

## For second straight year, Aces are NCC champs



STAFF PHOTO BY BRETT A. CLARK

Edenton football players celebrate after Desmond Leary (right) blocked punt during the Aces' 28-21 win over Northeastern, Friday.

### Claims 28-21 win at Northeastern

By **CHIC RIEBEL**  
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**ELIZABETH CITY** — They held the state's highest-scoring team 32 points below its scoring average on its own field.

They scored two touchdowns on long interception returns and had a third set up by a blocked punt deep in enemy territory.

They blew a 14-point third-quarter lead, then mounted an epic drive in

the closing moments for the winning touchdown.

For the second year in a row, they are the unbeaten, Northeastern Coastal Conference champions.

They are the Edenton Aces.

And after last Friday's stunning, 28-21 win over Northeastern, they are making a habit of doing the unthinkable.

It was just last October, also on the final night of the regular season, that the Aces shocked the favored, defending 2AA state runner-up Eagles 20-17 on a last-minute touchdown when

### Friday's Game

Louisburg (5-5) at Aces (10-0) in 2A state playoffs first round, 7:30 p.m.

the two conference unbeaten collided in Edenton.

"This one was better by far," Aces head coach Wes Mattera declared when asked to compare the two wins as the standing-room only crowd exited the field at Northeastern.

"We were picked to finish fourth in the conference. Everybody at NCPreds.

com, everybody in The Daily Advance, everybody around the state said Edenton can't win, won't win. Nobody believed but the 40 guys we brought on the bus.

"But that's all that mattered and that's why it's more special."

"This is an amazing feeling," added senior running back Kashese Bond, who ran for 162 yards on 16 carries. "The best feeling in the world."

Incredibly, Edenton (10-0) and the Eagles (9-2)

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## Early voting pace slows

Storm may have kept people away

By **RITCHIE E. STARNES**  
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Although Chowan County voters are on pace to eclipse the early voting pace of 2008, the number of ballots cast over the last week suggests the record might be safe.

Perhaps because of Hurricane Sandy churning by or simply a steady decline of last week's early voting, fewer county voters are voting early. Opening day (Oct. 18) for early voting remains the busiest day with 541 casting ballots, according to the Board of Elections. The first week remained brisk, but as of last Thursday the number of voters (290) has waned, compared to 378 the day before.

Reaching Chowan's 2008 record mark of early voting at 5,052 seems to be losing momentum.

"I don't think we're going to make it. I'm just not seeing it over the last few days," said Rebecca Lowe, Board of Elections director.

Hurricane Sandy clipping northeastern North Carolina didn't help the cause.

Yesterday (Monday) and today (Tuesday) have been kinda slow," Lowe added.

Lowe said the State Board of Elections has suggested the possibility of extending early voting due to the chilling effect that Sandy brought in the way of inclement weather. Any local decision to extend one-stop voting will be left up to local election boards, Lowe said.

Figures show, however, that Chowan is on pace to break the 2008 record. As of Oct. 26, 2,818 county

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## OUT WITH THE STORM



PHOTO BY REBECCA LOWE

A depleted water level in Edenton Bay leaves the 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse suspended over shallow water and rocks Monday afternoon.



PHOTO BY REBECCA LOWE

The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy left the Chowan River's water level recessed, exposing numerous Cypress trees and stumps. The nor'easter temporarily siphoned water out of the bay.



PHOTO BY DEBRA WAFF

People take advantage of the recessed water in Edenton Bay to walk where ducks usually paddle.

## Husband's illness sidelines campaigning

### Elliott remains in school board race

By **REBECCA BUNCH**  
Staff Writer

At-large school board candidate Glorious Elliott has been forced to curb her personal campaigning after her husband of 44 years suddenly fell ill.

Her husband James was stricken last Thursday with bleeding on the brain that has affected the right side of his body, according to Elliott. She said that her 66-year-old husband became ill while exercising at the Chowan Senior Center.

Connie Parker, who manages the senior center, said that she noticed as James Elliott left the exercise

room that he was sweating profusely. She said he dropped his water bottle and was unable to pick it up with his right hand.

Parker said that she began talking with him and



Elliott

found that he was disoriented and could not lift his arm.

"He would not let me call 911," Parker said. So she called his wife instead.

"Glorious arrived a few minutes later and we took him to the emergency room at the hospital," Parker said.

Later that day James Elliott was airlifted from

Vidant Chowan Hospital to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville where he remains hospitalized with his wife at his side.

"He comes first," Elliott said, speaking of her decision to stop actively campaigning until her husband is better even though Election Day is next Tuesday.

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## Quinn undergoes triple-bypass surgery

### Recovery to take as long as six weeks

By **REBECCA BUNCH**  
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When Edenton Councilman Bob Quinn began to lack his normal energy earlier this month, he decided to see his doctor to find out what was going on.

Now, he's glad he did. "I just was not feeling well," Quinn, 76, said. "I was feeling tired and sluggish, and I was feel-

ing pressure in my chest."

So on Oct. 12 Quinn, accompanied by his wife, went to see his personal physician, Dr. Stafford Taylor of Edenton. Taylor referred him to the East Carolina Heart Institute in Greenville for evaluation and treatment.

After numerous tests a heart catheterization was scheduled for Quinn on Oct. 16.



Quinn

"They found (after doing the catheterization) that I had a problem a catheter and stints wouldn't fix," Quinn said.

Instead he was scheduled to undergo triple bypass surgery on Oct. 24. With the six-hour surgery returned home Sunday afternoon in amid a heavy dose of rainfall and wind courtesy of Hurricane Sandy.

Quinn said he received "excellent care" the entire time he was in Greenville and praised the professionalism of the staff.

In addition to his duties as a town councilman, Quinn is also serving as chairman of the town's 300th anniversary planning committee. Quinn said his surgeon had told him to take it easy for the next six weeks. Quinn said he's comfortable doing that because of the high caliber of people serving with him on the committee, and on the town council.

"I'm just getting my strength back," Quinn said. "I'm on a lot of medication and I need a lot

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