



West Craven Highlights

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Eagles pound Patriots

By Mike Voss
Editor

Lee Becton is back on track. West Craven's junior tailback locomoted for 170 yards on eight carries and scored five touchdowns in leading the Eagles in a 67-6 rout of Pender County Friday night.

The Eagles worked the homecoming crowd into a frenzy before the first quarter was over and had Pender wondering which engine on the Eagle Express was coming round the bend next.

Becton, who ended up 10 yards shy of 1,000 yards on the season, scored on runs of 50, 40, 26, 13 and 11 yards. In last week's 12-7 win over Havelock, he was held under 100 yards for the first time this season.

Penalties nullified two touchdown runs of 13 and 11 yards.

The Eagles started the contest with a long TD and ended it the same way.

West Craven's Harvey Brown took the opening kickoff and returned it 62 yards for a touchdown. He later scored on a six-yard romp.

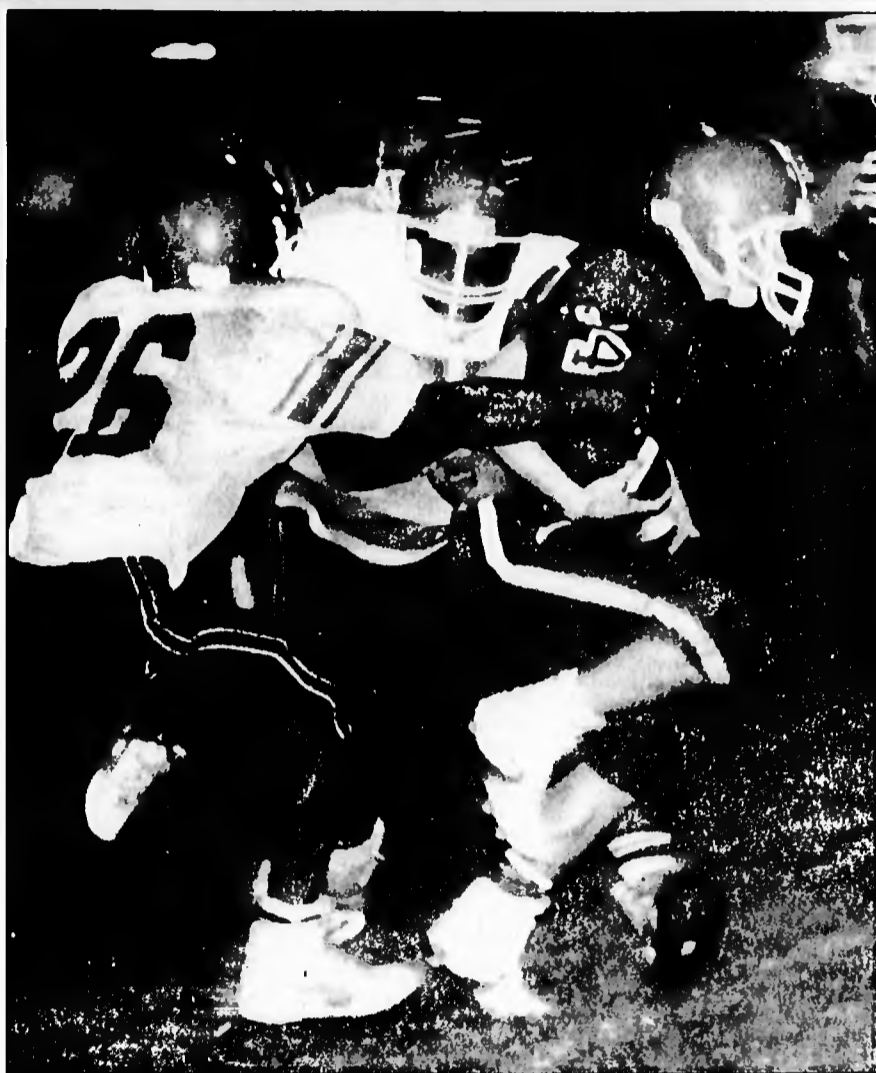
West Craven's Troy Dawson notched his second interception of a Patriot pass and returned it 65 yards with three seconds left in the contest.

West Craven piled up 428 yards total offense, 317 on the ground and 111 through the air. The Patriots rushed for 111 yards and threw for 129. Pender's Curtis West rushed for 113 yards on 16 carries.

West Craven, ranked seventh among the state's 3-A schools, suffered penalty problems, however, being hit for 10 penalties for 110 yards.

"I think a win next week will get

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Roger Russell photo

Let me go!

West Craven's Paul Anderson (24) struggles for yardage against Pender County in Friday's 67-6 homecoming victory.

40 additional lines planned for townships

Expansion of water, sewer system begins its first phase

By Mike Voss
Editor

The state is reviewing plans to expand the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District by 40 lines.

Once the plans are approved by the state, bids will be sought on the estimated \$895,000 expansion project, said Vernon Harris, county engineer.

Harris said the expansion will add 22 lines in Township One, nine lines in Township Three and nine lines in Township Nine. There is a list of 80 proposed lines and the county is proceeding with as many as it thinks it can currently afford, said Harris.

There are 199 potential users in Township One, 52 potential uses in Township Three and 82 potential users in Township Nine, said Harris. The county is seeking to provide as many residents with water as it can afford — "getting the most bang for the buck" — currently, said Harris.

The project will be financed with a \$543,955 revolving loan from the Clean Water Act, a federal program. The loan will be paid back at a 4-percent rate over a 20-year period, said Harris. The Farmers Home Administration will provide \$343,365 through a refinancing program. The county can refinance up to two-thirds of the debt it retired in the

past calendar year to help pay for the project, said Harris.

Harris said the refinancing is akin to a second mortgage. The bonds will be sold at an open-market rate, said Harris.

Residents in the area where the new lines are planned will be afforded the same "early-bird" sign-up period. Customers who sign up for county water will pay a \$30 tap-on fee, a \$50 security deposit and an inspection fee of about \$5 to \$10, said Harris. Those who wait until after the early-bird deadline will pay \$250 to connect with the water system, said Harris.

"It pays to sign up early," said Harris.

Harris said additional expansions are planned but will be done as money becomes available. He said the county has basically adopted a "pay-as-you-go" plan for the entire project.

The average customer on the system is paying about \$16.40 a month and uses about 4,500 gallons a month, said Harris. A fee schedule adopted about 1 1/2 years ago sets a \$17.50 fee for using 5,000 gallons a month.

Harris said he expected the early sign-up period to begin soon but did not have a specific date when it might begin.

Harris said he expected the expansion to proceed smoothly.

West Craven success has an Italian flavor

By Mo Krochmal
Sports Editor

Was it the pasta? Maybe.

Last Friday night, the West Craven Eagles turned Pender County into ground round, winning 67-6 in a homecoming football feast. The saucy variety boys tomatoed the Patriots, sausageing them at the line of scrimmage and shredding them into chopped salad to remain undefeated on the season and in the conference.

Maybe the credit should go to Nancy Caprara, the wife of defensive coordinator Tony Caprara.

For the past few years, Mrs. Caprara, has fed the team an Italian dinner during the playoffs or after the season (depending on how successful they were).

Mrs. Caprara told the Eagles, the previous week that if they beat Havelock, she would feed them her traditional annual Italian feast a little earlier than usual.

They did and she delivered dinner last Thursday afternoon in the school cafeteria.

With a shopping list that in-

cluded 4 gallons of tomatoes, 3 gallons of tomato sauce, two gallons of tomato paste, 12 pounds of beef for lasagne, 20 pounds of Italian sausage (imported from Florida), 8 pounds of spaghetti noodles, 3 pounds of lasagna noodles, 10 loaves of garlic bread and two recipes of cheesecake mix — not to mention the goodies for a big bowl of salad with Italian dressing — she cooked for two days. With the help of daughter Nancy, Eric Patrick, Beverly Brian and Sandra McComber, she loaded several long tables with delectable treats — lasagne dripping in gooey cheese, spaghetti smothered in sauce, perfectly-done Italian sausage, spicy meatballs, salad and melt-in-your-mouth cheesecakes.

"I just like to do something for the boys," Mrs. Caprara said. "I enjoy it and I love the kids. These players are the nicest; all of our football players are good kids. There's not a one of them who I don't just love."

Mrs. Caprara's feast stuffed the varsity coaching staff, the 20-some players and a couple of sports writers.

Hefty (6-2, 255) lineman Eddie McKeel said he polished off three



Mrs. Caprara dishes out feast to coach Clay Jordan.

plates while quarterback Kevin Holzworth was assisted by a couple of his receivers (probably looking for a few pass opportunities) in making sure he got as much as he needed to eat.

"I'm glad I'm just a junior, I've still got one more year (to eat)," said Terrece White, a 6-1, 195-pounder, who proudly sported a dribble of tomato sauce on his shirt — his personal badge

of courage. "The way she talked, we might get two or three more dinners this year," he added.

Mrs. Caprara said she planned to fix another dinner in the playoffs. No telling what she might fix if the Eagles respond to her cuisine like they did last Friday night.

No telling how far they may go if there's a plate of pasta waiting.

Outbreak of equine encephalitis spreads to adjacent county

An outbreak of a viral disease known as the blind staggers or sleeping sickness has killed at least 14 horses in North Carolina according to a horse specialist at N.C. State University.

And state public health officials are warning that the virus, eastern equine encephalitis, can be transmitted to humans.

Dr. Robert Mowrey, a N.C. Agricultural Extension Service horse specialist at NCSU, said 14 cases of the virus were confirmed between Aug. 1 and Sept. 15.

Fatal cases of the disease were confirmed in Beaufort, Cumberland, Lenoir, Moore, Pasquotank, Robeson, Sampson, Union, Wake and Wayne counties.

One human case of the disease was reported in Beaufort County, according to state health officials.

Tissue from other horses that died is still being analyzed and the number could rise, Mowrey said. Only one case of the disease was confirmed in the state in 1988.

Horses are normally vaccinated annually, usually over the winter as protection against the disease. Mowrey said horse owners may want to

consider a second vaccination now to make sure their animals are protected.

The disease is spread by mosquitoes and Mowrey said that this year's unusually wet weather may have nurtured mosquito populations, leading to the outbreak.

The virus is normally transmitted by mosquitoes to birds. While not harmful to the birds, it can be lethal when transmitted to man or horses, state health officials said.

There is no treatment for this infection.

As a result, mosquito control programs in eastern North Carolina will increase their efforts.

Persons who live near swampy woods or whose activities take them into such areas should be aware of this health hazard. Personal measures to reduce exposure to mosquito bites, such as wearing long-sleeved shirts, long-legged pants and using mosquito repellents are advised, health officials have said.

Symptoms of the disease are a high temperature, depression and incoordination. Infected horses may

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McKeel earns Flying Eagle

On Friday nights, Eddie McKeel is sometimes the center of attention.

Especially for quarterback Kevin Holzworth who has taken a few snaps from McKeel who has lined up at center for the Eagles this season. Injuries and other factors have caused some shuffling around on the offensive line and McKeel has found himself handling the center's chores.

All season the senior has been one of the anchors of the West Craven offensive line. McKeel has done his share in opening the holes for Eagle running backs. And if you ask tailback Lee Becton, just 10 yards shy of 1,000 yards rushing this season, he'll tell you that McKeel has been a part of his success.

This week's Flying Eagle Award goes to McKeel for his part in the Eagles' 7-0 mark and

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Mike Voss photo

Homecoming Sweethearts

Stacey Spurling, left, and Michelle Freeman, right, escorted Miss Freeman. All but Fonville were named the Homecoming Sweethearts for West Craven High School last Friday during homecoming ceremonies. Escorting Miss Spurling is Greg Fulcher and Shawn Fonville, right.

Quinn announces bid for seat in Legislature

"It is with a great deal of public conscience and civic pride that I announce my intentions to run for the North Carolina Legislature on the Democratic ticket," said Ben D. Quinn in announcing his candidacy for the Third House District seat.

Quinn, the superintendent of the New Bern-Craven County Schools, seeks the seat being vacated by Rep. Beverly Perdue, who earlier this year announced she is running for the Third District Senate seat.

"I cannot claim a long history of elected service, but I can claim a lifetime of public service and I can claim many good friends who want improvements made in education, substance abuse, equality and plain old-fashioned honesty at all levels of government. If elected, I will assure the citizens of the Third District that I will fight for the causes that are important to the people of Craven, Lenoir and Pamlico counties, and I will work to continue the out-

standing leadership that has been provided by the Third District legislative delegation," said Quinn.

"Having served 30 plus years as

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Ben Quinn