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Taylor, left, and Kunz at DSA banquet



Kirk reads funny letter as Kenneth Ipock listens

## Jaycees Honor Area Residents

By MIKE VOSS  
Editor

The best of the best. That was the recurring theme at the New Bern Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award banquet held at the Shrine Club Tuesday night.

Rick Askew Jr. was presented the J. Gaskill McDaniel Distinguished Service Award. Askew is active with the Twin Rivers YMCA, having served in several capacities. While in Boy Scouts he earned several awards, including the Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow awards.

"He's really outdone himself," said Charlie Besancon, last year's DSA winner.

Vanceboro's Jonathan Taylor was presented the Outstanding Teenager Award. Taylor is a 3-sport athlete at West Craven High School. "He is indeed a scholar-athlete," said Gerald Eubanks, principal at H.J. Mac-

Donald Junior High School. Taylor is active in several school clubs, participated in the Quiz Bowl, was Youth Lay Leader in 1987 in his church and attended the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Conference last year.

Pearlie Campbell and William Chapman Jr. of West Craven were nominated for the award.

Alan Gaskins of the Vanceboro Volunteer Fire Department was awarded the Outstanding Young Fire Fighter Award. Sheriff Pete Bland accepted the award on behalf of Gaskins.

A captain on Bridgeton's rescue squad, Ronald Kunz, was presented the Outstanding Young Rescuer and Outstanding Public Servant awards.

The Outstanding Young Farmer Award went to Glen Allen Ipock. Troy Horie, a New Bern

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## Craven Not Spared From AIDS Problem

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AIDS. The thought of it scares millions. The reality of it kills hundreds. The cost of trying to prevent, cure and control it is skyrocketing.

According to the Craven County Health Department there have been four full-blown AIDS cases discovered in the county. Two of the four people with AIDS have died. Health officials say many others have tested positive for the AIDS virus.

In 1987 there were approximately 282 documented AIDS cases in North Carolina, doubling the number of cases reported in 1986.

The Craven County Health Department recommends that anyone who uses illegal drugs, has homosexual contacts or has multiple sex partners to be tested for the AIDS virus.

The health department, along with other health departments throughout the state offer a free AIDS test. The test is called the Daisy test and it is done on an anonymous basis. The person to be tested can come in between 8

a.m. and 4 p.m. at the health department and request the Daisy test (blood test). The blood will be drawn and sent to the state lab in Raleigh. The person tested will initially be assigned a number (no names will be used) for identification purposes. The person tested must return to the health department within a week and bring his or her number to obtain the test results.

One-on-one counseling is available for those who test positive and those who want more information about AIDS.

Sixty-two percent of AIDS cases in the state are attributed to homosexual or bi-sexual men. Drug users account for about 13 percent of AIDS cases, said health officials. Nine percent of AIDS cases are attributed to unknown causes. Homosexual drug users make up five percent of the state's AIDS cases. Hemophiliacs (free bleeders) account for three percent of the cases. Four percent of the cases were obtained through heterosexual contact and another four

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## PTO Supports Bond, Cites Building Needs

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"West Craven High School is short on teaching space," said Principal Robert Jolly.

Jolly noted that the school uses single-wide trailers and the balconies of the library for classroom space. He said that resource people often use storage spaces as meeting places. The school's vocational counselor uses such an area to meet with students who need his services. Jolly said, "We put resource people where we can find the space."

Students aren't the only ones who have to deal with crowded classroom situations, teachers have to float from room to room, said Jolly.

If Craven County voters approve a \$26 million bond referendum, the monies would be used to help finance a \$1 million to \$1.5 million addition to West

Craven High School. The bond monies would also be used to construct a new high school in New Bern and other new schools and additions throughout the county.

Linda Thomas, volunteer coordinator for West Craven High School, voiced support for the referendum to be held Feb. 2. Mrs. Thomas said she thought "our end of the county will benefit, not just New Bern. West Craven is just bursting at the seams; they have a real need for classroom space."

Vanceboro Mayor Jimmie Morris also spoke out in favor of the bond referendum. Morris said, "Due to the fact that we have so many immediate needs at one time, if we used the pay-as-you-go plan the needs would get so far ahead we would not be able

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Eagle jayvee player scores against Mariners

## Eagles Hold Off Mariners

By JIM GREEN  
Sports Writer

Tuesday night proved to be a night of firsts in the Coastal Conference, as the Havelock boys' team and the West Craven boys' team lost their first and won their first league games, respectively.

Phil Medlin scored 22 points to lead D.H. Conley to a 69-64 victory over the Rams, while Laura Maxwell exploded for 39 points to lead the Havelock to a 67-42 victory over the Lady Vikings.

In other Coastal games, Willie Manley scored 19 points while Keith Roundtree added 14 blocked shots in leading West Craven's boys' team to a 51-37 win over East Carteret while Linetta Bryant scored 13 points to pace the Lady Eagles over the Lady Mariners, 49-40.

In Vanceboro, Manley scored 19 points, Roundtree added 12, and William Brown chipped in 10 as West Craven used a stingy defense to hold off the Mariners for its first victory in eight games.

Roundtree, who has been foul-prone this season, stayed out of foul trouble in the first half. East Carteret had trouble hitting from the perimeter, and when the Mariners tried to move the ball inside, Roundtree would slap a shot away or he and Brown would grab a key rebound.

East Carteret pulled to within three points, 39-36, with 4:00 remaining, but the Eagles outscored the Mariners 12-1 in the remaining time to preserve the victory.

In Hollywood, Havelock cut a 14-point Conley lead down to just one on a basket by Ledel George with 3:31 remaining.

But the Rams couldn't get any closer to the Vikings the rest of the way. Bronswell Patrick's three-pointer with 2:44 left gave Conley a four-point lead and the Vikings sealed the victory with free throws.

The Lady Rams rallied after trailing by a point, 13-12, at the end of the first quarter. Havelock led 27-22 at halftime and 44-32 after three periods. In the fourth,

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## Coastal Initiative Plan Receives Mixed Reception

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West Craven Highlights  
WASHINGTON — Gov. Jim Martin's administration feels his Coastal Initiatives are a step in the right direction of shoring up the state's coastline.

Some eastern North Carolina residents agree. Some do not.

The plan, reviewed Thursday for about 120 people from Craven and surrounding counties, stresses the need for expansion and development in coastal areas while protecting their natural resources.

Still in its planning stages, the initiatives offer state assistance to communities that qualify and want state help. Aid would range from financial assistance to technical help and help with the permitting process from state agencies.

The program was reviewed by Gov. Martin's Secretary of Administration James Lofton as part

of a tour by the Blue Ribbon Commission, who created the plan. The commission, headed by former Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, met at Beaufort County Community College as the third stop on a six-city tour of Eastern North Carolina to gather comments about the proposal.

The comments will become part of a record that will be reviewed by the commission after the public meetings and used as the basis for possible amendments to the plan. Green said he hoped the plan would be completed by late February.

According to a summary of the plan prepared by commission, the governor's coastal initiatives are aimed at making the state's coastal areas "more attractive to economic opportunities while establishing stronger environmental safeguards."

The program is intended to accomplish three goals:  
— To increase protection of

ecologically fragile and environmentally significant areas under the Coastal Area Management Act.

— To promote a marine waterways system.

— And to stimulate waterfront investment in existing towns and villages.

Increased protection would include giving an area a special designation to prevent or limit development. These designations would include areas of environmental concern, environmentally significant natural areas, outstanding resource waters and environmentally sensitive areas.

The plan also proposes a marine waterways system similar to the highway and aviation systems currently used. A proposal for the waterways system would include primary and secondary channels to link the entire coastal waterway.

markings, access points, service facilities and possibly nautical "welcome centers" similar to those on interstate highways.

The system also would include the formation of a waterways improvement plan similar to the state's highway improvement program. The plan would identify improvement needs and would indicate a time frame and source of funding for each project.

The Coastal Initiatives Plan also would encourage development in coastal communities that want development while curbing development in environmentally sensitive areas.

In the first year of the program, three to seven communities will be selected for large-scale development, and another three to seven will be picked for less costly improvements to docks and the like.

Under the plan, the state's role is to lend expertise in planning,

design, regulatory procedures, grants and loans and promotion through community teams.

Officials from the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development will evaluate communities wishing to participate and will select cities and towns on local initiative and desire, need and potential for success.

Once selected, a community will be assigned a team of staff members from relevant state agencies. The staff members will meet with community officials to form a waterfront development plan and then help implement that plan using the assistance offered through state agencies.

Ten people from the audience spoke Thursday evening. Their comments ranged from environmental and business concerns to attempts to put in a few good words for specific areas hoping to be chosen for pilot programs.

David McNaught, the execu-

tive director of the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, said the group had mixed feelings about the proposal. McNaught said environmentalists agree that "development is imminent" along the shorelines. By the year 2000, 75 percent of the U.S. population, or about 200 million people, will live within 50 miles of a coast.

McNaught said, however, that he felt the governor's initiatives were "somewhat misdirected" in that they appeared to offer specific incentives for coastal development while not paying enough attention to environmental concerns.

McNaught urged that the plan should not encourage development at the expense of the environment, which, he said, "must always be viewed in longer terms" than short-term development plans permit.

Hood Richardson, a Beaufort  
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