



# West Craven Highlights

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## Pleasant Hill Voters Pick Water Source

### Residents Choose County Over New Bern For Line

Pleasant Hill residents Monday unanimously voted to have Craven County extend water lines to their homes instead of the city of New Bern.

The vote, in effect, ends six years of pleading for better water quality for the residents who live west of New Bern on N.C. 55.

The choice was offered to the residents late last week when Craven County efforts to obtain state grant money for the project fell through. State and local officials tried for several months to find approximately \$230,000 to extend a county water line a little over a mile to serve the residents.

Recent water samples taken from wells in the Pleasant Hill community show high levels of iron, manganese and coliform bacteria. Despite the findings, no state money was available.

Many of the residents already buy bottled water for consumption and cooking. Others refuse

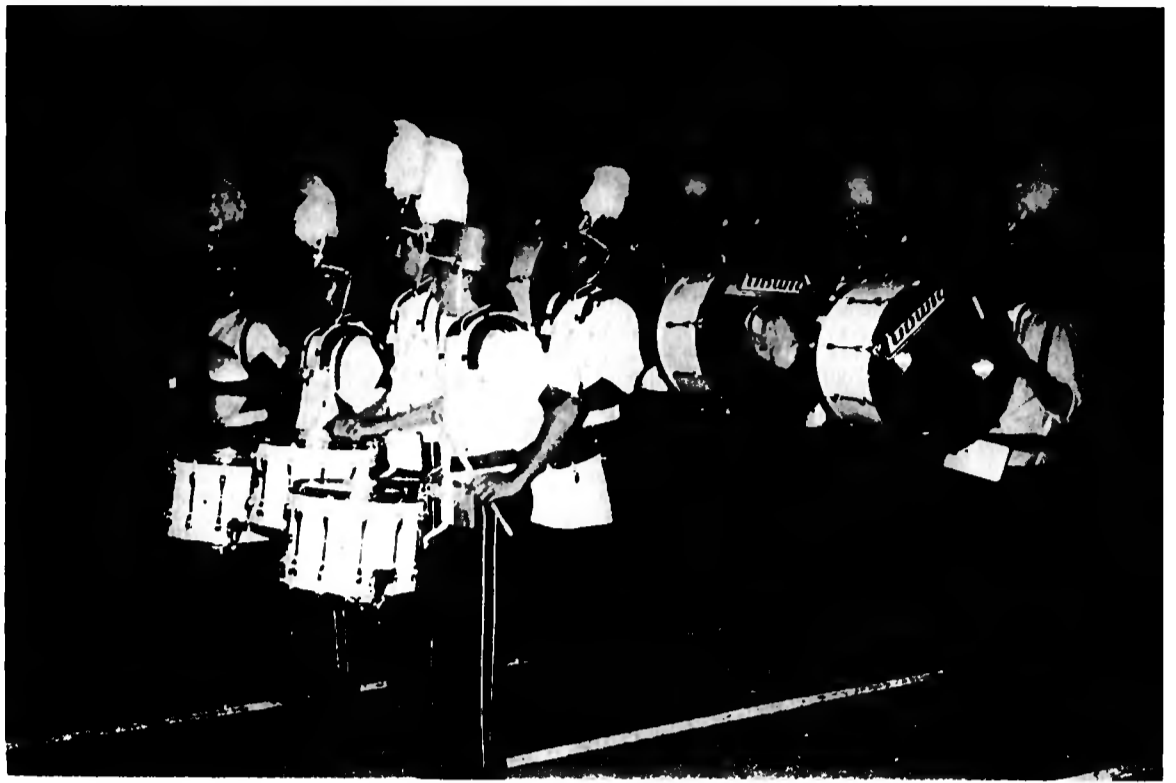
to bathe or wash clothes in the water because it leaves brown stains, said some residents. Some residents claim the poor water quality is a factor in dental problems—weak teeth—in children.

The county water line ends on one end of the community and the city water line ends on the other end.

The vote for the county plan means the county will pay for the water line by using a combination of a grant and loan, or a total loan plan that might require forming a water district for the area.

If the city plan had been approved by the residents, the city would have extended its water lines under the guidelines it uses for extraterritorial areas with water rates initially twice what New Bern residents pay.

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Mark Time, March!

Members of West Craven High School Marching Eagle Band prepare to take the field at halftime during a recent home football game. The band has only a few minutes to make an impression during a game, compared to 48 minutes for football players. While a touch-

down might be sweet music for a running back, crisp marching and no sour notes is a big score for the band. And not everyone at a football game may be a football fan. Some of the spectators might be more interested in a horn player or majorette than in a nose tackle.

## West Craven Drops 18-13 Contest To Washington

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By JIM GREEN  
Sports Writer

West Craven sophomore running back Lee Becton reached the 1,000-yard rushing plateau Saturday night, but the combination of Tyron Lodge, Joe Randolph and sparkling ball control propelled Washington to an 18-13 victory over the Eagles in a pivotal Coastal Conference game.

The win gives the Pack, now 7-2 overall, a 4-1 record in the Coastal with a home date next

week against D.H. Conley looming. West Craven dropped to 2-2 and 4-4, and its only hopes of making the playoffs is winning its final two games against East Carteret and Havelock.

Lodge led Washington's 228-yard rushing attack with 122 yards on 18 carries. David Williams carried 18 times for 53 yards while Damien Moore, still nursing a tender ankle, saw limited action and rushed for 49 yards (one carry a 26-yard jaunt) on eight carries.

Bob Hanna, Washington's head coach, said ball control would be the key to the game. He was right.

The Pack's three scoring drives each took more than five

minutes off clock and Washington's eight possessions in the game totalled 31 minutes.

West Craven's seven possessions totalled just 17 minutes and one of the Eagles two sustained drives (4:21) resulted in a touchdown. Five other possessions barely totalled six minutes.

"That was one of the things we had to do, control the ball so we could keep Becton and their offense off the field," Hanna said. "The offensive line did a great job blocking and the backs did a good job. We did what it took to win."

Though Washington's forte was ball control for a majority of the game, it started quickly when Joe Randolph grabbed the open-

ing kickoff at the Pack 16, danced through the seam and outran the pursuit for an 84-yard touchdown. The extra point was blocked, but Washington already had a 6-0 lead with 11:47 to go in the first quarter.

West Craven coach Clay Jordan was disappointed with the kickoff.

"We worked 45 minutes on kickoffs Thursday. You tell them who to kick it to and then they kick it to the most dangerous guy on the field," said Jordan. "Sometimes I wonder if it even pays to practice."

On the Pack's first drive of the second quarter was successful. Washington, behind the running of Lodge, used 13 plays and

moved from its 20 to the West Craven 5. After an offside penalty moved the ball to the 2, Lodge bulled his way into the end zone with 5:32 remaining in the half, and the Pack led 12-0 after the conversion run failed.

But West Craven didn't roll over and play dead. Becton carried for 16 yards to the Pack 40 and then grabbed a 28-yard pass over the middle from Kevin Holzworth for a first down at the Washington 12. Becton then ran the final yardage for the score with 10:03 remaining in the third quarter, and Jay Gaskins' extra point kick cut the lead to 12-7.

But Washington's longest drive of the evening also produced its final score on the next

series. Starting from their own 39 following the kickoff, the Pack picked up five first downs in a 16-play drive that took eight minutes off the clock. Williams barreled his way in from the Eagle 2 with 2:12 remaining, giving Washington an 18-7 lead after the conversion pass failed.

West Craven tried one more comeback. Taking their only possession of the fourth quarter, the Eagles drove 56 yards in eight plays. Adrian Cameron made the score 18-13 when he ran three yards for the game's final points.

Becton set up the TD when he ran eight yards on the preceding

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## Felder Finding Sideline Challenging, Rewarding

By MIKE VOSS  
Editor

If Francis Felder is lucky, he will see a little more than half a football game. And that doesn't sound too good for an assistant coach.

But Felder is also the trainer for West Craven's football team during the fall. In the spring, Felder trades hats and becomes the junior varsity baseball coach.

After serving as defensive coordinator for Havelock Middle School's football program for three years, Felder jumped at the chance to go to West Craven. He serves as the secondary and receivers coach for the Eagles.

In his first year with the Eagles, Felder spends much of his Friday nights taking care of injured players. So when he might rather be observing the game and yelling instructions, he often finds himself working with bumped

knees, banged up ankles and an assortment of other injuries.

Felder played baseball at Camden High School in South Carolina and played centerfield for the University of South Carolina. He served as a sheriff's deputy for seven years before becoming a teacher. After two years of teaching in the South Carolina Lowlands, he moved to North Carolina. With an opportunity to coach football and be closer to his wife who teaches at West Craven Middle School, the chance to come to the high school was not turned down.

"They're on their own," said Felder of his secondary when he's treating an injured player. His trainer's skills were learned during his baseball-playing days.

Even though the Eagles are young and sport a 4-4 record,

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Felder attends to trainer's duties

## Campbell Shrugs Off Season's Hype

I know my confidence and the team's confidence is building with each game — Jesse Campbell

Some people may be tired of reading about Jesse Campbell. But they may as well get used to the idea of seeing his name in newspapers as he gets more and more media attention for his progress on the football field.

Make no mistake about it. N.C. State's Defense, spelled with a capital D, is a group effort, but during the course of each game there's always the key tackle or the key interception or the caused fumble.

And more often than not, one of the central figures in those key moments is Campbell, a strong safety.

Campbell, a red-shirt freshman

from Vanceboro, is a member of a defense that has not allowed a touchdown in 25 of 28 quarters played this season, including the last 16 straight. The Pack has kept six of its seven opponents from scoring a touchdown and has allowed an average of 7.7 points per game.

"We want to keep the streak going," said Campbell, as the Pack prepares for a nationally televised (ESPN) contest Saturday against potent South Carolina at 8 p.m. in Carter Finley Stadium. "I know my confidence and the team's confidence is building with each game."

Campbell's heroics and stand-out play have thrust the 19-year-old into candidacy for ACC Rookie-of-the-Year honors and

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## Becton Says Linemen Opened Up The Holes For 1,000-Yard Season

The good news is West Craven's Lee Becton had another 100-yard game Saturday.

The better news is he has exactly 1,000 yards on the season.

The best news is that Eagle fans have two more years to watch the sophomore running back pile up more yardage.

Becton, who drew lots of defensive attention after back-to-back 200-yard rushing outings his first two games, is taking the milestone all in stride. Becton realizes a running back doesn't get 1,000 yards in a season on his own. He has to have help from the offensive

line.

He is the first Coastal Conference player to reach the mark this season. And he has been chosen as the first West Craven player to repeat as winner of the Flying Eagle Award this season. Becton earned the season's first Flying Eagle Award announced by the West Craven Highlights.

Becton entered Saturday's game against Washington needing exactly 100 yards for his 1,000 yards. He got exactly what he needed. In fact, he had 101 yards but lost a yard

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Becton has tape removed after Saturday's game

## Dover Man Faces Bribery, Drug Charges

DOVER — Multiple charges, including bribery, were filed against a 71-year-old Dover man Friday.

The charges were filed after Rueben Hall of Rt. 1, Dover was arrested by Craven County Sheriff's Department deputies for several alleged drug violations.

He was charged with felony possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver marijuana; felony manufacture of a controlled substance and keeping a dwelling for using controlled substances.

According to warrants, Hall is accused of having more than an ounce of marijuana on him when arrested. He allegedly packaged and repackaged marijuana in his

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