

Aurora Boosters To Sponsor Bluegrass Festival

Bluegrass fans will be in for a treat on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 7:30 pm. The Aurora High School Athletics Booster Club will sponsor an outdoor Bluegrass Festival featuring the Border Mountain Boys from Winston-Salem. A concession stand will be open during the festival which will be held at the Aurora High School football field.

Advance tickets are \$3.00. Ad-

mission at the gate will be \$4.00. Children under six are admitted free.

Tickets are available at Patter-son's Florist and Hair Unlimited in Aurora; Tom's Mobile Homes and New Bern Sporting Goods in New Bern; and Buckman's at Washington Square Mall. Tickets may also be purchased from any Aurora Booster Club member.

PCHS Cheerleaders Chosen

Cheerleading tryouts were held during the week of April 1-5 at Pamlico County High School gym. The following girls were chosen for the varsity cheerleading squad: Lisa Harper, Carla Greene, Shannon Alexander, Ann Whorton, Lisa Ross, Paula

Fodrey, Joanna Weaver, Alisa Lee, Sandy Phillips.

The junior varsity cheerleading squad includes: Angela Potter, Angel Caroon, Merry Sottile, Rachel Holton, Denise Davis, Javaz Dudley, Tina Weaver, Erica Fenderson, Vickie Green, Esther Flores, Rina Rowe.

Aurora Softball Takes Bear Grass

Aurora girls softball bounced back from a difficult loss the day before and took advantage at Bear Grass on Thursday 8-3.

The Trojanettes hit the ball hard, forcing 10 Lady Bear mistakes. Aurora committed just 8 errors.

Aurora had taken a 6-run lead before Bear Grass could get on the scoreboard in the last of the third with 3 runs. That would be all of the Lady Bears' offense. Aurora added 2 final runs in the top of the sixth.

Bear Grass threatened in the last of the sixth. With one out, Aurora's pitcher Lisa Gibble load-

ed the bases on walks. Because of the field, Gibble was forced to pitch off a mound. But Gibble regained her composure to strike out the next batter and pop up the following batter to end the inning and take Aurora out of a sticky situation.

"We played a very good ballgame that game," said Lady Trojan coach June Zurfue. "We didn't have a lot of hits but we hit the ball hard and forced errors."

Five Aurora batters each had 2 hits in 4 appearances. One was Lisa Franklin, who is leading the Trojanettes with a .590 average

and 30 runs batted in. Franklin has hit safely in each of the team's 10 games so far. Barbie Cayton also has a hitting streak going. Cayton has hit in her last 8 straight games.

SCORING

Aurora	105	002	0-8-10-3
Bear Grass	003	000	0-3-6-10

Swansboro Girls Elude Pamlico

The Pamlico girls softball team rallied against Swansboro last week, compiling 6 runs in the bottom of the sixth but the rally was not enough as Swansboro slipped by 8-6.

The Pamlico girls did not hit well, knocking out just 3 hits in the contest but the Lady Hurricanes were able to capitalize on 6 crucial Swansboro mistakes. Swansboro rapped out 9 hits. Pamlico played relatively error-free, making just 2 mistakes, much lower than their season average per game.

Swansboro jumped out to an 8-0 lead through 5 1/2 frames. The Lady Hurricanes got uncorked in the last of the sixth to plate 6 runs. But in the

last inning, the Pamlico girls had nothing left.

Pamlico's hits came from Pam Small, 1-3; and Marla Morrow and Crystal Jordan, 1-4.

Dee Yates continues to pace the Lady Hurricanes with the bat, averaging .500 with 13 hits in 26 at bats.

The Pamlico girls are scheduled to host Richlands Thursday night beginning at 7:00 at the Stonewall field. On Friday, the girls are slated to travel to Lejeune for a doubleheader.

Pamlico 000 006 0-6-3-2
Swansboro 302 003 0-8-9-6

Pitching Duel Finds Bear Grass On Top

The Aurora and Bear Grass baseball teams were involved in a pitching duel last Thursday, resulting in a Bear win in the seventh inning.

The Trojans scored their lone run in the top of the fifth off of Mike Anderson single and a Jim Sireci two-bagger. Bear Grass answered in the last of that inning with a run to tie the game up until the seventh.

Bear Grass' winning run was due to a Mike Asby walk, a steal and a single to hit in the run.

Mike Asby went the duration for the Trojans, picking up the loss. Asby walked seven batters and struck out 9. Bear Grass pitcher Watson, fanned a dozen Trojan hitters and walked just two.

"We played real good defense," said Trojan coach Ted Overton,

but then continued on toward the plate where he was cut down on the throw from the outfield. Had he not hesitated at third, he could have beaten the throw home and Pamlico would have claimed the victory.

Mack Rice, George Lupton, Mike Pereira and Andre Greene all had 2 hits in 4 at bats for the Hurricanes. Pamlico fell to 3-5 in the Coastal Plains Conference, 4-6 overall.

The Hurricanes are still having trouble with erratic mound performance. Of the Hurricanes' 5 conference losses, 3 have been as a direct result of the deciding runs having reached base on walks. If hits and errors were the only means by which to reach base, Pamlico would in fact be leading the 9-member CPC race with a 6-2 record. But pitching wildness and inconsistency has determined three league defeats.

Offensively, Pamlico has out-hit opponents 81 to 58 through the 10 games played thus far in the season. Mike Pereira continues to burn the bats in the league hitting stats. Through the Swansboro game, Pereira is hitting .519 with 14 hits in 27 at bats. He has also batted in 5 runs, walked 7 times and struck out just twice. Second high on Pamlico's line up (with over 20 at bats) is Mack Rice with a .306 average, hitting 11 times in 36 appearances. Rice has knocked in 6 runs, walked 4 times and struck out 3 times.

Pamlico is scheduled to face Richlands Thursday night at 7:00. On Friday night, baseball fans will be treated to a doubleheader in Bayboro with Lejeune. Game time is scheduled for 5:00.

Pamlico 002 010 000-3-11-3
Swansboro 000 300 001-4-3-1

Aurora Softball

Winning Streak Ended

The Lady Trojans fell prey to the Lady Indians in Chocowinity last Wednesday 7-5. Aurora had won its previous four contests before the Easter holiday break. This was the second time the two teams had clashed this season. The first matchup gave the Trojanettes the edge 6-5 on Aurora's field.

But Aurora's hitting was not up to par. The Lady Trojans had averaged just under 15 hits a game in the previous 8 contests, but managed just 9 against Chocowinity. The Lady Indians whacked out 10 hits with a homerun.

Neither team had the advantage after one inning, with the score deadlocked at 3-3. But in the top of the second, Aurora plated 2 runs for a 5-3 lead. The Lady Trojans would not be able to generate any more offense for the remainder of

the game. In the first two innings, Aurora knocked out 8 of its 9 game hits.

Chocowinity regained the lead in the last of the third by crossing 3 runs. The Lady Indians added one more in the bottom of the fifth for the final 7-5 score.

"We were swinging at bad pitches," commented Aurora's coach June Zurfue. "We just weren't up for it. Chocowinity got their hits when they needed them; we didn't." Aurora stranded 11 runners on the bases.

Penny Lewis and Lisa Franklin paced Aurora's hitting. Both knocked out 2 hits in 4 at bats. Franklin batted in 3 runs for the Lady Trojans.

SCORING

Aurora	320	000	0-5-9-4
Chocowinity	303	010	x-7-10-7

Aurora Bypasses Chocowinity

The Trojans of Aurora came on strong on the baseball field in the third inning in Chocowinity last Tuesday to plate 5 runs. The ballgame went just five innings due to the rain but still counted as a win for the Trojans.

Eddie Kinnion started off the third inning offense with a single. Mike Anderson walked and Michael Bynum was hit by a pitch to load up the bases. Matthew Kinnion then singled in 2 runs. Michael Sartin

drew a walk as did Dale Scott to fill up the bases again for Aurora. Eddie Kinnion came around again for the Trojans to face the same situation as before with the same results. Kinnion singled in 2 more runners. The fifth Trojan run was walked in by Chocowinity but the Trojans left the bases loaded to end the inning.

Aurora added on two more runs in the top of the fourth off of two Indian walks and a hit by a pitch plus a Michael Bynum double for the two

runs.

Aurora's final run came in the top of the fifth as Asby drew a walk, stole second and came home on a Jim Sireci single.

Eddie Kinnion grasped the win for Aurora, pitching the length of the game. Kinnion struck out 5 and walked 6.

Aurora 00521-8-6-2
Choco. 00020-2-5-5

Pamlico Downed At Topsail

Pamlico was downed at Topsail's baseball field last week 7-5. Pamlico out-hit Topsail 9-5 but couldn't convert the baserunners to runs.

Topsail scored a quick 2 runs to open up their offensive end of the first inning. Pamlico responded with 2 runs in the top of the second. That was as close as the Hurricanes came as Topsail com-

pleted 3 runs in the last of the second and one in the fourth. Pamlico flurried in the top of the fifth, plating 3 runs. Topsail's final run crossed in the last of the fifth.

Richard Meadows pitched the duration for Pamlico. Meadows faced 28 batters, gave up 5 hits, 6 walks, and struck out 2. Topsail pitching gave up 4 walks and struck out 4.

Ricky Bennett led the Hurricane bats with 1 hit in 1 at bat. James Mason and Demetris Davis had 2 hits in 4 appearances. Davis also picked up 2 RBIs.

SCORING

Pamlico	000	000	0-3-4-4
Topsail	230	110	x-7-5-1

Pamlico Area Sports

Pamlico Errors Cause Loss To Swansboro In Extra Innings

The Pamlico infield has been error-prone this season and the errors told on Pamlico Friday night in Bayboro. The Hurricanes committed 3 errors against Swansboro, with one error costing Pamlico 3 runs. Swansboro sneaked past Pamlico 4-3 in an extra-inning ballgame under the lights.

But to give credit where credit is due, the Hurricane infield did make some nice defensive plays. In the first three innings, the infield teamed up to catch two runners

trying to steal second base.

Swansboro began to threaten immediately, showing that they would indeed try to run the bases. With one out, a line drive single to left centerfield put the first runner on the bases. The runner stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball. The third batter hit to third baseman Demetris Davis who threw to catcher Mike Pereira for the tag at homeplate to help put Pamlico out of the inning unscathed. Pamlico also threatened in the last of the opening frame. With two outs, Pereira drew a base on balls and stole second. Mack Rice advanced the runner to third on an infield basehit and then captured second. A fly ball to the second baseman ended the inning.

In the top of the second, with one out, the Swansboro batter reached first on a Pamlico shortstop mistake. When the runner proceeded to try to take the next bag, Pereira teamed up with second baseman Scott Wilson to deny the steal.

In the last of the second, Pamlico again got base runners on, but couldn't finish the work. George Lupton singled up the middle but was put out at second on a Ricky Bennett fielder's choice. Second base was stolen but the inning was over with a strike out and a ground out.

Pamlico scored two runs in the third frame, working from the top of the order. Craig O'Neal beat out an infield single and stole second. James Mason drew a base on balls. Pereira hit into a fielder's choice to put out O'Neal unassisted at third base. Both base runners advanced on a passed ball and then scored when Swansboro's rightfielder failed to hang on to Rice's fly down the rightfield line. The next two Pamlico batters flied out to centerfield to leave Rice on second.

The Pirates captured the lead in the top of the fourth. The lead off batter was the first of three Bennett walks, and advanced on a balk. The next batter also walked. After a fly out, the Pirates hit into a fielder's choice with Pamlico electing to force out the lead runner at third 6-5. Another Pamlico walk loaded the bases. With two outs, third baseman Davis fielded a show grounder and chucked the ball into right field foul territory, as three Pirate runs scored.

Davis then switched places with Bennett and was able to hold Swansboro in check until the winning run was scored for Swansboro in the ninth inning. The run was scored on another walk, a stolen base and a single.

Pamlico's third run transpired in the fifth frame as Rice, Davis and Lupton cracked out consecutive singles.

Pamlico out-hit Swansboro substantially. The Hurricanes rapped out 11 singles to the Pirates' 3. Pamlico did threaten once more, in the sixth inning, but fell short on a mental baserunning error. Andre Greene singled and stole second base with one out. Greene moved to third on an O'Neal single to rightfield. Greene stopped at third base

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Swansboro 000 300 001-4-3-1

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