praised Colvin Sanders for filling in for Cameron.

Jordan said sophomore quarterback Kevin Holzworth "is making a believer out of me" in the passing game. Holzworth threw two touchdown passes — 52 yards and eight yards — and finished the night with 100 yards in the air and two interceptions. Jordan also said a key in the game was a 35-yard burst by John Rasberry. Rasberry ripped up the sideline for a 35-yard gain the first time he touched the ball.

Hawks' coach Wayne Floyd said an offside penalty eight yards from the goal line and a "bad spot" that gave the Eagles a first down that led to a touchdown, were keys to his team's defeat. He also said not stopping

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Wall prows sideline

## Coach Wall Adjusts To Giving Up Reins

By MO KROCHMAL  
Sports Editor

Ed Wall has made the adjustment from being a high school football head coach to being an assistant coach this season.

After a four-year stint as head coach at Class 1-A Southwest Onslow, Wall has joined the football coaching staff at West Craven, serving as assistant coach in charge of the offensive backfield and the linebackers.

Wall says he "couldn't be happier" at West Craven.

"Clay (Jordan) is a fine coach," he says. "The kids couldn't be better. They are as fine a group as I have ever been associated with."

"It is an unusual situation (going from head coach to assistant). I am used to calling the

shots and there have been times when I've had to bite my lip. But, I couldn't be happier. I have a role to play on this team."

Wall, a 1973 graduate of East Carolina University, said he decided to leave Southwest Onslow for family reasons.

"My wife has works with the health department in New Bern," he said. "For the last nine years, she has had to drive from Maysville to New Bern. That's 30 miles each way."

"We had a baby (Christine) 20 months ago and that made the drive that much harder. She had been real supportive of me when I was going through graduate school, so I decided to make

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## Defenders Collect Flying Eagle Award

This week the Flying Eagle Award will be shared by teammates on the West Craven football team — more specifically, the defensive unit.

In the last three games, the Eagles' defense has given up just 27 points, 14 of those points in the closing seconds of the game. Against Pamlico County's Hurricanes, the defensive unit gave up a touchdown and two-point conversion in the final four seconds. The next week West Carteret's Patriots put a touchdown on the board as time expired.

This past Friday night the defense shut down the option running attack of North Lenoir and allowed just two touchdowns.

The Eagle secondary, when not picking off errant passes for interceptions, it's breaking up passes and making crunching hits. Throw in some pressure from the defensive line, ends and linebackers and the defense has come to life.

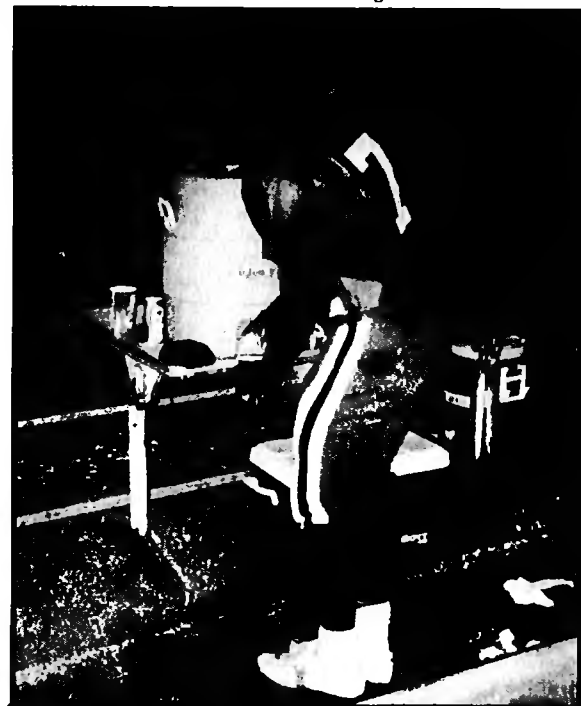
The defense stopped North Lenoir several times on fourth-down situations.

Defensive coach Tony Caprara was proud enough of his "mad dogs" — so-called for their barking habits — to pay accolades to the entire unit and not single any defensive player out for special attention.

While seniors Monte Brown, Chuck Bandy and Thomas McGhee attract attention from previous years' reputations, the youngsters on the defense are making their presence felt — especially by the opposing team's running backs and receivers.

In the last three games the other team's offense has averaged nine points a game. Combine that with the defense handing the Eagle offense the ball in good field position, it's not hard to see why the Eagles have gotten off to a 2-0 start in the Coastal Conference. The Eagles went 1-2 in their first three games, but have gone 3-0 in their last three.

In recognition of their efforts, the Flying Eagle Award this week goes to the defenders of the Eagle gridiron squad. Let's go "D."



Bobby Gaddy - part of Eagle defense

## County Unemployment Rate Drops From July To August

Craven County's unemployment rate dropped slightly in August, while Jones and Lenoir counties experienced increases in their jobless rates.

Craven County's jobless rate declined from 3.1 percent in July to 3 percent in August, while the overall state rate dropped from 3.2 to 3 percent.

The increase in the county unemployment figures meant that 1,010 people out of a total work force of 33,760 were seeking work in August. In July, 1,040 people out of a work force of

33,950 were without jobs.

In Pamlico County, the unemployment rate remained steady at 1.8 percent in July and during August. Ninety people out of the 4,970 in the work force were seeking jobs in August. The same number of people were out of work in July when 90 of the 5,000-member work force were looking for work.

Jones County's jobless rate increased from 3.1 percent in July to 3.4 percent in August. There

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## Bass Fishing With Champion Is 'Reel' Adventure

Danny Joe Humphrey of Kinston used his many years of experience fishing on the Pamlico and Tar Rivers as a springboard to the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society's Federation championship this summer.

After winning the B.A.S.S. Southern Division championship last June on the waters of the Pamlico and Tar Rivers, Humphrey, a fur trader and fishing lure salesman and fisherman extraordinaire, captured the national championship tournament for amateur bass anglers belonging to B.A.S.S.

His intimate knowledge of the waters of the Pamlico and the Tar Rivers have won him many a bass tournament. So, the opportunity to take a tour of the rivers' waters with Humphrey on the first day of fall

was too good to turn down.

He promised to be at the landing in front of a waterfront restaurant right after noon. He was there as promised — sitting in his boat fishing the shadows under the bridge.

He said he had gotten his boat in the water late, about 8 a.m., and had spent the morning fishing. He said he had some success. But, this was not a tournament expedition — Humphrey said it was a day for rest and relaxation.

His back, which had caused him problems in the BASSMasters Classic — a 50-man tournament for professionals and amateurs in August on the James River near Richmond, Va. — was better, he said.

But, he hadn't been fishing since he finished 22nd in that

tournament. Just not enough time.

He said doctors hadn't been able to pin down an exact cause of his back problems but that sitting in a boat would not be too hard on him.

"I just try to do what the doctors tell me to do," he said.

With that, Humphrey smiled. His passenger stored his camera and note pad and grabbed the shiny steel hand-grip on the side of the boat. Humphrey handled the throttle and the front of the boat popped up as the water behind churned white. In the background, the Washington waterfront disappeared as the boat whizzed past the railroad trestle bridge and onto the open waters of the Pamlico River.

The speedometer read 60 miles per hour as the boat skimmed

and bumped along the surface of the river.

Humphrey didn't talk. His passenger didn't either. The rush of the wind would flap your cheek against your teeth if you tried to anyway.

Finally, Humphrey slowed the boat down near some piers on the north side of the river.

Humphrey went to the front of the boat and dropped the trolling engine into the water and perched in the seat on the front of the boat. He reached for one of the seven rods lying on the carpeted floor of the craft and started making pin-point casts into the shadows and the murky water under the piers. Two or three quick casts into each area — flicking a spinner bait or a fluorescent orange worm over the surface or submerging a plug.

Humphrey said he was seeking a pattern to the activity of the fish.

"I look for the fish on the piers — if they are there, I fish the piers. If they are on the dropoffs, I fish the dropoffs. If they are on trees (in the water), I fish the trees," he said.

The fish, that day, didn't seem to be on the piers.

Humphrey didn't spend too much time. After a few minutes and a handful of casts, he got back behind the wheel and gunned the boat back out to the middle of the river, heading east.

A gradual curve took the boat into Broad Creek past the Washington Yacht and Country Club. A little past the tied-up flotilla of yachts, Humphrey eased

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## Aldermen Seek To Resurface Town's Roads

Vanceboro's Town Board met briefly Monday night and discussed obtaining estimates to resurface streets in town.

The aldermen, meeting in the Town Hall, are asking a Kinston firm, Barrus Construction Co., according to Town Clerk Carolyn Ippock. The town recently received \$24,751 from the state earmarked for road improvement.

The town is not seeking bids on the proposed project because costs of resurfacing some of the town's streets are not expected to be above the

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