

## Phelps Resigns At FTF

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Watauga County native Jason Phelps has stepped down as football coach at Fred T. Foard High School after two-short years on the job. Phelps, who attended Watauga High School and Appalachian State University, was 5-15 during his two-

year stay with the Tigers. The Tigers were 2-8 last season, and finished the season with a seven-game losing streak. The Tigers dropped a 28-27 decision to WHS on September 14. Alex Parsons won the game for the Pioneers with a 38-yard field goal as time expired. Phelps was 0-2 against his alma mater.

The Tigers won two games in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference during Phelps' tenure. They defeated St. Stephens and won by forfeit against Hickory in 2011. The Red Tornadoes forfeited all of their games in 2011 for using an ineligible player. Phelps came to Foard after three seasons as head coach at Bartlett Yancey, where his teams went 6-26. Prior to that, Phelps was defensive coordinator for five seasons at Rockingham County and for four seasons at Roxboro Person. He was an assistant coach for two seasons at Starmount after starting his coaching career at Watauga in 1994 and staying there for three years. Phelps replaced Ryan Gettys, when he was named head coach at Fred T. Foard in 2010. Gettys is currently an assistant coach at Bunker Hill.

Athletic director Rob Bliss said the school's search for a new varsity head football coach will begin immediately.