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COLUMBUS EFIRD SELECTED AS CAROLINA BEACH'S CITIZEN OF QUARTER

The Town Council of Carolina Beach has chosen long-time resident Columbus Efird, 79, a retired Carolina Beach fireman and auxiliary police officer, as Citizen of the Quarter for June 2004. Mr. Efird said he has been "coming and going" from Carolina Beach for the past 76 years since his parents starting bringing him as a child. However, he has lived here for the past 50 years.

Mr. Efird said community service has always been important to him. He recalls working regularly with the Carolina Beach Police Department when they relied heavily on auxiliary officers. Over the years, he served under at least five police chiefs and saved peoples' lives during emergencies. Once he carried a terrified pregnant woman down from an amusement park ride after it got stuck in mid-air. With so many memories, what stands out the most in a lifetime of service?

"My time with the Police and Fire Departments were my most rewarding community involvement," Mr. Efird said. He has made a career out of community service and has served in numerous other capacities as well. He was:

- A local charter boat captain for 42 years.
- Owner of Columbus Motel for 23 years; also owned an Amoco gas station.
- A Carolina Beach lifeguard for 10 years.
- On the Planning and Zoning Board for 8 years
- On the Library Committee and raised money for the building that currently houses the Carolina Beach Branch of the New Hanover County Public Library.
- A member of the Carolina Beach Lions Club and Wilmington Jaycees.

- A deacon of Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church where he coached girl's basketball and was the 1969 Coach of the Year.

Mr. Efirid is the former husband of Mayor Pro Tem Efirid. They have three daughters, Susan Efirid, Toni Lyons and Sarah Harris. They also have a grandson, Sean Panno. All members of the family live in Carolina Beach.

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