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EASTERN WAKE NEWS

Zebulon, NC—Thursday, 3 June 2004

Pilot Icon Battles Cancer

By Michael A. Bell, Staff
Writer

PILOT—There has always been a fire burning within James Barbee Alford to provide for his family and his community. But cancer is smothering those flames as "Hoss"—a name that has become synonymous with Pilot and surrounding areas—fights his last battle.

With deep blue eyes peering into everyone's heart, the 79-year-old Pilot man now awaits his final call to venture into the heavens. It's a place he knows he is destined to go. It's a place he knows he will be well-received.

Last Wednesday, as oxygen channeled from tubes to his body, Alford remained

covered beneath his Pilot Baptist Church embroidered blanket - the church he dedicated his entire life to. Even though his body is slowly succumbing to the effects of kidney cancer, his mind is still sharp and his ability to tell a story is uncanny.

"I'm fading fast," said Alford, his weary body resting genially in his home—a place hundreds of his friends and family have frequented as their loved one slips away.

The doctors gave him three weeks to three months to live. But they don't know everything, he contends. They claim he will perish soon, but Alford believes he is in God's hands—for God is the only one who knows when Alford will take his last breath.

For his Master, Alford doesn't feel any resentment.

"It's not that I'm not ready to go," he said, struggling. "I'm ready to go. I just hate to leave my family, you know?"

So far, he said he has not experienced any pain, and the doctors believe he is likely to die in his sleep. On Monday, May 24, he was placed in hospice care.

With laughs from everyone visiting him last Wednesday, Alford shared stories of his accomplishments in the work force, his gifts and faithfulness to his church and community—memories he will carry to his grave.

As his quivering hand reached for a tissue to wipe the tears from his eyes, he gazed about the living room full of those who have meant the most to him and smiled at his life—one he calls "impressive."

A humble servant

Born Dec. 21, 1924, to farming parents Zollie and Lala, it wasn't until the fourth grade that a childhood friend coined the nickname "Hoss." He carried the identity throughout school at the former Wakelon School in Zebulon, to his more than 38 years working for the state Department of Transportation, to the present.

Although the state job didn't pay that well, it was very important to him—and he made sure he always arrived promptly.... By the time he retired a year's worth of sick leave was accumulated, and he was credited for more than 39 years of service.

In the 1950s, chosen from a select few because of his "leadership" abilities, Alford was granted a temporary job of widening the portion of U.S. 64 from Zebulon to Raleigh. The project won him an award....

From being a member of every committee of Pilot Baptist, to his 50-year on-and-off service to its deacon board, to his singing 60 years in the choir, Hoss Alford was always there. From helping construct the church's picnic

area, to planning practically every July 4th celebration and Pilot Fireman's Day festivities, Hoss Alford's guiding hands were needed.

In 1971, when Bunn High School officials said they didn't have enough money for an activity bus, Hoss Alford came to the rescue. Organizing a barbecue fund-raiser where students from Bunn Elementary and the high school were each given 10 tickets to sell, the amount raised for the vehicle doubled to \$12,000. When someone says it can't happen, Hoss Alford said me makes it happen.

As a Franklin County commissioner from 1986 to 1990, Hoss Alford oversaw the inception of a community college, an airport, two senior citizen centers, and a new school in both Youngsville and gold Sand.

A staunch Democrat in a highly conservative area, Hoss Alford said getting involved in politics was something for which he had a knack. During his days in office, even though he still carried his original nickname, someone also crafted another phrase suiting him to a T.

"They called me Mr. Democrat," he said, grinning. "I'd probably have some of my kin roll over (in their graves) if they knew I was a Democrat."

As his interest in politics dwindled away, Hoss Alford decided to put his effort into another area he deemed invaluable: the church youths. "It's the most important thing you could ever do," he said.

For the church young people to have all they deserve, Hoss Alford wanted

them to have outdoor activities, doing 90 percent of the work for the church's multiple tennis and basketball courts.

If there was ever anyone who couldn't afford a youth activity, Hoss Alford wanted his phone to ring.

"Let me know," he would tell them. "I'll pay their way."

The gates of heaven await

In January, doctors found a lump in Hoss Alford's kidney, son Gus said. It was immediately contained, and the prognosis was positive. However, doctors did not predict the cancer's likelihood of spreading. And two months later, the disease invaded the rest of Hoss Alford's body....

As Hoss Alford fights daily to see another day and breathe another breath, almost 300 get-well cards fill his single-story Clyde-Pearce Road home—hope and daily affirmation that although he will soon be gone, he will never be forgotten.

Though his time on earth will soon end, Hoss Alford said he has lived a graced life. With two children, sons Jim and Gus, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and a slew of statewide and community accomplishments, he believes he will be well-received at the gates of heaven.

"I'm ready to go," he said, eyes beginning to well with tears. "I just hate to leave my family behind."

Wife Merle Alford, 74, is at peace with her husband's future death. She

is battling congestive heart failure, but knows she will be in good hands when Hoss Alford passes....

Though it is uncertain what day he will die, what is sure is the place he will be buried: the Upchurch-Alford-Bunn cemetery.

On April 15, 1996, a tornado with wind speeds estimated at 200 mph swept through the Pilot and neighboring communities, damaging or destroying 92 homes and other property, particularly that tree-lined cemetery on Shepard School Road.

Hoss Alford spent countless hours restoring it, planting 19 Bradford pear trees where tall oaks and pines once stood and other foliage to bring out its historic beauty....

In April 2003, the Easter Wake News interviewed him after he restored the cemetery gardens. Then, as the Bradford pear trees were in full blossom, he joked when asked about his nickname, sarcastically saying he got the name because he was "so small."

But for the many lives he was touched, Hoss Alford's towering spirit will remain for generations to come.

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RALPH ALFORD II

THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, MS—Wed., 15 April 1992

[Caption below picture of car that had been driven into a dwelling:]

Car Hits House in Byram

Randy Chapman uses a winch to extract a car from a Byram mobile home's kitchen Tuesday afternoon after a teenager, Ralph Alford II, apparently lost control of his vehicle and crashed near the intersection of Ridgelea Road and West Ridge Road. Alford and three fellow Byram High students were uninjured. No one was in the house.

CHRISTOPHER P. ALFORD

Sent by Jim Alford, AAFA #115

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
Houston, TX—Saturday, 21 March 1992

Texan Guilty of Fraud

Biloxi, MS—A Texas man was found guilty Friday of conspiring to defraud investors nationwide in an estimated \$50 million oil and gas investment scheme centered in Gulfport, Miss.

A federal jury convicted Christopher P. Alford of Houston on charges of

mail, wire and securities fraud, as well as conspiracy and money laundering.

MICHAEL BOYD ALFORD
AAFA #495

Sent by Shelby Alford, AAFA #271

THE NEWS & OBSERVER
Raleigh, NC—Sunday, 20 Oct 1991
[Includes photos unsuitable for reprinting.]

History Afloat at Coastal Museum

BEAUFORT [NC]—Curators of the North Carolina Maritime Museum say their ship is coming in.

Actually, quite a few of them.

The ships will come to the museum's new Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center, where workers will repair and restore vessels and will give the public a chance to learn about boat-building methods along the Carolina coast.

The museum will hold an open house at the center next month, and will begin work on the first projects in January.

"This will be one of the first ones to go in," Michael Alford says, picking at the blistered paint of a boat, dating from the 1920s, in a covered shed behind the museum. While the boat's hull is shaped like those of traditional shad boats, Mr. Alford, curator of maritime historical research, suspects that it was built not for the fish that ran in coastal waters but for the liquor that ran from the stills on shore.

Fishing from the boat would have been difficult because of the rounded stern, he says. Also, he says, the boat has an unusual, dugout keel made of a single piece of wood, giving it great strength but not enough room to haul a big load of shad.

Such vessels have been donated over the years to the Maritime Museum by people who want the state to preserve its history, but who can't afford to repair or maintain the boats themselves. Many more donations have been turned down,

often because the state had nowhere to store the boats to protect them from further decay. The facility has 32 boats in storage, with five on display inside the museum.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum was founded in 1951 mostly with a collection of stuffed fish and whale harpoons, which for years was displayed in a Beaufort storefront. In 1975, the Department of Agriculture agreed to expand the museum's mission to study and record the history of building and using boats in the state.

Since the present facility opened on Front Street in 1985, visitor interest has grown, Mr. Alford said. More than 100,000 people walk through the museum each year to see rotating exhibits from sea shells to photographs and to learn about early steam engines used in North Carolina waters or about the many ships that were lost off the coast in the "Graveyard of the Atlantic."....

[The item below ran as a paid political advertisement prior to James Alford's unsuccessful bid for re-election.]

JAMES B. "HOSS" ALFORD
AAFA #344

THE FRANKLIN TIMES
Louisburg, NC—Saturday, 27 Oct 1990

Facts You Need to Know About James B. "Hoss" Alford

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Lifetime resident of Franklin County
2. Son of Lala Batchelor Alford and the late Zollie F. Alford
3. Married to Merle Bunn Alford and has two sons, James B. Alford, Jr. and William Gus Alford
4. Has six grandchildren and one great grandchild

EMPLOYMENT:

1. Lancaster Funeral Home 1945-1946
2. Charlie Ford's Warehouse 1946-1947

- 3. North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles 1948
- 4. North Carolina Department of Transportation 1949-1986, retiring as Franklin County Maintenance Engineer



COMMUNITY & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- 1. Charter member of Pilot Lions Club, where he has served as:
 - (a) Song Leader, Tail-Twister, Program Committee Chairman
 - (b) Board of Directors
 - (c) Vice President
 - (d) 100% President
 - (e) 100% Zone Chairman of District 31 G
 - (f) Named Lion-of-the-Year 1980-1981
 - (g) Named Man-of-the-Year, Bunn Lions club in 1971
 - (h) Coordinator of Lions Day Activities
- 2. Member of Whitestone Masonic Lodge #155
- 3. Member of Bunn High School Booster club
- 4. Charter member of Pilot Fire Department where he has served as coordinator of Pilot Fireman's Day for the past 17 years
- 6. Past President of Franklin County Fireman's Association

CHURCH

- 1. Active member of Pilot Baptist Church
- 2. Served as deacon for 30 years
- 3. Served on Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Nominating Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, and Vice Chairman of Parsonage Building Committee
- 4. Choir Member and President of the Adult Choir
- 5. Past Superintendent of the Youth Department for 32 years

COUNTY SERVICES:

- 1. Served on the Franklin County Board Of Commissioners for the past four years representing District 1
- 2. Chariman of Board of County Commissioners 1988-89
- 3. Accomplishments of the board the past 4 years include:
 - (a) New schools at Youngsville and Gold Sand....
 - (l) 14 convenience centers throught the county, replacing 62 unsightly garbage disposals....
- 4. Democratic Precinct Chairman of Dunn Township for eight years

"Hoss" states, "During the past four years, I have contributed much time and energy serving Franklin County as Commissioner. As a lifetime resident I feel that I have the genuine interest of the county and its people. My record of service to my community and county speaks for itself. I hope you will see the need for continued good county government. As a retired citizen I will be able to continue my time, energy and efforts to the needs of Franklin County and ask for your vote on November 6, 1990."

Paid for by Committee to elect James B. "Hoss" Alford, Commissioner for Franklin County. Johnny Alford, Chairman

JO ANNE ALFORD

ATLANTA JOURNAL & CONSTITUTION
Atlanta, GA—Sunday, 27 April 1986

Improving Teacher Education Creates Dilemma in State
Officials concerned higher entrance standards could worsen shortage

....Ray Cleere, Georgia's vice chancellor for academic affairs, says improving teacher education is the University System's "most serious academic priority."

....The state Board of Education is debating a proposal aimed at attracting more knowledgeable teachers largely by circumventing the teacher training process. It would allow the state to grant teaching certificates to liberal arts majors



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 - (b) Ground breaking for Middle School at Louisburg
 - (c) Feasibility study for a new building at Bunn Elementary School
 - (d) New industries: Captive-Aire; Welsh Paper Company; Stahlwood Toys; Wheaton-Plastic; Expansion of Post Software; Novo; HON; and Boston Gear
 - (e) Purchased Sportswear Building for Franklin County Human Resources to be used by Health, Home Health Mental Health, and Social Services Department. 10,000 square feet will be used for Satellite Community College
 - (f) Ground breaking for Franklin County Airport, funded by 90% Federal, 7% State and 3% County
 - (g) Senior Citizen Center grand opening October 12, 1990
 - (h) Instrumental in securing State funds for highway aprons on #401, paving streets and turn lane in Franklin Park Industrial Center, and other highway improvements
 - (i) Water and Sewer Line serving Franklin Park Industrial Center, extending from NC 96 to Post Software along #1 Highway
 - (j) Funding for Bunn Branch Library
 - (k) Assumed control of ambulance services providing additional funding to rescue squads
 - (l) 14 convenience centers throughout the county, replacing 62 unsightly garbage disposals (Hoss saved Franklin County tax payers enough money on these 14 centers to pay his salary for the next four years)
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Campaign Interviews: Franklin County

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TOMMY WYNNE

Foy:

Fair and equal

The biggest thing county government does that's important to its citizens is levy property taxes, says Harry Foy, Republican candidate for Franklin County Commissioner in District #1. It also enacts various ordinances, such as zoning, and provides money for education, he said. "North Carolina is noted for its strong local government."

If he were making decisions about zoning and land use, Foy said, "I would treat everybody in a fair and equal manner, with no regard to social standing, last name, color, sex or age. Just because I've known somebody for 50 years isn't going to affect my decision. I would try to put myself on both sides, and try to help both sides communicate with each other. All the laws in the world can't make a good neighbor."

"I might have supported that, since located on a major highway," Foy said. "The decision to rezone the Westwoods subdivision. How much the what was to and I'd

Alford:

Great strides

County government is very important, says District #1 Commissioner Hoss Alford, a Democratic incumbent who is seeking re-election to his second term. "It touches everyone's lives."

In the past four years great strides have been made, Alford said. Schools have been built at Youngsville and Gold Sand, he said, money has already been appropriated for the new middle school, and a feasibility study is in the works for a new Bunn Elementary School.

In addition, funds have been procured for a temporary satellite campus of Vance-Granville Community College, and "by next fall it should be a reality," Alford said.

County government is also important in taking care of needs in the health and Social Services areas, economic development, and transportation, he said, adding he has personally played a major part in transportation improvements. Services for senior citizens, such as the new center in Louisburg, are also important, as are the airport, water and sewer extensions, and a new Bunn branch library, Alford said.

In the past four years, the county placed 62 "very unsightly" signs. "I saved enough money to pay my salary

Fillingim:

Education first

County government is important because it levies taxes and controls where the money's going, enforces zoning, and funds education, says David Fillingim, Republican candidate for Franklin County Commissioner in District #3.

Education, he says, is his main concern. "I would not try to economize on education, although I believe in the wise use of resources other than money. If I had to pay higher property taxes, I wouldn't mind so much if I knew it was helping my children."

Fairness should be the main guiding principle in zoning and land use decisions, he said. In the Westwoods subdivision situation, "I'd want to know what people were told when they bought the lots. If they'd not been told, I probably would say no."

"If you own property, I do think
See FILLINGIM, page 6

Wynne:

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"I think county government is an exceptionally important District #3 County Commissioner Tommy Wynne, a Democratic incumbent seeking re-election to his second term.

County commissioner decisions on tax rates and how they're used, he said, such as zoning, buildings ("my number one priority"), economic development and rescue services. "I'd like to see grants into the county, and a tax rate down," he said.

Wynne's main guiding principle on zoning and land use decisions, he said, is "how it will benefit the County as a whole. What's the industry? I also listen to the voters, since they're affected."

On the decision to rezone the Westwoods subdivision, Wynne said he felt like it would benefit the county.

See WYNNE, page 6

Just A Reminder This Is Why

The drug problem started in the 1960s, Redmond believes. Since that time, the types of drug used have become increasingly worse, he said, explaining the only type of drug one used to encounter 40 years ago was liquor and beer, then marijuana become prevalent in the 1960s, which then led to the cocaine and crack use of today.

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I've seen a lot of them fixed up real pretty." He added he is also opposed to the county planning board's proposal for a new, more restrictive residential district.

To build schools, "I'd have to go with pay as you go," Foy said. "That's

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problems with cooperation. We all need to work together."

The county commissioners are already addressing housing needs with community development grants in the Horseshoe and Howard Harris Road communities, he said. "I hope the federal grants will continue."

If it came to the crunch, his priority would be environmental protec-

have gotten to know. There are a lot of good people in Franklin County."

Redmond is currently a state trooper with the N.C. Highway Patrol, for which he has served 20 years. Before that, he served two years with the Louisburg Police Department.

the way I've done my whole life."

If the county commissioners need to check further on an issue, he said, he would favor postponing decisions; "on other things, no, if it's clear-cut."

He is, however, opposed to public hearings before the planning board. "That way the planning board will turn down more requests so the county commissioners won't have to do it. It's just getting the dirty work done at a lower level."

Mobile homes "ought to be permitted in some sections of town," he said. "I'd leave it up to the town councils to decide where. Some people can't afford any other kind of housing."

On school construction, "I think we're doing well with pay as you go, but I'd work for a bond issue for a new high school and for improvements at Louisburg High School. Also the 1928 building at Bunn High School is in terrible shape. And I think we need just one school system."

Alford said he favors the proposal to postpone decisions until the meeting after public hearings are held.

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it can."

On zoning, Carnes said, "I'd like to see us re-think zoning to the extent that it affects the small businessman. We've gone hell-bent-for-leather to attract multi-million-dollar businesses, and I think we may have lost track of reality."

"Especially for people on the southern end of the county, reality is an acre of land with affordable housing and a clean environment. These people need service-oriented businesses."

"I supported zoning, but I think we've been too hasty and too concrete in its implementation."

On the decision about the entrance to Westwoods subdivision, "I may have voted the same way," Carnes said, "but it certainly was not a well-reasoned decision. I feel the citizens didn't get a fair hearing."

A re-vamp of the budgeting process would help resolve the taxes-versus-services dilemma, Carnes said. "We need to clamp down on all departments and assure taxpayers that what we're spending is the best we can do. We need to ask for four-year budgeting from the departments, and we need to go back to zero-based budgeting."

"We also need a heavy-duty county manager and commissioners who will hold the county manager's feet to the fire. And we don't need the kind of image county government is currently projecting"

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TIMES photo/ Dena Height

County solid waste manager Scott Mouw and county commissioners Robert Lee Swanson and Hoss Alford cut the ribbon at the new convenience center at Mitchiner's Crossroads.

Ribbon-cutting marks completion of county convenience centers

The last of the 14 new county convenience centers for trash disposal was opened with a red-ribbon ceremony Thursday afternoon.

The center at Mitchiner's Crossroads had a late start because of the weather, said county commissioner Hoss Alford. The area was wet all spring and they had to wait for it to dry out, he said.

Louisburg Mayor Lucy Allen said she feels the convenience centers "improved the landscape of the county," since these looked so much better than the previous sites. "The other sites before were inconvenient for neighboring homes."

Before cutting the ribbon, Alford announced the week had been a good one for the county, citing the opening of the tobacco market and industrial park.

For the convenience center, he thanked the property owners for the land. "These are big improvements," said Alford, adding the previous 63

trash sites were eyesores. "Now, most people are about four miles from a convenience center."

The cost of each site was about \$2,800, making them a very inexpensive deal, said Alford.

He also thanked Robert Ayscue for the clearing, Clemon Nelms for

the grading, Wilton Smith for the landscaping, Marriott Fence Company and Nello Teer.

County solid waste manager Scott Mouw thanked county planner Bob Heuts for his help, and commissioner Robert Lee Swanson thanked Hoss Alford for his work on the project.

Some honor for my birth place!!!
This is REAL COUNTRY.
5 miles from town -
The governor should have been there!

Bill MITCHNER



Vote For And Elect
James B. "Hoss"

ALFORD
COMMISSIONER
FRANKLIN COUNTY - DISTRICT 1
Democrat

*He knows and will serve the needs of our county.
Your vote and Active Support Will Be Appreciated*

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Roads, hiring more county residents are Alford's priorities

Hoss Alford, Democratic candidate for county commissioner in district #1, favors an airport, a countywide water and sewer authority, and a county-funded recreation program.

He also feels the county manager needs "a little tighter control," and that county residents, if qualified, should be given preference for jobs as county employees.

On taxes, "I don't know that we can lower them. I would try not to raise them, but I can't say I won't have to, with federal cutbacks. I kind of favor the Mavretic Plan or an extra sales tax.

"I don't think anyone can say they'd lower taxes. We can make an effort to increase the tax base and make sure the money is spent wisely. I'll be retired soon, and I'll have time to work on this. I'd like to help with efforts to seek industry.

"We can't continue to raise property taxes on farms while the incomes from these farms is decreasing."

On WASA, "I'm particularly for having sewer where we've got the waterline. I think that's very important."

On the airport, "some say we don't need it; I don't think we can afford not to have it. If we get 90 percent of the funding from the Federal Aviation Administration, I don't see that we could turn that down."

Alford favors the county manager form of government. "He should touch base with the chairman of the board on decisions that will cost the taxpayers. He needs a little tighter control by the commissioners."

About the current county manager, "His performance has been good. He has done an outstanding job for the county. But apparently there are problems. Maybe he's a little too progressive. The county commissioners are elected, not the county manager. He needs to make the commissioners aware of what he's doing."

The role of the county commissioners is "mostly policymaking," Alford said. But they should be involved in decisions involving the expenditure of \$1,000 or more, he said.

"I'd like to see preference given to

a lot of input."

On the environment, "we need a better arrangement for solid waste.



HOSS ALFORD

I know it will take more money. We also need to educate people to put the trash in the containers and take big items to the landfill. I'd like to see the fine increased to \$250, or let them clean up a mile of highway. If law enforcement would indict some violators, that would serve as a deterrent."

Roads would be one of his priorities, Alford said. Secondary roads in the county are "as good as any I know of. We've paved our secondary roads cheaper than any other county in our division.

"But we're not getting our fair share of the funds for primary roads. We have over 185 miles of primary roads in this county, and the resurfacing needs are great.

"I've been in management with the Department of Transportation for 23 years. As a county commissioner, I feel I'd have the clout to help."

The qualities Alford feels make a good county commissioner are

1. Being well-informed;
2. Knowing the county ("and no one knows it better than I");
3. Offer friendly service;
4. Enthusiasm and decision; and
5. Seeking to serve the needs of the people.

Franklinton students participate in Science Fair

Several Franklinton High School students will be representing the school at the Regional Science Fair in Oxford on April 26.

Students in the junior high division include Tony Williams and Chad Oakley, physical science; Annette Woodlief, earth and space science; Eric Coats and Ken Wheeler, biology; and Kathy Smith, physical science.

Students in the high school division include Elizabeth Ijames, physical science; Anita Puett, earth-space

Odessa Lemay, biology.

Other junior high students participating in the science fair were Lisa Cooke, Ronnie Autrey, Andrea Burns, Chip Hymiller, John Sleboda, Angela Cash, Deanna McGhee and Rhonda Hayes.

Other high school students participating in the science fair were Yolanda Webb, Robyn Johnson, Stephanie Clifton, Robbie Bracknall, Glenn O'Neal, Jason Kimbrough, Thomas Wilkins and Amanda

if they're qualified. I'd favor setting a policy to that effect."

If there were more than one applicant from Franklin County, "then you'd choose the best qualified."

Alford favors continuation of the school construction program. To fund it, "I'd push for an additional half-cent sales tax."

With federal and state cuts coming, "I'd try to work with federal and state agencies to keep the funding. I've spent years working with state government; I'd know who to see, and I think I could make a contribution."

The main concern about the hospital is "making sure citizens have good health care. I feel like this will probably be settled before I get there. But if the hospital is sold, I'd want to make sure we get our money's worth. I'd want to see it become a tax base rather than a possible tax burden."

Zoning, Alford said, is "eventually the only way we can go. We really need public input. People don't understand, and we need to try to sell them on it. I'd be willing to help sell it."

He favors membership in state and national organizations. "We need to be represented. The whole board doesn't necessarily have to go to the meetings. One could go and come back and report."

He favors both a county-funded recreation program and the hiring of a county recreation director. "It will help keep the young people out of mischief. But the communities need

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