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Public comment on monument slated for August

Commissioners: Unlikely Union monument will be moved

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The public will get a chance next month to weigh in on the future of the Confederate Monument on the grounds of the Perquimans County Courthouse.

The Perquimans Board of Commissioners is expected to hold a public hearing on the matter Aug. 16.

County Manager Frank Heath recommended to the board at its Tuesday, July 6, meeting that a public hearing be held on the recommendations of the county's Monument Working Group.

The group has made two recommendations about the monument: that a sign or signs be added next to the monument to provide historical

context; and the county approach the private owner of the Colored Union Soldiers Monument on King Street about relocating the monument to the courthouse green. The idea is to give the monument a place of equal stature with the Confederate Monument.

Commissioner Fondella Leigh said it was her understanding that the owners of the King Street monument do not wish to have it moved. Commissioner Joseph Hoffer said he, too, understood the owners do not wish to remove the monument from its location on King Street.

Hoffer said the site where the Colored Union Soldiers Monument is located is important to the Black community in Hertford. It has been the site of important institutions such as a school and a library for Blacks, he said.

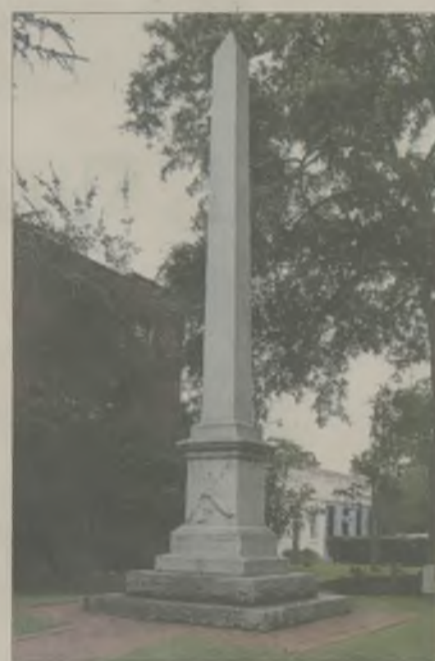
County Attorney Hackney High and Board of Commissioners Chairman

Wallace Nelson said the county will need to research the alternatives once the commissioners hear the public comment at the Aug. 16 meeting.

In public comment at commissioners' July 6 meeting Rod Bowman shared his personal story of losing his son Michael in the global war on terror. He said he is able to visit his son's grave in a cemetery to pay his respects.

Bowman said that while the Confederate Monument evokes strong feelings on both sides, it really is a memorial to dead soldiers. Those who had loved ones who died serving the Confederacy whose remains were never recovered had nowhere to go to pay respects to their loved ones until the monuments were erected, he said.

"As a father of a fallen soldier I have a place to go," Bowman said.



A study committee has recommended keeping Perquimans County's Confederate monument on the courthouse green but adding signage to put the 109-year-old monument in context for its time.

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Jackson, Norman file for re-election

Jackson previously said he 'absolutely' wasn't running

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"Absolutely not" apparently has a different meaning for Hertford Town Councilor Quentin Jackson.

Jackson responded that way last week when he was asked by The Daily Advance if he planned to seek a second term on Hertford Town Council in this fall's municipal election.

Jackson, who was first elected in November 2017, went to say that the past four years as a town councilor in Hertford has been "a little bit overwhelming."

"I won't say this is the end but it's definitely a 'see you later,'" he said, adding that he planned to run for a seat on the Perquimans Board of Commissioners in 2022.

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JACKSON



NORMAN

Gift of community



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Andrea Moore (center) greets Ann Elliott (left) and her daughter Kadejha Elliott as they prepare to leave Woodard's Pharmacy with bag lunches, Friday, July 2. Moore, a Hertford native now living in Charleston, S.C., paid for sandwich lunches for the first 150 customers to come into Woodard's and order one as a way to honor Woodard's owner Charles Woodard on his 75th birthday.

Moore: Meal giveaway tribute to Woodard

Perquimans native returns to give away 150 meals

BY REGGIE PONDER
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It was Charles Woodard's 75th birthday but there were 150 different recipients of gifts at Woodard's Pharmacy Friday, July 2.

Perquimans native An-

drea Moore donated lunches from the Woodard's Pharmacy lunch counter to the first 150 customers who came in and requested them.

Patrons were able to choose either a ham and cheese sandwich or turkey and cheese sandwich and also received a bag of chips and cold drink.

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Andrea Moore poses with Woodard's Pharmacy owner Charles Woodard in the Hertford drugstore Friday, July 2.

Hertford S-Bridge removal underway

Bridge's existing truss was floated out on Monday

BY REGGIE PONDER
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Removal of the historic S-bridge in Hertford began last week.

"Although the S-bridge was closed on May 26 due to deficiencies found during a routine inspection, deconstruction was only able to begin earlier this week," N.C. Department of Transportation Division I spokesman Tim Hass said Friday. "This process was hindered by Tropical Storm Elsa, meaning 99 percent of the existing structure is still in place."

Project supervisors planned to float the bridge's existing truss out on Monday.

"Demolition of the fixed spans will take place as necessary over the next eight months," Hass said.

No improvements are being made to the current causeway since the replacement bridge will span the causeway.

"Now that the causeway is closed to through traffic, all pavement will be removed and it will be re-graded and seeded to match existing topography," Hass said.

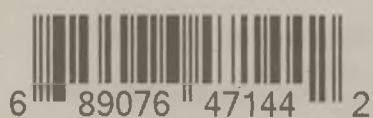
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Book project to capture area life around turn of century

'Albemarle Memories' will feature local residents' photos

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A history book project that will



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include photo submissions from residents aims to capture life in the Albemarle in the years before and after the turn of the 20th century.

"Albemarle Memories: A Pictorial History of The Mid-1800s through 1939" is being presented by Adams Publishing Group, a newspaper publishing company that owns The Daily Advance, The Bertie Ledger-Advance, The Perquimans Weekly, Chowan Herald, among other North Carolina properties. The coffee-table photo compilation will include photos from participating local historical

organizations, as well as reader-submitted photos.

Nathan Kohan, regional director for audience development for APG's Eastern North Carolina division, said he once worked for a newspaper that did a similar project and it was well received.

"It was really popular," Kohan said. "Folks really enjoyed seeing how things used to be and how they have changed."

"Albemarle Memories" is the first of a series of history books being offered by APG.

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In this photo taken around 1890, Chowan County resident Isaac Byrum (left) and sons are seen taking a break from their logging work.