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County loses official

Commissioner David Bines Sr. dies Monday after short illness

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Perquimans County Commissioner David Bines Sr. died Monday afternoon following a short illness.

Winfall Mayor Fred Yates, a friend of Bines and his family, said Bines had been a patient in Sentara Norfolk General Hospital for about a month. Yates was not sure of Bines' final diagnosis, but said doctors had told family members Bines had suffered strokes or bloodclots. He was 47.

Bines was appointed to the board of commissioners on Feb. 7, 1994 to fill the sixth seat on the board created when the county adopted its new electoral plan designed to create more minority representation on the board. He was elected to the post in November 1994.

Bines will be missed in local politics and for his concern for and involvement in the community, local leaders said Tuesday morning.

"He was an asset to the board of commissioners," said commissioners chairman Mack Nixon. "David always strived to work for all citizens of the county. He's always tried to improve the lifestyle of county residents. He'll be a great loss to the county board and the county as a whole as a leader and politician."

Nixon described Bines as an excellent commissioner who took his elected position seriously, worked hard and made decisions based on what was best for the residents of Perquimans County as a whole.

"David was a unique individual," Nixon said. "We will miss him on the board and I personally will miss him."

Yates said Bines was an unselfish person who worked diligently in the community, and who was committed to his family.

"It's going to be a tremendous loss across all lines, civic activities, racial relations - you can't put in words what it's going to mean," Yates said. "He was such a well-liked person by everybody. Just as a citizen of the county there's going to be a void that's going to be hard to fill. I know I'm going to miss him."

In addition to his work as a commissioner, Bines was on the 2020 Vision Coalition board, a member of the NAACP and the county representative to the recreation advisory board and landfill committees. He attended New Bethel Baptist Church. He was also active in school and civic activities in which his children were involved, including Odyssey of the Mind and recreation activities.

Bines is survived by his parents; his wife, Willie Ann Bines; two daughters, Davida Bines and D'Ani Bines; and a son, David Bines Jr.

Funeral arrangements were pending at press time. The family was initially at Bines' parents' Hampton, Va. home.

A LOOK AT OUR TOWN



PHOTO BY BRIAN VANDERLIET, THE DAILY ADVANCE

A rainy morning kept some folks away from the homes tour in Hertford Saturday for the Our Town celebration; however, quite a number toured the old State Theater at Hertford Hardware; enjoyed the demonstrations and entertainment; and browsed

through downtown stores. One of the day's features was an antique car show on Church Street. Many out-of-town visitors got a taste of small-town life through the event, sponsored by the Hertford Downtown Merchants Association.

Recycle for Special O

Cars can be turned into cash Saturday when a Snug Harbor group hosts a Recycle for Special Olympic Gold event.

The flea market type vehicle sale is scheduled from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Anyone with an unwanted vehicle can take it to the Snug Harbor Clubhouse parking lot Saturday morning before 9 a.m. Prospective buyers can browse and make offers on the vehicles. If the vehicles sell, the owners keep the money. If not, the vehicles may be removed or donated to the North Carolina Special Olympics. If donated, Morris Auto of Elizabeth City will remove the vehicles at no cost to the owners. All vehicles will be recycled into funds for Special Olympics. Tax receipts will be provided to owners of

vehicles donated to Special Olympics.

In addition to vehicles, boats and trailers may be donated.

Individual car parts, lawn mowers and other related items may be sold during the sale, but are not usable for Special Olympics.

According to Barbara Gustafsen, one of the project organizers, the Snug Harbor has a two-fold purpose for sponsoring the event. First, the group wants to help Special Olympians. Second, the group felt the project would offer an opportunity to help rid the county of junk vehicles.

There will be a \$5 charge to enter the sale. Call Barb at 426-9698 or Crystal at 426-8255 for space reservation and further details about vehicles.

Municipal candidates speak at BPW forum

Candidates for Hertford and Winfall council seats and the two mayoral seats introduced themselves to their future constituents during a candidates' forum Oct. 19 in the Perquimans County Courthouse. The Hertford BPW sponsored the event.

Candidates attending the event included John Beers, Hertford's unopposed incumbent mayor, and council candidates Carlyn Brown, William "Bill" Cox, Barbara Sheeley, Billy Winslow and Eldon Winslow (no relation).

Winfall candidates attending were incumbent Mayor Fred Yates, and council candidates Carol Cooper and Clifford Towe. Mayoral candidate C.D. Barclift and council candidates Jake Chesson and Lloyd Ray Morgan were absent.

Candidates introduced themselves by answering the questions, "why am I qualified to hold

this office," "how do I plan to make a difference," and "what are the problems and concerns you will address in office."

Crime continues to be a major and the Hertford Town Council has taken steps to fight the problem, Beers said.

"In the last number of years the town of Hertford has strived to fight crime, increasing our police department from a three man force to nine men," he said.

The town will continue improving its electric delivery system and water and sewer lines. Once this is done more work can be done on the streets.

"One of my main concerns is the image we present and our appearance," Carlyn Brown said.

Brown wants the council to improve its program for repairing or demolishing dilapidated buildings. She also wants to address utility costs.

Former mayor and city manager W.D. "Bill" Cox touted his 30 years in local government.

"I'm advocating growth for jobs," he said. He does not think Hertford can add more employees or services until economic growth occurs in the community. He also supports communicating beautification.

"I feel if you are going to be part of the community you should actually partake in that community," Hertford newcomer Barbara Sheeley said.

Sheeley was active in local government while living in Florida. She wants to promote job growth by working with the Albemarle Commission and Northeastern N.C. Regional Economic Development Commission to secure grants and other incentive funds.

"I feel like I'm a very conservative person with taxpayers'

money," Billy L. Winslow said.

Winslow touted the town council's recent upgrade to the sewer system as a significant community improvement. He said he will work to improve utilities and keep tax rates low.

Eldon Winslow wants the council to work on improving downtown parking and clamp down on jaywalkers. He said the town and police can only do so much to fight drugs and crime.

"We'll never get rid of drugs until you the public is ready to get rid of drugs," he said.

"Throughout the state me and my wife (Perquimans County Commissioner Shirley Yates) are known as the sewer couple because wherever we go we are talking about sewer installation and looking at ways to secure funding," Fred Yates said.

Yates wants to see Winfall's sewer installation project com-

pleted.

Yates said the Winfall council has taken several steps to save tax dollars including the privatization of garbage pick-up and turning over the town's tax collection to Hertford.

Carol Cooper wants to develop a recreation center for the town. She wants to promote neighborhood watch programs.

"I know not all the decisions made by town council are always popular with one or two individuals but you make decisions based on what's best for the community," she said.

"I think it's the responsibility of each citizen to participate," Clifford Towe said.

Towe said he would like to see 24-hour police protection in Winfall. He supports infrastructure improvements, like upgrading the water system and installing sewer, because it is needed to draw business and jobs.

Christmas event planned downtown

The Hertford Downtown Merchants Association is planning a night of holiday music on Thursday, Dec. 7.

The popularity of last year's event in the downtown block prompted the group to offer it again. Bands and vocal groups will be invited to participate. Once again, the streets will be blocked off and merchants will offer extended shopping hours.

In keeping with the theme

of the Christmas parade, the festivities will be called "Share the Joy of Christmas."

The Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring the event.

HDMA began offering holiday activities downtown at its inception three years ago. In addition to the music, the group lights up the downtown block with white lights, and the town of Hertford assists with lighting the S-bridge.

GREEK MYTHOLOGY PROJECTS



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Students in Andrea Boone's 10th grade English classes jumped out of the textbook when studying Greek mythology and into a creative mode when they made representations of characters from the study. From paper mache to wood to cloth, Boone's stu-

dents filled the high school library shelves with artwork. Exhibiting their finished projects are (left to right) Kim Cullipher, Tiffany Baker, Nicole Walker, Tommy Stokely, Paul Hunter, Peggy Bloodworth and Nilia Chobot.

Outside

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