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## Programs recognize students

West Craven High School is in the process of establishing Excellence in Education awards for its student body.

Students who attain the honor roll status will be recognized each six weeks with recognitions such as a bumper sticker for the first time on the honor roll and an eagle (school mascot) to apply to that sticker for each time they are named to the honor roll thereafter, plus an honor pin, coupons and other incentives.

Another program in conjunction with the honor roll student recognition program will be a "Club 110." Students can become members if a specific number of teachers feel the students are doing 10 percent above what is required in the classroom and school activities. The members will be selected for being helpful, showing initiative, having above average attitudes, showing courtesy and striving to keep perfect attendance in class.



Paul Harris Fellow

Donald Witherington, center, was presented the Paul Harris Fellow Award recently by District Governor Charles E. Scruggs at the Rotary Ladies Night in Vanceboro. This is the highest award given by Rotary International. The award is given to those who donate a gift of \$1,000 toward one of Rotary's humanitarian projects. The Paul Harris Fellow Award consists of a certificate and a medal. The medal was presented by Charles Witherington (left), the recipient's son.

## EPA sampling material from area waste sites

Investigation is part of a plan to inspect sites across nation

Investigators from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency were in eastern North Carolina last week taking samples from the Texasgulf plant site in Aurora, testing the area for hazardous wastes, the Highlights has learned.

The EPA also plans to inspect and take samples from several Craven County locations to test for possible hazardous waste. The sites include AMF Hatteras Yachts, Barbour Boat Works, Everhart Lumber Co., Scott's Creek battery site, Swiss Bear, Inc., and The Text, all in New Bern; Encee Chemical Sales, Inc. in Bridgeton; Salt Wood Products, Inc. in Cove City; U.S. Marine Corps Air Station and Slocum Creek in Cherry

Point and Rowe's Corner drum dump and Rowe's Corner dump at Rowe's Corner.

The EPA investigation is part of a national examination of potentially hazardous sites, not a result of a spill or other mishap at the Texasgulf plant.

Robert Morris, environmental engineer with the waste management division of the EPA's regional office in Atlanta, said a team of eight scientists collected soil, sediment and ground and surface water samples from the plant site last week.

The results of the tests on the samples should be available in late January, Morris said.

## Eagles down Bears, 18-10

By Mike Voss  
Editor

A fumble recovery for a touchdown and an interception that led to a touchdown pushed the No. 5-ranked West Craven Eagles to an 18-10 first-round playoff win over Hertford County's Bears on Friday.

Tony Bryan picked up a fumble by the Bears' Eric Williams and scampered 80 yards for the score and a 12-0 lead for the Eagles. Lee Becton's conversion run failed.

Kip Bryan, who scored the game's first touchdown on an 87-yard pass from Kevin Holzworth, set up the Eagles' third touchdown with a 39-yard interception return in the second quarter. Seven plays later, Holzworth rolled to his right and found Craig Coward alone in the end zone. Holzworth's conversion pass

to Bryan was incomplete, but West Craven led 18-7.

Hertford County scored on a 17-yard pass from Mike Dacus to Kenny Burgess after the Bears recovered a fumbled punt. Paul Burby's kick closed the gap to 12-7.

"We made too many mistakes," said Bears head coach Darryl Allen, who said he has not made up his mind if this will be his last year coaching. The veteran coach has 31 years on the sideline, 19 of them at Hertford County (formerly Ahoskie).

"Without seeing the film, it's hard to say who had a good game. I thought Holzworth made a couple of key passes we had to have," said Jordan.

West Craven scored on the third play of its first possession when Holzworth connected with Kip

Bryan with 7:07 left in the first quarter. Chris Stille's kick was no good.

West Craven was set up with good field position when Becton recovered a fumble by Marlo Williams at the Bears' 23. Two five-yard penalties for procedure violations set the Eagles back and on fourth-and-21 Holzworth came up short on a keeper.

Four plays later, Tony Bryan scooped up the fumble and scored 80 yards later.

The Eagles forced the Bears to punt on their next possession, but Paul Anderson fumbled the punt and Hertford County's Derrick Boone recovered at the Eagle 17. On the next play, Dacus hit Burgess with the scoring strike to pull the



Roger Russell photo

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West Craven's Lee Becton (22) heads up field as teammate Kip Bryan (4) prepares to block.

## Greenville is hosting farm show

Some 40,000 farmers from Delaware to Georgia were expected to visit the 14th annual Mid-Atlantic Farm Show in Greenville this week. The event ends today.

Over \$10 million in farm equipment was among over 200 displays on view at Farmer's Warehouse, N. Greene St., yesterday and today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission to the show is free to the public.

The event is sponsored by The Flue-Cured Tobacco Farmer and The Peanut Farmer magazines and will highlight equipment and products tobacco and peanut farmers rely on for profitable harvest, Ms. Taylor said.

Other cropping equipment will also be on display.

"Everything from seed to trucks used to haul farm products to market to computers will be here," said event organizer Mary Taylor.

"The typical farmer in this area has corn, soybeans, wheat and some kind of livestock along with tobacco and peanuts," she said.

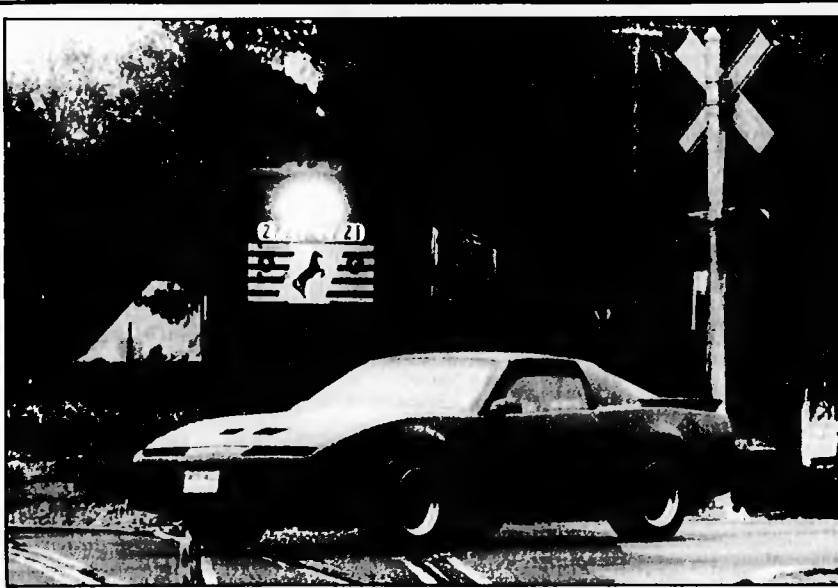
Live entertainment was arranged by organizers for each of the three days of the show and the Tobacco Museum of North Carolina was in charge of coordinating three tobacco contests for the show.

Barney Odum and Flatnose — the world's only tree-climbing dog — appeared at the show. The pair has been featured on the Johnny Carson Show and on national news broadcasts. Flatnose is listed in the Guinness Book of Records.

The Kingsboys were on hand to perform their gospel songs at the show and country funny man Jerry Clower was to make his 14th appearance at the show.

The tobacco museum was to coordinate three contests to highlight tobacco heritage in the state.

The three-day event featured a tobacco stringing contest with teams of three people competing to string the fastest and most uniform stick of green tobacco. Sticks of looped tobacco used to be hung in conventional tobacco barns to be heat cured. The modern-day bulk to-



Ric Carter photo

A car scoots across the tracks in front of a train at one of many crossings in area.

## Careless drivers and trains can be deadly combination

By Keith Hempstead  
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Ask any employee of Norfolk Southern what is his prime responsibility and he will tell you safety. In the Norfolk Southern office at the Chocowinity marshalling yard, signs and posters are plastered on the bulletin board emphasizing safety.

On the nearly 82 miles of railroad tracks in Beaufort County, you will constantly ride past signaling devices, the highway signs of the railroads, which ensure safety on the tracks. The railroad men heed the signs.

There are also signs for motorists as they cross where roads intersect with railroads. All too often motorists do not heed the signs, causing accidents and near accidents at the crossroads.

Sgt. S.M. Basnight of the N.C. Highway Patrol agrees that motorists are the prime cause of accidents at crossroads. "It's these kids with loud speakers in the back of their cars," he said. "They get so loud you can't hear the train whistle." Drivers just don't hear the trains approaching, he said.

Another reason for accidents is drunk drivers, he said.

Ralph Waller, a 23-year employee of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, knows from experience that motorists often do not pay attention when crossing the tracks. He said that the crews often have a daily game of chicken with motorists as they try to dash across the tracks before the train passes and nearly any crewman will tell you of an accident he has been in in which a motorist either failed to look or thought he could make it across safely.

And it is not limited to drivers of passenger cars either. Bus and truck drivers have been seen crossing tracks without regard to train traffic, officials say. Even though there are laws which state buses must stop at every crossroad to check for traffic, every now and then there is one that causes train crews some tense moments. "The worst thing that an engineer could see is a bus across the tracks, the second worst thing is probably a tanker," Waller said.

Waller said it is hard to stop a train weighing over 1,000 tons, which is a comparatively small train of only 14 cars but needs at least half a mile to come to a complete stop.

Waller said motorists don't realize this. "People

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## Educators of the Month selected for contributions

The New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education spotlights "Educators of the Month" for October, 1989. Billie Landen, ninth-grade home economics teacher at J.T. Barber Junior High; Barbara Tyra, guidance counselor at Havelock Elementary and Janeth Hopewell, guidance counselor at F.R. Danyus Elementary are the honorees.

Billie Landen received her bachelor of science degree from East Carolina University. She has taught home economics at J.T. Barber Jr. High School for nine years. Landen believes in working on a one-to-one basis with students when necessary and she strives for each student to achieve success. She attempts to build positive self-esteem in her students daily.

Different modality approaches are used in her classroom teaching. Landen integrates her subject area with other areas of the curriculum such as math and English. Leadership development is encouraged and students are always welcomed to stay after school for assistance. Landen is the Craven County representative on Regional II Home Economics Advisor Board and is presently serving as secretary of the council. She is the Future Homemakers of America advisor and the Sunshine chairperson at J.T. Barber. She serves on the school base committee, the guidance committee and the prom committee. Landen has completed the Mentor Teacher Training.

She is married to Charles Landen and they have two children, Chip and Beth. They are members of Garber United Methodist Church. Landen is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Barbara Tyra received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Houston, her masters degree in education in counseling and her pupil personnel services credential from California State University. She has been a school counselor for eight years. Mrs. Tyra organizes counseling sessions for individuals, small groups, and acts as a resource person for teachers and students.

A parent support group has been

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## Prevent hunting mishaps by using common sense

By Dr. Zack Waters

Every fall, newspapers and other media are filled with stories about hunters who have been injured while enjoying a sport that should be accident free given some education and good common sense.

The most horrifying case that we hear about all too often is the hunter who is mistakenly or accidentally injured or killed by another hunter. In many, many cases the accident is associated with alcohol use.

North Carolina is attempting to address the problem of mixing hunting and alcohol with a recently passed law that requires all persons buying their first hunting license after July 1, 1991, to have passed a hunter safety and ethics training course. Hopefully, this new law will

result in a substantial reduction in hunting injuries and fatalities.

A couple of years ago, a law was passed requiring big game hunters to wear "blaze orange." Within recent years, right within our local area, a hunter wearing "blaze orange" was accidentally shot, so one must not assume that one is safe if wearing "blaze orange."

Recent studies have shown that more than one-third of hunting injuries occur not when one hunter shoots another but when sleepy, careless, or drunk hunters and/or their guns fall out of tree stands. Great care must be taken by responsible hunters using tree stands.

All hunters have experienced the pulse quickening, heart pounding

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