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Yates will run again

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John Beers will most likely not occupy a chair around the Hertford board table after November.

Beers has spent 34 years around that table — 26 as a councilman and 8 as mayor — and he thinks it may be time to retire.

"I don't think (I'll run)," he said. "After 34 years on council — the last eight of them as mayor — I think it might be time for folks to get off. For now, that's the only reason (I would not run)."

Beer's counterpart in Winfall, Fred Yates, will be on the ballot in November.

"Yes, I'm going to go for it (re-election)," Yates said. "I've got to finish this project with this sewer. I did the other projects I wanted to get accomplished — the fire station, the fire truck, the park — and I really want to finish this sewer."

"I also want to work with Hertford and the county to establish this commerce park. There is a good working relationship between the towns and the county and I think we can have a successful commerce park."

Yates' service goes back about five years, when he was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of former Mayor Bill Bartlett. He has since been elected twice.

Ironically, Yates began his political career as an appointee to the Winfall Town Council to fill the unexpired term of his wife, Shirley, upon her election to the board of county commissioners.

His focus during his tenure has been accomplishing those items in Winfall to improve the quality of life for its citizens and be conducive to growth.

The terms of Hertford Councilmen Billy Winslow and Carlton Davenport and Winfall Councilman Jake Chesson and Councilwoman Carol Cooper are also expiring.

Winslow, also a public service veteran, said he is leaning toward not seeking re-election.

"At the present time I do not have any plans to seek re-election," he said. "I appreciate the support I have had in my 28 years of service. (But) I feel like 28 years is long enough."

Winslow serves as vice mayor. He fulfilled the mayor's duties early in his present term when Beers suffered a stroke.

Davenport, 68, was appointed to the board when Bill Cox resigned for health reasons. He does intend to run to keep his seat.

"I'm planning to (run) right now. I don't know if I'll change my mind," Davenport said.

The councilman said his focus in a second term would be on tourism and the development of the commerce centre.

"I think that I can help the town along," Davenport said.

"We're right in a period of not exactly growth, but (we are) developing a lot of infrastructure and things that will help us in the future. I'd like to be a part of it and do what I can to help it along."

"We're also working on developing the heritage tourism plans for Hertford, and developing a water supply adn distribution and sewage system. We're finding money and grants to start expansion and improvements (for that)."

Another long-term public servant, Chesson will also retire his council seat.

"No, sir, (I'm not running again)," he said. "I'm 81 years old, I've been on the (town) board 21 years. That's long enough, ain't it?"

Cooper could not be reached for comment.

The filing period for candidates seeking the mayoral and council seats officially opened at noon on July 2. It will close at noon on Aug. 6.

The voter registration deadline for town residents who will vote in the elections is Oct. 8. Persons already registered do not have to reregister.

For information, contact Elections Supervisor Eula Forbes at the Board of Elections office on Edenton Road Street (Extension Building) or call 426-5598. Elections office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fireworks, food, facepainting: Fourth fun



PHOTOS BY BEV ALEXANDER

Sparkling colors lit up the sky over the Perquimans River Saturday night, as locals celebrated Independence Day a little early. Missing Mill Park filled as dusk approached with folks of all ages awaiting the fireworks display. American Legion Post #126 was in charge of the fireworks, receiving assistance with the shooting from local volunteers and the Edenton Optimist Club, and financial assistance from the Historic Hertford Business Association. HHBA sold favorite July 4th foods during the evening and sponsored a clown, facepainting and a street dance. The event marked the return of 4th festivities after a one-year hiatus.



WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 90s
Low: 70s
PARTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY
High: 90s
Low: 70s
PARTLY SUNNY

SATURDAY
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Low: 70s
PARTLY SUNNY

Delivery of redesigned phone books underway

From Staff Reports

Delivery of the 1999 Sprint Yellow Pages is under way and should be completed by the end of June. During that time, more than 135,000 copies of the directory will be distributed in the Albemarle area.

Featured on the cover of the 1999 Albemarle Area Sprint Yellow Pages is a photo of the Camden County Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center. More than 600,000 visitors annually dock at the welcome center, which is positioned on the Intracoastal Waterway. The historic, 22-mile Dismal Swamp Canal is the oldest man-made water channel in the United States in continuous use. Each year, nearly 2,000

boats travel the canal, which connects at its north gate with the Elizabeth River and at its south gate with the Pasquotank River.

Also new to the cover this year are a light bulb logo and the "GET AN IDEA™" tagline. The new logo, which replaces the decades-old "Walking Fingers," is part of a national campaign to illustrate that the Yellow Pages can be a source of ideas, as well as information.

White pages redesign
The white pages listings also feature a new look. A change in typeface has helped make the directory easier to read, said Callen Fairchild Zind, Sprint Yellow Pages spokesperson.

Listings for Buxton, Coinjock, Edenton, Elizabeth

City, Gatesville, Hertford, Kill Devil Hills, Mamie, Manteo, Moyock, Ocracoke, Piney Woods, Shiloh, South Mills, Sunbury, Waves, Weeksville, Welch and Woodville now are grouped together alphabetically in one convenient section.

In addition, last names now appear only once per column, rather than being repeated for each individual listing. Take the last name "Johnson," for example. The name would appear once in bold at the beginning of the listings for "Johnson," then repeat at the top of each new column. Followed underneath are individual first names in alphabetical order.

Business listings also have been split from residential list-

ings and now can be found in a separate section.

The Exchange Prefix Guide, which displays area codes for various listings included in the directory, has been moved from the top right corner of every odd-numbered page to a central location at the beginning of the white pages section so that it no longer interrupts the flow of the listings.

The new standardized white pages listings are being adopted by Sprint directories nationwide.

Recycling
With the updated directory in distribution, all area residents and businesses are encouraged to recycle their outdated telephone directories. "This recycling campaign is

part of a national commitment by Sprint to recycle outdated directories and other reusable materials in many of its operating areas," said Katherine Vaccaro, customer relations manager for Sprint Yellow Pages. "During the past 10 years, more than 30,000 tons of directories have been recycled in similar programs."

To put that into perspective, she added, one ton of recycled pages saves 3,700 pounds of lumber and 24,000 gallons of water. "The paper that's saved will be recycled into tissue paper, paper plates, paper towels, napkins and other paper products," Vaccaro said.

Books may be taken to convenience centers for recycling.