

Highland Republicans elect new chairman

MONTEREY — During a mass meeting at the County Courthouse, Highland Republicans recently elected Albert T. Woodson as chairman to replace Richard W. Hevener Jr. who has served as the party unit chairman for 13 years. Hevener recently underwent surgery and did not run for re-election. He is recovering at his home in High-town.

Woodson, who has been a member of the unit for five years, was elected to serve for a two-year term. Shirley Smith, vice chairman; Allie Maxwell, secretary; and Cailya Herold, treasurer; were re-elected to serve two-year terms.

Woodson grew up in Nelson County and Norfolk. He holds an AA degree from the College of William and Mary and he and his wife, Marian, moved to Highland in 1988 after retiring from military service. During his military career, Woodson served in three services: the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. In 1992, he was one of a group of Highland County residents who founded Highland Medical Center. He was elected the first treasurer of the center and his initial fundraising efforts were essential to the building of the center.

Woodson continued to serve on the HMC Board of Directors until January 1996. Also during part of that period, he served as a director on the Virginia Northwest Area Health Education Center Board.

Over the past several years, he has been a contributing writer to the Recorder, offering conservative political commentary.