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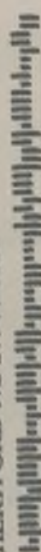
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THIS WEEK IN NC HISTORY

On July 25, 1960, Greensboro lunch counters opened to sitting customers of all races for the first time. — B3



COMMUNITY

Hertford Grammar School's Ross connects with students — B1

Confederate Monument's Future Discussed

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Perquimans County Commission began a discussion about the future of the Confederate monument located by the county courthouse.

Monday's work session did not decide the fate of the monument, but revealed what commissioners are thinking as other monuments are moved or dismantled across the nation.

A few key takeaways – the county has not spent any money for maintenance of the Confeder-

ate monument that was dedicated 106 years ago in 1913 by Hertford's chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on the courthouse green. County has mowed the grass and paid \$1,500 for a brick walkway by the monument that connects it with the other monuments in front of the courthouse.

Though the 110-year old monument dedicated in 1910 to African-American Union troops is on private property located at the corner of Hyde and King streets, the county is pursuing a \$60,000 grant to pay for necessary repairs

among other things associated with Hertford's Civil War heritage.

More about this monument to African-American troops appears in a column written by Joseph Hoffer within the Perquimans Weekly's opinion page on A4.

A 2015 law passed by state lawmakers prohibited the removal of "objects of remembrance" like Confederate monuments from public property without state approval. The law, however, included several exceptions, one allowing removal if the monument has become a "threat to public safety because of an unsafe or danger-

ous condition."

Recently, Hertford Town Council requested the Town Manager to draft a letter to the County requesting removal of the Confederate monument from the Courthouse grounds by a vote of 4-1. Council will probably vote on the actual letter content during its formal session in August.

Pasquotank County is making plans to Confederate monument from the courthouse square, using the "public safety" exception in state law allowing its removal.

Recently, Pasquotank's Board of Commissioners voted 4-3 to

move the monument and have the board's Special Projects Committee determine where it will go. That board is expected to meet next month.

Hoffer said the Confederate monument symbolizes slavery and should be moved off public property. He spoke of the evils of slavery and how the monument represents repression to Black people.

Commissioner Charles Woodward made an impassioned speech about history and suggested that

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Steinburg meets President Trump

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part story about NC Senator Bob Steinburg's visit last week with President Donald Trump.

A once in a lifetime experience, NC Senator Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, talked to President Trump in person last Thursday in the Oval Office.

Steinburg and six other leading members of the GOP delegation from the General Assembly, including Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger were in Washington, DC, to attend a speech about the high costs of government red tape given by Trump.

Earlier in the day, Sen. Berger participated in a roundtable discussion on deregulation with leaders from other states and senior White House officials, including EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Director of the National Economic Council Larry Kudlow.

Trump's Rose Garden speech addressed the need to lift the regulatory burdens holding back job and income growth. That speech was given during a day that was exceedingly hot with temperatures soaring into the 90s.

Steinburg recalled a bit of humor when Trump joked about his hair.

"You know how important water is," the President said. "You know water is very important to me. It's very important for people to go to clean up. He said you got to wash your hair and you know how important that is with me in particular and how I am about my hair." And of course that got a big laugh."

Steinburg said after the

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FILE PHOTO

A crane prepares to drive a test piling at the future site of the new Hertford S-Bridge.

S-Bridge Closes for Repairs

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

The NC Department of Transportation closed the S-Bridge causeway Monday to all traffic, but it may re-open later this week.

Tim Hass, DOT communications officer Division 1, said the closure was unplanned. He said the decision to close the causeway to traffic was made Monday based upon the discovery of two holes in the asphalt. Inspection revealed a void under the asphalt.

Hass said DOT crews performed excavation along the causeway Tuesday morning in an effort to determine the exact scope of work.

"They plan to under-

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PHOTO BY SARA WINSLOW

A recent photo shows the ongoing work to replace the S-Bridge.

ROUND-UP

Dogs and Eggs

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County...

Elora and Brett Hutchins of Hertford are raising Boykin Spaniels – 11 puppies – who will start going to their future home Aug. 1. Nicknamed "swamp poodles," these dogs are bred for hunting wild turkeys and ducks.

According to wikipedia, this spaniel is a friendly, social dog that is considered a good family pet. It is easily trained and eager to work. It is good with, and extremely stable around children and other dogs. They can sometimes be described as energetic with great endurance. They are extremely adaptable to different environments as long as they are given ample opportunity for social interaction and plenty of time to burn off excess energy reserves. They are not easily angered and tend to be eager to please and friendly, but they love attention.

Noted author **Patricia Throckmorton** found a big snake trying to beat the heat last week in her barn. Who can blame the critter that looked to be about five feet long, maybe a couple of inches or so wide.

Civil Rights Leader **John Lewis** died July 17. See page B4 to learn more about Lewis' life. During one of **Councilman Quentin Jackson's** taxpayer funded trips, costing thousands of dollars, to attend various conferences across the country last year, he had a brush with greatness when he took a selfie that featured him alongside Lewis, who served in the United States House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district from 1987 until his death.

Worth noting, Jackson represents North Carolina as a Regional Director (Region 18) of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials.

The NBC-LEO is a network and caucus within the National League of Cities that represents the interests of African American local elected officials. Only two other North Carolinians, past

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Out-of-State Donors Pump Funds into NC House Race

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Campaign finance reports for the second quarter reveal that mostly out of state donors have contributed to Democrat Emily Nicholson's campaign to unseat NC House District 1 Ed Goodwin, R-Chowan.

In Nicholson's first bid for elective office, she raised \$128,695 between February and June with the vast bulk of those

funds coming from donors living in places between California to Virginia, according to her latest campaign finance report filed July 10 with the NC Board of Elections.

Nicholson reported \$7,454 donations during the first quar-



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ter. Overall, Nicholson has raised \$136,149.

Donors contributed \$8,600 to Goodwin's re-election the second quarter with most of those funds coming from

local contributors. Goodwin raised \$14,622 during the first quarter an overall, has raised

\$22,822.

A former educator and mother of three young daughters, Nicholson, 32, works for NC Commerce Department Workforce Development office for north-eastern NC. She is the daughter of Richard and Jean Bunch of Tyner. Listed as the campaign's treasurer, Richard Bunch formerly worked as executive director of the Edenton-Chowan

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