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PHOTO BY JOHN JACKSON, THE DAILY ADVANCE

Developer/marketer Steve Baldwin points out artists in his drawing of the backdrop of the stage at the proposed Wolfman Jack Memorial Blues Park. Baldwin joined Tod Smith, son of the legendary disc jockey, and Lou Smith, his widow, at a press conference at Belvidere Friday. Smith officially announced plans to develop the outdoor theater and music museum.

Wolf still howls

Robotic Wolfman Jack will spin discs at planned outdoor theater, museum in Belvidere

Wolfman Jack's famous howl will be heard for generations when the theater/museum complex being planned to memorialize him and his work in the entertainment industry are finished.

Steve Baldwin, the Palm Springs developer/marketer assisting with the development of the Wolfman Jack Memorial Blues Park, said a robotic Wolfman will be built for the museum. From his soundbooth, the Wolfman will do his radio show, thanks to the thousands of feet of tape the disc jockey saved.

Baldwin was on hand with Robert Smith's family last Friday at a press conference at Belvidere plantation, where plans for the complex were officially announced. The widow of the late disc jockey said she is pleased with her son's idea of building the park in his father's honor.

"I think he'd love it," she said. Careful consideration is being given to

developing the park in the quiet community of Belvidere, Baldwin and Tod Smith said.

"I'm building this on my mother's property," Smith said. "I wouldn't want to do anything to take away from the beauty of this place or endanger my mother."

Smith said acts reputed in the entertainment industry to bring trouble will not be booked for the theater.

"We're going to have a lot of fun. It's going to be a lot of fun on the family fun level. We're going to be bringing in good, quality acts."

Smith said local contractors will be hired to construct the park, and the complex will provide jobs once open.

"We're going to make sure that the money stays in the community," Smith said.

Smith said he not only looks to book internationally known artists at the theater, but to provide a place for local talent and church and theater groups to perform.

A get-together for Belvidere residents will be held soon to answer any questions they may have about the complex and its affect on the community, Smith said.

If all goes according to plan, the park will be open in August 1996.

Cox officially back on board

Political veteran sworn in Monday

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
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It's official. W.D. "Bill" Cox is once again a player in Hertford politics.

After a 2-year break, Cox ran a successful campaign for a Hertford Town Council seat last week. He was sworn in Monday night during regular session along with incumbent councilman Billy L. Winslow and mayor John G. Beers.

Prior to the swearing in, Eldon Winslow brought two items of concern before council.

Winslow asked the board to consider yet another alternative to the congestion and parking problems at the town's boat ramp.

Winslow said the state Wildlife Resources Commission had at one time

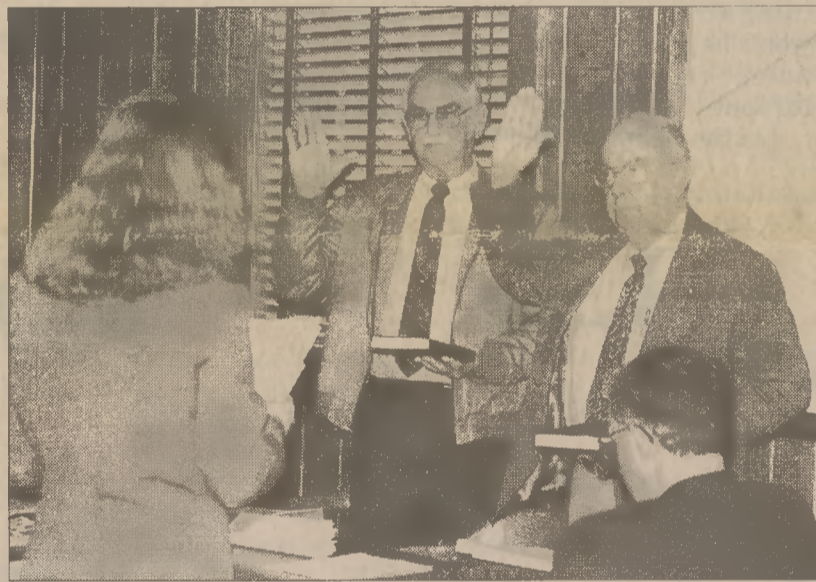


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Incumbent Hertford Town Councilman Billy L. Winslow (left) and W.D. "Bill" Cox take the oath of office administered by Assistant Clerk of Court Sheila Ownley during regular session of the town board. Re-elected Mayor John Beers was also sworn in during the meeting.

expressed an interest in building a boat ramp in Hertford. Winslow suggested that the

town close the present boat ramp and ask the wildlife agency to build another in its

place. Winslow the town cannot accommodate the number of vehicles brought in from out of town at the present ramps.

Town officials have said in the past that they cannot control boat ramp use because grant monies were used for its construction.

In addition, Winslow asked that the town officially oppose the \$4 million bond referendum proposed by the county. Town residents are also county residents, but do not use the water system and therefore should not pay for its facelift, Winslow said.

Town manager John Christensen said it would depend on which type of bond the county attempts to sell whether all county residents or only county water customers will be obligated.

Council asked Christensen to write to county officials for information on the matter and report back to the board.

Hertford Housing Authority wants solid waste fee break

Hertford Housing Authority wants a break on the solid waste fees charged by the county.

Director Rhonda Waters asked the commissioners on Nov. 6 to consider reducing the \$60 per unit fee billed by the county in September for payment by Jan. 1, 1996.

Waters, who has served as agency director for about six months, said the county charged a cut rate in 1993, then sent a bill for the difference in the full adn reduced rates plus the current year's billing in 1994. That resulted in a \$14,000-plus payment from the authority to the county in 1995, Waters said.

But county manager Paul Gregory told Waters and the board that the authority received no rate reductions in 1993. He said after reviewing the issue, the housing authority board opted to pay its share of the county's solid waste management fee. The initial fee was \$25 per household. The next year the fee rose to \$60 to cover costs. The authority paid bills for both years in 1995 because its budget was set before the solid waste fee was implemented by the county, and therefore no funds were available in 1994, Gregory told Waters.

The authority anticipates budget cuts

next year of about 25 percent, Waters said, stretching its resources. She asked for a reduction of the fee billed for this fiscal year. There is no way to pass the fee on to residents, she added.

Waters reminded the board that the authority had received a grant and is spending \$18,000 of the money to help the county purchase a PIN system for law enforcement.

County attorney John Matthews said he could recall no exceptions in the solid waste ordinance. Board chairman Mack Nixon asked Matthews to review the ordinance and report back to the board.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Hertford DMV clerk Judy Bateman assists with moving the computer system from the town office annex to the main office Monday. The DMV is now open for business in the same location as the Hertford utilities office.

DMV office moves

A change has taken place at the DMV office in Hertford.

DMV has moved from the Chamber of Commerce suite in the Hertford town office annex to the main municipal office. It operates in the same space as the town clerk and utilities office.

The town took over the DMV office in February, when the Chamber opted to drop the service. Chamber officials said DMV wanted a back-up office operator, which the Chamber could not afford to provide.

Fearing that state officials would choose not to have a DMV office in Hertford should it close, the town council moved quickly to take it over. The town elected to leave DMV in the Chamber office with a town employee hired to operate it. Other town employees were to be cross-trained at DMV to help during vacations and other DMV clerk absences.

Judy Bateman was hired as

DMV clerk. Utilities clerk Nancy Chappell served as Bateman's backup. Marsha Harriman also worked at that time in the town utilities office.

In a move to improve efficiency and allow for better customer service, the DMV was relocated this week. Town manager John Christensen said both Bateman and Chappell will be trained to serve utilities and DMV customers.

Also, Harriman resigned, and moving DMV to the main office will allow the town not to replace her. Another factor in making the decision to move DMV and not replace Harriman was the town's tax billing and collection contract with the county.

State officials were in Hertford Monday relocating the DMV computer system. The office was closed that day, but was scheduled to reopen on Tuesday.

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Groups prepare for holiday events

Chamber calendar already lists three Christmas galas

There will be a lot of merry-making in Perquimans County during the holidays.

Three events already listed on the Chamber of Commerce community calendar are:

- Dec. 2 - Christmas parade. The kick-off to the season will

feature grand marshal Don Slater, at least five bands, floats, fire trucks, antique cars, twirlers, dancers, Scouts, horses and more. The parade steps off from the high school at 2 p.m.

Following the parade, the Rockin' Willie Band will perform downtown.

- Dec. 7 - Christmas Ramble. The tour will include four homes in the Whiteston area decked out for the holidays, as

well as the Up River Friends Meetinghouse.

- Dec. 12 - Downtown Hertford musical celebration. Three Perquimans County Schools bands, soloists, church choirs and the community choir will present holiday favorites on Church Street.

Church Street will be blocked off between Grubb and Market streets after the parade and for the musical celebration downtown.

Outside

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 50s Low: 30s PARTLY SUNNY	High: 50s Low: 30s PARTLY SUNNY	High: 60s Low: 40s CLEAR, WARMER